



Monthly Update from the Board September 2013

TCDSB Appoints New Director of Education:

The Board of Trustees of the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) is pleased to announce that Angela Gauthier has been appointed as the new Director of Education. Ms. Gauthier, formerly the Board's Associate Director of Academic Affairs, replaced Bruce Rodrigues who has been selected as the Chief Executive Officer of the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) for the Province of Ontario.

A highly respected and experienced educator with an extensive record of achievement, Ms. Gauthier brings a wealth of leadership experience to the position, having served as the TCDSB's Associate Director of Academic Affairs since 2008. During her tenure, she has focused on the Board's 21st Century Learning strategy and improving access to technology for both students and teachers. As a graduate of the TCDSB (when it was known as the Metropolitan Separate School Board), Ms. Gauthier has a clear understanding of the gains already made by this Board and is very passionate about how we can better support the academic achievement and well-being of our students.

The search for the new Director was based on a selection process that took into consideration both the internal needs of our Board moving forward and the firm commitment on the part of the Board of Trustees to ensure operational continuity through careful succession planning.

The Board of Trustees looks forward to moving ahead together with Ms. Gauthier and the senior administrative team to introduce innovative, new ideas that support learning and deal with the challenges ahead.

TCDSB SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2013-2014

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| Number of school days | 194 |
| Number of Professional Activity Days | 6 |
| Labour Day | September 2, 2013 |
| First Instructional Day | September 3, 2013 |
| Thanksgiving Day | October 14, 2013 |
| Christmas Break | December 23, 2013–January 3, 2014 |
| Family Day | February 17, 2014 |
| Mid-Winter Break | March 10–14, 2014 |
| Good Friday | April 18, 2014 |
| Easter Monday | April 21, 2014 |
| Victoria Day | May 19, 2014 |
| Last day of classes for elementary students | June 27, 2014 |

The Year of Hope

2013-2014 is the Year of Hope, the second year of our three year pastoral plan focusing on Faith, Hope and Charity. Resources and information relating to the Year of Hope, the virtues of the month and other information supporting the spiritual development of TCDSB students and staff is available on our Nurturing our Catholic Community website:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Default.aspx>

Registration for TCDSB Night School and Saturday Credit Courses

Registration for the Toronto Catholic District School Board's evening credit courses, Saturday programs and online courses (eClass) continues through until October 11th for night school and October 26th for Saturday International Languages programs.

Students may register for a maximum of two courses. They can consist of eClass, Saturday or evening courses. TCDSB will accept students up to Friday, October 11th, if space is available.

For registration information, visit:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/SecondaryCreditCourses/NightSchool/nsregistration/Pages/default.aspx>

Classes begin: September 30th and October 1st for night school; October 7th for eClass and September 21st for Saturday classes

Please note that for eClass, in person support sessions will be held on Saturday September 28th and Monday September 30th at the Catholic Education Centre. For more information please visit:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/BoardServices/eClass/Pages/default.aspx>

Continuing Education Department

Night School and Saturday Programs 416-222-8282 Ext. 2428

EClass 416-222-8282 Ext. 2063

TCDSB Adult Education Program Free ESL Classes

Registration for free adult English as a Second Language (ESL) classes begins in **September**. Adults can register for full-time, part-time, daytime, evening, or weekend English classes at over 35 locations in Toronto.

The Adult Education Program offers Language Instruction for Newcomers (LINC), adult ESL classes, Academic Preparation, Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), Conversation, Citizenship, and Language Upgrading for Professionals. Childcare services are also available at many locations.

Daytime classes begin the week of September 3rd; evening classes begin the week of September 9th and Saturday classes begin on September 14th. Interested adults should go to their preferred location in person on the first day of class to register. Two pieces of identification that show status in Canada and proof of residence (one with a picture; no photocopies) are required.

A recent survey of adult learners at the TCDSB Adult Education Program showed that ESL classes were essential for:

1. Getting a job
2. Getting a promotion
3. Returning to school
4. Passing the Canadian Citizenship Test
5. Integrating to Canadian Society i.e. socializing, helping kids with schoolwork

To learn more about the English classes and where they are located, visit the Adult Education Program website at www.tcdsb.org/adulted or email contact.adulted@tcdsb.org

Secondary School Open Houses

All Toronto Catholic District School Board secondary schools welcome grade 8 students and their families to open houses each fall. This is an opportunity to meet some of the staff, check out school facilities and learn more about the various programs, services and activities as you prepare for Catholic secondary school education. Most open houses begin at 7:00 p.m. For a complete list of dates and locations, visit: <http://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx>.

New Parenting Centres Open this Fall

Parenting Family and Literacy Centres are now open at St. Albert Catholic School in Scarborough and St. Anthony Catholic School in downtown Toronto. For information about our centres, and a listing of all locations throughout the board, visit

<http://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentingCentres/Pages/default.aspx>

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