



REPORT TO

GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

DAYS OF RECOGNITION

Why is one day more important than another, when all the daylight in the year is from the sun? - Sirach 33:7

Drafted	Meeting Date
May 24, 2024	June 4, 2024
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INFORMATION REPORT	

Vision: *IN GOD'S IMAGE: Growing in Knowledge, with Justice and Hope.*

Mission: *Nurturing the faith development and academic excellence of our Catholic learning community through the love of God, neighbour, and self.*



MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN
2022 - 2025

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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In response to an item on the GAP pending list, staff are providing an update and seeking clarification on next steps.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 1 hour.

B. PURPOSE

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C. BACKGROUND

1. At the Regular Board meeting on March 24, 2022, the Board deferred debate on a notice of motion seeking recognition of a new day to the Student Achievement and Well-Being meeting on April 5, 2022. At that time, it was also requested that staff come back with information about days of recognition.
2. At the Student Achievement and Well-Being meeting on April 5, 2022, staff presented an information report on Days of Recognition (*see Appendix A*) and the Board approved: “This report be referred to GAP to be used in the formation of a draft policy on days and months of recognition, dedication and/or commemoration in the TCDSB; and Staff provide a summary of the dates and months of dedication to the Governance and Policy Committee.”
3. On April 19, 2022, at the GAP meeting, the Days of Recognition report was received and referred to staff.
4. Following a review of Ontario school boards, there are no policies for days of recognition, as they are identified using numerous sources including the Ministry of Education’s school year calendar; Catholic/liturgical days of celebration/recognition; other major religious holidays; Board proclaimed days/heritage months; and international, [federal](#) and [provincial](#) days of celebration/commemoration.
5. Staff continue to review the calendar regularly to ensure days of recognition reflect and represent the diversity of our student body.
6. Approximately 165 days of recognition and heritage months are captured.

D. CONCLUDING STATEMENT

This report is for the information of the Board of Trustees.