



November 4, 2013

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As many of you may already be aware, there is only one formal parent-teacher interview scheduled for the current school year. This will take place on the evening of November 14th and the morning of November 15th, which is a system-wide professional activity day. This will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher and discuss your child's progress thus far.

Although this will be the only system-wide interview date for the current academic year, please remember that parents are encouraged to contact the school at any time throughout the school year to discuss their child's progress and any specific concerns that arise.

The decision to reduce the number of formal interview dates for this academic year was made in response to the Provincial Putting Students First Act, which imposed several conditions including the reduction of paid professional activity days.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is committed to the goals outlined in *Growing Success*: which states that "communication with parents and students about student achievement should be continuous throughout the year, by means such as parent-teacher or parent-student-teacher conferences, portfolios of student work, student-led conferences, interviews, phone calls, checklists, and informal reports. Communication about student achievement should be designed to provide detailed information that will encourage students to set goals for learning, help teachers to establish plans for teaching, and assist parents in supporting learning at home."

Parental involvement is essential to student success, and your child's teacher welcomes your support and participation in his/her education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Koenig". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dan Koenig
Superintendent, Curriculum and Accountability

cc. Education Council, All Trustees