



Monthly Update from the Board May 2015

TCDSB Launches New Three-Year Pastoral Plan: *Together with One Voice—Harmonizing Our Faith Through Family, Parish and School*

The celebration took place on April 22nd. Check out the photos as well as the video of the event, including the presentation by Cardinal Thomas Collins on the board's website:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/news/2014-2015/pages/launch-of-new-pastoral-plan-2015-2018.aspx>

TCDSB Considering First Ever Multi-Language Catholic Elementary School

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is exploring the feasibility of opening its first ever multi-language Catholic elementary school.

Based on a European-style international school model, the new French Immersion School would provide opportunities for daily instruction in two to three additional languages throughout the student's school week. In addition to French, the proposed languages would be German, Spanish and Mandarin. Other languages will be considered if there is sufficient interest from families.

In what is believed to be a first for any publicly funded school board in Ontario, the new school will offer a strong academic focus, and may also include an elementary International Baccalaureate program option. The school would be located at 100 Fundy Bay Boulevard (former site of St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic School) in north Scarborough. Although school bus transportation could not be provided to students from outside the area, the school would be open to families living anywhere in the City of Toronto.

The Board is currently surveying parents to determine the level of interest in such a specialty international school. Feedback is being requested from those parents whose children are eligible to enroll in a *Catholic Full-Day Kindergarten* in September 2015 or September 2016, with registration limited to the first 75 students.

The online survey will be available at www.tcdsb.org/LanguageSchoolSurvey until May 15, 2015.

Catholic Education Week May 3-8, 2015

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/CatholicEducationWeek/Pages/default.aspx>

- Woodbine Centre Festival of the Arts May 4-8
- Parent Mass and Celebration with Cardinal Thomas Collins, May 7th 7:00 p.m. at St. Conrad
- Student Mass for Catholic Education Week, May 7th 10:00 a.m. at the Catholic Education Centre

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week May 3-9, 2015

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/mhs/News/mhw/Pages/Childrens-Mental-Health-Awareness-Week.aspx>

Engaging Spanish Speaking Parents Conference and Celebration—May 2nd

At St. Jane Frances Catholic School

<https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stjane frances/News/2014-2015/Pages/Engaging-Spanish-Speaking-Parents-2015-Celebration.aspx>

Safe Kids Week – Spring Walk and Roll to School Day

May 4th to 10th, 2015 has been declared by the United Nations as Global Road Safety Week with a focus on children as vulnerable road users. Parachute Canada has an annual public awareness campaign called Safe Kids Week, also taking place May 4th to 10th, with a cycling and road safety theme in communities across Canada.

Spring Walk and Roll to School Day: On **May 6th**, families will be encouraged to leave the car at home to promote an active, healthy, environmentally-friendly, and safe trip to school. Schools are encouraged to celebrate the day with stickers, raffle prizes (e.g. bike lights, umbrellas, pedometers), a fun lap around the school (especially if there are many bus students), wearing the colour green, and potentially hosting a special assembly. <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/safe-kids-week-spring-walk-and-roll-to-school-day.aspx>

Bike to School Week 2015

From **May 25 to 29**, let's get rolling! This year, students and teachers across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area celebrate the first-ever joint Bike to School Week. Register your school's activities to support your EcoSchools and Healthy Schools programming, and to win prizes and incentives! Incentives are available for events taking place between Monday May 11 and Saturday June 13, 2015. <http://www.bikemonth.ca/biketoschool>

Respect for Life Week May 10-15, 2015

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Respect-for-Life-Week.aspx>

May is Asian Heritage Month

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

May is also Speech, Language and Hearing Month

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/Speech/Speech,%20Language%20and%20Hearing%20Awareness%20Month/Pages/default.aspx>

Italian Canadian Contemporary Film Festival Junior

May 15-23, 2015

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forstudents/opportunitiesforstudents/pages/italian-contemporary-film-festival-junior.aspx>

Catholic School Advisory Council Appreciation Night

Presentations, celebration and Mass

May 20th at 5:30 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Avenue East

May 14 is World Catholic Education Day

<http://www.ccsta.ca/en/events-en/wced>

The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education

76th Annual Conference, AGM & Gala Dinner

A full day conference for parents and our partners in publicly funded Catholic Education in Ontario-- "Poor No More" Co-hosted by the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board

May 29, 30, 2015

Details and registration information:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eaj66alxc0914526&llr=57qgf7bab>

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