



Trustee
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Dear parents and guardians,

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year. It's an exciting time of great anticipation and promise for learning.

Think about the time when you were in school – every September is a fresh opportunity on a pathway to maturity.

The teachers, administrators and I want to work in partnership with you to ensure our students meet success. Communication is key. As your elected Trustee my job is to represent the needs of students and parents/guardians. So I will reach out to you and please don't hesitate to contact me.

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As school begins, we have created a webpage with key information and resources including homework tips and the school year calendar. Learn more at www.tdsb.on.ca/needtoknow.

There are many ways to participate in your child's education. One way is through the school council which acts as an important forum for student, parent and community voices and advises the principal and the Board on important school issues. This school has effective and active parent participation so please follow the school newsletters and see how you can take part. As well, there is a board-wide parent group. For information about the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC), visit www.torontopiacc.com.

Under the guidance of our new Director of Education, John Malloy we are undertaking a new administrative organization by creating four Learning Centres to improve school effectiveness and increase student achievement and well-being. Senior educators will now be more responsive and agile to the needs of our learners. I welcome Leila Girdhar-Hill who is now the supervisory officer working with our principals to make sure that schools have the resources and expertise they need to provide an excellent education. For more information visit www.tdsb.on.ca/learningcentres.

Finally, to stay informed please sign up for my e-newsletter by emailing me at gerri.gershon@tdsb.on.ca and visit my webpage www.tdsb.on.ca/gershon. I also tweet, so please follow my Twitter account, [@gerrigershon](https://twitter.com/gerrigershon), for all sorts of useful information about education. For system wide news about the TDSB, visit www.tdsb.on.ca/TDSBupdate.

Thank you and best wishes for an enjoyable school year.

Gerri Gershon



2016-17 School Year Calendar

PA Days & Holidays	Date
Labour Day	September 5, 2016
Board-wide PA Day	October 7, 2016
Thanksgiving	October 10, 2016
Board-wide PA Day	November 18, 2016
Board-wide PA Day	December 2, 2016
Christmas Break	December 26, 2016 to January 6, 2017 (inclusive) Last day of school is December 23, 2016 School resumes January 9, 2017
Elementary PA Day	January 20, 2017*
Secondary PA Day - (Semestered Schools only)	February 2, 2017
Board-wide PA Day	February 17, 2017
Family Day	February 20, 2017
March Break	March 13 to 17, 2017
Good Friday	April 14, 2017
Easter Monday	April 17, 2017
Victoria Day	May 22, 2017
Elementary School PA Day	June 9, 2017
Secondary School PA Day (Full Year Schools only)	June 28, 2017*
Secondary School PA Day	June 29, 2017
Board-wide PA Day	June 30, 2017

*High School Semester Change: The first day of second semester is February 3, 2017. Secondary school calendar includes a PA day for semestered schools only on February 2, 2017 and a PA Day for full-year schools only on June 28, 2017.



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