

Special Education Superintendent Update

November 2016



SPECIAL SERVICES

AUTISM

Autism Department is running a 3 day Kindergarten Course in November and that we are running a parent workshop with Surrey Place Centre on Nov. 19 at the CEC entitled, Preparing for Life After High School: Transition Workshop for Parents of Children in ME/DD Programs. The target audience are parents and staff of students in Gr. 10 or higher. Flyer attached.



AUTISM PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

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



Supporting Students to Grow and Learn in New Environments

**Date: November 19, 2016 Location: 80 Sheppard Avenue East,
Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon**

Presented by:

**Autism Programs and Services – Transition Team
&
School Support Program, Surrey Place Centre**

**Please RSVP to Franca Dellorso, franca.dellorso@tcdsb.org
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SECTION 23

The Section 23 program for students requiring care and treatment in order to be supported academically underwent several location changes for the 2016-2017 school year. Firstly the secondary program in partnership with CCAS moved from Senhor Santo Cristo to the new Pope Francis. Secondly, our elementary classroom for students with social/emotional issues that is partnered with the Child Development Institute has moved to Stella Maris. Finally, we have expanded our partnership with North York General Hospital to add a day treatment classroom to our existing inpatient classroom. The new class is located at NYGH Branson site and at Finch and Bathurst.

Speech and Language

- The SLP department hosted a one day, interactive workshop for kindergarten teachers and ECEs on October 27th at St. Maximillian Kolbe. Teacher/ECE teams participated in round-table discussions and case studies to identify effective teaching strategies to support students' oral communication skills.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing

- The D/HH department offered a workshop on November 3rd for classroom teachers. The workshop focused on strategies to support D/HH students in the regular classroom. A parent and a student who is D/HH participated on a panel discussion, sharing their experiences and offering the workshop participants insight into their personal journey.
- D/HH students from St. Raymond, Sts. Cosmas and Damian, and Dante Alighieri Academy celebrated a special mass with Canada's first Deaf priest, Father Matthew Hysell, on November 4th, 2016 at St. Raymond.