

## What's New

- [2023-2027 Multi-Year Strategic Plan - FEEDBACK SURVEY](#)
- [2023-2027 Multi-Year Strategic Plan - STUDENT SURVEY](#)
- [Student Transportation of Peel Region - Spring/Summer 2024 Newsletter](#)

## Board Highlights

The following items were received or approved by the Board of Trustees at it's May 28, 2024 meeting:

### Pastor's Remarks

- Monsignor J. Shiels Video Presentation: Our Blessed Mother

### Awards and Presentations

- Dominican Friars Youth Interfaith Video Contest 2024
  - First Place Winner: Teacher Leslie Fountain and Team, Father Michael Goetz C.S.S.
  - Second Place Winner: Student Trinity Nartey and Team, St. Roch C.S.S.
- Proclamations: Recognition of National Indigenous History Month, Filipino Heritage Month, Italian Heritage Month, Portuguese Heritage Month, Father's Day 2024

### Delegations

- M. Dawid - Relocation of Secondary International and Indigenous Program
- M. Schmidt - March for Life in Ottawa and Pro-Life Education
- C. MacMullen - March for Life in Ottawa and Pro-Life Education
- C. Botelho - March for Life in Ottawa and Pro-Life Education

### Retirements

- J. Quenneville, Principal
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- D. Linardic, Principal
- M. Falcioni, Principal
- I. Maas, Principal
- R. Gavin, Principal
- M. Farrugia, Principal
- L. Ragozzino, Principal
- J. Kuran, Superintendent

### Updates/Information/Reports

- Secondary School Scholarships and Awards Committee Report
- 2024 Education Development Charges: By-Law Adoption

[Link to Agenda](#)

### Upcoming Board Meeting: June 18, 2024

For a complete calendar of Board and Committee meetings, agendas and minutes, visit the DPCDSB [Board Meetings webpage](#).

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## Catholic Education Week - May 5-10, 2024

During Catholic Education Week, schools across Ontario celebrated the significant contributions that Catholic Education has made to our communities, the province and to Canada. In DPCDSB, Catholic Education Week was marked by many special activities at all grade levels, including prayer celebrations, service activities, Ontario Catholic Student Youth Day and the Catholic Education Week Provincial Mass. The following are a few highlights of how our schools celebrated the week:



rochchaplancy Our AMAZING chaplancy students prepared delicious and warm meals to drop off to the Brampton Food Tables today after school! What a fantastic way to celebrate today's Catholic Education Week theme "called to love as people of justice" by doing acts of service for those who are most in need.

ndcss\_chaplancy ND students made greeting cards for their moms and mother-figures and our neighbors at Woodhall Retirement and Nursing Residence.

St. Andre Bessette @Hawksat25 Thank you families for visiting during our #CEW2024 Open House. Class activities varied with lessons, dance or art to name a few. #DPCDSB\_CEW #SABFamily



## Mindfulness Morning with Mom

On May 11, Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School hosted its first annual Community Wellness Event, “Mindfulness Morning with Mom.” This weekend marked the end of Catholic Education Week, the beginning of National Mental Health Week, and also celebrated treasured Mother Figures and Caring Adults in our lives.

The goal of this event was to build healthy relationships and promote wellness in the community. Robert F. Hall students, and students in Grade 7 and 8 attending Robert F. Hall feeder schools, were invited to attend this event with their mom or a caring adult of their choice.

This event featured six Wellness Workshops, including Spinning, Gratitude, Christian Meditation, Self-Defense, Yoga and a Paper Flower-Making Craft. Each duo (Caring Adult and Student in Grade 7-12) participated in three 30-minute wellness workshops and then participated in a delicious and nutritious lunch prepared by Robert F. Hall hospitality classes. All participants received a small sway bag to take home, which included objects to encourage the development of daily mindfulness habits.



St. Hilary Catholic Elementary School students celebrated The International Festival of Roses in Honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe on May 16. Students celebrated the month of May in grand fashion this year with the help of our Rosary Apostolate team. Our students were trained over the last months by our team of amazing ladies. We would like to thank the Rosary Apostolate Team for the wonderful experience they brought to each of our classes this year. In celebration of our diversity, students said the Rosaries in the languages of their home countries. The pride and appreciation for their culture and for the dual language skills was appreciated by everyone. In the end, our students experienced a truly meaningful event.



St. Aidan Catholic Elementary School was fortunate enough to have the entire school experience wheelchair sports with Shawn Courchesne. The students enjoyed learning to maneuver in different ways, culminating in a game of wheelchair basketball. There was also an epic battle between the staff versus the students. The students achieved victory and everyone learned to appreciate differing abilities more. Equity in action.



On May 10, St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Elementary School hosted an Educational Quiz Bowl. Nine schools were represented in the competition. Teams of five students worked together to answer trivia questions based on the Ontario curriculum. There were also categories in General Knowledge and Current Events. St. Evan and St. Isaac Jogues went head-to-head in the finals with St. Evan winning by a mere seven points. Parents and teachers alike were impressed by the breadth of student knowledge in this display of Catholic Education in action.



On May 16, St. Roch Catholic Secondary School held its first South Asian Culture Day. It was a fun and educational celebration for all. There was South Asian food, cultural performances and a school wide cultural dress down day. There was also a free Mehndi booth where students got beautiful designs drawn on their hands.





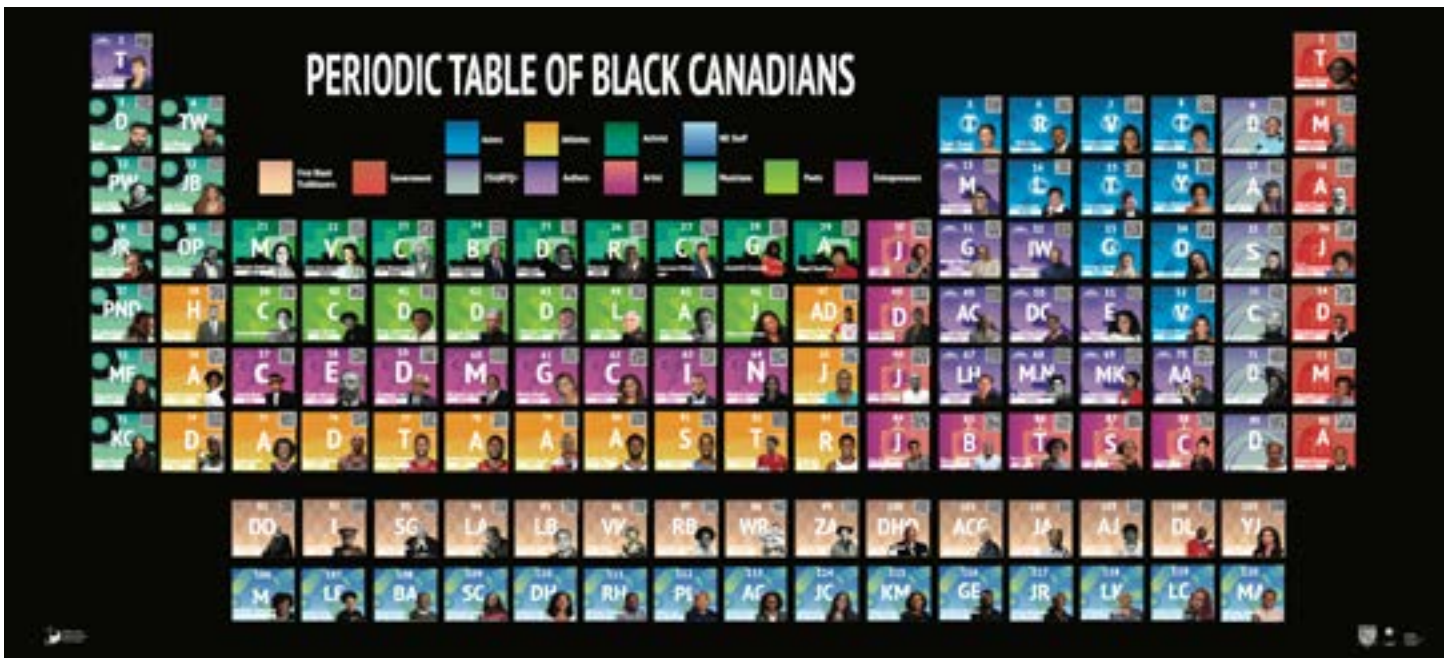
On May 4, Queen of Heaven Catholic Elementary School Council hosted our first Carnival Day. Families were invited to the school for a day full of carnival games and food. Children played corn-hole, beanbag toss, knocking over tin cans and enjoyed having their faces painted with fun designs. Children earned tickets at each game and then redeemed them for prizes. Afterwards, families enjoyed a “carnival” themed lunch – hotdogs, popcorn and popsicles. A huge thank you goes out to all the parents of the School Council for their time and hard work in making this enormously entertaining and successful event for the Queen of Heaven school community.



St. Andre Bessette Catholic Elementary School took advantage of one of the rare sunny days in April and did a schoolwide yard clean up. Classes went out onto our school grounds and nearby park to pick up debris left over from the winter thaw. Thank you to our wonderful Youth Faith Leaders for organizing a full week of earth activities for our school.



The Black Student Alliance of St. Edmund Campion Catholic Secondary School welcomed several Black community members, Black entrepreneurs and Black business owners on April 17. Guests came with a variety of displays sharing information about their professions and careers within their industry. A few of the guests (who are also DPCDSB alumni) were happy to connect with the students and share real-life connections to classroom activities. As students asked questions, they gained further knowledge about how to pursue that career cluster in post-secondary. Campion's BSA continues to identify unique and creative ways to empower students so as to reach their full potential. Our community continues to provide opportunities to uplift Black voices.



At Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School, we continue to create new and exciting ways for our community to be acknowledged while enabling the gifts and strength of our diversity to shine. Ms. Cordeiro's Gr 11 and 12 Media Arts class did an exceptional job at creating a Periodic Table of Black Canadians which demonstrates the exceptional contributions of Black Canadians in our world. For example, entrepreneurs, poets, trailblazers, and our own DPCDSB staff are identified by name, picture and a short biography which enables all to learn more. Those included are a small but significant sample of those who have not only paved the way for us all, but those who also continue to share their Black Excellence both on the local and global scale for all of us to witness.



## Upcoming Events

### Month of June: The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

June is:

Brain Injury Awareness Month (National)

Deafblind Awareness Month (Provincial)

Filipino Heritage Month (National)

Italian Heritage Month (National)

National Indigenous History Month

Portuguese Heritage Month (National)

Pride Month (National)

Seniors' Month (Provincial)

### June 2 – The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

*All ate and were filled. (Luke 9:17)*

### June 7 – The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts. (Romans 5:5)*

### June 7 - World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

Catholics worldwide are urged to pray for Priests today. The day was begun by Saint John Paul II in 2002 with the objective of having all Catholic faithful join in prayer for the sanctification of Priests. World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests coincides with the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

### June 8 – The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*His mother treasured all these things in her heart. (Luke 2:51)*

### June 9 – Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

### June 10 - PA Day for Elementary Schools

### June 16 – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### [June 18 - DPCDSB Board Meeting](#)

### June 18, 19, 20, 21, 24 - Secondary Examination Days

### June 23 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### June 24 – The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

The birth of John the Baptist was one of the earliest feasts to be named to a particular day on the Church calendar. When John was born, his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, called him John in accordance with an angel's instruction.

### June 26, 27, 28 - PA Day for Secondary Schools

### June 29 – The Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles

Peter, a fisherman, was chosen by Jesus to be his disciple. After Simon confessed that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter and told him that it was on this rock (petra) that he would build his Church. Paul's experience of the risen Christ resulted in his conversion from a zealous persecutor of Christians to an apostle. Paul called himself the "Apostle of the Gentiles."

### June 30 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Link to: [2023-2024 School Year Calendar](#) / [2024-2025 School Year Calendar](#)

For a complete schedule of events, visit the [DPCDSB Events webpage](#).

#### Virtue of the Month: Fairness

*Fairness is the ability to be open-minded and act in a just and fair way. Fairness allows us to treat others with mercy and compassion - to feel and act with and for another person.*

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