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Here we are again, ready to begin another exciting school year! Welcome back everyone and a very special welcome for families new to St. Bartholomew and to our Junior Kindergarten children who are attending school for the first time.

We are also very proud to welcome to the St. Bartholomew teaching community: Ms. S. Ritacca in Junior/Senior Kindergarten, Ms. S. Highland in grade one and Ms. R. McIntosh in afternoon French. We look forward to again building upon last year and continuing the bonds between home, school and church.

In a school community formed by Catholic beliefs and traditions, our Mission is to educate students to their full potential within each of the academic, social, physical and spiritual realms. In Catholic education we are committed to keeping the hearts and minds of our children 'awake to the fact that we are immersed in the mystery of God.' Daily prayer and the living of gospel values are integral to our learning here at St. Bartholomew. Attending Sunday Mass is critical to the children's faith formation and we are so fortunate to have Father Foley always to assist and guide us along our life pathway.

On Tuesday September 19 we will gather as a school community to meet our staff and to hear of the long range plans and themes of our teachers on Curriculum Night. Then on the following Tuesday September 26 we have our elections for the school's CSPC — Catholic School Parent Council. Please come out, be involved and be part of our school's vibrant community.

We wish all of our children, parents and guardians the most successful and enjoyable school year within St. Bartholomew.



**'For He will speak peace  
to his people,  
to his faithful  
and  
to those who turn to Him  
in their hearts'**  
**Psalm 85: 12-13**

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

### **TCDSB Welcomes You to the 2017-2018 School Year**

It is a pleasure to welcome everyone to a new and exciting school year. To the many new students, families and staff that will be joining our board this year, welcome! We are happy to have you join our Toronto Catholic District School Board family. To those returning to the TCDSB this year, welcome back!

The 2017-18 school year begins with a change in leadership at our board. This new chapter gives us the opportunity to continue to build on past successes while also looking ahead to see how we can best meet new challenges and better support student achievement and well-being in the twenty-first century.

This year we celebrate the Year of the School, the culmination of our three-year pastoral plan focusing on Family, Parish and School--Together With One Voice. Our pastoral plan has helped us to maintain and strengthen the connections between these three integral communities of faith that are the roots and foundations of Catholic education.

Our celebrations for the Year of the Family and Year of the Parish demonstrated the commitment of our Catholic families and parishes that is so important to TCDSB's success. In the Year of the School, we look forward to shining a spotlight on our schools as communities of understanding and wisdom where faith is nurtured, where the good of others is paramount, and where our dedicated staff and volunteers contribute to the success of our students. To find out how you can shine the light on all the best that your school has to offer and the people who make it special, visit <https://www.tcdsb.org/Spotlightonyourschool>.

Together, these three pillars of our community inspire and nurture our students and support the learning that takes place both inside and outside the classroom. We are so grateful for the support from each one, enabling us to continue our mission of educating all students so that they are willing and able to transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.

To all students, we hope that this year brings you exciting learning opportunities, as you navigate new classrooms and develop new friendships. We encourage each of you to become fully engaged in your learning, challenge yourself and seize the opportunities that come your way.

We thank everyone in our TCDSB community for the part that you continue to play in shaping our Catholic school communities and for the positive learning environment you provide our students - we wish all of you a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,

Rory McGuckin

*Director of Education*

Angela Kennedy

*Chair of the Board*



# Monthly Update from the Board

## September 2017

### TCDSB Celebrates the Year of the School in 2017-2018

This begins the third year of our three year pastoral plan focusing on Together With One Voice: Family, Parish and School. Find resources and information here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Year%20of%20the%20School/Pages/default.aspx>

This is the year to share your ideas about your own school community.

***Students are invited to put the Spotlight on Your School!***

Through video or song, shine the light on the best that your school has to offer.

Who are the people who make it special? **Parent volunteers, Priests and others from the parish community, Dedicated teachers, Talented and enthusiastic students**

Consider creating a school song or a 30-second video clip that celebrates your school.

**Celebrate Your Diversity, Celebrate Excellence, Celebrate Your Faith, Celebrate Your School**

Use the hashtag #ShineOnTCDSB!

**Deadline for submissions is Friday, February 23, 2018.**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Year%20of%20the%20School/Pages/Spotlight-on-Your-School.aspx>

### TCDSB Sings O Canada

To celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation, TCDSB has created a CD compilation highlighting the unique voices of TCDSB students singing our national anthem. Professionally recorded and mastered, the TCDSB Sings O Canada CD will be made available to all TCDSB schools for our Year of the School, so that the 11 renditions of O Canada can be used during morning exercises.

TCDSB congratulates the winner of the CD cover design, Angela Lee from Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts, whose creation celebrates the cultural diversity of our school board as well as our country. There were so many great submissions that the Board decided to award a second place prize for the back cover of the CD. The winning artwork for the back cover was created by Ava Chau at Prince of Peace, whose creation captured elements of our Canadian identity, while also focusing on the arts and our cultural diversity.

The 10 schools featured on the CD are:

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School

Holy Spirit Catholic School

St. Malachy Catholic School

Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School

## Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts

St. Mary Catholic Academy

St. Robert Catholic School

St. Bernard catholic School

St. Mother Teresa Catholic Academy

As well as a bonus track from Martina Ortiz Luis, a Cardinal Carter student who was chosen to sing the anthem at all home games for the Toronto Maple Leafs in the 2016-2017 season. Martina was also asked to be part of the panel to help select the ten winning entries.

All the submissions received for consideration can be found online here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/affiliates/Canada150/VideoContent/Pages/Cover-Design-Submissions.aspx>

and

<https://www.tcdsb.org/affiliates/Canada150/VideoContent/Pages/Music-Video-Submissions.aspx>

To hear the unique renditions of O Canada which will be featured on the CD, or to see photo highlights from the June 28<sup>th</sup> celebration, see: <https://www.tcdsb.org/affiliates/Canada150/VideoContent/Pages/TCDSB-Sings-O-Canada.aspx>

## Improving Access to School Bus Information for Toronto Parents

### *Toronto Student Transportation Group and Boards Launch Transportation Portal*

Toronto District School Board and Toronto Catholic District School Board parents are now able to access their children's transportation information online and receive email notifications if there are any school bus cancellations or delays, thanks to the launch of a new online transportation portal.

**Parents with children who are transported by school buses can register for the new Transportation Portal by visiting [www.torontoschoolbus.org](http://www.torontoschoolbus.org).**

Created by the Toronto Student Transportation Group, which oversees bussing for the TDSB and TCDSB, the portal is one of several improvements being made to ensure an effective start to the 2017-18 school year, including:

**Installing GPS on all buses for the 2017-18 school year** so that the school boards and bus operators can track the status of buses and improve the timeliness and accuracy of communication to parents. Efforts are underway to integrate the GPS with the Transportation Portal so that in the future, parents will be able to track their children's buses in real time.

**Increasing call centre staff during peak times**, such as the start of school, to improve responsiveness and communication to schools and parents.

**Assigning all Principals from special needs congregated schools to a bus operating division** to provide advice and insight on school issues with transportation and assist with driver training.

**Providing bus operators with routes earlier in the planning process** to give them enough time to match all routes with drivers.

**Improving collaboration and communication with the bus operators on route planning**, which will continue throughout the summer to provide additional time to address any driver coverage issues that may arise.

**Establishing the Transportation Working Group**, comprised of central and school-based staff from the TDSB and TCDSB, to assist in identifying bus service issues and develop solutions.

## TCDSB Launches School Cash Online Phase 1

TCDSB will be implementing the School Cash Online Payment option in all schools, in 5 phases throughout the 2017/2018 school year. Phase 1 launches today, June 21st.

Phase 1 – June - September

Phase 2 –end of September/beginning of October

Phase 3 –November

Phase 4 – December/January

Phase 5 – January/February

School Cash Online is an application that offers parents the convenience of paying online for school activities. Details about the application’s benefits and registration process can be found at: <http://www.keysoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/>

For more information about School Cash Online in TCDSB schools, including complete lists of the schools included in each phase, visit: [www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashonline/](http://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashonline/)

## Mark Your Calendars! CPIC Elections Coming in October

### CPIC Elections – Monday October 2, 2017

#### Odd Numbered Wards—2 Parent Member Representatives per Ward

Odd Numbered Wards	School Locations
1	<b>St. Benedict</b> 2202 Kipling Avenue (Kipling/North of Rexdale Boulevard)
3	<b>St. Bernard</b>
5	<b>Blessed Sacrament</b>
7	<b>Holy Spirit</b> 3530 Sheppard Ave. E. (Sheppard and Birchmount)
9	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b> 444 Sherbourne St. (Sherbourne/South of Wellesley)
11	<b>Senator O’Connor</b>

### CPIC Elections – Wednesday October 4, 2017

#### Even Numbered Wards

Ward 6- 2 Parent Member Representative

Ward 10-1 Parent Member Representative

Even Numbered	School Locations
6	<b>St. Clare</b>
10	<b>St. Mary (Secondary)</b>

## High School Open House Dates

TCDSB Secondary schools welcome grade 8 students and their families to explore programs and services <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/Default.aspx>

## Night School Registration for Fall Session

For information about course options, locations and registration, see: <https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/Pages/Default.aspx>

Registration has opened for night school credit courses, eClass and Saturday language programs.

## Visual Arts Saturday School at Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School and Regional Arts Centre

ALC101 – One full grade 9 Arts credit course

The delivery of this program will be taught at Father John Redmond C.S.S. and Regional Art Centre at 28 Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive in Etobicoke.

Saturdays 9am-12:30pm, from September 16th, to May 26th, excluding holidays. Classes will be 3.5 hours for a period of 28 weeks.

Applications are due **Thursday, September 14th, 2017.**

[Please click here for further details.](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities

For students looking to complete their 40 hours of community service, please see:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/default.aspx> for all the latest information about organizations seeking volunteers. This includes the Toronto Santa Claus Parade and Vegfest.

## Navy League Cadets—East Toronto

NLCC Ark Royal offers a free Navy Tradition Based Program, for Ages 9-12 at Monarch Park Collegiate (Danforth and Coxwell area). Navy League Cadets is committed to developing Canada's youth through moral guidance and encouragement, as well as mental and physical training designed to develop patriotism, good citizenship, a sense of duty, self-discipline, self-

respect and respect for others, in a modern nautical environment built on sound naval traditions. This Programme has nothing to do with recruiting for the CF. The free program focuses on the development of self-esteem, self-worth, team work and citizenship.

Information: <http://www.arkroyal.ca> or (647) 783-0718

## TCDSB Student Artists Featured at Nuit Blanche

September 30-October 1, 2017

***We Are / C'est Nous:*** TCDSB's celebration of Canada150 through art, culture, history and the environment using mixed media on tessellating tiles. The artworks created will display the talents of Artists from a diverse range of backgrounds. Each panel will demonstrate a unique view of what it means to be Canadian. The tiles are designed to connect to all other tiles, forming a veritable collaboration of themes. The themes reflect Arts and Culture, History and the Environment. This artist collective will embrace the beauty of Canada by providing images from over 200 communities in Toronto celebrating *Canada150*. On display at Monsignor Fraser College, Isabella Campus, 146 Isabella Street (rear of the building).

***Passage Into Light:*** Monsignor Fraser College focuses on Canada as a home to many migrants who escaped economic strife, war, and persecution. Their interactive installation is a symbolic narrative on migration. It celebrates the history of Canadian compassion and acceptance. It also highlights how a tradition of acceptance can change lives and consequently transform a nation in profound ways.

Spectators will follow the journey of afflicted migrants. The migrants' future resides beyond this entrance. Those who enter will first be greeted by three illuminated dwellings entirely adorned with mirror mosaic. Initial contact is both jarring and captivating. A peek through the peep holes of each of these dwellings reveals a story of transformation.

The voyage culminates with a fourth dwelling. This red-and-white mosaic dwelling radiates a kaleidoscope of colours. The installation is indoors at 146 Isabella Street.

## School Year Calendar

To review the school year calendar for 2017-2018, including PA days and exam dates, see <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/SchoolYearCalendar/Pages/Default.aspx>

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