

DCPIC Newsletter



**DURHAM CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**
Learning and Living in Faith

**Spring
2018**

Message from the Chair

“The goal of family engagement is not to serve clients but to gain partners.”
(Leithwood & Patrician, 2015)

The quote above truly captures our focus in the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee to strengthen parent voice and promote ways to enhance parent engagement in our schools. The DCPIC has had a successful and fulfilling year working on your behalf to provide feedback to the Board on issues that matter to parents, and to provide support for local Catholic School Councils. Some of our accomplishments this year have included our Annual Commissioning Mass and Orientation for Catholic School Council Chairs, Advent Family Movie and Year of Service Outreach, Math Café for Parents, Annual Distinguished Catholic Volunteer Awards, and Digital Story Telling Project.

Members of the Committee also attended provincial meetings including the Renewing the Promise Symposium, Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education Symposium and Ministry of Education Parent Engagement Symposium. Through each of these sessions, we shared our experiences in Durham Catholic and engaged in learning to support our work at the regional level.

Our committee has worked very hard on behalf of the parents and guardians across the district and we look forward to continuing to encourage the valuable role of “parents as partners” in the next school year.

Thank you to each of our families for supporting Catholic education and for all the work that you do in the home to build a strong relationship with your child’s school. I wish you a safe and happy summer!

Yours In Catholic Education,
Linda Dodson-Trchala
Chair, Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee

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Meeting Dates

Meetings are held at
650 Rossland Road West,
Oshawa in the Board Room
at 7:30 pm

September 13, 2018
October 4, 2018
November 8, 2018
December 6, 2018
January 10, 2019
February 7, 2019
March 21, 2019
April 4, 2019
May 16, 2019
June 13, 2019



TO CHANGE THE WORLD
WE MUST BE GOOD TO
THOSE WHO CANNOT
REPAY US.”

— Pope Francis



Summer Prayer

Jesus, thank you for summer.

Thank you for light and warmth.

Thank you for the sun.

Thank you for the gifts of nature and for the annual cycles and seasons.

Today, give us that grace again, to see you as the Creator, the One who lifts us up to be with you forever, even now. Amen.

Parent Tips to Support Math Learning Fun at Home

With many students getting ready for the summer break, there are also many parents wondering how they can keep their sons' and daughters' entertained for July and August. Here are some math-based ideas to try that are not only fun but will also help keep math skills honed.

Dice games (such as Shut-the-Box, Yahtzee, Pass the Pigs, and Farkle) as well as card games (Snap, pairs, Oh No 99!, Euchre and cribbage) are great for getting kids to practice their number sense. Spatial reasoning games (such as Kanoodle and the app Flow Free) are also a lot of fun and are great for road trips. Speaking of which, look for opportunities to use math on road trips by having your children help with navigating or planning routes or exchanging currency.

If puzzles are your thing, check out the wonderful 100 Days of Summer puzzles from brilliant.org at the website <https://brilliant.org/100day/day0/> as well as the number puzzles at <http://www.yohaku.ca/>.

Avoid the Summer Brain Drain – Register for a Summer Course!

Summer is fast approaching and now is the time to plan your summer learning opportunities. Avoid the summer brain drain and sign up for one of the many summer programs offered through the Archbishop Anthony Meagher Catholic Continuing Education Centre for students in Kindergarten to Grade 12. Elementary Summer Programs (Non-Credit):

- [Summer Camps for Literacy and Numeracy for students who have completed Grades 6, 7 and 8;](#)
- [Elementary International Languages;](#)
- [French - Kindergarten to Grade 3 Students;](#) and
- [Head Start program for students transitioning into Grade 9.](#)

For questions about elementary summer programs, call our Ajax Campus at (905) 683-7713.

Secondary Summer School Programs:

- [Accelerated and eLearning Courses \(Gr. 9-12\);](#)
- [Grade 8 Reach Ahead Program \(Gr. 9 credit\);](#)
- [Grade 9 and 10 Credit Recovery Courses;](#)
- [Grade 11 & 12 Credit Recovery Courses;](#) and
- [Summer Cooperative Education.](#)

For questions about high school credit classes, call the Oshawa Campus (905) 438-0570 or visit us online at www.con-ed.ca.

DCPIC – Events

DCPIC Committee Members



Distinguished Catholic Volunteer Award Recipients



DCPIC – Call for Nominations

Annual Election October 2018 Parent Representatives on the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (DCPIC) serve two-year terms and there are annual vacancies. Consider joining our committee and please visit dcpic.ca for information.

Community Representative Positions

The DCPIC will appoint up to three Community Representatives in October 2018. Requirements and application process are available at dcpic.ca. Community Reps serve one-year terms.