



Monthly Update from the Board May 2014

Invitation to Consultation in the Round Review of TCDSB Admissions and Placement Policy

The Board, on February 27th, approved a new draft Admissions and Placement Policy for both elementary and secondary schools for the purpose of public consultation. All Catholic stakeholders are invited to provide input into that draft policy before the Board finalizes a new policy. The Board is committed to working directly with the community members throughout the process to ensure that their concerns and needs are understood and considered in decision-making processes. To ensure that the consultation is comprehensive, we are implementing a new practice called “Consultation in the Round”. This is scheduled to take place on **Thursday, May 1, 2014 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Avenue East (Yonge and Sheppard).**

<http://www.tcdsb.org/pages/consultation-on-admission-and-placement-policy.aspx>

Parent/Student Charter or Bill of Rights Committee—Seeking Applicants

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is pleased to invite parents to consider serving on the Parent/Student Charter or Bill of Rights Committee. The Committee includes representatives from among Trustees, staff, parents and students, with the mandate to develop a parent/student charter or bill of rights. This charter or bill of rights will provide parents with being able to expect their children’s educational needs to be met by the schools and the right to access school and district administration and information. The expectation is that the charter will align with the goals as outlined in the Multi Year Strategic Plan. **Deadline for applications is May 16th.** For more details and application form, see:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/Parent-Student-Charter-of-Rights-Committee.aspx>

2014 Municipal Election Student Connect Program

Election Services is excited to once again offer students across the City of Toronto the opportunity to take part in the upcoming 2014 Municipal Election.

The Student Connect program provides students the opportunity to participate in the democratic process by working in one of the over 1600 voting places. This is an excellent opportunity for students to enhance their learning experience and participate as an active member of their school and community.

<http://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2014/Pages/2014-Municipal-Election-Student-Connect-Program.aspx>

Volunteers Needed for PanAm Games 2015 in Toronto

Are you looking for an exciting, fulfilling, once-in-a-lifetime volunteer opportunity? Then don’t miss out on the opportunity to be involved in the next big home Games when the Toronto 2014 PanAm and Parapan Am games takes place next summer across the Greater Toronto Area. Student and adult volunteers are being sought. Get more information here: <http://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/Volunteer-Opportunities-for-the-Games.aspx>

CPIC Hosts An Evening with Stuart Shanker

Fostering Resiliency through Self-Regulation

May 14, 7-9 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre

<http://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/News/Documents/Fostering%20Resiliency%20through%20Self-Regulation.pdf>

Special Events to Note in May

- May is Asian Heritage Month
- **May 4-9** Catholic Education Week
- **May 5-10** Woodbine Centre Festival of the Arts
- **May 5-11** Mental Health Awareness Week
- **May 9-27** Elementary Track and Field Meets
- **May 11-17** Respect for Life Week
- **May 14** **CPIC hosts an evening with STUART SHANKER**, Author of calm, Alert, and Learning. Topic: **Fostering Resiliency through Self- Regulation**, 7-9 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre
- **May 23-24** Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education Conference
- **May 27** TCDSB Mini Special Olympics
- **May 28** CSAC Appreciation Liturgy

For all these events, and more, visit the Board's website at www.tcdsb.org

Special Websites for Parents and Students

- Parents are encouraged to check out <http://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/default.aspx>. Find about CSAC, TAPCE and CPIC, as well as local or regional events planned specifically for parents.
- Students are invited to take advantage of the resources posted on our website at <http://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/Pages/default.aspx>. Find out about scholarships, employment, volunteer opportunities and more.

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