

Catholic School Improvement Learning Cycle 2018 – 2019

John Cabot Catholic Secondary School

MISSION STATEMENT

John Cabot Catholic Secondary School is a caring school and community environment that stresses understanding and acceptance of others, commitment to our Catholic faith and high academic standards. We provide a safe learning environment where models of Gospel values and Catholic doctrines, teachings and beliefs are an integral part of the daily life of our school. Our school motto, Faith, Hope & Charity was chosen through the process of community consultation and reflects a holistic philosophy where religion and daily life are inter-connected. As such, all activities of administration, management, counselling, academic and pastoral work, prayer and worship and co-curricular involvement help to prepare John Cabot C.S.S. students to live out the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations in our school community.

MOTTO

Faith, Hope & Charity

CATHOLIC FOCUS

In support of the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board's Catholic Board Improvement Learning Cycle, John Cabot CSS is further committed to:

John Cabot Catholic Secondary School is a Catholic, culturally proficient learning community that is focused on fostering faith, learning and academic results. The school was established in 1997 and a new building was established in 2004 at 635 Willowbank Trail, Mississauga, Ontario. We serve 764 students with 57 teaching staff. Our commitment is to provide all students the opportunity to express their religious faith, make positive choices in a safe, caring and inclusive learning environment with the support of all staff in keeping with our school Pastoral Plan. Our hope is that we instill in our students the love of God and the desire to acquire skills, knowledge and attitudes that allow them to become independent, responsible and contributing members of a rapidly changing cultural society. The staff within our school community promotes a commitment to life long learning, family and social responsibility, environmental awareness as well as social, cultural and gender equity. We are living signs that all people of all cultures and religious beliefs can work, pray and play together towards strengthening our faith community at John Cabot CSS.

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- Deepening the understanding, appreciation and practice of the Catholic Christian lifestyle, with Jesus as role model;
- Aligning a school-wide approach to Catholicity, whereby all educational practices are implemented through a Catholic lens;
- Developing students who are fully alive in Christ, not only in terms of knowledge and skills, but in terms of values, attitudes and actions.
- As a diverse educational community responding to God's call, John Cabot CSS fosters and nourishes an inclusive atmosphere rooted in tradition and scripture while:
 - Being authentic witnesses to our Catholic Faith;
 - Being responsible stewards of God's grace in the world;
 - Respecting human dignity;
 - Modelling all learners after Jesus, as ministers of compassion

DUFFERIN PEEL'S STRATEGIC SYSTEM PLAN CORE PRIORITIES

CATHOLICITY

How does the school community model, celebrate and nourish gospel values in the teaching and learning of our Christ-centered programs and services?

John Cabot Catholic Secondary School is a Catholic faith community whereby staff and students are engaged in living the Gospel and accept the teachings of Jesus as transmitted by the Church. We embrace a relationship with Christ in our daily lives and an openness to the faith experience of others. The Gospel ensures us the value of hope with a strong sense of purpose, mission and personal conviction evidenced in a positive, religious and optimistic attitude toward life and reality. Our school community strives to live the Gospel value of charity and profess a love for Christ, others and self which is evidenced in personal prayer, sincere care and concern for one another and for all those we serve. Our school Pastoral Plan provides faith opportunities for students to profess the living Gospel throughout the school year. We provide four Masses throughout the school year, a strong retreat program serving grades 9-12, provide many community out reach and social justice programs to support our ShareLife initiatives. In keeping with our conviction to foster our faith daily, we can ensure that each student at graduation fulfills the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations.

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CATHOLIC LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Summary of the school's most recent (2017-2018) EQAO Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics

- Grade 9 Academic 87% of students at or above Provincial Standard
- Grade 9 Applied 54% of students at or above Provincial Standard

Summary of the school's most recent (2017-2018) Grade 10 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

- Grade 10 Literacy 78% of students at or above Provincial Standard

Describe how the school fosters the achievement, well-being and continuous development of all through a caring, safe and inclusive environment.

- > Sustain our CCCC Action Team to facilitate and support the needs of our school community
- > Support our students and their families where innovation and creativity is fostered to support physical, social, emotional, spiritual and intellectual development of all learners
- > Respond to and monitor goals related to positive mental health, well-being and achievement for students and staff
- > Ensure that our School Pastoral Team is available to support the spiritual and learning needs of our students and staff
- > Sustain and support our School Resource Officers to ensure school safety on a daily basis
- > Celebration of Black History Month
- > Cabot GSA club
- > Equity Initiatives: Board conferences
- > Student Voice Initiatives

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

How does the school demonstrate that it values the involvement of community through partnerships and collaboration?

- > Strong relationship with our school Parish: St. Patrick's, affiliation St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish
- > Sacrament of Reconciliation offered to staff and students during Advent and the Lenton season
- > Support of all ShareLife initiatives; Dr. Simone's Warehouse Canadian Food for Children ; St. Vincent de Paul Society; Rosary of the Apostolate; Think Fast; March for Life; Cabot Vocations Day; Westminster's Senior's residence dinner at Cabot
- > School Resource Officers
- > Mississauga Transit initiatives
- > SHSM Business partners: TD bank; Junior Achievement; Day on Bay; DECA, Samsung Canada
- > Dixie Bloorview Newcomers Club under the direction of our School Settlement Worker

PARISH – HOME – SCHOOL RELATIONSHIPS

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Describe how the school demonstrates strong partnerships and collaboration among Parish, Home and School that are based on mutual respect rooted in our lived Catholic Faith.

- > School Retreat Program
- > School Masses celebrated with St. Patrick Pastoral Team
- > Academic Awards Ceremony
- > Grade 8 Open House
- > Summer "Get Ready Program" for incoming grade 9 students
- > St. Vincent de Paul Society in support of food drives within the community
- > Dr. Simone in support of his Food for Children Warehouse
- > Rosary of the Apostolate month celebration of the Rosary in our school Chapel
- > Cabot Vocations Day

STEWARDSHIP OF THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Describe how the school is committed to healthy and safe learning and working environments that enhance well-being, engagement and achievement.

- > Continue to develop a strong and trusting relationship with our Neighbourhood Policing Unit.
- > Inform the Board Plant department of areas of the physical plant that require immediate, daily or annual maintenance
- > Continue to phase in online payment system for staff, parents/guardians to support financial transparency

TECHNOLOGY

How is the school committed to a responsible approach in addressing the technology needs of our learners in a global context?

- > Working to enhance all learning spaces with technology that supports our current digital tools and training to support 21st century learning
- > Provide educators with resources and time to enhance their digital skills with the support of the Board's program department
- > Continue to provide staff opportunities to enrich their digital skills through the use of digital hardware, software, web tools, apps, extensions and infrastructure to support student learning

SACREDNESS OF OUR ENVIRONMENT

How does the school encourage the respectful and sustainable environmental practices of reducing, reusing and recycling?

- > Certified Eco School: Eco Club (Green Team) committee committed to ensuring our school community recycles on a daily basis
- > Water fountains replaced with environmental filters
- > Marketing of environmentally friendly practices
- > Earth Day Celebration
- > Enhancement of our school Peace Garden
- > Bike, Walk, Run Initiative

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- > Electronic Recycling Drive
- > Recycled plastic bags turned into plastic mats and donated to Dr. Simone Warehouse
- > Recycling plastic pens initiative