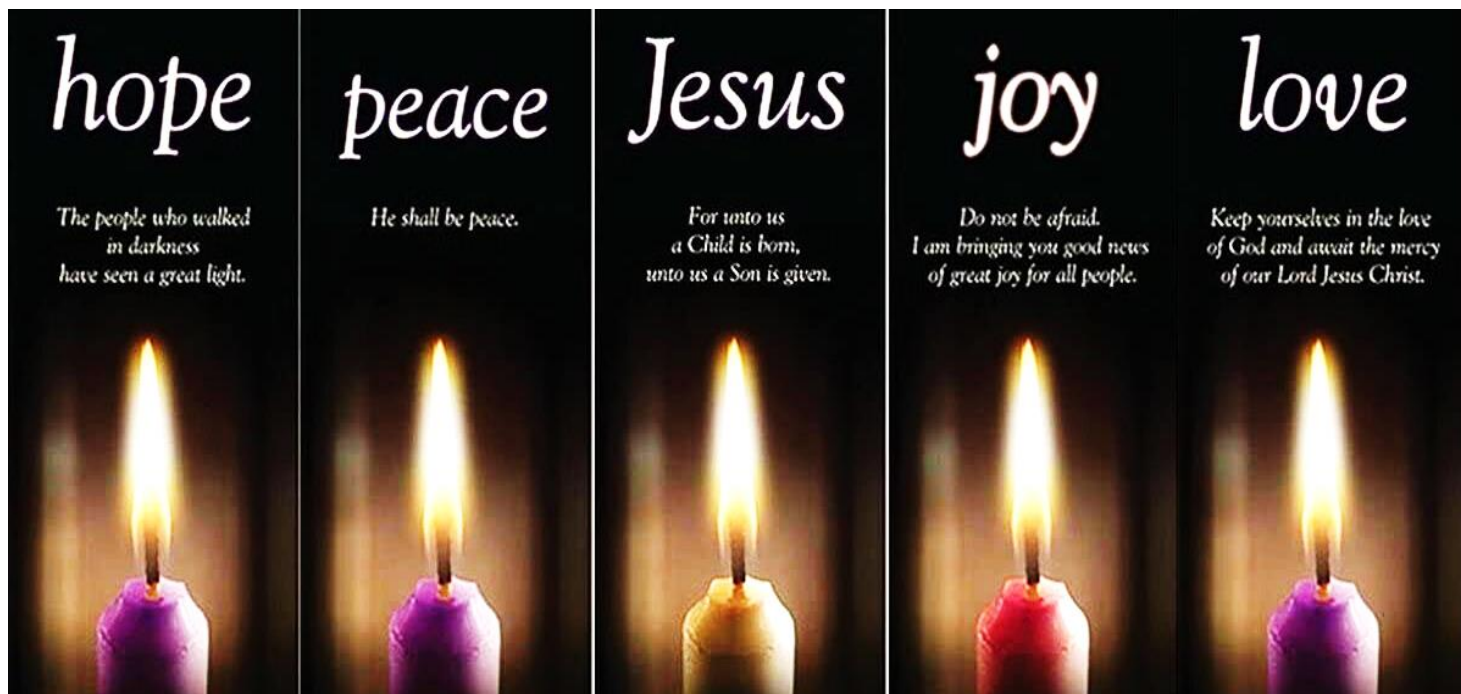


SPECIAL SERVICES

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

DECEMBER 2023



MENTAL HEALTH TEAM

We have begun facilitating the professional learning sessions for Grade 7/8 Mental Health Literacy modules. We continue to offer these learning sessions to educators to help support the implementation of the Grade 7 & 8 mental health literacy modules this school year. We also provided information about these modules and upcoming learning sessions to all our elementary principals at the recent system-wide principal meeting.

We facilitated New Teacher Induction Program educators a workshop on creating an identity-affirming mentally healthy classroom including resources such as [Faith & Wellness](#) classroom resource.

In collaboration with Toronto Public Health, we facilitated our first Mental Health Action Team learning session informing teacher mentors how to recruit student leaders in their schools to implement mental health initiatives. We currently have about 80 elementary and 22 secondary schools participating in this board-wide mental health campaign.

We facilitated a workshop on [Nurturing Self-Compassion](#) at the Safe Schools Symposium to 180 elementary and 300 secondary students.

TRANSITION TEAM

On Saturday November 25, 2023 our Transition Team facilitated a Parent/Student workshop entitled, Preparing for Life After High School. The workshop provided information to families of students in our Intensive Support Programs. Invitations to the event were provided directly to families through their local schools.

Members from Surrey Place, Disabilities Services of Ontario (DSO) and the Passport Program also shared valuable supports that are offered for families and students.

The event was well-attended and well-received. Thank you to the members of our Transition Team for their dedication, time, and effort.



PSYCHOLOGY TEAM

Working with our Empower Leads, Psychology has facilitated the delivery of training on the Empower reading intervention to 100 teachers. In collaboration with research, we have collected pre -data to monitor the outcomes for the students who are receiving the Empower program. Post-data collection will occur following program completion. The data collection instrument has not been changed for this school year and is currently being reviewed.

SOCIAL WORK TEAM



The Social Work Team sponsors an Angel Tree at the Catholic Education Centre annually to receive donations to support families in need in our TCDSB communities. This provides an opportunity to reflect with gratitude on the blessings that we each receive while reaching out with compassion to the TCDSB families. We want to remind all of our students and families that we hold them in our thoughts and prayers during this Advent Season and always.

