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Scarborough Southwest

2016 Fall Newsletter



Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds your family well. It has been quite busy as our school system adapts to a new model of organization (Learning Centres) under our new and permanent director, Mr. John Malloy. Key to this change is our superintendents now lead 20 schools (down from 30). This will allow superintendents to have greater connectivity to schools, principals and the community. For more information, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/learningcentres.

Also, in our October Board meeting, we took a great step forward to support student achievement with a renewed, strategic focus on equity. This Equity Action Plan provides us focus and ensures that the work we are doing at the system level has a direct impact in classrooms.

As always, I am happy to take your questions and concerns at any time. It truly is a privilege and honour to serve you and our community.



Thanks to all who came out to our recent Ward Forum at Norman Cook Jr. P.S. on Sept. 27th.



Next Forum: Chris D'Souza on Equity & Inclusion

Chris is a passionate motivational speaker whose stories, songs and messages deepen our understanding of complex identities and equity. His passion connects with not only administrators and teachers, but also with our students. (www.chrissouza.ca)

Monday, December 5th, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Danforth Gardens Jr. P.S. (20 Santamonica Blvd.)

High School Information Nights

To help you make an informed decision when choosing a high school, TDSB schools host information nights for parents and grade 8 students each year between October and January. Learn everything you need to know about our incredible variety of schools, programs and courses. The dates and times for all High School Information Nights are available online at:

www.tdsb.on.ca/HighSchool



French Programs Application Deadlines

We guarantee an offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) to all on-time applicants. Transportation is provided as per the Board's Transportation policy. The timelines for applying for these programs for September 2017 are:

- Applications for Early French Immersion (for a Junior Kindergarten aged child), must be completed online between **November 1, 2016** and **December 1, 2016**.
- Applications for Junior Extended French (which begins in Grade 4) must be completed online between **January 9, 2017** and **February 2, 2017**.

Further information on French as a Second Language programs and the application process is available online: at www.tdsb.on.ca/french

Creating Equitable Learning Environments for Everyone

What is equity? To us, it's providing each and every student with the conditions that support achievement and well-being. It is about supporting not only the students who are falling behind, but raising the bar for all students.

We are a diverse system with more than 240,000 students who bring a variety of experiences and perspectives. It is essential that students see themselves reflected in their schools and their learning.

The Equity Action Plan focuses on:

1. Policy
2. Budget
3. Access & Secondary Program Review
4. School Improvement Process
5. Leadership Capacity Plan
6. Inclusion & Special Education
7. Employment Equity

For the full Equity Action Plan, please visit:
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/Equity.aspx>

Kick-start Your Child's Education Savings

The TDSB has partnered with SmartSAVER on a board-wide campaign that helps families access free money to kick start their children's education savings. What free money? It's the Canada Learning Bond, available now through www.tdsb.on.ca/SmartSAVER. This is a Government of Canada contribution to a child's Registered Education Savings Plan. It provides up to \$2,000 in savings for the post-secondary education of eligible children.