



# Monthly Update from the Board

February 2017



Toronto Catholic District School Board has declared **Friday, May 5, 2017 as Parish Family Day.**

A special *Parish Family Day Celebration* will be held at the Catholic Education Centre on **Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017** to showcase student work focusing on the many ways that our parishes and our parish priests contribute to our schools and communities.

Students are invited to create a short video, original song or piece of original artwork, write a short story, poem or letter, or express themselves in any way artistically to highlight the relationship that the students have with the local parish and/or the priest/pastor at their church.

**Completed projects should be submitted via email to [parish.project@tcdsb.org](mailto:parish.project@tcdsb.org).**

**Deadline for submissions Friday, April 7, 2017.**

Let's continue to celebrate our parishes!

## **We Want to Hear Your Views**

Watch for community consultations coming soon for:

- **Parent and Student Bill of Rights**
- **2017-2018 Budget Consultation**

Details coming soon. Visit [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) in February for details.

## **February is Psychology Month**

The Psychology Department of TCDSB invites the community to explore and discover the many different ways psychology can help improve our everyday life and overall well-being, and balance the many roles and responsibilities we have. Psychology is for everyone!

### **HELP YOUR CHILD FLOURISH: HOW TO ACHIEVE MENTAL HEALTH**

A presentation for parents and educators on **February 22, 2017, 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

Catholic Education Centre, 3rd Floor, 80 Sheppard Avenue East

Learn more about the programs and services provided by the Psychology Department, TCDSB

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/psychology/Pages/default.aspx>

## **February is National Inclusive Education Month**

Learn more about the TCDSB's Catholic Equity and Inclusive Education Policy:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/Policies/Pages/hm24.aspx>

## February is African Canadian Heritage Month

Celebrating the rich history, tradition and contribution to Canadian culture, literature, science, medicine, technology and the arts.

**February 10—Mass and Cultural Expose** at St. Mother Teresa Catholic Academy, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/AfricanCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>

## Director's Annual Report 2015-2016

Check out the latest edition of the Director's Annual Report and review some of the many highlights from the past school year:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BoardAdministration/DirectorofEducation/Pages/Director%E2%80%99s-Annual-Report-2015-2016.aspx>

## Student Voice—Minister's Student Advisory Council Seeks Applicants

Students in grades 7 to 12 are eligible for consideration. Deadline is February 9<sup>th</sup>.

<http://edu.gov.on.ca/eng/students/speakup/msac.html>

- **Other Opportunities for Students**

- **Kayak Kids Illustrated History Challenge—deadline June 1**

- <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/Kayak-Kids-Illustrated-History-Challenge-.aspx>

- **Weston Youth Innovation Award** encourages & recognizes young Canadian innovators

- <http://www.ontariosciencecentre.ca/innovationaward>

- **Autism Ontario** offers three exciting scholarships

- <http://www.autismontario.com/client/aso/ao.nsf/web/Education+Scholarships>

- **Overseas Credit Courses:**

- <https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/continuingeducation/secondarycreditcourses/overseas/Pages/default.aspx>

- **Summer Job Opportunity with Toronto Police Service**

- TPS is accepting applications for the 2017 Summer YIPI (Youth in Policing) Program! Successful applicants can earn \$11.40/hr, 35hrs/week! Apply now: <http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/yipi/>

- **Summer Jobs with City of Toronto—Deadline for applications February 14<sup>th</sup>.**

- <http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=7ac14aced070a410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>

## TCDSB Awards Night May 1, 2017

Nominate a member of the TCDSB family for our annual awards

- [Sister Mary Hamilton Award for Exceptional Students](#) Deadline last Friday in February.
- [Ashif Jaffer Award for Excellence in Special Education Support](#) Deadline third Friday in February.

## Calling All Alumni: Save the Date!

### Father John Redmond CSS and RAC 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion

Saturday, May 6, 2017 and Sunday, May 7, 2017. For more information & registration please visit:

<http://fjr30th.wixsite.com/fjr30>

## Kindergarten Registration Continues

Apply online at [soar.tcdsb.org](http://soar.tcdsb.org)

*Imagine the Possibilities*

## Ready to Pick Your High School Courses?

The 2017-2018 Course Calendar is available online:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/GuidanceCoopEd/Documents/TCDSB-ProgramAndCourseCalendar-2017-2018.pdf>

## Other Important Reminders:

- **Community College Application Deadline** is February 1, 2017  
<http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/apply/important-dates>
- **Winter Walk Day**--February 1, 2017
- **Night School Registration Continues Until mid-February**  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/continuingeducation/secondarycreditcourses/nightschool/pages/default.aspx>
- **EClass drop in support** is available daily between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at the Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Avenue East.  
[www.tcdsb.org/eClass](http://www.tcdsb.org/eClass)
- **Family Day**—Monday, February 20, 2017
- **System-Wide PA Day** Friday, February 17, 2017
- **Lent Begins** on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017

## Cold Alerts and Weather-Related Cancellations/Closures

Throughout the winter months, Twitter and the board website are the best sources of information relating to cold weather alerts, cancellations and closures. Get all the information here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/HealthandSafety/Pages/Cold-Weather-Alerts.aspx> and here

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/HealthandSafety/Pages/Weather-Related-Safety-Concerns.aspx>

And remember to check the Toronto Student Transportation Group website for any school bus delays throughout the year. <http://www.torontoschoolbus.org/>

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