

OAPCE ALL Regions Regional Meeting
TUESDAY JUNE 4, 2024
@ 7:00pm

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OPENING PRAYER

Prayer for the 85th anniversary

God our Father, we give you thanks for these 85 years in which, guided by your Son Jesus Christ, dedicated parents committed themselves for the support and development of Catholic Education in Ontario.

We ask you to renew the presence of your Holy Spirit in the hearts of all parents involved in OAPCE. May He guide them in their effort to support the continuation and preservation of publicly funded Catholic Education in the province.

Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, pray for all members of OAPCE as they continue their mission: to engage, advocate and enhance Catholic education in Ontario. May your example constantly remind us that Catholic Education starts in our families.

Lord God, give us your blessing on the occasion of this important anniversary. We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRESENTATION



SuperParents: Unlocking the Powers of Advocacy – Joe Perri

Advocate for your child's education like a Superhero!

Advocacy plays a crucial role in ensuring that our children receive the best education possible and that our Catholic values are preserved.

The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) understands the importance of parents' voices in advocating for their children's education. In this presentation we will explore the importance of advocacy and how it relates to parents, neighbors, the Catholic community, and how OAPCE empowers parents to become the Super parent for their children!

OAPCE Regional

Parent Councils updates:

- **Call out to all OAPCE Reps**
How can we support you to prepare for your Parent council meeting or would you like us to attend and speak at your parent council meeting - contact your Directors or OAPCE CO-Executive Directors!
- **Standardized Meeting Agenda**
OAPCE should be a standing agenda item on all Parent council agenda providing the OAPCE Rep with time to share all the pertinent info that we send out!

Catholic School Parent Council

Things to discuss and share at your meeting:

1. Share [Parents4Parents newsletter](#)
2. Share OAPCE Position Paper 2024.
3. Success the 85th OAPCE Conference Highlights:
4. Ask 10 parents to sign up to our distribution list!
5. Connect w/ your Regional Director if there is not one contact the OAPCE Co-Ed's!



OAPCE Provincial

Social Media

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

Parents 4 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.

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/>

OAPCE Provincial



Ministry of Education

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Parent Learning Guide:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/your-childs-education-parent-guide-our-school-system>

Parent Accountability and Transparency: Communication Requirements for Guest (Third Party) Speakers and Presentations in Ontario Schools

https://oapce.org/wp-content/uploads/Strengthening-Academic-Achievement-and-Transparency-Attachment-1_compressed.pdf

NEW! PPM 170!

School Board Communication with Parents!

On June 6, the province issued Policy/Program Memorandum No. 170 – School Board Communication with Parents which outlines requirements and provides direction to school boards on communication with parents, to strengthen service standards and ensure consistent and reliable information is made available to parents across the province. Starting in the 2024-25 school year, school boards will be required to:

To provide parents with information to support their active engagement in their child's education. Also develop and comply with a protocol setting out standards for acknowledging and responding to parent inquiries.



OAPCE SuperParents in ACTION!



Closing prayer

God, the source of every good gift, you have called us together as servants to do your will.

Grant us the light of your Spirit, to guide us in our responsibilities as a Regional Council.

May we work together in harmony for the common good.

May we listen to one another in a spirit of genuine respect.

May we encourage and reverence one another's unique talents.

May we use the gifts of the Spirit in creative Christian leadership.

May we approach our decision making through discernment and prayer.

May we respond effectively to the needs of the children in our care.

God of Love You give us the gifts of the Holy Spirit, for the common good.

May your blessings radiate from us to others, in a new spirit of service.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

Amen