



Message from the Superintendent  
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Mississauga South Family  
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Welcome back to another exciting school year. Special greetings to all those who are new to the Mississauga South Family of Schools. As the Superintendent of Mississauga South Family of Schools, I am excited to be a part of this vibrant and diverse community. Mississauga South consists of 26 schools; 4 secondary and 22 elementary, as well as 8 parishes, each of which supports our students' faith formation and catechetical programming. Four trustees represent our family's jurisdiction: Sharon Hobin, Peter Ferreira, Bruno Iannicca and Mario Pascucci, each of whom is a strong advocate for our schools and Catholic Education. It is our collective hope that you find your school to be a safe, caring, healthy and inclusive Catholic learning environment. It is our aim to provide excellence in Catholic education for your children.

Our Catholic teachers ensure that our young people become more appreciative of the gifts of our faith and realize their distinctive legacy as Catholic citizens. As parents and educators, you are witnesses to the hope that nourishes each child's faith formation and thus are empowered to help these young people in their journey.

Education is a co-operative endeavour and as parents and guardians, you play an absolutely essential role in your children's success. We ask you to set high expectations for your children's academic success. A parent's expectation of success becomes a driving force to motivate a child. When children aren't expected to do well, they often don't. So please don't accept mediocre grades and poor study habits; rather get involved and expect your child to achieve to their fullest potential. There are many ways to do this, such as by supervising homework, fostering reading at home, limiting TV, MSN messaging, video games, and talking with your children about the importance of education.

Your child's faculty have worked hard in preparing for the upcoming school year. The administrative team is prepared to ensure that programming and safety are paramount to your child's success. As parents, you must also set high expectations for your school. We welcome your involvement, support and suggestions which can help us to improve. Specifically, get involved with your children's schoolwork and tell us right away about any possible problems, for example, whether work is too easy or too difficult. Get to know your child's teacher and form a partnership.

I wish all our students a successful academic school year and many blessings.



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From Your Catholic School Trustee  
Sharon Hobin

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.