

DCPIC Newsletter



Fall 2018

Message from the Chair

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As we celebrate a “Year of Joy” and 50 years of Catholic education in the Durham Catholic District School Board, it is my privilege to introduce myself as the new Chair of the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (DCPIC). I hope that your family has settled into a seamless routine, as we have reached the second half of semester one/term one of this school year. I look forward to leading our DCPIC over the next two years, in the service of parent engagement in all schools across the DCDSB.

Research on parent engagement is clear. Parents/guardians who are actively engaged in their child’s education have a positive impact on student well-being and achievement. Parent engagement may take many forms, including holding high expectations of your child, building open and positive communication with your child’s school, communicating with your child about their learning, and becoming informed about how to best support that learning. The DCPIC in partnership with the Durham Catholic District School Board will work hard this year to ensure that supports for parent engagement are a priority.

I look forward to meeting many of you at our various events throughout this year. Regional events have been planned based on your feedback as received through our annual DCPIC Year-End Survey.

I wish you all a blessed and 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

January 10, 2019
February 7, 2019
March 21, 2019
April 4, 2019
May 16, 2019
June 13, 2019



“Every encounter with
Jesus changes our life and
every encounter with Jesus
fills us with JOY.”

Pope Francis



Scripture for the Year of Joy | Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord He is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His mercy endures forever. His faithfulness continues through all generations.

“Math at Home” Kits

The Teaching and Learning Department of the Durham Catholic District School Board has partnered with DCPIC to promote “Math at Home” kits. These kits are designed to target skill development in Mathematics from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Engaging math games have been created to complement learning and fundamental skill development that is happening in the Mathematics classrooms. The kits were launched at our Annual Catholic School Council Commissioning Mass and Orientation Session at the end of October (as pictured here). The kits are being delivered to all elementary and secondary schools. Classroom teachers will have the opportunity to practice the games in the classrooms and eventually these games will be sent home, much like the “Borrow-a-Book” program many parents/guardians are familiar with. The DCPIC is extremely pleased to be able to support this excellent initiative in parent engagement.



DCPIC – Events

Support for Catholic School Councils

The DCPIC provides resources to assist local Catholic School Councils in fulfilling their roles and responsibilities and organizes events to promote parent engagement on a regional level.



Regional Parent Engagement

A series of Math Cafés for Parents have been planned this year. Can't make the Math Cafés in person? Each session will be recorded and posted to dcpic.ca along with any resources that are shared.