



Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As the Director of Education Huron-Perth Catholic District Board, it is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the 2009-2010 school year. I hope you had an enjoyable summer relaxing and spending time with friends and family. Back to school is a very exciting time for returning families and those new to our system. For students, staff and parents it is a time of renewed energy, hope and promise for the year ahead.

We are very proud of our Catholic schools in the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board. In our daily practices, we integrate the teachings of Jesus Christ into all aspects of school life and ensure the development of the whole person - mind, body and spirit. Our students are taught that each person is special because they reflect the image and mystery of our God, who is at the heart of each individual. The expectations of our Catholic graduates are measured not only in knowledge and skill but also in attitude, values and actions.

As you know, our Catholic school communities serve as a support and foundation for our students in their understanding of our faith tradition. And, as a school board, we embrace the opportunity to significantly influence the lives, learning and faith journeys of our students – your children that you entrust to our care.

We also need you working with us and with the parish community to realize the full potential of what can be accomplished. You and the parish play an integral role in partnering with schools to support the faith development of students and to prepare them for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. After Confirmation, as your children enter our Catholic secondary schools and journey through the sometimes turbulent adolescent years, the parish-home-school partnership remains very important.

I encourage you as parents and guardians to become actively engaged in our school and parish families. Our schools are better places when we successfully engage our parent community and parishes throughout the district.

Our new website will help you become more familiar with current board information, resources and contacts in order to improve communication and to assist you in supporting Catholic education.

You are invited to view the site at:
www.huronperthcatholic.ca

We are always available to assist with issues that may arise throughout the year. Please do not hesitate to call.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, our 5,000 students we serve today and the more than 500 employees, I thank you for your support of our Catholic school system and wish you a very successful year.

God Bless you and your families.

Sincerely,

Martha Dutrizac
Director of Education

BOARD MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic School Board. We serve our students, working with the home, parish and school community to:

- Nurture a Christ-centred environment;
- Provide student-focused learning opportunities;
- Support the growth of the whole person.