



Dufferin Peel Regional Report March and April 2024

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Regional Conference April 13th at Monsignor Percy Johnson Catholic High School

- This year marked OAPCE's 85th anniversary and we celebrated with a very well attended Regional Conference with amazing vendors and speakers.
- Keynote speaker **Karl Subban** spoke about vision, perseverance, teamwork and what it means to lead. Karl shared topics from his book "Team Subban's Vision for Success How Did You Do It?" drawing from his experience as a principal and the father of 3 NHL stars. Karl also signed a copy of his book for all attendees.
- **Anne Jamieson Executive Director for ICE** presented "Renewing the Promise: Re-reading your Love Letters" She spoke on creating and encouraging environments of trust and prayer in the home and collaboration with the school community.
- OAPCE's Co-Executive Director **Joe Perri** Presented " Superparents: Unlocking the Powers of Advocacy"- Advocate for your child's education like a Superhero. Joe discussed the importance of advocacy and how it relates to parents, neighbors, the Catholic community and how OAPCE empowers parents to become the Superparents for their children.
- Our final speaker was **Chris Bray** who's presentation was "Such a Time is This" How God has chosen us to parent and form our children into who he has called us to be, the first educators of our children.
- **Ontario's Minister of Education Stephen Lecce** was able to join us in support for Catholic Education in Ontario and gave a powerful speech discussing cellphone bans in school during learning time and vaping bans on school property.
- Following our presentation we proceed to St. Benedict church for Holy mass lead by His Grace Archbishop Leo
- The conference Gala Dinner & Awards ended the day at the Sandman Signature Toronto Airport Hotel with His Grace, Archbishop Leo as a Keynote speaker where he spoke to the importance of Parents as the first educators of their children how the schools are there to support them as well as ensure the Catholic faith is prevalent in all that is taught in schools.
- More conference highlights can be viewed by following the link below
https://oapce.org/wp-content/uploads/OAPCE-2024-CONFERENCE-HIGHLIGHTS_.pdf

Social Media

- Our new Instagram account is now live! Follow us @OAPCE85 and don't forget to follow us on X @OAPCEONTARIO

March edition of our Parent 2 Parent Press

- Available now <https://oapce.org/parents-4-parents/>
- Ensure to subscribe to receive these newsletters and other communication from OAPCE <https://oapce.org/contact/>
- Share our Parents 4 Parents press with your school admin to send out to the school community.

CSC and BOD Meeting updates

- In March I was invited to attend a CSC meeting at St. Peter and Paul Elementary School where I was able to meet amazing parents and Administrators and advocate for OAPCE.
- I look forward to attending additional CSC meetings and fundraising events I have been invited to over the next few months.
- Call out to all OAPCE Reps sent January 27th regarding any way I can support them to prepare for their meetings or if they would like me to attend and speak at their meetings. Reps are messaging and excited for the support.

Statements released

- OAPCE Issued a statement of support for the new Cell Phone and Vaping policy PPM 128 that can be found here: <https://oapce.org/oapce-statement/>

Upcoming Events

- OAPCE Directors will be going to Queen's Park to meet with Minister of Education Stephen Lecce and Premier Ford to highlight OAPCE's 85th Anniversary.
- OAPCE AGM is on Monday June 10, all Reps are invited to attend virtually.
- Catholic Education week May 5th-10th

Upcoming Meetings

- Wednesday May 29th– Virtual
- Agenda to follow.