

# ST. GREGORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## OCTOBER 2019

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):*

We are grateful for a positive start to the new school year for students and staff and thank you for supporting teaching and learning through your response to Curriculum Night.

The virtue of the Month for October is Gratitude and we are encouraged to take the time to reflect on and express our gratitude for the blessings in our lives. Our Thanksgiving school Mass is scheduled for Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and all parents, guardians and family members are invited to join us.

St. Gregory is looking for lunch supervisors to provide supervision of students during the lunch hour. Please contact the school office if you are interested in applying for this position.

We extend our appreciation to St. Gregory staff for their caring and dedication to helping our students learn and grow in academics, spirituality, the arts and sports. The St. Gregory staff would like to express gratitude for a wonderful school community and wish our students and families a Happy Thanksgiving.

J. Pannoza

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING

The year has turned its circle,  
The seasons come and go.  
The harvest is all gathered in  
And chilly north winds blow.  
Orchards have shared their treasures,  
The fields, their yellow grain,  
So open wide the doorway-  
Thanksgiving comes again!



### SCHOOL HOURS/TIMES

8:30 a.m.	MORNING ENTRY
10:12-10:27 a.m.	A.M. RECESS
11:15-12:15 p.m.	LUNCH HOUR
12:15 p.m.	AFTERNOON ENTRY
1:40-1:55 p.m.	P.M. RECESS
3:00 p.m.	DISMISSAL

All visitors to the school including parents and guardians are expected to report to the office immediately upon arriving at the school.

A sign-in procedure is in place for every individual who enters the school.

#### Early Dismissal

Children who **must** leave before dismissal, **must** be signed out by their **parent/guardian** at the office. Please contact your child through the office, not by texting your child.

#### Student Illness

Children who are sick or have a high temperature should stay home from school, as students cannot focus on learning when they are not well. Also, we want to prevent the spread of viruses/illnesses as much as possible.



## TCDSB NEWS

### HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

All Toronto Catholic District School Board secondary schools welcome grade 7 and 8 students along with their families to open houses this fall for an opportunity to meet some of the staff, check out school facilities and learn more about the various programs, services and activities available as you prepare for a Catholic secondary school education.

The following open houses are scheduled for Etobicoke area secondary schools.

**Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 p.m.**

**Michael Power/St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School**  
105 Eringate Drive, Etobicoke

**Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.**

**Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School and Regional Arts Centre**  
28 Colonel Samuel Smith Park Way, Etobicoke

**Thursday, October 10, 6:30 p.m.**

**Bishop Allen Academy**  
721 Royal York Road, Etobicoke



### Orange Shirt Day

#### ORANGE SHIRT DAY

*Every Child Matters*



On Monday, September 30th, 2019, St. Gregory recognized Orange Shirt Day, which is a national movement that invites all Canadians to wear orange shirts to acknowledge the history of residential schools, and to stand in solidarity with Indigenous peoples.

Thank you to all St. Gregory's staff and students who wore orange shirts to recognize the

issue of residential schools and for making a collective effort to ensure that every child matters.

## YEAR TWO OF PASTORAL PLAN

### ROOTED IN CHRIST: WE BELIEVE

We acknowledge that our belonging to God also shapes our perspectives on what we do and how we do it. As a community of believers, we celebrate Christ who is always present with us as the source and summit of our Christian life. Christ is present as the one around whom we build relationships; we celebrate our dignity, heal our differences, reconcile conflicts and move on to a better future for all.

Around him, we build a community of disciples united in love. The tree symbolizes that this relationship is not one dimensional, but has both vertical and horizontal dimensions, mirroring the Cross. Therefore, our belief connects us to the two sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation.

As people of faith, we must believe in who we are. These perspectives help to define our beliefs in Catholic values, family values and ultimately, belief in our Catholic education system.



Our core beliefs begin developing in childhood, so consider the following tips for influencing your child's beliefs about him/herself:

1. **Praise positive character traits** that you witness in action (e.g., if you see your child comforting an upset sibling or friend, remark that the child is a caring person).
2. **Praise effort rather than result.** When you praise hard work your child will feel capable and will believe that hard work pays off.
3. **If you hear the words "I can't,"** encourage the child to remember a time when he/she accomplished something else that was challenging.
4. **When you hear a negative statement from your child,** help him/her to write down the reasons the belief might not be true.
5. **Remember: "the way we talk to our children becomes their inner voice"** (Peggy O'Mara).

(Sources: [PsychologyToday.com](http://PsychologyToday.com); [Allparenting.com](http://Allparenting.com))

### ST. GREGORY SAFE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

St. Gregory is looking for two parent representatives for our Safe Schools committee.

The Safe Schools Team strives to foster student achievement and well-being by providing all students with a safe, healthy learning environment. One of the ways we can achieve this goal is by using a whole-school approach to develop and nurture a positive school climate.

Please contact our Vice Principal Ms. Prete at St. Gregory – 416-393-5262 by **Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** if you are interested in joining our team

## World Mental Health Day

October 10, 2019

Each year the World Health Organization Acknowledges and Celebrates “World Mental Health Day” in October. World Mental Health Day provides us with an opportunity to reach out to those who may need support, raise awareness, and decrease stigma, or to learn more about mental health and mental illness. Resources from the World Health Organisation can be found at

[http://www.who.int/mental\\_health/world-mental-health-day/en/](http://www.who.int/mental_health/world-mental-health-day/en/)

World Mental Health Day also provides our TCDSB community with an opportunity to review our own TCDSB Mental Health Crisis Response Guidelines which are found on our TCDSB Mental Health page

<https://intranet.tcdsb.org/Departments/SpecialEducation/mentalhealth/Pages/Resources-for-Teachers.aspx>

Developed by TCDSB Psychology and Social Work Staff in consultation with school administrators, the TCDSB Mental Health Crisis Response Guidelines offer excellent, evidence-based strategies and procedures for schools to consider when experiencing the aftermath of an event that results in mental health upset.

For our students, staff, and parents, World Mental Health Day provides us with an opportunity to check in with each other and reflect on how we might be able to make our schools Mentally Healthy and Well. For more information on programs and resources supporting student mental health and well-being see

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/mhs/Pages/Mental-Health-Strategy.aspx>

If you have questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Melissa.Hanlon@tcdsb.org](mailto:Melissa.Hanlon@tcdsb.org)

Sincerely,  
Melissa Hanlon  
TCDSB Mental Health leader

## TCDSB MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

### Transition Back to School

Returning to school can elicit a mixed bag of emotions for students. While it may be exciting to think about reuniting with school friends or upcoming events that will take place this year, there may also be some anxiety around new routines and expectations, academic work, or peer dynamics. Transitioning back to school may be particularly challenging for students with learning disabilities and/or mental health struggles. Here are a few tips to ensure a good start to the new academic year for all:

1. **Express excitement** about the new school year and highlight upcoming opportunities or activities.
2. **Encourage your child to self-reflect** on last school year in order to set goals for this year (e.g., which goals were met; what was difficult; what worked?). Set new goals and discuss manageable steps to work towards the goals.
3. **Encourage your child to get involved** in teams, clubs, or other extra-curricular activities. This type of involvement can foster a sense of belonging and increase self-esteem.
4. **Establish collaborative relationships** with your child's teacher(s) and other members of his/her support team (e.g., resource teacher, EA, CYW) early in the school year. Set up a meeting or a phone call and discuss your child's strengths, needs, and goals.
5. **Discuss expectations about homework and study times.** Involve your child in setting up an appropriate homework space and/or a portable homework “kit” with needed supplies.
6. **Involve your child in creating a schedule** that includes getting enough sleep, outdoor exercise, and boundaries around screen time.

(Source: TCDSB Mental Health Newsletter)

### Getting Back to a Sleep Routine

After enjoying late summer nights and having little routine in place throughout the day, it can often be a struggle to get back into a sleep schedule. Good sleep hygiene supports us in feeling re-energized for those early morning wake-ups and fueled throughout the school day. Here are 3 easy ways to improve your sleep (for both parents and kids!):

**Maintain a regular schedule** – ensure you are going to sleep and waking up at the same time every day. As you are building this habit, it might be useful to keep a sleep log to track timing until your body clock gets used to a consistent pattern.

**Choose a relaxing sleep time activity** – refrain from using screen time including computer, phone, or TV as a go-to bedtime ritual. These devices will only stimulate alertness in the mind and make it more difficult to fall asleep. Instead, try going for a walk, talking to a friend, or reading a book to promote relaxation.

**Spend less time in bed** – this includes staying in bed after your alarm goes off in the morning, and when you find yourself awake or unable to sleep at night. During these times, it can often be helpful to leave the bedroom until your mind has quieted down. If you find your mind is still racing, try falling asleep or waking up to a mindfulness/meditation exercise, relaxing sounds, or a story. Some of my personal favourites are available on the free version of an app called *Calm*. Sleep well!  
(Written by: School Social Worker Amanda Costabile)

(Source: National Sleep Foundation)

## WE DAY



On September 19th, the grade 8 members of St. Gregory's ME to WE Team, had the opportunity to attend WE Day at the Scotia Bank Arena. The students were fortunate to hear from a variety of performers and inspirational speakers that provided the WE Team with innovative ideas and messages to help lead our school team and make a difference.

- Ms. Beltrano (Grade 7 Teacher)

WE day works to empower youth to be drivers of social change. It is built on the belief that everyone has the power to make a difference and that when we act together, we can transform the world. Our model of youth empowerment challenges young people to act with intention and lead with compassion by connecting them to society's most pressing issues at home and globally, and then helping them find their passion for change. WE Day is a celebration of their actions.

- [we.org](http://we.org)



## SOAR SECONDARY

### -ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF GRADE 8 STUDENTS-

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, **SECSOAR.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 online application, please visit the TCDSB 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.

## TERRY FOX RUN/WALK 2019



Terry Fox is recognized around the world as a hero but more importantly as a Canadian who inspired others with his faith in miracles and compassion for cancer patients. He continues to inspire the staff and students at St. Gregory. We were pleased to participate in our own event honouring Terry for the 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

On September 24, 2019 the sun was shining when the students and teachers enthusiastically took part in our school Run/Walk! Together, in the true spirit of "Terry Fox Generosity" we raised a **grand total of**

**\$5751.90**. Our goal this year was to raise \$3000.00 From on-line donations, Toonies for Terry, and our Terry Fox T-shirt raffle we exceeded our goal. For the first time ever we almost doubled the amount we set out to raise! The Terry Fox Foundation will be thrilled with the amount of money we collected. What an amazing accomplishment to be proud of! Well done and congratulations to us all. We look forward to doing it all again next September.

A big thank you to Ms. Ceddia, Ms. Hetmanczuk, Ms. Pires, Ms. Caruana, Ms. Yetman, Ms. Quartarone Ms. Martino, Ms. Mantella, and Ms. Marinelli for organizing this year's Terry Fox events.



## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Drivers are asked to be aware of students in both the school parking lot and the church parking lot.

Motorists meeting a school bus with red lights must stop unless on a highway divided by a median strip.

Motorists overtaking a stopped school bus must stop at least 20 meters before reaching the bus. Motorist may proceed only after the bus resumes motion or the lights have ceased flashing. The law applies everywhere regardless of the post speed limit.

### ***Student Expectations***

Be at the pickup point on time. Drivers cannot wait for latecomers. Wait in a single file well away from the roadway until the driver stops the bus, then board the bus in orderly fashion. The driver is in charge of the bus and must be listened to at all times.

Sit where the drivers tell you (Follow the Bus Seating Plan) and remain seated for the duration of your trip.

Be quiet and behave sensibly. Playing under the seat, standing on the seat or in the aisle, fighting, throwing objects and other inappropriate behavior is not allowed and can affect the safety of all bus passengers.

Keep your belongings on your lap or under the seat; aisle must be left clear.

Don't open bus windows and do not lean out of the windows. Never throw anything inside the bus or out the windows.

Respect the bus equipment. Students will be held responsible for any damages to the vehicle.

Avoid conversation with the driver – the bus driver must be able to focus on driving without distractions while the vehicle is in operation.

Students may leave the bus only at regular stops. If you drop something near or under the bus, notify the driver; don't try to get it yourself.

Cross in front of the bus where the driver can see you. Never cross the road behind a school bus.



## HELP WANTED: LUNCH SUPERVISORS

St. Gregory's is in need of **lunch supervisors**. This position would require you to work from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. every day of the week for the school year. If you are interested in this position or have any questions, please contact the vice principal, Ms. Prete at 416-393-5262.



## STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Transportation for elementary students is dependent on the distance away from the school and if a transportation area has been defined for the school.

Students must live 1.5 km away from the school and reside within an approved transportation area in order to be eligible for transportation.

General transportation inquiries can be made at 416-394-4BUS or [transportation@torontoschoolbus.org](mailto:transportation@torontoschoolbus.org). Parents are responsible for their children's safety before they board their school bus, and after they are dropped off in the afternoon.

While on the bus, students are responsible to the school principal for their conduct. Transportation privileges may be revoked if a student's behavior creates problems and results in distracting the driver. Drivers will inform school administration of student behavior difficulties. If the challenging behavior is persistent, students may have their bus privileges suspended. The length of the suspension varying with the severity of the incident/s.

If transportation privileges are revoked it becomes the parent's responsibility to transport the child to and from school for the duration of the suspension.

Parents are also responsible for transporting their children to and from school in cases of inclement weather or mechanical difficulty. If transportation arrangements for your child need to be changed, the Board requires at least 7 days' notice.

## CSPC MEMBERSHIP

Catholic School Parent Council elections were held at the first CSPC meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>. The members of the CSPC Council for the 2019-2020 School Year are:

### **2019-2020 Parent Council**

1. Diana Morrone
2. Jennifer Pyz
3. Christina Sachanowicz
4. Maria Skinner
5. Lisa Tarasca
6. Kathy Fenech
7. Sebastian Spio-Garbrah
8. Monika Boszormenyiova
9. Kristina Beintner
10. Jessica Ferrari
11. Vanessa Thomas
12. Marjorie Bridger
13. Phil Vokins
14. Susan Rowlison
15. Daniella Del Rosso
16. Celia Goncalves

### **Executive Council**

Secretary - Kristina Beintner  
Treasurer- Jessica Ferrari  
Vice - Chair - Phil Vokins  
Chair- Sebastian Spio-Garbrah

### **Next Parent Council Meeting**

Parents are invited to attend the next CSPC meeting on:

**Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in the staff room.

### **Budget Meeting**

The CSPC Budget Subcommittee meeting will be held on Wednesday, **October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7: 00 p.m.** in the staffroom.

## OAPCE NEWS

OAPCE Toronto is the regional affiliate of the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education and their voice in the TCDSB.

The organization ensures value-added input to the TCDSB and the province to improve and enrich the Catholic education of students.

### **The Executive Team of OAPCE-**

**Toronto:** President, OAPCE Provincial and Toronto - **Annalisa Crudo-Perri**  
Vice-President, OAPCE Director East--  
**Jana Seymour**  
Executive Secretary - **Natalia Marriott**  
Executive Treasurer - **Luisa Polidoro**

### **Directors**

OAPCE Director Central - **Joe Fiorante**  
OAPCE Director West - **Nick Giovanelli**  
OAPCE Director East - **Jana Seymour**

### **OAPCE Meeting Dates**

*(Meetings are held at 7 pm at the CEC, 80 Sheppard Ave. E in the Catholic Teachers Centre, 3rd floor)*

**Tuesday October 1, 2019**

**Tuesday December 3, 2019**

All meeting agendas can be found at:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/OAPCE-Toronto/Meetings/Pages/default.aspx>

## CPIC NEWS

### **CPIC Elections 2019**

The Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) is a parent-led and Ministry of Education funded, parent volunteer organization within the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) mandated by Regulation 612/00 of Ontario's Education Act.

CPIC's purpose is to improve student academic achievement and well-being by supporting, encouraging and enhancing meaningful parent engagement system-wide at the TCDSB. CPIC focuses on matters that affect more than one school and supports the Catholic School Parent Councils (CSPC) of TCDSB schools.

Our parent community is always our priority during this back to school period, so this is a quick reminder that elections for the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) will take place during the first week of October.

Parent engagement remains one of the top priorities for the Toronto Catholic District School Board. We value the involvement of our parents in the education of their children, and for the many ways that they support student success and many events and activities in our school communities throughout the year.

Dates and election information coming soon at:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/parentinvolvement/cpicelections/pages/default.aspx>

## 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 (SECISOAR.TCDSB.ORG)

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## 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 21, 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))