



Opportunities for Parents/Families

Free Family Day at the YMCA

Family Day is a great opportunity to spend quality time with loved ones. That's why we're offering **FREE ACCESS ALL DAY*** to our entire community.

Visit us on **Monday, February 18th** and enjoy a day full of fun for the whole family.

We have plenty of activities including family group fitness classes, drop-in sports, and swimming for the entire family to enjoy. Check out the schedule and start planning your Family Day today! [See the Schedule](#)

TCDSB Parent Engagement Department CSPC Executive Workshop Series CSPC Financials & Reporting and Conflict Resolution

Your school's CSPC team is invited to the next workshop in the series, **CSPC Financials & Reporting and Conflict Resolution**, that will take place on **February 26th, at the Catholic Education Centre, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

Topics include:

- TCDSB CSPC Fundraising Policy and Practices
- KEV and Banking Procedures
- CSPC Financials - Ministry and Board Financial Reporting and Record Retention Requirements
- Conflict Resolution Strategies

Participants are welcome to remain for the monthly OAPCE meeting that will follow the workshop.

We are asking school CSPC teams to register by February 21st, @

<https://goo.gl/forms/qWmFyrOjKYVXxAwn2>

If you had registered for the January workshop, that was cancelled due to weather conditions, we are asking if you can please re-register.

Post 21 Transition

Information and resources for students with special needs, and their parents, to plan the transition from secondary school. Happening February 21st 6-8 pm at Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Merton Catholic Secondary School. Details: <https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/bishopmarroccothomasmerton/news/2018-2019/pages/transitionfair.aspx>

Opportunities for Students

Ted Rogers Scholarship Deadline March 1st

Nominations for the Ted Rogers Scholarship Fund are closing in three weeks. Nomination deadline is March 1st, 2019. **Find out more on their website, now in both [English](#) and [French](#).**

The Rotary Club of Toronto 2019 Scholarship

The Rotary Club of Toronto Scholarship is a four year tuition scholarship of up to \$10,000 a year. It is awarded to an outstanding student graduating from a Toronto District School Board or a Toronto

Catholic District School Board secondary school who demonstrates financial need, academic excellence, leadership and breadth and depth of community service, and who will be attending a College or University in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

Your Application Form with all attachments must be in one pdf document and attached to an email sent to Don Brooks, Chair of the Rotary Club of Toronto Scholarship Committee. **The deadline for receipt is Monday, April 8, 2019.** The email address is don.brooks@rogers.com

Please click here for more [Rotary Club of Toronto Scholarship information and application form.](#)

Black History Month Celebration for Youth

FIRST EVER Black History Month event at BBNC for the youth in our community.

February 15, 10am-12pm

93 Birchmount Road

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/BlackHistoryMonth.aspx>

Sick Kids and Manulife Present: Student Advancement Research (StAR) Program 2019

The Student Advancement Research (StAR) program provides Black, Filipino, and Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit, Métis) high school students with a first-hand perspective of the research currently underway at SickKids over 6 weeks in the summer.

Students will work full-time as part of this paid research internship program, and will take on a small research project with the guidance of their lab mentor(s).

Applicants must be:

- At least 16 years old by start date (July 2, 2019) and in high school in grade 11 or 12
- Black, Filipino, or Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit, Métis)
- Must have previously taken grade 11/12 Biology and Chemistry
- Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident (must have a valid SIN card)
- Able to complete an immunization form when accepted into the program

Students who wish to participate in the program must be referred by their teacher or community group leader and submit:

- A copy of their most recent high school transcript
- Two references (for example: a teacher and a past employer) with their name, phone number, and email address
- A brief resume including: contact info (phone and email), current address, high school they are attending, as well as past work and volunteer experiences
- 300-500 word essay OR a 3-5 minute video (provide link to view video) answering the following question: **How would you use science to impact or empower your community?**

Applications must be emailed to: kidsscience@sickkids.ca **before 11:59 pm on February 24, 2019.** A select number of students will be chosen for interviews at SickKids in March, and 8-10 students will be selected for the program by April 2018.

Please click here for a [Student Advancement Research \(StAR\) Program 2019 flyer.](#)

Volunteer Opportunity - Ryerson University - Women's Basketball Championships

Ryerson University will be hosting the 2019 U SPORTS Women's Basketball National Championships, March 7-10.

Volunteers are needed. The top 8 of Canada's best women's university basketball teams will be present and we are currently searching for eager and willing volunteers to assist us in an **Event Services** role

that will ensure that this tournament runs smoothly. This role will be further detailed below and has a requirement of attending **ONE** training session.

- Welcome and direct spectators, monitor VIP and media lounges, ushers for seating, etc.
- Availability March 7-10, 2019

Please direct all interest and questions to usportswbb19.maddie@gmail.com.

Nurturing our Catholic Community—Events and Opportunities

FaithTalk

Grade 7 – 12 TCDSB students are invited to submit a two-page (500 word) proposal (in any format) about how they are ‘living their faith’ today! If selected, a student will be on air, at Radio Maria Canada for a 30 minute segment speaking about their faith during Catholic Education Week May 5-10, 2019!

USE THE HASHTAG #TCDSBFAITHTALK

Topics can include: *Faith and Social Media, Religion in our Classroom, Inclusion and Equity, Virtues of the Month, Catholic Graduate Expectations in Today’s World, Catholic Social Teachings, Parish Connection, Christian Meditation, Rooted in Christ: we Belong, we Believe, we Become, Acts of Kindness etc.*

Email your submission to ncc.team@tcdsb.org by no later than **Friday April 5, 2019**

Download the [RadioMaria App](#), or visit <https://www.radiomaria.ca/> to listen to programs!

We Belong Celebration May 21, 2019

As we journey through the first year of our pastoral plan, “Rooted in Christ, we Belong, we Believe, we Become”, the Nurturing our Catholic Community Team invites you to share your ideas of belonging. We want to hear from our students and staff about how they are nurturing the concept of belonging and inclusion in their schools, in their families, in their parishes and their community.

We invite you to submit student artwork, written work, videos/slideshows, songs or any other creative expressions of belonging to ncc.team@tcdsb.org by no later than **Friday, March 22, 2019**.

When sharing your initiatives on social media, tweet or post @TCDSB with the hashtag #TCDSBBelongs so we can follow your progress. For ideas and resources linked to our pastoral plan, [click here](#).

All submissions will be featured on the TCDSB website, as well as at our year-end celebration to be held May 21st. All schools will be invited to send two representatives (*any combination of student, parent, teaching or non-teaching staff, school administrator*).

Upcoming Meetings

CPIC February 11, 2019

Agenda:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/boardmeeting/CommitteeMeetingAgendas/021119-CPIC-AgendaPackage.pdf>

Governance and Policy February 12, 2019

Agenda: <https://tcdsbpublishing.escribemeetings.com/Meeting?Id=09de56f4-c409-43cc-9ffe-1ea4a350f9b3&Agenda=Agenda>

Corporate Services Committee February 14, 2019

Agenda: <https://tcdsbpublishing.escribemeetings.com/Meeting?Id=c079c188-8959-458c-bb5b-5e385c8bd95b&Agenda=Agenda>

Athletic News

Coming Up: Hockey playoffs, girls volleyball playoffs, basketball playoffs and the start of badminton season.

Details here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/schoolprogramsk12/healthoutdoorphysed/tdcaa/pages/tcdsb-athletics.aspx>

Reminders:

Thursday February 14th is St. Valentine's Day

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/News/2014-2015/Pages/St.-Valentine's-Day.aspx>

Thursday, February 14th is Energy Education Day

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/environment/energymonth/Pages/default.aspx>

Friday February 15th is a PA Day

Monday February 18th Family Day

African Inventors and Innovators Museum continues its travels to various TCDSB schools throughout February:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forcommunity/heritagecelebration/africancanadianheritage/events/pages/default.aspx?l=1548260529047?ticks=636838393324478645>

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