

# *IT STARTS*

## *in the Schools*



*October 2013*

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>October 1</b>	<b>Blessed Cardinal Newman</b> 100 Brimley Road South, Scarborough <b>416.393.5519</b>	<b>Professional Sport/Fitness Testing Circuit</b> North American Sport Testing Inc will monitor a series of tests to assess and evaluate students' fitness levels in grade 10, 11, 12. <b>8:30 a.m.</b>
<b>October 2</b>	<b>TCDSB - Boardwide</b> <b>Catholic Education Centre (CEC)</b> 80 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto <b>416.222.8282</b>	<b>Workshop for Catholic School Advisory Council Members and School Administrators</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>October 2</b>	<b>Blessed Cardinal Newman</b> 100 Brimley Road South, Scarborough <b>416.393.5519</b>	<b>Scartrek Charity Walk Kick off Assembly</b> Funds raised at this year's walk will support the Canadian Jesuits International's appeal for Syria. Guest speaker Kristi Tasala (Youth Outreach Coordinator of Canadian Jesuits International) will discuss their efforts to aid Syrian refugees. Two assemblies will be held at the school to launch the walk at: <b>9:35 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.</b>
<b>October 2</b>	<b>St. Patrick</b> 49 Flestead Avenue, Toronto <b>416.393.5546</b>	<b>Mass Celebration with His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins</b> St. Brigid's Parish (300 Waverleagh Blvd) <b>10:45 a.m.</b>
<b>October 5</b>	<b>TCDSB - Boardwide</b> 80 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto <b>416.222.8282</b>	<b>World Teachers' Day</b>

<b>October 5</b>	<b>TCDSB - Boardwide</b> <b>St. Michael's College</b> 81 St. Mary Street, <b>Toronto</b> and <b>Loretto College</b> 70 St. Mary Street, <b>Toronto</b>	<b>Doors of Hope featured at Scotiabank</b> <b>Nuit Blanche 2013</b> An exhibition of doors created by students to celebrate the works of Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Toronto and TCDSB's year of hope <b>Dusk 'til dawn</b>
<b>October 6</b>	<b>Madonna</b> 20 Dubray Avenue, <b>North York</b> <b>416.393.5506</b>	<b>50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b> <b>10 a.m. to 4 p.m.</b>
<b>October 7</b>	<b>St. Dominic Savio</b> 50 Tideswell Blvd., <b>Scarborough</b> <b>416-393-5467</b>	<b>Mini We Day Rally</b> In support of Me to We's education initiative in Kenya. Wilson and Jackson, Maasai Warriors from Kenya, will visit the school and give a presentation. The We Day rally will include student speakers, dancers, and various fundraising displays. <b>2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>October 7</b>	<b>St. Anthony</b> 130 Shanly Street, <b>Toronto</b> <b>416.393.5210</b>	<b>Maasai Warriors Presentation</b> Masai Warriors from Kenya will speak to students from grades 1-8 <b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>October 7</b>	<b>TCDSB - Boardwide</b> 80 Sheppard Avenue East, <b>Toronto</b> <b>416.222.8282</b>	<b>Rosary Day</b>
<b>October 7</b>	<b>Holy Rosary</b> 308 Tweedsmuir Avenue, <b>Toronto</b> <b>416.393.5225</b>	<b>Feast Day and Playground Structure Blessing</b> Mass honouring Our Lady of the Rosary followed by playground structure blessing <b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>October 8</b>	<b>Jean Vanier</b> 959 Midland Avenue, <b>Scarborough</b> <b>416.393.5554</b>	<b>Grade 8 Open House</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>October 9</b>	<b>Blessed Cardinal Newman</b> 100 Brimley Road South, <b>Scarborough</b> <b>416.393.5519</b>	<b>Scartrek Charity Walk</b> Charity walk involving staff, students and the greater community. Part of the funds raised are being donated to support Canadian Jesuits International's appeal for Syria.

<b>October 10</b>	<b>St. Brendan</b> 186 Centennial Road, <b>Scarborough</b> <b>416.393.5359</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Food Drive with local Fire Hall</b> Staff and students will create a live food chain that stretches the distance between the school and local fire hall. Staff and students will pass non-perishable food items down the line until they're done. <b>1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>October 10</b>	<b>Holy Rosary</b> 308 Tweedsmuir Avenue, <b>Toronto</b> <b>416.393.5225</b>	<b>Annual Walkathon</b> A portion of the proceeds will go to the Terry Fox Foundation
<b>October 10</b>	<b>St. Anthony</b> 130 Shanly Street, <b>Toronto</b> <b>416.393.5210</b>	<b>Raising Healthy Kids in an Overindulgent World</b> Guest speaker: Dr. Karyn Gordon <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>October 15, 16, 17</b>	<b>TCDSB - Boardwide</b> 80 Sheppard Avenue East, <b>Toronto</b> <b>416.222.8282</b>	<b>Divisional Cross Country Meet North Region and West Region</b> For location information visit: <a href="http://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2013/Pages/Cross-Country-Elementary-Meets-2013.aspx">http://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2013/Pages/Cross-Country-Elementary-Meets-2013.aspx</a>
<b>October 16, 17, 18</b>	<b>TCDSB - Boardwide</b> 80 Sheppard Avenue East, <b>Toronto</b> <b>416.222.8282</b>	<b>Divisional Cross Country Meet South Region and East Region</b> For location information visit: <a href="http://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2013/Pages/Cross-Country-Elementary-Meets-2013.aspx">http://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2013/Pages/Cross-Country-Elementary-Meets-2013.aspx</a>
<b>October 16</b>	<b>St. Nicholas</b> 33 Amarillo Drive, <b>Scarborough</b> <b>416.393.5308</b>	<b>Official Opening and Blessing of new school</b> <b>BBQ: 5:00 p.m.</b> <b>Ceremony: 6:30 p.m.</b> <b>School tour: 7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>October 17</b>	<b>Blessed Pope John Paul II</b> 685 Military Trail, <b>Scarborough</b> <b>416.393.5531</b>	<b>Grade 7-8 Open House</b> For the International Baccalaureate Program <b>7:00 p.m. in the School Library</b>

<b>October 18 - 19</b>	<b>St. Joseph</b> 176 Leslie Street, <b>Toronto</b> <b>416.393.5209</b>	<b>150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b> <b>October 18<sup>th</sup>:</b> Alumni Meet 'N Greet <b>6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.</b> (at St. Joseph Parish Hall, 172 Leslie Street)  <b>October 19<sup>th</sup>:</b> Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Parish Open House at the school <b>11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</b> Dinner/Dance at Legion #10 at 1083 Pape Avenue <b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>October 19</b>	<b>TCDSB - Boardwide</b> <b>Catholic Education Centre (CEC)</b> 80 Sheppard Avenue East, <b>Toronto</b> <b>416.222.8282</b>	<b>Newcomer Conference For Students And Parents</b> Workshops Offered In: English, Spanish/ Portuguese, Chinese, Arabic, Filipino <b>9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</b>  To attend this conference, please register online: <a href="http://www.tcdsb.org/forcommunity/newcomers">www.tcdsb.org/forcommunity/newcomers</a> or call: 416-222-8282 ext. 1888
<b>October 20</b>	<b>St. Joachim</b> 3395 St. Clair Avenue East, <b>Scarborough</b> <b>416.393.5292</b>	<b>50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b> Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church <b>12:00 p.m.</b> Open House at the school <b>2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>October 21</b>	<b>Msgr. Percy Johnson</b> 2170 Kipling Avenue, <b>Etobicoke</b> <b>416.393.5535</b>	<b>Grade 8 Open House</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>October 22</b>	<b>TCDSB - Boardwide</b> 80 Sheppard Avenue East, <b>Toronto</b> <b>416.222.8282</b>	<b>Regional Cross Country Meet for the North Region at Earl Bales Park</b> For location information visit: <a href="http://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2013/Pages/Cross-Country-Elementary-Meets-2013.aspx">http://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2013/Pages/Cross-Country-Elementary-Meets-2013.aspx</a>
<b>October 22</b>	<b>TCDSB - Boardwide</b> 80 Sheppard Avenue East, <b>Toronto</b> <b>416.222.8282</b>	<b>Regional Cross Country Meet for the West Region at Centennial Park</b> For location information visit: <a href="http://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2013/Pages/Cross-Country-Elementary-Meets-2013.aspx">http://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2013/Pages/Cross-Country-Elementary-Meets-2013.aspx</a>
<b>October 22</b>	<b>Don Bosco</b> 2 St. Andrews Blvd., <b>Etobicoke</b> <b>416.393.5525</b>	<b>Grade 8 Open House</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>

<b>October 22</b>	<b>Loretto College</b> 151 Rosemount Avenue, <b>Toronto</b> <b>416.393.5511</b>	<b>Grade 8 Open House</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>October 23</b>	<b>TCDSB - Boardwide</b> 80 Sheppard Avenue East, <b>Toronto</b> <b>416.222.8282</b>	<b>Regional Cross Country Meet for the South Region at Beaches-Boardwalk</b> For location information visit: <a href="http://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2013/Pages/Cross-Country-Elementary-Meets-2013.aspx">http://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2013/Pages/Cross-Country-Elementary-Meets-2013.aspx</a>
<b>October 23</b>	<b>TCDSB - Boardwide</b> 80 Sheppard Avenue East, <b>Toronto</b> <b>416.222.8282</b>	<b>Regional Cross Country Meet for the East Region at Morningside Park</b> For location information visit: <a href="http://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2013/Pages/Cross-Country-Elementary-Meets-2013.aspx">http://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2013/Pages/Cross-Country-Elementary-Meets-2013.aspx</a>
<b>October 23</b>	<b>Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts</b> 36 Greenfield Avenue, <b>North York</b> <b>416.393.5556</b>	<b>Grade 8 Open House</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>October 23</b>	<b>Francis Libermann</b> 4640 Finch Avenue East, <b>Scarborough</b> <b>416.393.5524</b>	<b>Grade 8 Open House</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>October 23</b>	<b>Father Henry Carr</b> 1760 Martin Grove Road, <b>Etobicoke</b> <b>416.393.5521</b>	<b>Grade 8 Open House</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>October 23</b>	<b>St. Joseph's College</b> 74 Wellesley Street, <b>Toronto</b> <b>416.393.5514</b>	<b>Grade 8 Open House</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>October 24</b>	<b>Madonna</b> 20 Dubray Avenue, <b>North York</b> <b>416.393.5506</b>	<b>Grade 8 Open House</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>October 24</b>	<b>Marshall McLuhan</b> 1107 Avenue Road, <b>Toronto</b> <b>416.393.5561</b>	<b>Grade 8 Open House</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>October 24</b>	<b>Father John Redmond</b> 28 Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive, <b>Etobicoke</b> <b>416.393.5540</b>	<b>Grade 8 Open House</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>October 24</b>	<b>St. Patrick</b> 49 Felstead Avenue, <b>Toronto</b> <b>416.393.5546</b>	<b>Grade 8 Open House</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>

<b>October 24</b>	<b>Blessed Pope John Paul II</b> 685 Military Trail, Scarborough <b>416.393.5531</b>	<b>Grade 8 Open House</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>October 26</b>	<b>TCDSB- Boardwide</b> 80 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto <b>416.222.8282</b>	<b>Father Fogerty Students Awards Dinner</b> <b>Toronto Airport Marriott Hotel</b> <b>6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.</b> For further information please contact Morana Galenic at 416-229-5326
<b>October 28</b>	<b>Notre Dame</b> 12 Malvern Avenue, Toronto <b>416.393.5501</b>	<b>Grade 8 Open House</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>October 28</b>	<b>Neil McNeil</b> 127 Victoria Park Avenue, Scarborough <b>416.393.5502</b>	<b>Grade 8 Open House</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>October 28</b>	<b>Blessed Mother Teresa</b> 40 Sewells Road, Scarborough <b>416.393.5538</b>	<b>Grade 8 Open House</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>October 29</b>	<b>Mary Ward</b> 3200 Kennedy Road, Scarborough <b>416.393.5544</b>	<b>Grade 8 Open House</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>October 29</b>	<b>TCDSB – Boardwide</b> 80 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto <b>416.222.8282</b>	<b>Cross Country City Wide</b> <b>Championships</b> <b>at Earl Bales Park in North York</b> For location information visit: <a href="http://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2013/Pages/Cross-Country-Elementary-Meets-2013.aspx">http://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2013/Pages/Cross-Country-Elementary-Meets-2013.aspx</a>
<b>October 30</b>	<b>Blessed Cardinal Newman</b> 100 Brimley Road South, Scarborough <b>416.393.5519</b>	<b>Grade 8 Open House</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>October 30</b>	<b>Michael Power/St. Joseph</b> 105 Eringate Drive, Etobicoke <b>416.393.5529</b>	<b>Grade 8 Open House</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>October 30</b>	<b>St. Basil-the-Great</b> 20 Starview Lane, North York <b>416.393.5513</b>	<b>Grade 8 Open House</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>October 30</b>	<b>St. Joseph's Morrow Park</b> 3379 Bayview Avenue, North York <b>416.393.5516</b>	<b>Grade 8 Open House</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>

**October 31**

**Loretto Abbey**  
101 Mason Blvd., **Toronto**  
**416.393.510**

**Halloween 4 Hunger Day**

Organized by the Safe Schools Action Team, students are asked to bring in non-perishable food items or a toonie to donate to The Angel Foundation for Learning

## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

### ST. ROBERT STUDENTS E-PALS

During the 2012/2013 school year, students in **Mr. Iozzo's grade 4/5 class** at **St. Robert Catholic School** engaged in a program called **Epals** - a modern day electronic version of what we commonly refer to as 'Pen Pals'.

The students from **St. Robert's** connected with a **class in New Zealand**, and these students spent the year emailing their new friends back and forth once a week. In doing so, all students involved learned about each other's culture, their environment, traditional customs, and typical daily life. It was not only a great opportunity to bring media into a grade 5 writing program, but it was an innovative way for all students involved to educate themselves and to encourage global exploration.

On September 10th 2013, one of the students from New Zealand who participated in this Epals program came to visit **St. Robert Catholic School**. The school community was excited to welcome the McDougall family: mom-Carla, dad-John, and sisters Rachel and Emma. Rachel and Emma were welcomed into the classes of **Mrs. Presutto** and **Mr. Iozzo** as they spent the day with Rachel's St. Robert's Epal, **Alessia Prestia**. The girls shared stories, exchanged gifts, engaged in a Skype session with **Holy Spirit in Etobicoke**, participated in a cross country practice, and joined in the school's annual Terry Fox assembly. The students truly enjoyed this once in a lifetime experience where they got to communicate with one another far beyond the monitors of their computer screens.

"Last year Mr. Iozzo's class had an opportunity of writing to an e-pal from New Zealand. I really enjoyed learning about New Zealand through the eyes of someone my age. It was exciting sharing grade four experiences with a friend from across the world. At the beginning of grade five we met face to face when she came for a visit to Canada. It was amazing building a friendship that will last forever." **Alessia Marie Prestia, St. Robert**

"Kia ora, Canadian e-pals,

It was fun doing e-pals. Our class kept sending emails to each other about once a week. We talked about where we live and things we were doing. Our teacher, Miss Cuthbert made it fun, and we learnt a lot about Canada and a few things about New Zealand too. Mid way through the year we had a Canada day event and our class got to make beaver tails and pancakes. We watched the movie *Fly Away Home* and played ice hockey in our socks on the hall floor.

This week my little sister and I had a wonderful day at St Roberts School. We really enjoyed learning the differences between our schools. All the students were kind and caring and my e-pal Alessia was a very helpful friend. My favourite bit was cross country and playing soccer with the class. Emma's best bit was learning about Toronto. Emma and I thought that it was the best day ever. Thanks to everyone for the fantastic day and the gifts. We hope that you learnt some things about New Zealand." E noho ra' **Rachel McDougall, room 6, Napier Central School, New Zealand**





## YALE UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF THE YALE EDUCATOR RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Congratulations to **Sabrina Davis** of **Marshall McLuhan Catholic Secondary School**, recognized by the Yale Office of Undergraduate Admissions as a recipient of the **2013 Yale Educator Award**.

The Yale Educator Recognition Program recognizes outstanding educators from around the world who support and inspire their students to perform at high levels and to achieve excellence. Matriculating students are invited to nominate high school educators, and a committee of Yale admissions officers reviews each nomination individually and designates recipients. Of this year's 210 nominees, who represent 36 states and 13 countries, 52 teachers and 38 counselors were selected to receive the award.

In August, the winners were sent engraved desk sets and congratulatory letters, and administrators of the high schools were notified of their achievement.

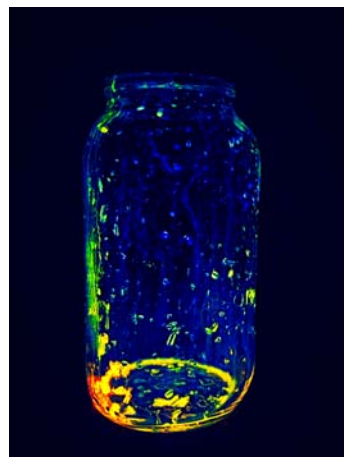
The Yale Admissions Office attributes the exceptional quality of the Yale student body to educators like these, who shape their students long before they attend Yale, and would like to thank these and all educators for their ongoing efforts in motivating and supporting their students.

## THE ART OF PHYSICS COMPETITION

Congratulations to both **Colin Pooran (first place)** and **Paul Fontanilla (honourable mention)** for their entries in **The Art of Physics Competition**. Both students were in **Ms. Murphy's Grade 11 Physic's class** at **Blessed Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School**. The competition is judged by the Canadian Association of Physicists. Students are asked to submit a photo along with an explanation explaining the physics shown in the photo.

Colin Pooran finished first place nationally for his photo on luminescence called "Ready, Set, Glow". Paul Fontanilla received honourable mention for his photo called "Blur" and his explanation of the physics behind the photo showing centrifugal motion. The photos are on display at the Canada Science and Technology Museum in Ottawa, Ontario.

**Ready, Set, Glow by Colin Pooran**



## SPORT/FITNESS TRAINING CIRCUIT AT BLESSED CARDINAL NEWMAN

On September 24, 2013, the **Grade 9 and 10 PHE** students at **Blessed Cardinal Newman** took part in a professional **Sport/ Fitness Testing** circuit. Staff from the North American Sport Testing Inc. monitored a series of tests, with high tech equipment to assess and evaluate the students' fitness levels. On October 1<sup>st</sup>, another group of grade 10/11 and 12 students will have the opportunity for the testing.

The North American Sport Testing Inc. team will return in January to assess and evaluate the students on the same circuit, in order to monitor their individual success. Each student receives a personal e-mail illustrating their individual results, as well as, their results in comparison to other students of their age group within the school and North America.



## SCHOOL YARD BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT AT DON BOSCO

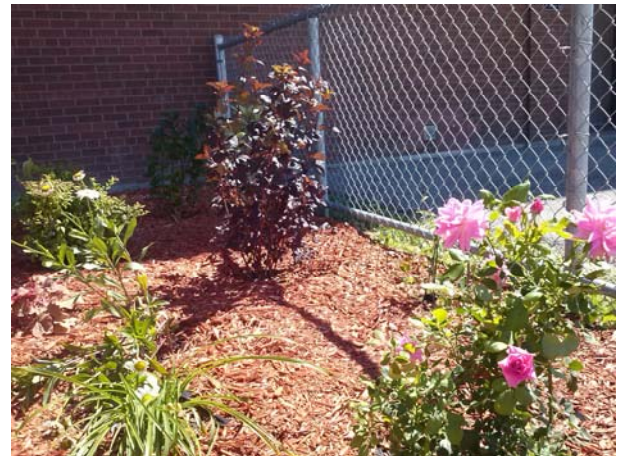
The students and staff at **Don Bosco Catholic Secondary School** volunteered their time over the summer months to beautify the school yard. The end result looks great! Many thanks to staff and student volunteers for their time and talents!



Building new planters



The finished product



## CANADIAN MARTYRS HUMANITARIAN AID FOR SYRIA

Staff and students across the **TCDSB** are doing their part to help all those who have been impacted by the continued devastation in Syria.

On Wednesday, September 25, staff and students at **Canadian Martyrs Catholic School** presented a cheque for Syrian relief in the amount of \$400.00 to the pastor of **Canadian Martyrs Catholic Church, Father Fernando Serrano**. As noted by the Archdiocese, the cheque was made payable to the parish, and designated for Syrian relief.

In addition to the cheque presentation, the school also held a "Toonie Tuesday" fundraising drive to support Syrian Relief on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Students who brought in a donation of two dollars were able to chew gum at school all day long.

Attached is a photo of the cheque presentation. Left to Right: Fr. Fernando Serrano, Lauren Clemens, Student Council member, and Mr. Christopher Collins, grade 8 teacher.





## FATHER HENRY CARR USHERS IN THE YEAR OF HOPE

At **Father Henry Carr** staff and students are using the anchor as a symbol for the **Year of Hope**. The school's Construction Technology teacher **Mr. Joseph Pedro** built a huge anchor which has a flower pot attached to it. Each student received a paper cut in the shape of an anchor. But as **Miles Fernandes, School Chaplain** explains, "this is no ordinary paper, for hidden within the paper were seeds, and hidden within the seed is the HOPE of creation. Unless the seed falls into the ground it remains only a seed, but if it falls and dies, it bears much fruit. It is the same with those who are able to die to "self" in order for God to create something new."

"Lose yourself in me and you will find yourself  
Lose yourself in me and you will find new life  
Lose yourself in me and you will find NEW HOPE  
And you will live, yes; you will live in my love."

Mr. Fernandes explains that "hope is not wishful thinking but believing in the promise of God, a promise made by God to all people throughout the generations." All the students and staff at Father Henry Carr have written their hopes on the anchors provided, and planted them in the flower pot. This is a symbolic act of letting go, so that God can work to create something new. Mr. Fernandes adds, "the anchor will stand throughout the Year Of Hope in the main foyer for all to see, especially on days when we feel hopeless. Thus reflecting our theme *Hope Is Our Souls Anchored In God – Hebrews.*"

Special thanks to Mr. Pedro for his craftsmanship and talent.



## PATTISON ONE STOP SHOWCASES ART RESPONSIBLY BY TORONTO YOUTH ON SUBWAY PLATFORMS - ST. DOROTHY STUDENT ARTWORK AMONG THE PIECES FEATURED

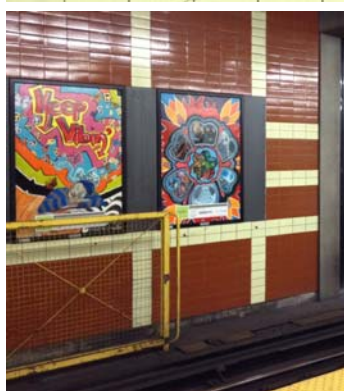


Pattison One Stop in partnership with **Arts for Children and Youth (AFCY)** present **Art Responsibly**, a series of hand-painted subway posters created by children and youth from Toronto's priority neighbourhoods, on select subway platforms across Toronto. Art Responsibly posters share these youths' thoughts and feelings about "being responsible by being artful."

The young participants reused expired subway posters provided by Pattison, completely painting over the old advertising to create original new artworks under the guidance of a professional artist and an emerging AFCY youth artist at AFCY's free outreach community-based visual arts workshops. Art Responsibly is an innovative AFCY initiative that intersects the notions of community arts education, arts advocacy, media literacy, civic engagement and leadership.

The unique subway poster artworks were created at 6 locations around Toronto, and have been located on subway platforms in close proximity where they were made. Locations include: Art Gallery of Ontario's Free After Three program (St. Patrick Station), Covenant House Toronto (College Station), **Our Lady of Victory Catholic School (Eglinton West Station)**, **St. Barnabas Catholic School (Kennedy Station)**, **St. Dorothy Catholic School (Wilson Station)** and Rockcliffe Middle School (Runnymede Station).

Pattison One Stop will continue to strategically add and place the Art Responsibly posters across the network of subway platforms until the end of 2013, ensuring this important programme can be viewed by as many subway commuters as possible.



Photos: Artwork by students at **St Dorothy Catholic School** at Wilson Station



## ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL BLESSING CEREMONY AND OPENING

The **Toronto Catholic District School Board** announced the opening of the newly rebuilt **St. Ambrose Catholic School** at 20 Coules Court in Etobicoke. Students were thrilled to begin the new school year in the state of the art facility.

A **blessing and opening celebration** was held at the school on September 16, 2013. Visitors had an opportunity to tour the new 47,500 square foot facility which features a multi-purpose room available for specialty programs such as music, art and science and after hours use, an elevator and barrier-free washrooms, administrative office located to visually control the front entrance and the corridor to community spaces, Early Learning Kindergarten classrooms with washrooms and storage facilities, dedicated exterior play area for ELKP (Early Learning Kindergarten Program), well-defined, student-friendly playground areas that combine hard and soft landscaping, enhanced access to natural light particularly in classrooms, water efficient landscaping and enhanced site storm water management, high performance windows and cool white roof.



## BISHOP ALLEN ACADEMY HOSTS REDBIRD RUN

On Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> **Bishop Allen Academy** hosted its first ever **Annual Redbird Run**. Every grade nine was challenged to participate by either running or walking one mile through neighbourhood streets during period 4.

The initial intention for The Redbird Run was to build an interest in running and to encourage grade nines to join the cross-country team. Many of these grade nines had never before run one mile. This life achievement will hopefully compel many of them to engage in running sports or simply to be active and run as a form of exercise.

In addition, The Redbird Run also fostered school spirit. Individuals won awards for first, second, and third place in the boys and girls races. Moreover, the homeroom with the fastest runners, a combination of boys and girls, received a free breakfast - The Breakfast of Champions.

Athletes from the Bishop Allen Cross-Country Team volunteered for this event, promoting the run to homeroom classes, and working as marshals on the route and at the start and finish Line. Senior athletes cheered on the grade nines as they raced through the community.

Our hope is that The Redbird Run will become a fond memory for grade nine students when they graduate from Bishop Allen. Furthermore, we see this event as another stride towards greater success in cross-country and track and field competition. And finally, we hope that the Redbird Run will be a long running tradition at Bishop Allen Academy.

Special congratulations to the **Bishop Allen Cross-Country coaching brigade, Ms. Jane Ann Clough, Ms. Kate Wiley**, and most especially **Mr. Nik Frlan**, for an event that introduces our grade nines to the best of BA athletics, participation with healthy competition.





## KENYAN BOYS CHOIR VISIT CARDINAL CARTER ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS, ST. THOMAS MORE AND ST. CLEMENT



The **Kenyan Boys' Choir** performed for **TCDSB secondary students** at **Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts** on September 16<sup>th</sup>, at **St. Thomas More Catholic School** on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and at **St. Clement** on September 25, 2013. The choir is a disciplined choral and cultural group from across Kenya, with work ethics that parallel the Kings College Cambridge Choir and the Harlem Boys Choir. The group performs a wide repertoire ranging from African traditional songs. A show by the Boys Choir of Kenya is a moving sensory experience with the wide vocal range, diverse pan-African repertoire, artistry, drama, and colourful costumes. The Choir was one of the featured performers at this year's **We Day** in Toronto on September 20<sup>th</sup>, spreading the message of social justice and student leadership.

St. Thomas More



Cardinal Carter & TCDSB Secondary Students



St. Clement

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL BIKE RODEO

On Friday, September 20, 2013 **Officer Eric Berridge**, the Community Liaison Officer for **St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School** hosted a Bike Rodeo for all the grade 4 and 5 students at the school. Students came to school with their helmets and bikes, prepared to take part in all the bike stations that Officer Berridge set up. The students learned about bicycle safety rules in a fun and interactive way. Medals and prizes were given out at the end of the event.



## LIBERMANN AND TPS WORK TOGETHER ON SCHOOL SAFETY



On Monday, September 23, 2013, the first of three **TCDSB** required **School Lockdown Drills** was conducted at the **Francis Libermann Catholic High School**. Officers from Toronto Police participated in this event which reminded the school population and police officers of the procedures in place, should the school experience a Lockdown. Accompanying the **School Resource Officer PC Cheryl Tomlinson-Thompson**, were **PC Alison Burns (42 div)**, **PC Craig Davies (42 div)**, **PC Devon Martin (42 div)**, **PC Gurminder Minhas (42 div)**, and **PC Tony Santeramo (DPSU)**. After the Lockdown, the police officers and **Principal Brian Hunt**, **VP Laila Velocci** and **VP Alex Pope** conducted an informative debriefing which addressed questions and concerns that arose from the drill. The school administration was very grateful of the officers' participation and have invited the officers back for a full staff. A great example of the community working together

Lockdown presentation to be given to the entire school for the safety of our young people!

A "School Lockdown" is done when there is a major incident or threat of school violence within the school, or in relation to the school.

## AUGMENTED LEARNING DAY AT ST. DOMINIC SAVIO

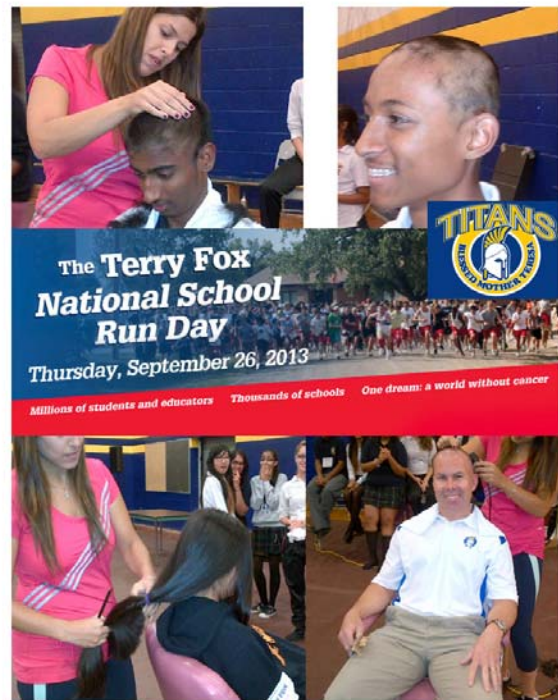
The intermediate students at **St. Dominic Savio** brought reading to life on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> as they used Apple iPads as well as their own technology devices to read Toronto Star articles. Using the app called Layar, students were able to scan over images and be directed to PowerPoint presentations as well as other media links.





## 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TERRY FOX SCHOOL RUN AT BLESSED MOTHER TERESA

**Blessed Mother Teresa** staff and students participated in their seventh year of the **Terry Fox Run**. The school has raised almost **\$40,000** over this time for the Terry Fox Foundation. Prior to our walk/run, the school held an assembly with a guest speaker and **Principal Carey**, **along with some brave students** shaved their heads to donate their hair for wigs. Thank you to the entire BMT community in supporting our efforts for Cancer research through the Terry Fox Foundation.



## PARENTING AND FAMILY LITERACY CENTRES' GRAND OPENINGS



**St. Albert Catholic School** celebrated the opening of its new **Parenting and Family Literacy Centre** on September 19, 2013. **Director of Education Angela Gauthier**, **Acting Associate Director of Academic Affairs Josie DiGiovanni**, **Coordinator of Parent Engagement and Community Relations Carla Marchetti**, and **Sr. Manager of PFLCs Alison Grbic** were in attendance to celebrate with children and their parents in the community.



**St. Anthony** celebrated the blessing and opening of the new **Parenting and Family Literacy Centre** at the school on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Among the many special guests were: **Trustee Barbara Poplawski**, **City Councillor Ana Bailao**, **Superintendent of Early Learning Cristina Fernandes**, **Superintendent of Area 5 Jim Saraco**, **Coordinator of Parent Engagement and Community Relations Carla Marchetti**, **Sr. Manager of PFLCs Alison Grbic** and **Father Patrick Fitzpatrick** who blessed the new centre.

## BREAKING GROUND FOR NEW SCHOOL ADDITION

The **Toronto Catholic District School Board** is pleased to announce the start of construction of an addition at **Monsignor Fraser College**, 2900 Midland Avenue Campus.

A partnership project with Redemption Reintegration Services/United Way, the \$2.2 million addition will be a joint use facility housing Monsignor Fraser College's alternative education program for students aged 16 to 18 during the school day and for the use of Redemption Reintegration Services programming after school hours and on weekends. The Midland campus is also home to the Msgr. Fraser College's programs for 18-20 year olds as well as the over 21 program.



As part of the construction contract, a local youth has been given the opportunity to job shadow the General Contractor's site superintendent.

Among those present for the sod turning were **Director of Education Angela Gauthier**, **Trustee Garry Tanuan**, **Councillor Mike Del Grande**, **Fr. Cecil Noronha**, **Superintendent of Education Vincent Burzotta** and **Principal John Wujek**.



## NATIONAL TREE DAY

**Blessed Cardinal Newman** "Tree Huggers" plant two trees for National Tree Day, September 25th. The planting was made possible through a grant from Evergreen and Sheridan Nurseries

## ST. LEO WELCOMES GRADUATE AND TORONTO MAPLE LEAF DAVE BOLLAND TO LAUNCH SHAPE UP PROGRAM

Current **Toronto Maple Leaf** and **Toronto native Dave Bolland** joined representatives and alumni of the **Toronto Maple Leafs**, **Toronto Raptors**, **Toronto FC** and **Toronto Marlies** as he returned to his elementary school to launch the fourth year of the **Shape Up Program** at **St. Leo Catholic School**. The Shape Up program is a free tool for teachers and students using MLSE's athletes to motivate youth to learn the importance physical activity in their lives and communities.

Students and teachers at **St. Leo Catholic Elementary School** learned the importance of maintaining a healthy, active lifestyle from Toronto's professional athletes and trainers in a school-wide assembly featuring exercises, demonstrations and tips.





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