

Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education Toronto



Monday April 24th 2017

It is time to approve the budget for the 2017-2018 school year and the Board wants to hear from you!

Come one, come all and join OAPCE Toronto for its April meeting! Carlene Jackson, the TCDSB Chief Financial Officer will present the budget and will answer your questions and hear your concerns or suggestions!



The second part of our meeting will be spent on OAPCE Toronto holds an annual PRO-Grant session where we will explain and walk you through the application process.

Come prepared with your laptops and we will help you complete a successful application. Need ideas? This is a great opportunity to network with other parents where you will hear about any challenges and be inspired by the PRO-Grant successes of parents like you!

Mark Your Calendar!
All meetings take place at 80 Sheppard Ave. E. at 7:00 p.m.



Next OAPCE-Toronto meeting is on Monday April 24th at 7pm at the CEC.

**Meetings 2017:
Mon. June 5**

**Wed. May 3
5:30pm – 8pm
Catholic Education Week * Prayer Service & Walking Gallery**

What will you and your school be doing for Catholic Education Week 2017?

There are many resources available on the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) page. You will find newsletter ideas, Parish bulletin insert ideas, prayers, lesson plans and much more!

<http://www.ocsta.on.ca/resources/catholic-education-week-resources/>

In keeping with this year's theme of "Walking Forward Together", we invite you to join OAPCE Toronto in celebrating Catholic Education on May 3rd as we host, in collaboration with the Toronto Catholic District School Board, a prayer service and a walking tour of TCDSB programs and services.

Turn the page for more details!



We welcome parent "Good News" stories from your school for inclusion in our newsletters. Send pictures too!

Join our e-mail list for updates!
<http://www.oapcetoronto.ca/contact/>

Come Walk with Us...



Walking Forward Together in Catholic Education

Wednesday May 3rd 2017

TCDSB CEC 80 Sheppard Ave. East

Parking available underground

This event was made possible by a Parents Reaching Out Grant



Take a "walking tour" of all the resources available for parents that contribute to Catholic Education in a variety of ways! Booths included are Literacy, Numeracy, Safe Schools, Mental Health, TVO, Microsoft, OCSTA, OCT and many more!
It all begins at 5:30 pm!

5:30 pm
6:30 pm
7:15 pm

Registration/Refreshments
Official Welcome/Prayer Service
Keynote Speaker



Keynote Speaker Presentation: Teresa Hartnett,
"What Makes Catholic Education Vital & Its partners."
Everyone will receive a "passport". Get it stamped as you visit each
booth, collect ten stamps and receive a FREE book of prayers!

For more information contact
<http://www.oapcetoronto.ca/news/>



<https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/oapce-toronto/events/pages/celebrate-catholic-education-week.aspx>



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Check out our new
Website!

Oapcetoronto.ca

Take a look!

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month!



A special “Thank You” to all the wonderful people who give of their time, talents and energy in order to make our children’s school experience a happy one!

The TCDSB is also recognizing April 23-29th as National Volunteer Appreciation Week! <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/volunteer-appreciation.aspx>



Let's Get Together! is bringing together under one roof resources that cater to families, schools and communities that any parent, school volunteer and industry decision maker could ever dream of. This revolutionary event strives to build community by involving parents in their children’s learning experience using resources within their community. It also aims to provide parents, school councils and community resources an unparalleled platform to network and grow together. More information can be found here:

<http://www.parentexpo.ca/the-expo/>



On behalf of the Team at OAPCE Toronto, we would like to wish you and your families a very Blessed Easter season. Hoping that this time will bring you many opportunities for renewal in health, family and of your Faith.

C S P C C O R N E R

Is your CSPC “stuck” under mounds and mounds of candy grams and you’re sick of pizza lunches? Do you wish you could do something that will make the kids *want* to come to school?

Here are a few good ideas



Order some Royal Ontario Museum EduTravelling Kits to enhance your classroom experience:

<http://www.rom.on.ca/en/learn/travelling-programs/travelling-edukits>

\$5,000 to support student learning and well-being.

There's still time! Application closes midnight, April 5th:

<https://www.canadapost.ca/web/en/pages/aboutus/communityfoundation/criteria.page>

\$1,000 to support healthy eating initiatives:

<http://www.greenapple.metro.ca/home.en.html>

GIZMOS interactive math & science simulations for grades 3-12:

https://www.explorelearning.com/index.cfm?method=Controller.dspTrial&utm_source=blog&utm_medium=sidebar&_ga=1.60994988.1457244762.1489510388

A chance at \$1,000 – just because....

<https://awesometo.org/how-it-works/>

Bring a full day curling experience to your elementary school:

<http://rocksandrings.com/#about>

MegaHoops Basketball Program:

<http://basketball.on.ca/site/index.cfm?DSP=Section&ID=172>

Register for The Great Geography Challenge:

<http://challenge.canadiangeographic.ca/en/about/key-dates>

Here comes the judge! Supreme Court of Canada resources:

<http://www.scc-csc.ca/res/education/kit-trousse/index-eng.aspx>

.....stay tuned in future newsletters for more!

Woo Hoo



What have we been up too?

Saturday April 8th was the Provincial Parent Involvement Symposium. OAPCE Provincial was there with representation by three regional Directors. Parents from a number of our schools were also there as was our wonderful Director of Education, Angela Gauthier!

There were a number of different speakers, along with Minister of Education Mitzie Hunter who acknowledged the hard work and passion shown by parent volunteers in our school communities.



What would you like to know more about?

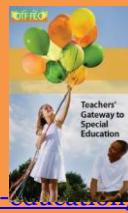
Teachers Gateway to Special Education

Here you'll find tools and strategies that are meant to help students that are differently abled K-12.

This can be not only a parent resource but it can be a helpful resource for teachers and support staff.

It takes a village to raise a child!

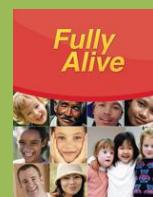
<https://www.otffeo.on.ca/en/learning/teachers-gateway-to-special-education>



Fully Alive

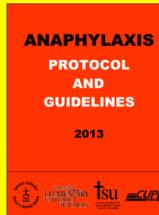
If you're interested in what your children are learning at school in Family Life? This link will bring you to all of the different grade specific learning modules, both for your child and for you; the parent.

<http://acbo.on.ca/fully-alive/>



TCDSB Anaphylaxis Protocol & Guidelines

Every school (both elementary and secondary) must reduce the risk of exposure in common areas, set a communication plan to inform school community (staff too), regular training for all in direct contact with student, prepare an individual plan for each anaphylactic student and ensure that parents provide info about the anaphylactic student including current treatment and prescriptions.



<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/Policies/Documents/Anaphylaxis%20-%20Final%20September%202013.pdf>

You can find more info here:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/healthyschools/anaphylaxis.html>

Safe and Accepting Schools Teams (SAST)

Every school must have one according to Ontario legislation.

You can find a link to this document and to more Safe Schools related resources on the Safe Schools link for the TCDSB:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SafeSchools/Pages/Resources.aspx>



School Councils (Catholic School Parent Councils)

As hard as we may try to give you all the info that you need to run an efficient CSPC...we may miss a thing or two...LOL! Here is a link to the Ministry of Education's resource guide:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elemsec/council/guide.html>

TCDSB CSPC info link:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/CSPC/Pages/default.aspx>



Just a few more resources.....

The Council of Ontario Directors of Education offer a few interesting resources that can be ordered for your council members or for distribution to your parent community as well.

Here's a link:

http://www.ontariodirectors.ca/Parent_Engagement/Parent_Engagement.htm



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