



**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD**

DECEMBER 6, 2016

Extraordinary lives start with a great Catholic education.

ADVENT PEACE PSALM

**O PRINCE OF PEACE,
WHOSE ADVENT WE SEEK IN OUR LIVES,
COME THIS DAY AND SHOW US
HOW TO BEAT OUR SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES,
TOOLS OF LIFE INSTEAD OF INSTRUMENTS OF FEAR.**

**MAY YOUR LOVE STRIP US NAKED
OF ALL WEAPONS AND STRATEGIES OF CONQUEST,
WHICH ARE NOT THE TOOLS OF LOVERS,
WISE ONES AND GOD'S CHILDREN.**

**LET US NOT LUST FOR POWER
BUT RATHER STRIVE FOR THE INSIGHT
TO BE GUIDED ON THE WAY OF PEACE.**

**LET US BE ADVENT ADVENTURERS AND PEACEMAKERS,
HAMMERING SWORDS INTO SHOVELS,
FILLING HOLES AND LEVELLING PEAKS.
LET US BE DISARMED AND VULNERABLE,
FOR ONLY THROUGH SUCH OPEN HANDS AND HEARTS
CAN EMMANUEL COME.**

AND SO WE PRAY, HAIL MARY

Celebration of the Eucharist
Celebrant Monsignor Joseph Shiels
St. John XXIII Chapel – 6:00 p.m.

Organizational Meeting of the Board
Tuesday, December 6, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre

The mission of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, in partnership with the family and church, is to provide, in a responsible manner, a Catholic education which develops spiritual, intellectual, aesthetic, emotional, social, and physical capabilities of each individual to live fully today and to meet the challenges of the future, thus enriching the community.

AGENDA

- A** Call to Order by the Secretary of the Board – M. Mazzorato
- B** Opening Prayer – Monsignor J. Shiels
- C** Acknowledgement of First Nations Sacred Territory – M. Mazzorato
Anishinaabe Opening and Welcome – E. Robinson
- D** Approval of the Agenda – M. Mazzorato
- E** Director's Address to the Board – M. Mazzorato
- F** Election of Chair of the Board in Accordance with By-Law – M. Mazzorato
- G** Election of Vice-Chair of the Board in Accordance with By-Law – Chair
- H** Remarks from the Vice-Chair of the Board
- I** Remarks from the Chair of the Board
- J** Election of Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee – Chair
- K** Election of the Vice-Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee – Chair
- L** Election of Chair of the Faith and Program Committee – Chair
- M** Election of Vice-Chair of the Faith and Program Committee – Chair
- N** Election of Chair of the Contract Negotiations Committee – Chair
- O** Election of Vice-Chair of the Contract Negotiations Committee – Chair
- P** Election of Chair of the By-Law/Policy Review Committee – Chair
- Q** Election of Vice-Chair of the By-Law/Policy Review Committee – Chair
- R** Closing Remarks from the Chair of the Board
- S** Adjournment

A reception will be held in the cafeteria following the meeting.

OFFERING TOBACCO (ASEMAA)

For First Nations or Métis Elders, one must offer tobacco.

Tobacco is one of the four sacred medicines (Sacred Tobacco, Cedar, Sage and Sweetgrass), and it is offered when making a request. The offering can be in the form of a tobacco pouch or tobacco tie (loose tobacco wrapped in a small cloth). The exchange of tobacco/gift is similar to a contract between two parties where the Elder and/or Knowledge Keeper is agreeing to do what is asked, and the one offering is making a commitment to respect the process. The tobacco pouch or tie should be prepared by the person making the request. As the pouch or tie is being made it is good to think about what you are asking for, and put good thoughts and prayers into the offering. When making a request, offer the tobacco by holding it in your left hand (in front of you), state your request (be specific), and if the Elder or Knowledge Keeper accepts your request place the tobacco in their left hand.

Gift giving is a very basic part of Indigenous relationship building. When used properly, Sacred Tobacco can be used to communicate with the Spirit World and the Creator. In its original form, tobacco had both honor and purpose. The chemical additives found in commercial tobacco take away from tobacco's original purpose in Indigenous ceremonies.

Smoking cigarettes and chewing tobacco have no connection to Indigenous spirituality.

