



Special Education Superintendent Update November 2018

Mental Health

In an effort to raise awareness regarding suicidal thoughts, we've delivered two Safetalk workshops and hope to deliver an additional 3 before the holidays. These workshops are available to all TCDSB employees. SEAC members would also be welcome to attend. We have also delivered an ASIST training in October. All trainings were delivered at full capacity. We will continue to offer on all PD sessions.

We've held two Mental Health Steering Committee and have organized a MH Advisory Committee meeting. SEAC should please select a representative again for this school year.

We are also working together with Student Success to develop a fuller list of approved Mental Health and Well-being speakers. Together with Student Success, we "on-boarded" 24 new elementary schools who will lead Stop the Stigma campaigns in their schools. Each of these schools sent multiple representatives to participate in a full day training hosted by Student Success and Special Services at CEC in October. These new elementary schools join previously committed elementary schools and all secondary schools. We have also planned two Stop the Stigma events - December 3rd (Elementary Schools) and December 5th (Secondary Schools) which will be held at the Chestnut Centre, University of Toronto. Over a dozen mental health speakers will present messages of hope, resilience and well-being at each of these events to hundreds of elementary and secondary school students.

We delivered a "Leading Mentally Healthy Schools" to all school principals and have developed a mental health well-being message for inclusion in parent newsletters.



AUTISM PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Preparing for Life After High School: Transition Workshop for Parents of Adolescents in ME/DD Programs



Supporting Students to Grow and Learn in New Environments

Date: November 10, 2018
Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
Location: 80 Sheppard Avenue East, 3rd floor

Presented by:
Autism Programs and Services – Transition Team
&
School Support Program, Surrey Place Centre
&
Developmental Services Ontario (DSO)

****On-site registration for DSO available! Bring a photocopy of the applicant's Health Card and most recent Psychological Assessment and IEP. ****

Please RSVP to Franca Dellorso, franca.dellorso@tcdsb.org or (416) 222-8282 ext. 2799
Underground parking available. Access is at the rear of the building.



**Toronto Catholic District School Board
ELEMENTARY FULL-TIME / CONGREGATED GIFTED PROGRAMS**

The Toronto Catholic District School Board offers full-time/congregated elementary Gifted Programs for students in Grades 6 to 8 who have an identification of Giftedness. The Congregated Gifted Programs are integrated into the regular school community. Important aspects of the program are curriculum extensions in depth, breadth, and pace, daily continuity of programming, collaboration with like-minded peers, as well as leadership opportunities.

An Information evening will be held for parents/guardians interested in exploring a full-time elementary Gifted Program for their child/children with the exceptionality of Giftedness.

Date: Thursday November 22, 2018.
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: St. Edward Catholic School
1 Botham Rd., North York, ON, M2N 2J6 (Yonge and Sheppard area – close to 401)
Street parking is available after 6:00 pm
Program: 7:00 pm – Welcome presentation in the gym
7:15 pm – Presentations by individual schools – room numbers will be posted
7:45 pm – Repeat of presentations by individual schools – room numbers will be posted

The Student Profile package, which is to be submitted to the Congregated Gifted Program to which you wish to apply, will be distributed at the meeting. The package can also be found on the website of each of the congregated centres and on the TCDSB Gifted website on November 22, 2018.

Thank you,

Central Gifted Team