

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### Lou Rocha



#### ***“The Importance of Catholic Schools: Engaging Parents & the Catholic Community in the Discussion”***

*Lou Rocha will be our keynote speaker. He has been an educator for 37 years. He has served as a teacher, vice-principal and principal. Lou has dedicated his life to working in partnership with colleagues, parents, the church and various other organizations to promote and support Catholic education. Lou is passionate about Catholic Education. He will focus his talk on the*

*importance of Catholic Education and engaging the Catholic community in ongoing discussions about our faith and publicly funded Catholic Education in Ontario.*

***“We have an excellent Catholic school system because of people who have come before and people who continue their work. People like you..”***

## PLENARY SESSION

### ***Brian Finamore & Fr. Norm Roberts***

#### **The Future of Catholic Education**

***This session will be an opportunity to explore and discuss the future of Catholic Education. What can you do to help save our system? Do you fully realize the value of the connections between the school, the church and the community? What are the key issues? We have brought together an intriguing pair of experts so you can ask questions and engage in conversations to help keep Dufferin-Peel and Catholic education in Ontario a viable and growing system for our children’s future.***

## SESSIONS

# 1

#### **Special Education – Ministry of Education**

As a special needs parent you will find this session tremendously informative and helpful. Come and ask questions of the experts. What is the latest direction in special education? What is your role as the parent and how can you work with the school to help your child? What are the Ministry regulations and what can you expect throughout the years your child goes to school? This is the place to be to get the most up to date information, ask your questions and meet other parents who have similar questions and experiences. Get connected, ask those tough questions and gain insight into Special Education in Ontario.

# 2

#### **Internet Safety - Constable Chris Christidis, Peel Regional Police**

Do you wonder what your child is viewing on the internet? Do you know what child pornography and the online exploitation of children is? How can you protect your household from cyber-bullying and pornography? Intended for parents, caregivers and educators, this seminar will focus on issues related to on-line luring, child abuse images, investigative strategies, cyber-bullying and education/prevention programs.

# 3

#### **Homework Help– Engaging Students through Technology Kevin Williams, Program Dept., C.E.C.**

Dufferin-Peel is one of 15 school boards in the province participating in the Ministry of Education’s exciting Homework Help pilot project. The project provides students in grades 7 to 10 with math support through the Homework Help website. Using technology and the internet, the website provides students with resources and tools as well as the opportunity to get free, real-time, anonymous online tutoring from qualified math teachers Sunday to Thursday evenings. Through the project, students in all grades are also provided with access to the Ontario Educational Resource Bank; a collection of over 18,000 online resources that can be used by students/parents to assist student learning.

# 4

#### **Drug Awareness – What Parents Need to Know – Peel Health**

Learn what drugs are, what they look like, what drugs are being used most by teens and what parents can do to prevent use and abuse. This interactive presentation includes discussion, a drug board and resource pamphlets. (Participants must be 18 years of age or older)

# 5

#### **Financial Literacy - Junior Achievement of Ontario**

With strong support from our partners in education and our volunteer guest speakers, Junior Achievement of Central Ontario (JACO) will reach over 83,000 students with our full day financial literacy programs this school year. Our presentation will outline how JACO operates and funds our programs and will describe our financial literacy program options from grades 5 through 12. As well, we would like to explore how best to facilitate online classroom registration in your board and how we can best engage parents in the delivery of our programs. We would also be very interested in learning how JACO can support parents at home as they engage their children in discussion about financial literacy.

# 6

#### **Physical Activity Grade: F (again) It’s time for some extra help! Brenda Callaghan, Get Active Mississauga**

If a failing grade in math is a concern, then a failing grade in physical activity should also be a concern. Canada has received a failing grade in physical activity from Active Healthy Kids Canada yet again. Is there a link between the increases in childhood obesity, cancer, heart disease, diabetes and mental illness with a lack of physical activity? Can daily physical activity actually help my child perform better in school? How much daily physical activity does my child need?

Find out how our current lifestyles impact our children now and in the future. Determine if some habits are setting up our children to fail. Understand how daily physical activity is vital for the growth, development and protection of your child. Spend an hour in a workshop, change habits for a life time.

# REGISTRATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

SESSION -choose one only:

#1  #2  #3

#4  #5  #6

Submit this registration form by courier  
to **Connie Cristina** at the **C.E.C.**

or by fax

# 905-712-3732

Deadline for registration is

March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010

# PROGRAM

- 8:30 Registration, Vendor Market Place & Coffee
- 9:00 Liturgy and Opening Remarks
- 9:30 **Keynote Address – Lou Rocha**  
**Q&A**
- 10:30 Vendor Market Place and Coffee Break  
MOVE TO SESSIONS
- 10:50 Sessions
- 12:10 Lunch and Vendor Market Place
- 1:00 **Plenary Session – Brian Finamore & Fr. Norm Roberts**
- 2:10 Closing Remarks and door prizes



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of Bristol Rd.



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