



## Monthly Update from the Board

October 2013

### **Workshop for Catholic School Advisory Councils (CSACs) and School Principals**

October 2, 2013

6:30-9:00 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre

80 Sheppard Avenue East

Visit [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) for more information

### **CPIC Elections (Catholic Parent Involvement Committee)**

Ward 1,3,5,7,9,11 (two representatives to be elected in each ward)

October 7, 2013

7:00 p.m.

CPIC By-Elections

Wards 2,4,10 (one representative to be elected to fill vacant seat in each ward)

October 9, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Details: <http://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/cpic/Pages/CPIC-Elections.aspx>

### **Secondary School Open Houses**

Grade 8 students and their families are invited to visit Catholic high schools in their area

October 21-November 7, 2013

Check website for specific dates, locations and times:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx>

### **Conference for Newcomers and International Students**

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is hosting a conference for students and families who are new to Canada, and TCDSB International Students, on **Saturday, October 19th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at the Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Avenue East. Qualified Board staff and presenters will provide valuable information on navigating Ontario's education system; the TCDSB International Education Program; TCDSB Special Services in the areas of mental health, learning disabilities, gifted program and others, as well as how to access employment, housing, taxation and other settlement services. Workshops will be offered in English, Spanish/Portuguese, Chinese, Arabic and Filipino.

To attend the conference, guests are asked to register on-line at [www.tcdsb.org/forcommunity/newcomers](http://www.tcdsb.org/forcommunity/newcomers) or call 416-222-8282 Ext. 1888. Students, parents, homestay families and custodians are welcome.

*To view this announcement in other languages:*

<http://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2013/pages/newcomer-conference-2013.aspx>

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

#### **Special Services Fair**

#### *Working Together to Educate All*

Find out about the many special services that the Toronto Catholic District School Board has to offer, and link up with additional resources in your community to support students and adults with special needs

**November 2, 2013**

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<http://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/Pages/News-and-Events.aspx>

### **The Learning Partnership Presents 2014 Canada's Outstanding Principals' Award**

This national award profiles outstanding leaders in education. Award recipients and their schools receive national recognition. Winning principals are invited to Toronto to participate in a gala evening and a 5-day executive leadership program at the Rotman School of Business. **Nomination deadline is October 26, 2013.** To learn more and to nominate outstanding principals in your community visit:

[www.thelearningpartnership.ca](http://www.thelearningpartnership.ca)

### **Appeal for Humanitarian Aid for Syria**

The Toronto Catholic District School Board joins Catholics around the world in praying for peace in Syria, the Middle East and around the world. Our hearts go out to all the victims of violence and those who are left behind to mourn. Humanitarian aid is needed to help all who are impacted by the continued devastation in that region. Please note the communication from the Archdiocese of Toronto providing details on how individuals, parishes and schools can support the relief efforts.

([http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BoardAdministration/DirectorofEducation/Documents/ArchdioceseLetter\\_HumanitarianAidforSyria](http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BoardAdministration/DirectorofEducation/Documents/ArchdioceseLetter_HumanitarianAidforSyria)). We encourage you to consider this appeal and respond with generosity to our brothers and sisters who are in the midst of this crisis--*Angela Gauthier, Director of Education*

### **Watch for these upcoming events in October:**

- Virtue of the Month—Gratitude
- October is Women's History Month
- September 30-October 4<sup>th</sup>—Toronto's Feeding Hungry Students Week
- October 5<sup>th</sup>—World Teachers' Day
- October 7<sup>th</sup>—Rosary Day
- October 11<sup>th</sup>—System-wide Professional Activity Day (no classes for students)
- October 30<sup>th</sup>—ECE (Early Childhood Educator) and Childcare Worker Day

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