



September 2019 Monthly Update From the Board

Update on the School Crossing Guard Program for the 2019-2020 School Year

Please be advised that starting in September 2019, the City of Toronto will be assuming full responsibility of the School Crossing Guard Program. The locations of the school crossing guards have not changed. Each school can expect the same school crossing guard locations to be served. To view the citywide map and list of school crossing guard locations, please visit: www.toronto.ca/schoolcrossingguard.

Important Reminder About Liability Insurance

All parents are reminded to consider checking the adequacy of their liability insurance through their homeowners'/tenants' insurance policy to cover claims arising out of injuries caused by their child at school. Student Accident Insurance application forms are forwarded to schools for distribution, and can also be purchased on-line at www.insuremykids.com. TCDSB's Risk Management continues to strongly promote this product as an inexpensive form of dental, disability and life insurance.

Register Now: School Cash Online

Parents/guardians are reminded to create their School Cash Online profile, in order to receive updates and information on upcoming school activities, including pizza lunches, civvies days, field trips, and much more. Paying through School Cash Online offers a safe and convenient payment option that eliminates the need to send cash or cheques to school. For more information and to create your account visit www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashionline

Bus Transportation Information and Updates

Communications with parents regarding bus transportation for students is a priority. In order to stay informed, parents are encouraged to register on the Toronto Student Transportation Group (TSTG) portal today by visiting www.torontoschoolbus.org. This portal provides TCDSB parents with online access to their children's transportation information and up to the minute email notifications regarding school bus cancellations or delays. If you have any issues signing up on the portal, please contact support@torontoschoolbus.org and staff will assist you with the registration of your account.

Safe Arrival

Parents are encouraged to sign up for the School Messenger app. This will allow parents and the school to stay in touch to report absences quickly and easily, and also for the school to communicate to parents about important information throughout the year including cancellations, closures and other critical issues. <https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/safeschools/newsandevents/pages/signupschoolmessenger.aspx>

September's Virtue is Hospitality

All resources for the month of September, and for the monthly virtues throughout the year can be found on our website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/Pages/Default.aspx>

Pastoral Plan: This Year we Focus on “Rooted in Christ: we Believe”

In the second year of our pastoral plan, “Rooted in Christ, we Believe” our focus turns to what we believe in as a Catholic education community. Resources for the Year:

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

Consider who inspires you, who nurtures your faith, who acts as a mentor and role model of Catholic living.

Is it your school chaplain? A parent or other family member? Your pastor or other member of your parish? A teacher or other staff at your school? A colleague or friend?

Why not sit down to have a chat with them, and interview them about their experiences of living their faith.

Write an article or create a video of your interview. Write a short story, a poem, or create a piece of artwork, music or video that pays tribute to those who guide you on your own journey of faith.

Share your stories on social media (@TCDSB #TCDSBelieves)

Send your submissions to ncc.team@tcdsb.org

Night School Registration

Registration for evening credit courses, Saturday language programs and eClass has begun. Please visit the website for details: <https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2020/pages/nightschool.aspx>

International Languages After Hours Program Registration

Registration for the elementary IL After Hours Program continues through to September 21st.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/InternationalLanguages/Pages/Saturday-School-Registration.aspx>

Open Houses

Students in grade 8 and their families are reminded that TCDSB secondary schools are hosting open houses this fall—a great way to meet staff and students, check out the school facilities and learn about the programs and services being offered at each location. The complete schedule will be available online:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx>

September Events and Meetings

- September is Ukrainian Heritage Month
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/Ukrainian-Canadian-Heritage-Month/Pages/default.aspx>
- September 1—Day of Prayer for Care of God’s Creation
- September 4—Open House for Parents of Elementary Students Identified as Gifted, 7-9 PM
<https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/news/pages/giftedopenhouse.aspx>
- September 5--Student Achievement Committee Meeting, 7 PM
- September 8--International Literacy Day
- September 8--Grandparent’s Day
- September 9—Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day
<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2019/pages/fasd.aspx>
- September 10--Governance and Policy Committee Meeting
- September 12—Corporate Services Committee Meeting
- September 14—Talking Faith—Hindu and Catholic Youth Event
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/News/2019-2020/Pages/HinduCatholic.aspx>
- September 16—Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
- September 18—Special Education Advisory Committee
- September 19—Board

For details about these and other events and meetings, visit www.tcdsb.org

Student Leaders Invited to Help Build Accessible Country

The Government of Canada seeks youth leaders to help build a more accessible Canada. Apply online at https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/enabling-accessibility-fund.html?utm_campaign=EnablingAccessibilityFund&utm_source=SocialMedia\Ddn\Banners&utm_medium=VanityUrl&utm_term=en&utm_content=canada-ca_accessibility-fund by **October 31, 2019**.

Congratulations to Kathy Nguyen, Student Trustee for 2019 - 2021

Kathy Nguyen, a student at Madonna Catholic Secondary School took her oath of office and seat in the horseshoe alongside the TCDSB Board of Trustees at their meeting held August 22, 2019. Elected by her peers, Kathy was declared the Student Trustee-elect at the CSLIT general assembly meeting at the Catholic Education Centre on April 30th.

Kathy often utilizes opportunities where she can network with like-minded leaders and make a difference in her community. She is a member of St. Jane Frances Parish in North York and is an active volunteer in her community. During her leisure time, she regularly volunteers at student leadership events.

As a Student Trustee, Kathy will represent the interests of all TCDSB students during deliberations of the Board and will communicate Board decisions to students. She joins Student Trustee Taylor Dallin who will act as her mentor during her second term of office. You can visit Kathy's student trustee page [here](#) and Taylor Dallin's page [here](#).

General Information To Note:

- The School Year Calendar for 2019-2020 is posted on the board's website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/calendar/pages/schoolyearcalendar.aspx>
- The remaining Board and Committee meetings for the 2019 calendar year are also on the website <https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2019/pages/board-meetings.aspx>
- For information specifically for students including scholarships, contests, job and community service opportunities, visit <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/default.aspx>
- For information specifically targeted for parents, including information about the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee and the Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education, see <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/default.aspx>

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