What’s New:

- [DPCDSB Accepting Nominations for the DPCDSB Distinguished Alumni Campaign](#)
- [Community Engagement Evening School Board Procurement - March 30, 2023](#)

Board Highlights:

The following items were received or approved by the Board of Trustees at it’s March 28, 2023 meeting:

- Presentation to Philippine Consul General
- Ontario Catholic School Trustees’ Association Report
- Retirements:
  - S. Blackmore, Principal
  - T. McLoughlin, Principal
  - D. Brkic, Principal
- Motion Recommended by the Faith and Program Committee - March 21, 2023

Upcoming Board Meeting: April 25, 2023

For a complete calendar of Board and Committee meetings, agendas and minutes, visit the DPCDSB [Board Meetings webpage](#).

Virtue of the Month: Love

God wants us to serve and to see the goodness in everyone we meet. Love is not just an emotion it is also a decision. Love involves a deliberate choice to give and to serve others even though the service may go unnoticed and unappreciated.
During the Lenten season, the John Cabot Catholic Secondary School community expressed almsgiving through the “Take the Shirt off My Back” Lenten Clothing Drive. We wish to thank students, staff and parent communities for their generosity and support. Over 25 large bags of clothing for men, women and children were donated to Canadian Food for Children and Regeneration Outreach. New blankets and jackets were also donated to victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. During the Lenten season, let us continue to pray for those in need. "When was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and have you clothing?" (Matthew 25:38)

Cardinal Leger Catholic Secondary School’s Debate Team had the pleasure of participating in the Ethics Bowl Ontario Championships held at the UTM on the weekend of March 4-5. The team, made up of Gr. 10 students Arohi Bhatia, Savannah Gentles, Anisa John and Pavit Rangi, was happy to have won against over a hundred teams participating in the Virtual Qualifier to represent the school at the “OC." Some of this year’s debate cases focused on such topics as: professional disobedience; territorial acknowledgments and charitable rights and wrongs. Cardinal Leger’s Debate team is looking forward to developing its skills around “ethics” style of debate which stresses collaboration, active listening and respectful dialogue in pursuit of the truth.
Cardinal Leger Catholic Secondary School’s Senior Band captured Gold at the Ontario Band Association Provincial Band Festival. After three years, the 55-member band returned with Music Teacher and Band Director, Edna Teguibon to the stage at the Japanese Cultural Centre in Toronto. They are preparing for the Nationals competition in May in Niagara Falls.

Mrs. Papa and Mrs. Emanuele’s FDK class at St. John Fisher Catholic Elementary School created Freedom Quilts to celebrate and learn about the contributions of the Black community. Students read the book “The Patchwork Path, A Quilt Map to Freedom”, by Bettye Stroud and created beautiful quilts of their own. Many of these quilts represented secret quilt codes that many enslaved people used along the path to cross the Underground Railroad to escape slavery into Canada. Thank you to all students for their hard work in creating beautiful quilts that help us understand our Canadian landscape. May we continue to celebrate, acknowledge, and learn about the contributions of all Black Canadians every day.

Mr. Tremblay’s Grade 6/7 class St. Hilary Catholic Elementary School were ‘Rockin Their Socks’ to celebrate their classmate Julian and World Down Syndrome Day. “The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention” - Oscar Wilde.

Extraordinary lives start with a great Catholic Education.
Grade 8 students at St. Aidan Catholic Elementary School organized a Black History Month Symposium. Each student selected and represented an inspirational Black person and every class had the opportunity to interact and learn first-hand about them. There were performances from our step team, slam poetry, as well as a liturgy. The event ended in a community dance to “Jeruselema” by Master KG.

On March 7, Our Lady of Providence Catholic Elementary School held a Black History Fair to celebrate the culture, achievement, contributions and stories of Black Canadians and Americans who, throughout history, have done so much to make our country culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous. During the fair, students had the opportunity to visit a variety of stations throughout the school. There were stations for making bracelets, dances, art, games and displays. The displays were provided by Mrs. Opoku, one of the OLP teachers who was born and raised in Ghana. She showcased clothing that is worn for weddings and special events. She said that people from Ghana really try to portray their culture through their clothes, food and instruments. Students also learned about prominent Black people who have had a tremendous benefit and impact on the world, but are often ignored and forgotten in history books. Big thanks to OLP’s intermediate students who ran the program and to the teachers for generously dedicating their time into making Our Lady of Providence’s Black History month a wonderful experience for all.
On March 1, St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Secondary School’s Business SHSM students had an educational sector-partnered experience at Mississauga’s City Hall. Students were treated to a tour of Celebration Square and a behind the scenes look at City Hall. The City Manager took some time to speak of her career journey and spoke about how making a difference in your city is important. Councillor Martin Reid, from Ward 9, inspired students to take initiative, set goals, and network. Students were fortunate to sit in on live Council Chambers and were publicly recognized. Students attended a presentation from the City Finance representative and then took time to solve a real problem that Mississauga faced. Students brainstormed possible solutions and worked collaboratively to come up with a solution that they presented. Business SHSM Teacher Advisors, Carmelina Catinella and Sonia Janik-Corvinelli, were impressed with their creative solutions. The day ended with a public speaking certification. Mayor Bonnie Crombie visited with students and gave many tips on public speaking. Overall, the day was a unique experience and a day to remember.
Cabot prays for peace and healing

On the morning of February 24, students and staff at John Cabot Catholic Secondary School commemorated the one-year anniversary of the war in Ukraine by coming together as a school community in prayer, song and by creating doves of peace.

A choir of newcomer students from Ukraine shared a traditional Ukrainian song called “червона калина” (Red Kalyna). Kalyna are bright red berries that grow wild in Ukraine. They are a strong symbol for Ukrainians, just like the maple leaf is a symbol for Canadians. The red berries symbolize love, motherhood, blood, family ties, and love for one’s homeland. Kalyna is usually planted on the graves of fallen soldiers in Ukraine, which is reminiscent of the red poppy we traditionally wear for Remembrance Day to honour those who died in military service. Wearing traditional embroidered blouses called вишиванка (Vyshyvanka), the students started the morning reflection by singing Chervona Kalyna to honour all people around the world who stand to fight for independence and love of their native country.

Following the commemoration, all students in the school were invited to create their own dove of peace, by writing a message of healing for all victims of war. The doves now fly on the windows of the cafeteria, reminding us that even though we are many, we are united in prayer.

God of peace and justice,

We pray for the people of Ukraine today and for all people around the world who are experiencing the suffering of war

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons

so that people everywhere can feel safe

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,

that your Spirit of comfort will draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war and peace,

Let wisdom and compassion guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-risk and in fear, that you hold and protect them.

We come to you, loving God, with hope in our hearts and love for all our brothers and sisters on our lips.

We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Upcoming Events

April 2-8 – Holy Week
Holy Week is the week which precedes the great Feast of the resurrection on Easter Sunday. It includes the last days of Lent and the beginning of the Easter Triduum. During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with his messianic entrance into Jerusalem.

April 2 – Passion (Palm) Sunday

April 6-9 – The Sacred Paschal Triduum
Through his Paschal Mystery, the Lord Jesus redeemed the human race and gave perfect glory to the Father. The Easter Triduum is the celebration of the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord and is the high point of the Liturgical Year. The Easter Solemnity is to the year what Sunday is to the week.

April 6 – Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)

April 7 – Celebration of the Lord’s Passion (Good Friday)
The Church of God fasts today and tomorrow to honour the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare to share more deeply in the joy of his resurrection. Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

April 8 – The Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Vigil)

April 9- The Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday)

April 10-15 – Easter Octave

April 12 - International Day of Pink

April 13 - Brampton West Family of Schools Ball Hockey Tournament
Guardian Angels C.E.S. is hosting a Brampton West Family of Schools Ball Hockey Tournament on April 13 in the school’s parking lot. Location: 62 Heatherdale Dr., Brampton.

April 14 - P.A. Day for St. Sofia C.E.S. Only

April 14 - DPCDSB Book Club: Celebrating Diverse Stories (In-Person)
The Equity and Inclusive Education Department is pleased to offer, “Book Club: Exploring Diverse Stories” an exciting opportunity for the DPCDSB community. The aim is to improve literacy skills, boost confidence and connect students with peers, all while previewing books that have identity-affirming characters and content. This opportunity is being offered in-person in an effort to gain the most participation possible. The Book Club is open to all students and families in Grades 3-6. Event/Registration Information

April 15 – Pascha (Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Churches)
Tonight, the Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Churches who follow the Julian calendar begin their Easter celebration.

April 15 - Holy Cross C.E.S. Hello Spring Marketplace
Please join Holy Cross Catholic School Council as they host a “Hello Spring” Marketplace on April 15 at Holy Cross School at 3615 Morning Star Drive, Mississauga from 11 am to 3 pm. Check out what these amazing vendors have to offer at our indoor market, including baked and home goods, crafty creations, natural skin care products and more. Free entry. Hello Spring Market Flyer

April 16 – Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
April 19-21 - St. Roch Players presents Newsies
St. Roch’s The Roch Players Present Disney’s Newsies on April 19, 20, 21! Tickets on sale at the school starting March 21. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and show starts at 7 p.m. Come on out and enjoy this high energy family friendly musical. Location: St. Roch C.S.S., 200 Valleyway Dr., Brampton. For more information, call 905-456-8543.

April 21 - Brampton West Film Festival
The Brampton West Film Festival is currently underway. Intermediate students within the Brampton West Family of Schools have been busy over the past several months creating short films. The top selections from each school are being viewed, and students will be voting for the top three winners within the Family. Our Brampton West Film Festival Awards Ceremony will be on Friday April 21 at St. Jean-Marie Vianney School. For more information contact, Mike Martins Michael.martins@dpcdsb.org or Marsha Dorscht marsha.dorscht@dpcdsb.org

April 22 - John Cabot Catholic Secondary School’s 25th Anniversary
We are delighted to invite you to the 25th anniversary of John Cabot Catholic Secondary School on Saturday April, 22, 2023. The celebration will begin with a mass at 10 a.m. at St Patrick’s Parish (921 Flagship Dr., Mississauga). It will be followed by an Open House at John Cabot C.S.S. (635 Willowbank Trail, Mississauga) where you will have the opportunity to explore the school's classrooms and facilities, meet with current and former staff and students. RSVP Link. If you have any questions, email cabotinfo@educ.dpcdsb.org. **Invitation**

April 22 – Earth Day

April 23 – Third Sunday of Easter

April 25 – Feast of St. Mark

April 26 - Ascension of our Lord’s first annual Kuumba Community Marketplace
The B.E.S.T (Black Excellence Success Team) is proud to present another exciting event. Join us on April 26, 2023 at Ascension of our Lord C.S.S. for the first annual Kuumba Community Marketplace. Students and local businesses will be promoting and selling their brands in a marketplace type atmosphere that will include a live DJ, guest speakers, food trucks and so much more. The B.E.S.T committee is committed to advancing the well-being of Black students and fostering community relationships. Time: 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Please register using the QR code on the event flyer.

April 26 – The Mississauga Central, Brampton, Malton, Caledon and Orangeville 15th Annual Dance Event at The Rose Theatre
Dance teams from elementary schools in Mississauga Central, Brampton, Caledon, Malton and Orangeville will be participating at this annual dance event. Students will perform a variety of styles of dance. Time: 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Location: The Rose Theatre, Brampton. For more information, please contact Joceline Adusei at St. Jean-Marie Vianney School at 905-497-6888.

April 28 – National Day of Mourning for Workers Killed or Injured on the Job

April 30 – Fourth Sunday of Easter (World Day of Prayer for Vocations)
Christians today are invited to reflect on the meaning of God’s call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through his Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God’s people. (Ordo 2022-2023)

April 30 - May 5 - Catholic Education Week
Catholic Education Week 2023 will be held April 30-May 5, 2023. The theme is We are Many, We are One. Catholic Education Week begins on a Sunday to highlight the partnership that remains the foundation of Catholic education between our Catholic schools and local Catholic parishes. For more information about Catholic Education Week and to access OCSTA Resources, visit the OCSTA website.

For a complete schedule of events, visit the DPCDSB Events webpage.
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