



## **Important Information for Parents**

### **Free Fare for Children on GO**

Starting March 9<sup>th</sup>, children 12 years of age and younger can travel for free on all GO Transit trains and buses.

### **CPIC Budget and Priorities Sub-Committee Meeting March 4<sup>th</sup>**

Agenda:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/boardmeeting/CommitteeMeetingAgendas/BudgetSubcommitteeMarch4-2019%20.pdf>

### **Extended French Programming at Notre Dame High School**

As part of the Toronto Catholic District School Board's ongoing responsibility to offer dynamic educational opportunities across the City of Toronto, it created a draft Long Term Program Plan (LTPP). Aspects of the plan include opportunities for enhanced programming, including Extended French and French Immersion Programs. To contribute to the flexibility that is built into the plan, community consultation takes place prior to change of programming that is suggested by the plan. Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School is one of the schools where the addition of Extended French programming is being considered for September 2020. The model to be discussed is the gradual implementation of Extended French at the school beginning in the grade 9 program. The prerequisite for entry into the program will be the successful completion of a minimum of 2080 hours of Extended French or a minimum of 3800 hours of French Immersion in elementary school.

**An evening of consultation regarding Extended French programming will take place:**

**Notre Dame High School, School Gymnasium**

**Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30 p.m.**

### **Ontario Association of Parents for Catholic Education (OAPCE) 80th Annual Parent Conference**

**Friday April 5-6, 2019**

Information: <https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/oapce-toronto/events/pages/oapceconference-2019.aspx>

## **Opportunities for Students**

### **St. Stephen's Community House Training and Employment**

- Youth Connection Paid Training and Job Placement  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/JobPlacement.aspx>
- March Break Hiring Fair  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/March.aspx>

### **MLSE LaunchPad March Break Sports Leadership camp**

For youth aged 11-14

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

### **Pact registration for spring 2019 Life, Job and Creative Skills Programs**

Community service opportunities for youth aged 13-21

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

### **Canadian Hearing Society National Scholarship Program**

Apply now to receive a Canadian Hearing Society National Scholarship award.

This scholarship is available to Deaf and hard of hearing Canadian residents, 17 years of age or older attending an accredited post-secondary educational institution. Scholarship awards are \$3,000 a year for full-time students and \$1,000 a year for part-time students.

**The deadline is May 20, 2019 at 4 p.m.**

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

### **TANZANIA Study and Leadership Program**

Travel dates: August 1 -16, 2019

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

### **Easter Drawing Contest**

Catholic Register's annual contest for elementary students closes April 21<sup>st</sup>

<https://www.catholicregister.org/eastercontest>

### **FaithTalk Contest**

Contest with Radio Maria for students in grades 7-12. Deadline for submissions is April 5, 2019.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/rooted-in-christ/Pages/radio-maria.aspx>

### **we Belong Celebrations**

Submissions of artwork, written material, songs, videos are due March 22, 2019.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/rooted-in-christ/Pages/We-Belong-Celebration.aspx>

## **Events and Observances**

### **March is...**

- **Celtic Canadian Heritage Month**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forcommunity/heritagecelebration/celticcanadianheritage/pages/default.aspx>

- **Nutrition Month** <https://www.dietitians.ca/Media/Nutrition-Month/Nutrition-Month.aspx>

### **March Virtue is Forgiveness**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/Pages/Default.aspx#March>

### **March 1 World Day of Prayer**

### **March 4 Education Support Staff Appreciation Day**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BoardAdministration/DirectorofEducation/Documents/Messages/2019%20Education%20Support%20Staff%20Appreciation%20Message.pdf>

### **March 4-10 Ontario Social Workers Week**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2019/pages/ontario-social-workers-week.aspx>

**March 6 Ash Wednesday; Lent Begins**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Lent-and-Easter-Resources.aspx>

**March 8 International Women's Day**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forcommunity/communityrelations/pages/international-women's-day.aspx>

**March Meetings**

- March 7 Student Achievement Committee
- March 18 Special Board
- March 19 Governance and Policy Committee
- March 21 Corporate Services Committee
- March 27 Special Education Advisory Committee
- March 28 Regular Board

Agendas will be posted to our website [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)

**Reminders:**

- **Clocks spring forward** Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>
- **March break** March 11-15, 2019
- **New school year calendar** 2019-2020 has been approved by the Board.  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Calendar/Pages/SchoolYearCalendar.aspx>

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