

# COMMUNITY INFORMATION BULLETIN

## REMINDER: Respect and Consent

October 7, 2025

As we have now completed the first month of the 2025-2026 school year, we trust students, parents, faculty and staff alike have made the necessary adjustments after what was, hopefully, a blessed summer.

As always, we have new teachers and support staff, as well as administrators new to their roles and, if not new to their roles, perhaps new to their school communities. We hope that you will welcome them and get to know them, as they all have important roles to play in your child(ren)'s Catholic education.

DPCDSB seeks to provide a welcoming and inclusive environment of mutual respect for all students, faculty, staff and community. We are committed to maintaining learning and working environments that reflect mutual respect and dignity, promote civil and collaborative relationships among faculty, staff, students, and community, and are free from all forms of bullying, harassment, and violence.

### RESPECT FOR ALL

An inclusive and respectful community supports all individuals' mental health and well-being. It sets out the conditions whereby we can live out gospel values, and it allows us to fulfill our academic mission, and tradition of excellence in Catholic education here at DPCDSB. In this regard, we ask that you take notice of and share the following information with your child(ren).

### CONSENT TO PHOTOGRAPH/RECORD AND DISTRIBUTE OR SHARE PERSONAL INFORMATION

Photographs and recordings of individuals are classified as individuals' personal information. Respectful behaviour and good digital citizenship include each individual's right to consent or not to be photographed or recorded in any manner, including audio or video recording.

The collection of digital material of any individual, students and staff, requires explicit consent from the individual(s). The same applies to the on-line posting and/or distribution of any of these digital materials (including photos, video and audio recordings). DPCDSB recognizes this obligation as a school board and as an employer. We believe that school should always be a safe place to learn and to work.

We ask our entire DPCDSB community of students, staff, and parents/guardians to please recognize and respect the dignity of all persons when it comes to consent.

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2026, Pilgrims of Hope: On the Path to Holiness, invites us to continue to honour and celebrate the Jubilee Year and live it with enthusiasm, creativity and generosity. May all efforts and actions to respect one's dignity be guided by Jesus' call to love one another as He loves us. *'If we love one another, God lives in us'* (1 John 4.12)

*Good and gracious God,  
As we begin this new school year, we pray as a hope-filled Catholic school community.*

*Our hope is firmly anchored in the promise of your enduring and unconditional love.  
Help us to grow in our love and respect for one another and ourselves.  
Fill us with joy and peace and help us to inspire others through our words and deeds.  
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

May God bless you and your family as we all work together for the success of each student here at DPCDSB.

