

From Your Catholic School Trustee  
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Welcome back to the 2011-2012 school year. To those of you who are parents of children in Junior Kindergarten and new parents and families to Dufferin-Peel, welcome. I know you will be very happy with the education your children will receive.

Your children's teachers have been working hard to get ready for this new year and soon you will have an opportunity to visit the school on Curriculum Night to see the classrooms and meet the teachers. I encourage you to get involved in your children's education by attending or joining your Catholic school council, helping with homework and reading with your children. Studies show that when parents are engaged in their children's education children do better in school.

Always feel free to speak to your children's teachers, vice principal or principal about concerns or questions you may have. And as you know transportation issues are dealt with by our Transportation Department –STOPR. You may find more information in the school newsletter and on our board web site at [www.dpcdsb.org](http://www.dpcdsb.org). As well look to our web site for an interesting document titled *Achievement - A Report to our Catholic School Communities*. *This newsletter* is being distributed to parents/guardians the first week of September, as we begin the 2011-12 school year. This document provides a quick snapshot of some of the Board's accomplishments and activities during the 2010-11 school year.

I am proud to be your Catholic School Trustee. If you have any questions please never hesitate to contact me. We have a provincial election coming in October and I encourage you to become familiar with the issues around education in Ontario and VOTE! As Canadians, we have a wonderful gift of democracy that many people in other countries do not have.

Dufferin-Peel is very proud of the relationship we have fostered between home, school and parish. For nearly 170 years Catholic education has been the foundation for millions of students to develop their full spiritual, academic, physical and social potential. With your faith and support we will continue this journey.

I wish you a wonderful school year and may the good Lord always hold you in the palm of His hand.