

## Update on Negotiations with CUPE

The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) is involved in province-wide, central collective bargaining with the Council of Trustee Associations and the provincial government.

At the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB), CUPE represents caretaking, maintenance and warehouse staff, office clerical and technical staff, school based support staff including

Child and Youth Workers and Education Assistants, and secondary school supervisors as well as International Language Instructors-

The TCDSB has been advised that the members of the CUPE may begin job action as early as Monday, September 30, beginning with work-to-rule sanctions.

The health and safety of students and staff is deeply important to us.

If there is any impact to regular school operations, parents will receive communications through the following methods:

- School Messenger (please ensure that your school has current and up to date telephone numbers and email addresses on file for your family)
- Twitter (follow @TCDSB)
- TCDSB website [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)
- 24-hour telephone information line 416-222-8282 ext. 2873

The Board wishes to assure parents and students that every effort will be made to ensure that all elementary and secondary schools, day care centres, before- and after-school programs and nutrition programs will continue to remain open as long as it is safe to do so.

School bus transportation for eligible students will continue.

Parents are encouraged to contact their local school principal with any questions or issues of local concern.

## Introducing the Secondary School Online Application for Registration (SEC SOAR.TCDSB.ORG)

We are announcing some exciting news regarding the Secondary School Application Process for enrolment in September 2020. On **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**, the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) will officially launch the new **Secondary School Online Application** website, **SEC SOAR.TCDSB.ORG**.

Some exciting features of the online application include:

- easy tracking of the status of your child's application,
- complete the Specialty Program Application along with your regular program application through one application,
- email notifications for offers of placement,
- accept/decline offers of placement you receive electronically.

Important note: a current email address on file with your elementary school is required in order to create your child's application/account on October 15th, 2019. **If you do not have an email address on file, please be sure to submit this information to your elementary school office before Tuesday, October 8th, 2019.**

For a full guide to completing the on line application, please visit the TCDBS website at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) → Admissions & Placement Department page, to view the "Parent Guide to Completing the Secondary School Online Application" information guide.

## PARENT OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

### **Safe Schools Advisory Committee: Parent Reps Needed**

TCDSB Seeks 2 Parent Reps for Safe School Advisory Committee. **Application deadline October 18, 2019.**  
[Click here for an application and more information.](#)

### **TCDSB Environment Steering Committee**

TCDSB is seeking 2 community/parent representatives for its Environment Steering Committee. All positions are voluntary and candidates must be parents who presently have children enrolled in TCDSB. Applications are available at: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Documents/Parent-%20Community%20Member%20Application%20Form-2016-R.pdf>  
Completed applications can be sent via email to [communityrep@tcdsb.org](mailto:communityrep@tcdsb.org)  
**Application deadline: OCTOBER 25, 2019**

### **Toronto CPIC Annual Report 2018-2019**

[Click here to access the Toronto Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Annual Report for 2018-2019.](#)

### **CPIC Elections**

October 28 and 29, 2019

**Nomination forms accepted until October 18, 2019**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/CPIC-Elections>

## STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

### **TDCAA Athletics**

Girls Basketball West and Girls Field Hockey Season are underway  
Coming soon:

- Cross Country Championships: **Friday, October 25** at Etobicoke Centennial
- Golf Championship: **Thursday October 3** at Station Creek Golf Club
- Tennis Preliminaries:
  - Junior Tournament: **Thursday October 10** at Mayfair West
  - Senior Tournament **Thursday October 17** at Mayfair West
- Tennis Championship: **Wednesday, October 30** at Mayfair West

[Click here for a full list of upcoming TDCAA events.](#)

### **Elementary Athletics**

October 16, 2019—Elementary Cross-Country Regionals (North and South)

October 17, 2019— Elementary Cross-Country Regionals (East and West)

October 22, 2019-- Elementary Cross-Country City Finals

### **High School Open Houses for Grade 8 Students and Their Families**

High school information nights are being hosted at secondary schools around the City **until October 16th.**

[Click here for a complete schedule of dates, times and locations.](#)

### **Ontario Colleges Information Fair**

October 23-24 at the Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place <https://ocif.ca/>

### **TCDSB Newcomer Student Leadership Conference**

TCDSB will once again welcome newcomer students at the annual **Newcomer Student Leadership Conference**, which will be held this year on **Wednesday, October 16.** TCDSB schools are invited to extend an invitation to at least two newcomer students from grades 7 to 12 (maximum of 10) to attend this free event. [Click here to complete online event registration on or before October 2, 2019.](#)

## BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

OAPCE: Oct. 1

Student Achievement Committee: Oct. 2

Labour Relations Ad Hoc Committee: Oct. 3

By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee: Oct. 7

Governance and Policy Committee: Oct. 8

Corporate Services Committee: Oct. 10

SEAC: Oct. 16

Regular Board: Oct. 17

[Click here to review information and agendas.](#)

To view minutes or video broadcasts from previous meetings, select the **Past Meetings** tab on the page.

### **Policies Currently Under Review/Revision:**

Update to Trustee Code of Conduct Policy T.04

Update to Awards Funds and Scholarships Policy FF.01

Update to Catholic School Parent Councils Policy S.10

## EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **October is Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month**
- **October is also Principals' Month**  
**Recognition Days:**
- **October 2, 2019 Custodial Workers' Appreciation Day**
- **October 5, 2019 World Teachers' Day**
- **October 25, 2019 Early Childhood Educators and Childcare Worker Appreciation Day**

### **Walk to School Day: October 2, 2019**

Walk to School Day is an opportunity for all of us—students, staff, families—to focus on improved health and well-being, active lifestyles and building safer communities for everyone. Register your school for Walk to School Day and receive a Certificate of Participation from Canada Walks. [Click here for more information.](#)

### **Feast of Creation: An Ecumenical Gathering**

Celebrate the Season of Creation with contemplative prayer and music. **Friday, October 4** from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at St. Basil's Church (50 St. Joseph Street, Toronto). [Click here for more information on this and other upcoming events at The Mary Ward Centre.](#)

### **World Mental Health Day**

October 10, 2019

<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/world-mental-health-day.aspx>

### **System-Wide PA Day**

October 11, 2019

### **Thanksgiving**

October 14, 2019

### **International Day for Eradication of Poverty**

October 17, 2019 <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/international-day-for-eradication-of-poverty.aspx>

### **Inaugural Rosary Bowl**

The Toronto Rosary Bowl will take place **Saturday, October 19th** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Blessed Cardinal Newman (100 Brimley Road South, Scarborough). [Click here for more information about this family-friendly event.](#)

### **Federal Election**

**October 22, 2019**

### **School Bus Safety Week**

**October 20-25, 2019**

School bus driver appreciation day October 22, 2019

<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/international-day-for-eradication-of-poverty.aspx>

### **Mark Your Calendar!**

#### **Special Services Information Fair**

**November 9, 2019** (watch for details [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org))