



## Welcome Back!

TCDSB is pleased to welcome students, staff and families to the 2018-2019 school year, and to wish everyone a successful and happy year.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BoardAdministration/DirectorofEducation/Documents/Message-from-the-Director-of-Education-and-Chair-of-the-Board.pdf>

## School Bus Transportation Update

The Toronto Student Transportation Group is happy to report that, based on the latest information received from bus operators, all school bus routes will have sufficient drivers assigned and an adequate pool of spare drivers to ensure proper coverage. No significant delays are expected, however circumstances beyond their control such as local road construction and inclement weather may impact service.

Thanks to all families who have signed up on the transportation portal as it will allow TSTG to communicate and keep parents updated on service related issues. If you haven't signed up yet, please visit <https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Subscriptions/Login.aspx>.

The portal will continue to be your one stop shop for valuable information.

In addition, you can get information about transportation services for your child by calling our transportation office at 416-394-4BUS (416-394-4287). TSTG has received an overwhelming number of applications and requests for information this week. We are dealing with the requests as they come in to our Call Centre. However, we want to reassure you routes are already set for the first day of school and operators have instructed drivers to ensure all students are picked up from bus stops (on the large capacity school buses) in the morning so that no student is left stranded at the bus stop. As we work through the applications all eligible students will be assigned to their respective bus stops.

Please note, as always there is a short adjustment period at the beginning of every school year as new drivers and new students familiarize themselves with bus stops and routes.

If you have any issues signing up on the portal, please contact us at [support@torontoschoolbus.org](mailto:support@torontoschoolbus.org) and staff will assist you with the registration of your account.

## Ward Boundaries for Municipal Election

The Toronto Catholic District School Board at a Special Board Meeting on August 8, 2018 approved the establishment of **new Trustee Ward boundaries for the upcoming Municipal Elections on October 22, 2018.**

**Existing Trustee Wards, including the local Catholic schools they represent, remain unchanged and the new boundaries DO NOT come into effect until December 1, 2018.**

Detailed information here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/board/trusteesoftheboard/pages/new-trustee-ward-boundaries.aspx>

## **weBelong**

TCDSB's new pastoral plan theme is "Rooted in Christ: we Belong, we Believe, we Become".

For information and resources, visit the Nurturing our Catholic Community website at

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

## **September's virtue is Hospitality**

Find resources for the month here:

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

## **Night School Registration Has Begun**

Visit our website for detailed information:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/continuingeducation/pages/default.aspx>

This include e-Learning and Saturday Language Programs.

## **Information Night/Open House for Parents of Students new to the Gifted Program**

Catholic Education Center/TCDSB, 80 Sheppard Avenue East

Wednesday, September 5, 2018, 7-9 PM

## **September is Ukrainian Heritage Month**

Ukrainian Heritage Day will be celebrate on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Details online: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/Ukrainian-Canadian-Heritage-Month/Pages/Default.aspx>

## **Starting High School in September 2019?**

Check out open houses at TCDSB schools this fall and learn more about the programs and services offered.

Listing is posted here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/openhouses/pages/default.aspx>

## **Next Meeting: Student Achievement Committee September 6, 2018**

Agenda is posted: <https://tcdsbpublishing.escribemeetings.com/Meeting?Id=e578b2af-6439-448c-bbbc-be17a37e7f51&Agenda=Agenda>

## **Other Dates to Note:**

September 8<sup>th</sup> Word Literacy Day  
September 9<sup>th</sup> Grandparents Day

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