



Director's Monthly Report

June 2024

There are so many exciting events, activities, opportunities, and milestones in the month of June in every community throughout the city. From athletic events to artistic performances, culminating activities, reports, and exams, our schools are buzzing with student learning and leadership.

We are always proud of our students achievements and successes, which is highlighted in June with graduations from elementary and secondary schools. Our elementary students complete their ten years of education as elementary students and look forward to the exciting transition to our secondary schools.

In a very special way, we celebrate the graduation/convocation ceremonies for our secondary students this year as they walk across the stage for the first time, having missed their elementary graduations in 2020 due to the onset of the pandemic. These students have lived through the most extraordinary times from the end of their elementary careers to quadesters, social distancing, remote learning, and a gradual return to in-person learning by their mid-secondary careers. Their graduation at the end of June provides an important moment for these students and their families to celebrate. I look forward to doing so this June in a very special way.

The end of the academic year is the culmination and celebration of the tremendous commitment and support of our staff throughout the system, and the wonderful parent and community partnerships that make our communities so special. Thank you for your contributions to our students' academic, personal, and spiritual success.

The summer months provide the opportunity to slow down and connect with family and friends. I wish all staff, students, parents, and community members the very best for a healthy, happy, and safe summer. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for a new academic year.

Highlights from **June** include:

Celebrating **Faithfulness** as the **Virtue of the Month for June** and recognizing important observances such as: The Sacred Heart of Jesus, National Indigenous History Month, Filipino Canadian Heritage Month, Portuguese Canadian Heritage Month, Italian Canadian Heritage Month, Pride Month; Canadian Armed Forces Day, Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, World Environment Day (UN), Portugal Day, Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, All Saints Day, Filipino Heritage Day, Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Father's Day, World Sickle Cell Day, World Refugee Day, National Indigenous Peoples Day, Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul (Apostles), Red and White Day, and the last day of the school year.

- Along with Senior staff meeting with **Toronto Public Health** to discuss joint public health and education priorities in our evolving endemic world
- Along with the Chair, Senior Staff, and TCDSB schools welcoming and delivering greetings at the Culminating Celebration and Launch of our **new three-year Pastoral Plan for 2024-2027**
- Attending **St. Luigi Catholic Elementary School's 50th Anniversary Mass and blessing** of the school's garden
- Attending and delivering greetings at the **Toronto Catholic Principals' and Vice Principals' Association (TCPVA) Annual Awards Dinner**
- Meeting with Directors from across the GTA at the Summer **Regional Educational Council Meeting**
- Along with the Chair and Senior Staff, attending and delivering greetings at the **Alpha Education Celebration Gala Dinner** - ALPHA Education's mission is a commitment to humanity and global peace. This commitment is achieved through four strategic directions: engaging students and educators, empowering youth, supporting research, and connecting with communities
- Visiting **St. Andre Catholic Elementary School**
- Attending the **Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – Celebration of the Eucharist ~livestream** as we continue to pray for peace in the world, please join us in celebration of the Eucharist as we recognize the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- Along with the Chair delivering greetings at the **TCDSB and Angel Foundation Annual Year-End Mass and Awards Event** – recognizing student recipients of the Angel Foundation Tom Leon Bursary Award and Catherine Templeton Award.
- Presenting the **TCSDB Innovation Exemplary Practice Awards** with local trustees, and local superintendents:
 - Bishop MacDonnell Catholic Elementary School
 - Cardinal Carter of the Arts
 - Loretto Abbey Catholic Secondary School
 - St. Aidan Catholic Elementary School
 - St. Charles Garnier Catholic Elementary School
 - St. Dorothy Catholic Elementary School
 - St. Edmund Campion Catholic Elementary School
 - St. Jane Frances Catholic Elementary School
 - St. Joseph's Morrow Park Secondary School
 - St. Margaret Catholic Elementary School
 - St. Paschal Baylon Catholic Elementary School

- Bringing greetings on behalf of the **TCDSB at the graduation ceremony** to the Graduates of:
 - Chaminade College School
 - Loretto Abbey Catholic Secondary School
 - Michael Power/St. Joseph High School
 - Monsignor Fraser College School

- Contributing to the provincial priorities and curriculum focused on student mental health as part of the **Director's Provincial Mental Health Steering Committee**

- **Meeting with Catholic Directors, particularly Catholic Directors from neighbouring GTA Catholic School Boards** in support of best practices, shared issues, solutions, and advocacy throughout Catholic education in Ontario