



Hello Parents and Guardians in the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board.

Welcome to the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education Family as the OAPCE Liaison Representative for your school!

I am Diana Carlesimo, the OAPCE Director for Dufferin Peel. I'm also the Chair and OAPCE Representative on the parent council at St. Catherine of Siena Elementary school in Mississauga South as well as a representative on the CCCSC (Central Committee for Catholic school councils) I have been blessed with 1 son who is in grade 3 at St. Catherine of Siena.

OAPCE is the voice of parents and guardians of children enrolled in the publicly funded Catholic Education in Ontario. My role as OAPCE Director is to represent you on behalf of the DPCDSB school board at the regional and provincial level of our organization.

OAPCE Liaison Representatives are responsible to provide information between Parent Councils and OAPCE, this vital role is mandated through the Education Act in Regulation 612 - The OAPCE representatives are voting members that are part of the Parent Council. I will be forwarding information for you to share with your councils and hope to establish two-way communication with you to better represent you. This means that in addition to giving you information to share with your councils it is vital to also share feedback, questions etc. that your council and parents in your community may have for OAPCE.

As a representative the first thing to do is ensure you sign up for the emails from OAPCE on our website by clicking the link [HERE](#) and share your email address with me directly as you will have access to the Ministry of Education and Catholic Parent communications, as well as surveys, resources and valuable information.

We also will have regional committee meetings where you can attend and connect with other OAPCE representatives from your school board. This is a platform for all the OAPCE representatives to come together to receive pertinent information regarding Catholic Education as well as being able to connect with other parents in our region. OAPCE meetings are always interesting, fun and a great way to learn from other parents!

Our first meeting is Wednesday November 6th in person at our Board offices. The agenda and further details will be posted soon.

I love to hear about the great things happening in your schools so please share details about any events or celebrations and do not hesitate to contact me with any questions at dufferinpeel@oapce.org. Last school year I was blessed with being invited to attend various CSC meetings throughout DPCDSB where I was able to meet so many amazing parents, have amazing conversations and dive into more about OAPCE. I look forward to attending more this year so if you would like me to visit your school please discuss with your school administration and let me know!

Sincerely,
Diana Carlesimo