

DCPIC Newsletter



Winter 2019

Message from the Chair

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee has been working very hard on your behalf to support parent engagement in student learning and achievement at the regional level. I am very proud to report that our regional focus on numeracy has been gaining momentum across the system through the implementation of Durham Catholic DSB's "Math at Home" kits. These kits were developed by the Teaching and Learning Department of our board, and in response to our DCPIC Year-End Survey. This survey indicated that our parent(s) / guardian(s) are looking for meaningful ways to support math learning in the home. The kits are being introduced in every elementary school in the system and have also been made available to each secondary school. They contain simple math games that can be played in the classrooms and in the home. They have been designed to support the diagnostic assessments that classroom teachers use to identify a student's math proficiency in specific areas. The best part of this initiative is that the math games are fun! The "Math at Home" initiative is off to a great start, and we look forward to seeing this initiative grow in each of our elementary schools.

As we look ahead to the season of Lent, I hope that each of you has the opportunity to focus on spiritual renewal. As parent(s)/guardian(s), we are fortunate to be part of an education system that promotes faith-based learning. May we always reflect on the importance of the gift of Catholic education in our children's lives.

Wishing you all a joyous year!

Yours in Catholic Education,

Melissa Bevan
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

March 21, 2019
April 4, 2019
May 16, 2019
June 13, 2019



"Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we are."

- Pope Francis



Suggested things to GIVE and GIVE UP during LENT...

Give thanks - Give up complaining | Give compliments - Give up harsh judgements | Give forgiveness - Give up vengeance | Give encouragement - Give up negativity | Give hope - Give up despair | Give attention to virtue - Give up sin | Give time to prayer - Give up unproductive use of time | Give respect - Give up prejudice | Give help - Give up selfishness | Give time to God - Give up what keeps you from God

Math Cafés for Parents

The Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, in partnership with the Teaching and Learning team in our board, hosted two Math Cafés in our four-part regional series. The first session in November focused on the Fundamentals of Mathematics, and the second session in January focused on fractions. All of the materials and resources from these sessions are posted at dcpic.ca at the following link: <https://www.dcpic.ca/en/news-and-events/dcpic-math-cafe.aspx>

The next session takes place on March 19, 2019, from 7:00 to 9:00pm, where the topic will be “Spatial Reasoning: More than just triangles and squares”. All are invited to join the livestream (or review past sessions) at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXiPaQSmbihUdruQS77OfFA>



Math At Home Kits

Sharing a Success Story from St. Jude Catholic School in Ajax

The Catholic Parent Involvement Committee at St. Jude Catholic School recently hosted an evening where families had the opportunity to enjoy playing games from the Math at Home kits. The best part was that the parents shared the games with fellow parents. You can access the Math at Home kits by clicking on the banner available on your school website. This good news story was featured in the local media and also on City TV News. Congratulations St. Jude CS! See the link to the CityNews feature here:

<https://toronto.citynews.ca/video/2019/02/05/math-fun-at-home/>

