

# Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee

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Winter 2026 Newsletter

The Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (DCPIC) is a statutory committee of the Durham Catholic District School Board. Our goal is to make parental engagement a priority by providing ongoing support on a system-wide basis and promoting communication and dialogue between school councils, the Board and members of the community.

## Message from DCPIC Chair

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move into the spring, the DCPIC is excited about the plans coming together for the months ahead. We have several opportunities designed to bring families together, support student well-being, and strengthen the connection between home, school, and parish. We hope you will take part and stay connected this spring.

This season also brings us into Lent, a time to pause, reflect, and renew our focus on prayer and faith in our daily lives. May your family find moments of peace and quiet reflection in the weeks ahead.

Thank you for being an important part of our Durham Catholic community. We look forward to connecting with many of you at our upcoming events.

Yours in Faith,

Christine Santos  
Chair, Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee



## Upcoming Events

Building on last year's initiatives and guided by the 2025 Parent/Guardian Survey, our upcoming events continue to focus on student well-being, academic support, faith formation, and parent engagement. Please learn more about the events below.

### Virtual Financial Literacy Parent Night

Tuesday, March 10, 2026, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. |  
Virtually on Microsoft Teams

Join us for an engaging virtual financial literacy session for families, aligned with Ontario curriculum expectations. Discover practical strategies for budgeting, saving, and making informed financial decisions while learning how to reinforce key concepts your child is studying in school, such as consumer awareness, responsible money management, and economic understanding.

[Click here to register and learn more.](#)



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### Lenten Family Movie Event (Coming Soon)

DCDSB families are invited to join us for faith-centered movie night during Lent. Details will be shared in the coming weeks on the [dcdsb.ca](https://dcdsb.ca) website, Edsby, and social media.

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## Save the Date: Family Well-Being Evening

Thursday, April 30, 2026 | Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School (1375 Harwood Avenue North, Ajax)

Families are invited for an evening of well-being! Families will learn practical tools and insights to help support their children's confidence, focus, and emotional well-being as they navigate academic and social pressures. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

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## Save the Date: Digital Well-Being Series with MediaSmarts

Thursday, May 14, 2026 and Thursday, May 21, 2026 | Virtual Event

MediaSmarts and DCPIC will be hosting two sessions on healthy technology habits and online safety for families. More information to follow. Event details and registration information will be shared through [dcdsb.ca](https://dcdsb.ca), Edsby, and social media channels.

## Helpful Resources for Families

### Free Online Resources for Students and Families

- TVO Mathify - Free online math tutoring for students in Grades 4-12. Tutors are available online Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., and Saturday to Sunday from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. [Please click here to learn more.](#)
  - TVO Learn - Engaging and free resources that align with the Ontario curriculum, from Kindergarten to Grade 12. [Please click here to learn more.](#)
  - MediaSmarts - Digital safety tools for students and families. [Please click here to learn more.](#)
  - Ontario Parent Guide to the Education System - Information on curriculum, EQAO, and graduation requirements. [Please click here to learn more.](#)
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## Minister's Certificate of Recognition for Community Involvement

Ontario secondary students who complete more than 50 volunteer hours may earn provincial recognition (Bronze, Silver, or Gold levels). This builds on the required 40 community involvement hours for graduation and encourages students to go above and beyond in service.

[Please click here to learn more.](#)

## Faith and Service

### Faith and Service During Lent

Lent calls us to live our faith through prayer and service. Families wishing to support students in need within our board community can learn more about the [Durham Catholic Children's Foundation](#).

The Durham Catholic Children's Foundation provides compassionate support to students and families in need within the Durham Catholic District School Board. Through the generosity of donors, parish communities, and local partners, the Foundation helps ensure that students can participate fully in school life, regardless of their circumstances. [Please click here to learn more and make a donation.](#)

Parent leadership is another important way we strengthen our Catholic school communities. Parents interested in becoming more involved in school council and parent advocacy are encouraged to explore the upcoming Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) One-Day Conference. [Please click here to learn more.](#)

## Follow Us on Social Media



Follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) @dcpic.ca for up-to-date information, tips, and news for families.

We'd love for you to join our DCPIC social media community!

## Upcoming Meeting Dates

Parents and guardians are welcome to attend our Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Meetings. Our meetings are held in-person at the DCDSB Catholic Education Centre, starting at 7:30 p.m. on the dates below.

- March 5, 2026
- April 9, 2026
- May 7, 2026
- June 4, 2026

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