



May 2020 Monthly Update from the Board

Important Information for Parents

COVID-19

Stay up to date with all the latest news and information:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/HealthandSafety/Pages/CoronavirusInfo.aspx>

[Frequently asked questions](#) regarding school closures.

Curriculum-linked resources for each grade are available on the TCDSB Learning Resources page

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/LearningatHome/Pages/Default.aspx>.

International Languages Elementary (ILE) After-Hours Program

Register online for the fall program

SHARE YOUR VOICE. GROW TOGETHER.

Beginning May 19th, parents must register online at www.tcdsb.org/intlang to secure a place for their child.

Playground Reserve Application: Deadline Extended to May 22, 2020

The Playground Reserve is an internal reserve fund made available to schools in each Ward when there is an in-year operating budget surplus for ground improvements. The Playground Reserve will allocate \$100,000.00 of funding per ward. For 2020 only, an additional \$300,000.00 from the Student Equity Reserve will be distributed based on Ward socio-economic data.

[Click here for more information](#)

Event Cancellations

A number of planned events such as the TCDSB Swim Invitational have been cancelled, or will be taking place in some sort of virtual manner. Visit our website for details: <https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2020/Pages/EventsCancelled.aspx>

Opportunities and Information for Students

Student Mental Health & Well-Being: April Newsletter

This special COVID-19 edition from the Mental Health Department has resources and information for Students, Parents, and Teachers - including tips on ways to connect & calm the body & mind.

[Click here to access the April Student Mental Health & Well-Being Newsletter.](#)

Catherine Temple Mathematics Award

Deadline: May 8, 2020

The Catherine Temple Mathematics Award of \$4,000 is presented annually to an eligible female student graduating from a TCDSB secondary school to encourage and support the pursuit of studies in mathematics or a mathematics-related field at a Canadian post-secondary institution.

[Click here for more information and an application form.](#)

Canadian Hearing Society National Scholarship Program

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, 2020 at 4 p.m.

Apply today at chs.ca/scholarships

The University of Toronto Department of Philosophy presents The Aristotle Contest

A high school philosophy essay contest recognizing the finest philosophical work by current Canadian high school students. First Prize: \$500. **Deadline for submissions: May 25, 2020**
For details on eligibility, submission guidelines, and prizes, please visit uoft.me/aristotle-contest.

DMZ Basecamp for High School Students Interested in Entrepreneurship Calling all high school and university students!

Are you a high school or university student who is looking to take part in a summer program that introduces you to the world of entrepreneurship and technology? If so, you should apply to our 8-week summer Basecamp program to work on innovative ideas that are solving important problems. All workshops, mentor meetings and program activities will be hosted via video link.

For full details and to apply visit: dmz.to/basecamp. For info: Blake at bfarquharson@ryerson.ca.

Nurturing our Catholic Community

The Virtue of the Month for May – Compassion

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

Catholic Education Week 2020

Igniting Hope/Allumer la flamme de l'espérance
May 4-8, 2020

<https://www.tcdsb.org/catholiceducationweek>

May 6—Mass for Catholic Education Week

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/catholiceducationweek/pages/catholiceducationweekmass.aspx>

TCDSB Celebrates Respect for Life Week

May 16-20, 2020

As a Catholic community, every week is Respect for Life Week as we work together to nurture and empower our students and one another to stand up for those who are most vulnerable: the unborn, the elderly, the sick, those with mental health issues, those who suffer poverty, injustice, violence, abuse and who are marginalized in other ways. All life is sacred, and we are called to serve and to love one another.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/RespectForLifeWeek>

General News and Information

Angel Foundation for Learning Response to COVID-19

More than 30 per cent of Toronto families live on less than \$20,000 a year. Many of these are those earning minimum hourly-wage or in precarious jobs that have lost employment over the past weeks due to COVID-19 emergency measures and closures. Together, the TCDSB community can help families who are struggling to access basic needs such as food, shelter and other life necessities.

[Click here to learn how AFL is reaching out to families and donate if you can](#)

May Events and Observances

- **May is Asian Canadian Heritage Month**

This month acknowledges the long and rich history of Asian Canadians and their contributions to Canada. It also provides an opportunity for Canadians across the country to reflect on and celebrate the contributions of Asian Canadians to the growth and prosperity of Canada. <https://www.tcdsb.org/AsianCanadianHeritage>

- **May is Speech, Language and Hearing Month**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/SpeechLanguageHearingMnth>

- **May is Polish Canadian Heritage Month**

On April 2, 2020, the TCDSB Board of Trustees officially proclaimed May 3rd as Polish Heritage Day and May as Polish Heritage Month. The TCDSB is proud to recognize the substantial historic contributions made by the Polish community to the academic, social, cultural, and economic fabric of our Board. For Polish Heritage resources

visit <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/polish-canadian-heritage/Pages/Default.aspx>

- **May 1 World Principals' Day**

- **May 3: World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations/documents/papa-francesco_20200308_57-messaggio-giornata-mondiale-vocazioni.html

- **May 4 – 10: CMHA Mental Health Week** <https://mentalhealthweek.ca>

- **May 10: Mother's Day**

- **May 15: UN International Day of Families** <https://www.un.org/en/events/familyday/>

- **May 18 Victoria Day**

- **May 24: TCDSB Brain Cancer Awareness Grey Day**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2019/Pages/GreyDay.aspx>

May Meetings

Due to the closure, board meetings will be held remotely with access to see the meeting through the normal live webcast on the Board website.

- Regular Board Meeting - **May 7**
- CPIC- **May 11**
- SEAC - **May 20**
- Regular Board Meeting - **May 21**
- Regular Board Meeting - **May 28**

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