



DCPIC Newsletter

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Message From Our Chair

Dear Parents, Guardians and Partners in Education,
We celebrate Catholic Education Week during the first week in May. This year's theme is Walking Forward Together. The scriptural passage that guides this year's theme is, **"To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."** – Micah 6:8. We are reminded by this passage that we may pile up all sorts of opinions and points in an argument or debate, but in the end, with Jesus, love is the last word of all. We need to embrace this passage in our daily lives and in doing so our children will learn by example.

I'm appreciative of our partnerships with our board; they continuously outstretched their hands in friendship with our parent community.

On behalf of the DCPIC, I would like to thank you for sharing your challenges and successes. Good communication between our school community and DCPIC allows us to succeed. Please complete our year-end parent survey, the more feedback we receive, the better informed we'll be on what information parents want to receive. The parent survey can be found online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/dcpic2017>

Together, we have a strong parent voice as partners in our children's education. As the summer months approach, I wish you a restful and safe summer with your family.

Warmest greetings,
Linda Dodson Trchala, Chair
Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee

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Meetings are held
at 7:00PM
650 Rossland Road
In the Board Room

May 11, 2017

June 8, 2017

CATHOLIC EDUCATION:
WALKING
forward
together

Distinguished Catholic Parent Volunteer Awards



Congratulations to all of our Distinguished Catholic Parent Volunteer Award Recipients!

Engaging Parents

The lenten retreat, hosting Fr. Larry Richards, at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Ajax, was a huge success! Each night April 3-6th over 1000 people gathered in His Name to listen to the animated, humorous and abundant message of God's love and mercy. On the last night the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee graciously hosted a meet and greet and had a fantastic time engaging with parents!

For more information or to book or listen to Fr. Larry's message go to:

www.thereasonforourhope.org

Melanie O'Neill, DCPIC Community Representative



The Math Guy

Learning about how students best learn Math(s)

Last spring the DCPIC hosted A Parents Guide to Learning in the Classroom, focusing on Literacy and Numeracy. DCDSB Math Consultant Mike Jacobs presented the Math webinar (you can still view his talk on our video channel,

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8CtPgt0yP6GrpfdDe6Ajg>)

In his blog post, Mike shares his favourite Top Ten math games that parents can play with their children.

<http://themathguy.blogspot.ca/2016/05/my-top-ten-favourite-math-games-and.html>

Handy Links for Parents

I thought this was pretty neat for parents who have younger children heading into kindergarten.

<http://www.dcdsb.ca/en/programs-services/Schools-Cool-Summer-Program.aspx>

This is the link for the international languages summer classes - FREE! :)

<http://www.con-ed.ca/en/non-credit-classes/elementary-language-program.aspx>

Josephine Dora Spitale, DCPIC Parent Member

Funding Post Secondary Education

The time has come for your children to spread their wings and fly off to post-secondary education. My best advice is go out and visit the universities your teens might be interested in and even ones they are not. One of my daughters found her school on a trip she went on for her sister. Start early in grade 11 because there is a lot to take in. Have a coiled notebook and make notes. If your teen has a disability visit each school's accessibility office as they can help make transitions easier and provide assistance during the year.

Start researching scholarships early. There are websites such as <https://yconic.com> and <http://www.scholarshipscanada.com> but there are many more. Also check with your service clubs, churches, and corporations where you work.

Don't forget about the 30% off tuition from the province and that you can apply for OSAP!

This is their time in the sun, let them go make their mark on the world. As parents, it is our job to guide them and help them flourish.

Rodney Romain, DCPIC Parent Member

A Year of Mindfulness for Parents Ends in June 2017!

Please drop in for an hour of mindfulness for parents with mindfulness practitioner Cara Southwood.

<http://www.pearlmindfulness.ca>

Come for one session or come every week. Drop in for a breath! Please go to dcpic.ca for the full schedule of dates and times. Child care provided.

Catholic Education Week Prayer

God of Mercy,

You have taught us that where two or three are gathered in your name, you are here with us.

You call us to grow in our knowledge of you, into relationship with those around us and with the world you have created.

Deepen our faith as we walk together in understanding and hope.

Lead us to a future that realizes your kingdom of peace.

May your love continue to light the path we walk.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, our brother and guide.

Amen.