

April Student Trustee Board Report
Update from the Student Trustees:



- Ruben and JoyGold met with all of the Student Trustee candidates to help them to prepare for the upcoming elections. 8 Candidates will be running for the role of Student Trustee and presenting speeches at the next General Assembly in April.
- Ruben and JoyGold are currently planning for the April General Assembly which will be held on Tues. April 29th. Student Trustee Elections will also be held during this meeting.
- Ruben attended and volunteered for Chair De Domenico's Emerging Young Artists Event which happened at Michael Power. It was a spectacular event full of amazing art in many different mediums.
- Ruben attended this year's SMILE Camp hosted by CSLIT and the Catholic Student Leadership Department. He mentored one of 6 family groups, 2 of which were elementary, 4 were secondary. Ruben is forever grateful for the learning experience and many memories shared throughout the 3 day overnight event. He is excited to participate again next year.
- Ruben, the CSLIT Directors of Equity and the Equity Department planned and hosted the *Inclusion and Belonging* retreat which happened on April 23rd at the CEC. It was an all day event which promoted 2SLGBTQIA+ inclusivity and education among GSA groups, staff and students. Ruben had the honor of being a part of the discussion panel and shared experiences that 2SLGBTQIA+ students face on a daily basis.
- Ruben attended the ECSLIT West meeting at Regina Mundi and was invited to be on a panel to talk to elementary students on what high school is like and how they can be successful.

- Ruben has successfully implemented his pillar of focus to Catholic Student Trustees from across the GTHA to promote faith development within different school boards. Student Trustees across the province will have the opportunity to lead faith activities, create professional development, make prayers, and promote faith and social justice throughout their student leadership groups.

CSLIT EXECUTIVE TEAM:

Elementary:

- Darwin, co-director of Elementary Affairs, hosted the last ECSLIT West meeting of the year at Regina Mundi. With the majority of ECSLIT schools attending Camp Olympia in May, there will be no May ECSLIT meetings. However there will be an all day ECSLIT retreat in June.
- This month, the guest speakers for ECSLIT composed of a panel of CSLIT Executives and former Student Trustee Kathy Nguyen. The theme of the panel was “how to be successful in high school.” Panel members provided tips for ECSLIT students to better help them transition into grade 9.
- ECSLIT students are excited for May’s overnight leadership camps at Olympia.

Faith:

- Director of Faith, Vianca, attended the Lift Jesus Higher Rally in downtown Toronto, at the end of March. Various members of the CSLIT Executive attended including representatives of different TCDSB high schools. It was an extremely powerful experience which included Eucharistic adoration, praise and worship, guest speakers, and other faith-based activities. We thank Superintendent George Danfulani and Trustee Tanuan for attending.

- Vianca is actively planning a Jubilee Youth Event with teachers and administrators from Cardinal Carter and St. John Paul II. More details will be released in our next report. The event will be taking place at the beginning of June.
- Vianca continues to post Friday faith facts on the CSLIT Instagram, focusing on events in the Liturgical calendar.
- Vianca will be posting about the Easter Triduum on social media starting Thursday, April 17.
- Vianca attended SMILE Camp with other members of CSLIT Exec. This year's SMILE camp had a faith focus. All student participants walked away with an increased level of knowledge about our faith allowing them to develop a closer relationship with God.

Equity:

- The Directors of Equity are finalizing small details surrounding the *Inclusion and Belonging Retreat*, which will take place on April 23rd, 2025. They are excited that this event is returning for TCDSB students.
- Faizat and Nydel continue to meet with the Equity Department and Mr. Consul as the event date approaches. Faizat and Nydel will be hosting the event and have played an integral role in planning the day. Their Equity subcommittee will also play a huge role during the event.
- Faizat and Nydel have begun meeting with the Equity Department to discuss the upcoming BSA Symposium.
- Nydel attended SMILE Camp with other members of our CSLIT Executive. It was an extremely powerful overnight experience. The activities, topics, and conversation allowed her to strengthen her faith and learn more about our religion.

Social Affairs:

- The Directors of Social Affairs, Shanti and Cristoffe, plan to host an Easter Egg Hunt at the upcoming April GA. It will be a fun and festive community activity.
- Shanti and Cristoffe, continue to plan for other upcoming events like CSLIT's Semi-Formal and CSLIT Cultural Day.
- Shanti and Cristoffe are working closely with their subcommittee to prepare new, engaging initiatives to increase CSLIT involvement to segments of the student body that do not normally participate in CSLIT events.
- Cristoffe attending SMILE Camp with other members of our CSLIT Executive. It was an amazing experience to witness a group of Catholic student leaders grow as a faith community while deepening their understanding and relationship with Jesus.

Social Justice:

- The Directors of Social Justice continue to work out the logistics of their Women's Safety Workshop projected to be held in June.
- Sarah and Anissa have discussed plans for funding the Social Justice Action fund with the Angel Foundation's Communications and Outreach Officer.
- They have discussed a potential collaboration with the Directors of Social Affairs to have a CSLIT Cultural Day.

Public Relations:

- Public Relations has continued to diligently promote events and initiatives through social media

- Public Relations is working with the Directors of Equity to promote the Inclusion and Belonging retreat on April 23rd at the CEC
- Public Relations will continue to promote to schools with lower attendance to attend future General Assemblies

Charity:

- The Directors of Charity continue to collect toiletry donations to hand out at the Downtown Service Trip, which will happen later this month.
- Ralph and Sofia are working closely with the Meagan Bebeneck Foundation to promote a volunteer opportunity for students.

Administrative Affairs

- Director of Administrative Affairs, Stephnie, is working closely with the Student Trustees and Mr. Consul to plan the upcoming *Student Trustee Elections*, taking place at Cardinal Carter. She is currently in the process of finalising the itinerary, creating slides, managing logistics and making sure the election process goes smoothly.
- Stephnie has created a CSLIT General Assembly Summary Report, which contains data on the GA attendance of all 33 high schools across the TCDSB during the 2024-2025 academic school year. This data will be utilised to strengthen attendance for upcoming GAs.
- Stephnie is managing orders for the Catholic Student Leadership Apparel initiative. All money raised will be donated to the Angel Foundation for Learning to allow them to further support our students.
- Stephnie serves as the primary liaison between the Student Trustees and all members of the CSLIT Executive Team. She has been actively supporting CSLIT Executive members and subcommittees with their upcoming

initiatives, providing assistance with promotion, organising logistics, and communications.