



Office of the Director of Education  
Office of the Chair of the Board

October 5, 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians:

It is with great pleasure that we announce the launch of our first Toronto Catholic District School Board's "PARENT INVOLVEMENT WEEK" from October 24 – 30, 2015.

This initiative is an opportunity to recognize, celebrate and enhance the important role that parents play at both the school and Board level. Educational research has consistently pointed to the positive effects that parent engagement has on student achievement and well-being.

We have partnered with the two parent organizations that represent TCDSB parents at the Board level, namely the *Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC)*, and the *Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE – Toronto)* to co-host a number of events that highlight the important role of parents in our schools, as well as to provide opportunities for continued involvement, professional development and networking. These events are listed below:

| Date             | Event  | Location   | Time             |
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| October 24, 2015 | Parent Conference – “Building Relationships with One Voice: Home, School and Parish” | CEC<br>NO Parking Available  | 8:30am – 1:30 pm |
| October 26, 2015 | Welcome Mass (Invitational)  | CEC<br>NO Parking Available  | 1:00 pm          |
| October 27, 2015 | Parents and Curriculum: Linked to Success  | Blessed Cardinal Newman's event will be held on October 29 <sup>th</sup> prior to Parent Teacher Interviews. More information to follow. |                  |
| October 28, 2015 | Newcomers Conference   | CEC  | 5:00 – 7:30 pm   |
| October 29, 2015 | Hispanic-Canadian Heritage Celebration   | St. Jude School<br>3251 Weston Road  | 10:15 – 11:15 am |

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is committed to meaningful parent involvement. While this can take many different forms, the essential component is about building trust and communication between parents. We welcome and encourage all parents to participate in as many of the events outlined above. Let us all work together for the success of our students.

Angela Gauthier  
Director of Education

Sincerely,

Michael Del Grande  
Chair of the Board