



TCDSB'S UNSUNG HEROES



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Maria Brazona, Lunchtime Supervisor, Cardinal Leger Catholic School



Mrs. Brazona, an esteemed and dedicated Lunchtime Supervisor at Cardinal Leger, serves as a true inspiration to all students and staff, encouraging them to realize their true potential through their God-given talents. Maria collaborates with each student, fostering long-lasting connections and taking the time to understand their unique learning styles. She consistently motivates all students to strive for their best, guiding them to become channels of God's power through teaching and exemplifying a life of goodness. In situations where students find themselves in disagreements, Maria adeptly assists them in de-escalation and helps develop strategies for future problem-solving. Her unwavering

commitment has rendered her an indispensable asset to our school team, and her contributions significantly contribute to our school's success. We express immense gratitude for her positive attitude and unwavering dedication in her role. Maria stands as an outstanding role model in Catholic education, serving as an inspiration for both our staff and students alike.

Rocco Lopresti, Math Teacher, Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Merton Remote Learning Night School



Mr. Lopresti has left a lasting impact on the TCDSB community through his ongoing efforts to go above and beyond for his students. His dedication extends beyond the ordinary, providing additional support and guidance that reflects a genuine investment in the academic success of his students. Outside of scheduled class times, Mr. Lopresti willingly extends lessons and accommodates alternate workdays for those unable to attend on the regular schedule. Moreover, he offers valuable insights into the university application process, sharing practical tips. What sets Mr. Lopresti apart is his practical approach to teaching, illustrating how the mathematical concepts learned in his course can be applied to real-world situations. He goes beyond the theoretical, helping students understand data management and its relevance to various majors and workplace settings. This approach transforms the perception of math, making it

genuinely useful when understood. Mr. Lopresti fosters an environment where students feel comfortable asking questions, dispelling any fear or hesitation. His contributions not only enhance the academic experience, but equip students with valuable life skills and knowledge, undoubtedly benefiting the TCDSB community as a whole.

Angela Altomare, Student Success and ESL Teacher, Madonna Catholic School



Ms. Altomare is a dedicated and compassionate member of the Madonna community, consistently supporting students in any way she can. Her commitment to creating a safe and inclusive learning environment is evident through her workshops for staff, parents, and students, as well as her efforts to educate newcomers about the Canadian Catholic education system. Not only does she actively engage with community partners, but she also secures donations from local businesses to provide essential items like clothes, school supplies, and food to students in need. Ms. Altomare takes a personal interest in her students, addressing their challenges both academically and personally through one-on-one or small-group support. She collaborates seamlessly with various school personnel, including settlement workers, guidance counsellors, and administrators, to ensure students have the resources they need for success. Engaged in numerous committees and recognized for her teaching excellence, Ms. Altomare serves as a role model, exemplifying her faith through leadership, kindness, and generosity. She is an essential pillar within both the school and the broader community, actively participating in initiatives, conferences, and advocacy efforts.

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