

Examples: Ways for schools to commemorate International Women’s Day

- Annual Women’s Day excursion for all girls in specific grades
- All females dress as heroes/role models
- Announcements related to International Women’s Day
- Morning prayer and reflection with focus on International Women’s Day
- Inclusion of International Women’s Day in the school calendar, staff newsletter and parent newsletter prior to March 8th to inform community of events
- Inclusion of International Women’s Day in parent newsletter after March 8th describing and depicting events that occurred
- Principal encourages each classroom to participate by creating their own celebration or having activities/lessons focused on IWD that raise awareness for both boys and girls
- Student created announcements outlining the history and traditions of the day
- Student created announcements about the importance of the women in their lives
- Student Leadership workshops for girls
- Train Student Female Leaders to run workshops for girls in local elementary schools
- Gender Justice Week - entire week dedicated to women and gender issues (issues change every year)
- Each member of the school community creates an action card and commits to the action by signing the card
- Fundraising activities for charity that supports women (sell buttons, bake sale, civvies day, etc)
- Poster campaigns - student created posters on display for month of March
- School exterior signage and internal notice boards updated with messages related to IWD
- Mother Daughter Wellness Tea
- Prayer service / liturgy organized by female students
- Guest speaker for an assembly - motivational women (local women CEOs, parents, etc)
- Female students attended a special event within the TCDSB (eg. Power to Girls Conference, possible CSLIT sponsored event, etc)
- Used internet searches to get ideas about how to commemorate IWD
- Read aloud for each classroom with focus on strong female main characters and role models in history
- Women guest speakers discussing their career
- Include quotes from famous women in the announcements throughout March
- Attendance at local International Women’s Day events (eg. Old Mill breakfast, etc)
- Create a student committee to plan for IWD
- CSPC can apply for a PRO grant to plan related events for IWD
- Older students create presentations to share with younger students on IWD - ensure that the presentations are culturally sensitive to the community

Appendix B – International Women’s Day

- Inform students of groups or organizations they can join/support in their local area/parish and in the greater community
- Highlight non-traditional careers for women
- Boys attend workshops about gender issues,
- Boys run workshops related to IWD and related issues
- Invite a graduate of the school to speak about their work or career as it relates to IWD
- Showcase female authors
- Highlight female saints
- Spoken word projects related to gender issues, equality, women in leadership, etc
- Special mass for IWD focus on Mary
- Create coffee table books focused on women, gender issues, female role models, female saints, etc
- Review reading lists used in the school to ensure equal representation of women as main characters
- Nominate a graduating student for the TCDSB Sr Evanne Hunter Young Women in Leadership Award
- Create a school award for a female student leader who will be honoured at a school event
- Attend conferences/workshops/presentations offered throughout the year (WENTT- Women Entering Non-Traditional Trades Conference, college events, women in tech, etc)
- School video contest (99 second videos) to raise awareness about IWD and related issues