

ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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BACK TO SCHOOL

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Welcome Back!

On behalf of the OAPCE we would like to welcome you all back for another school year. As we look forward to starting off fresh, we bring with us the wisdom of the past several years. The OAPCE Board of Directors will be meeting in person at the end of September to set the course for the coming school year to ensure we move forward to ENHANCE, ADVOCATE and ENGAGE!

Local Parent Council Elections

As a reminder to parents that if your school board is a member of OAPCE, then your local school parent council is required to elect an OAPCE representative as part of parent council. This is mandated by section 612 of the Education Act. In smaller school communities it can be a challenge so if there are not enough people to fulfill the separate OAPCE role, it automatically falls to the parent council chair. If you would like to see if your board is a member please **CLICK HERE** or contact oapce@oapce.org

In order for us to stay connected, please ensure that your OAPCE local school representative signs up for our **email distribution list. CLICK HERE**. We are working with the school boards to provide us OAPCE representative names however not all boards share this with us.

We will be taking on a new communications strategy that will see us communicating more directly via email, our website and supplementing that with the power of social media to make specific announcements. We wish you and your children a wonderful school year ahead.

Prayer to Begin a School Year:

**Blessed are you, Lord God,
Creator of body and mind and heart;
you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge
to guide your people in all their ways.**

**At the beginning of this new school year,
in this time of uncertainty and anxiety,
we implore your mercy.**

**Bless and protect our students, teachers,
staff, their families.**

**Give wisdom to the decision makers,
be they in our schools or in our homes.**

**Expand the horizons of our minds,
and deepen our commitment to seek
the truth of your ways.**

**Enliven our faith to reach out to those in need,
particularly those isolated and lonely.**

**In these days when so much has changed,
help us to trust in the love of your Son Jesus,
our Divine Teacher, who is the same
yesterday, today, and forever.**

Amen.

