



Dufferin Peel Regional Report January 2024

January 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/>
- OAPCE parent survey 2023. Your answers to this survey are important to ensure that the focus of OAPCE is aligned with your needs and to provide the Ministry of Education with data that they frequently request from us. To effectively preserve Catholic education and advocate for its continued support <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfg9IpanxPu9v2xRg6gYahg5nkKBIT9iC5zMZD-ILGHrXWIHw/viewform>
- The newest blog posts “Nurturing human rights, dignity, and respect: The Significance of family education in Ontario catholic schools” and “Advocacy 101” <https://oapce.org/blog/>
- Share our Parents 4 Parents press with your school admin to send out to the school community.

CSC Meeting updates

- An update to the process and agenda of the CSC meetings which will standardize agenda layouts in every school, ensure a virtual option is available to parents who cannot attend in person meetings and allow schools to have a CSC email address where a call out will be made by the administration to ask parents if they have any discussion topics to review.
- Call out to all OAPCE Reps sent January 27th regarding anyway I can support them to prepare for their meetings or if they would like me to attend and speak at their meetings and so far 3 schools have reached out and asked me to attend and 2 parents contacted me to help prepare for the next meeting.

Director Report

- 2022-2023 Annual Director report for Dufferin Peel sent out and available to view. <https://annual.dpcdsb.org/>

MindUP Pilot Project

- The MindUP pilot project has been launched in select schools and classes and has been very well received by students and teachers.
- MindUP is a program that is integrated into the current curriculum which is a mindfulness-based social and emotional learning curriculum program for educators and students that aims to help children:

-Improve focus, concentration, and academic performance

-Reduce stress and anxiety

-Handle peer-to-peer conflicts

-Manage emotions and reactions

-Develop greater empathy toward others

-Choose optimism

Human trafficking Virtual Presentation

- On January 18th, Trustee Bruno Iannicca organized a human trafficking awareness virtual presentation with Matt Richardson focusing on Technology, Social Media and Online Safety.
- 300+ people attended the presentation and feedback on the presentation shows it was positively received.

Fully Alive

- New fully alive curriculum and support curriculum available on the ICE website <https://iceont.ca/new-family-life-education-curriculum-and-support-resources/>
- Brian Beal - General Secretary Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario reached out to OAPCE to connect with Directors for consultation on communication pieces that will be developed between school and home. Our Zoom call took place on January 31st.

November 30th CCCSC OAPCE training sessions

- Link to recordings still available <https://www3.dpcdsb.org/parents/getting-involved/ccsc/csc-webinars>

Regional Conference

- SAVE THE DATE! April 12th and 13th in Toronto

Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, February 13th– Virtual
- Agenda to follow.

