



## OAPCE Regional Report

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### Regions:

**ALCDSB, BHNCDSB, CDSBEO, DCDSB, HPCDSB, HSCDSB, KCDSB, NCDSB, NCDSB, NWCDSB, RCCDSB, SCDSB, SNCDSB, SNCDSB, TBCDSB, WCDSB, WECDSB.**

**Date: FALL 2024**

1. OAPCE hosted its first *virtual* meeting of the 2024/2025 school year.

### **Meeting Highlights**

**Presentation - *SuperParents: Unlocking the Powers of Advocacy*** by Joe Perri - Advocate for your child's education like a superhero! Advocacy is vital in ensuring our children receive the best education possible while preserving our Catholic values. The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) empowers parents to become advocates not just for their children but for the Catholic community as a whole. The presentation explored the importance of advocacy and how parents can amplify their voices to effect meaningful change.

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## Encouraging Connections

- OAPCE representatives are encouraged to share activities happening within their local parish, including reconciliation and First Communion preparations.
- **Cool Schools** in your Region! Want to share the good work that parents are doing in their schools send us a picture and a small description and we will post on the regional Webpage!

## OAPCE Executive In Action

- Our OAPCE Executives met with the new Minister of Education, Jill Dunlop, further reinforcing the strong connection between our provincial government and parents in Catholic Education.
- Task force for Cellphone Ban and Vaping - OAPCE is a member of the Bill 128 Task Force on the implementation of the new Policy. We want to hear from you and will be launching a survey in the new year! Stay tuned for a feedback link!

## Save the Date...

- **Conference May 2025 TBD!** - stay tuned for more information on dates.

## A Call to Action: Supporting Catholic Education

Parents play a critical role in sustaining the vibrancy of Catholic education in Ontario. Here's how you can contribute:

1. **Designate Your Taxes:** Confirm your property taxes are directed to the Catholic school system. This simple step ensures that resources are allocated to support Catholic education. For more information, click [here](#).
2. **Vote for Catholic Trustees:** Trustees play a vital role in shaping policies and maintaining the Catholic identity of our schools. Voting in municipal elections ensures your voice is heard in selecting trustees who represent your values. Learn more about our Trustees on your school board website!

Your involvement ensures Catholic education remains a strong and effective part of Ontario's school system. Please share this call to action with parents in your school communities.

### **Social Media Updates**

- Our new Instagram account is live! Follow us at [@OAPCE85](#)
- Stay updated by following us on X (formerly Twitter) [@OAPCEONTARIO](#)
- Check out our new Facebook page: OAPCE85

### **Latest Edition of *Parent 2 Parent Press***

The latest edition of *Parent 2 Parent Press* is now available - Make sure to subscribe to OAPCE communications for updates on newsletters and events: [Subscribe Now](#).

Please share the newsletter, OAPCE recap at your next parent council meeting!

Encourage at least ten parents to subscribe and help spread awareness about the resources OAPCE offers.

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### **Questions?**

As fellow parents in Catholic Education we are here to support you. If you have any questions about OAPCE or need assistance with school council matters, please don't hesitate to contact us at [oapce@oapce.org](mailto:oapce@oapce.org)!

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