



Monthly Update from the Board February 2014

thinkMATH@home: Helping Your Child Learn and Love Mathematics

Parents, school and the local community have the shared task of nurturing our students' confidence in learning mathematics and in applying their mathematical knowledge to solve real-life problems. The disposition of appreciating and enjoying mathematics is necessary for our students to persevere in learning mathematics with depth and precision and to continuously improve the clarity of their mathematical communication. It is common knowledge that parent's/guardian's attitudes toward mathematics has an impact on children's attitudes towards mathematics. In fact, students whose parents/guardians show an interest in and enthusiasm for mathematics around the home will be more likely to develop that enthusiasm themselves and persevere to learn and succeed in Mathematics. More info:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/Numeracy/thinkMATH@home/Pages/default.aspx>

Voter Look Up – New Website

The Toronto Catholic District School Board has partnered with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to launch a new website in support of this year's Municipal and School Board elections. Potential electors can visit voterlookup.ca and confirm and update their information in a few easy steps. Updating this information will help to ensure Voters' Lists are accurate in preparation for municipal and school board elections occurring this Fall. Visit www.voterlookup.ca today.

If you are not assessed as an English-Separate School supporter and wish to redirect your support to Catholic schools, please contact Sandra Vitale, Manager, Assessment Department at sandra.vitale@tcdsb.org telephone 416-222-8282 ext 2666.

Ignite: A showcase of student voices from across the TCDSB

Starting Friday May 30, 2014, Ignite introduces the world to the collective voices of students from across the Toronto Catholic District School Board. Secondary school students enrolled in Media Arts, Photography and Communications Technology will have an opportunity to submit digital media and creative works that are reflective of their critical voice.

Submissions accepted February 1-May 1, 2014

Click here for details: <http://ignitetcdsb.wordpress.com/>

2014-15 Minister's Student Advisory Council

Students in grades 7 – 12 are invited to apply

Deadline is February 28th

The **Minister's Student Advisory Council (MSAC)** is a group of approximately 60 students who come from public schools all across the province. Members share their ideas and advice with the Minister of Education on a variety of topics about our publicly funded education system.

For information, visit: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/students/speakup/msac.html>

February Events:

- **February is African Canadian History Month**

To check out the online resources and information, or to find out what is happening in TCDSB schools to celebrate, visit

<http://www.tcdsb.org/forcommunity/heritagecelebration/africancanadianheritage/Pages/default.aspx>

- **February 17—Family Day**
- **February 20--World Day of Social Justice**

PanAm Games 2015

Check out the Board's website at <http://www.tcdsb.org/pages/toronto-2015-pan-am-and-parapan-am-games.aspx> for information about volunteer opportunities, employment opportunities and other ways to get involved with the upcoming games.

Overseas Credit Program—Study Semester in Italy

Information Meetings:

- **February 19, 2014 6:30 p.m.** at Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School and Regional Arts Centre, 20 Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive, Etobicoke
<http://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/overseas/PublishingImages/ItalyNewsletters/FJRFeb192014.JPG>
- **February 24, 2014 6:30 p.m.** at Chaminade College School, 490 Queen's Drive, North York
<http://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/overseas/PublishingImages/ItalyChaminadeNewsletters/FJRFeb242014.JPG>

Faith in our Future Video Series

The Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association has launched on social media a short-video series to help Ontarians better understand the Catholic segment of the province's unique public education system. The short-video series is part of the Catholic school system's province-wide social media campaign entitled "Faith in Our Future." The campaign is an invitation for all Ontarians to explore the distinctive value and contribution of Catholic education to the life of this province. For more than 170 years Catholic schools have been recognized by the government as an integral part of public education in Ontario communities.

All OCSTA's videos can be viewed at: <http://www.youtube.com/ocstavideo1>.

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New Publications Recently Added to the Board's Website

- **Director's Annual Report 2012-2013:**
<http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BoardAdministration/DirectorofEducation/Documents/Final%20Director's%20Annual%20Report%20WEB%202012%20-%202013.pdf>

- **Audited Financial Statements for 2012-2013:**
<http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BudgetandFinance/Documents/2013-08-31%20Toronto%20Catholic%20District%20Sch%20Brd%2018413%20AUD%20Cons.pdf>