



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

ON FIRE WITH THE SPIRIT

Greetings students, families, staff and community members!

Welcome to the end of June and the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year for students and many staff members. What a wonderful year it has been! As we look back on the past 10 months, it is clear that our goals in faith formation and student achievement, and commitment to careful stewardship of the Board's resources were prioritized in all schools and offices. We have so much to celebrate! We will continue to build on the powerful, visible momentum of progress, commitment and focus we are experiencing in the years ahead.

I am writing to wish you all a safe and joyful summer. I pray that you are blessed with time to enjoy the outdoors and to soak in the warm sun, hear the birds, feel the wind, and notice the glorious sunsets that are a hallmark of our beautiful counties. It was not long ago when we were feeling "snowed under" by the wintry weather and the days felt shorter with less sunlight, more snow to clear and contend with, and regular interruptions and challenges to our schedules. That is now situated well in the past, and we revel in the glorious sunshine, warmth and daylight of June, July and August. The ongoing cycle of weather reflects the many other cycles of our lives including the cycle of a school year with its many new beginnings, pauses, and conclusions. Each one presents us with an invitation to renew, rejoice, and remember what is most important.

As we journey forward into summer, here is my prayer and hope for us all:

- May we find rest for our body and soul and rejuvenation for our mind and heart.
- May we accept the invitation and opportunity that lies ahead to renew our relationship with the divine in ourselves, one another, and creation.
- May we embrace this next phase of our journey to bring us closer to God and one another through prayer, reflection, and attentiveness to God in our lives.

As our Board mission reminds us: we are about ***“faith and learning - celebrating the journey”***.

I leave you with messages from our current and most recent Holy Fathers, offered to inspire, encourage and reinforce your time of rest and change of schedule in the coming months.

Summer can be a providential time to experience the beauty and importance of our relationship with God. It can help us be more open and welcoming to others. We should set aside moments of silence, moments of prayer, times in which, quieting noise and distractions, we recollect ourselves before God in simplicity of heart...make room for silence and step back from the whirlwind of commitments and worries that often crowd out opportunities for peace and prayer. - Pope Leo XIV

During Summertime, let us learn how to take a break, turn off the mobile phone to gaze into the eyes of others, cultivate silence, contemplate nature and regenerate ourselves in dialogue with God. - Pope Francis

In today's often frenetic and competitive society, in which the logic of production and profit prevail, often at the expense of the individual, it is still necessary for everyone to be able to enjoy adequate periods of rest, in which to regain their energy and at the same time restore the right inner balance. Vacations, holidays, must be wisely used in order to benefit the individual and the family through contact with nature, tranquility, the opportunity to foster greater family harmony, good reading and healthy recreational activities: above all, through the possibility of spending more time in prayer, in contemplation and in listening to God. - Pope St. John Paul II

Every good Christian knows that vacation is the time to rest the body but also to nurture the spirit through more time for prayer and meditation, to grow in one's personal relationship with Christ and follow his teachings ever more closely. - Pope Benedict XVI

Have a blessed summer 2026!
Peace,
Karen

Karen Tigani
CEO and Director of Education
Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board

3927 Perth Road 180, PO Box 70, Dublin, Ontario N0K 1E0 • 519-345-2440 / 800-265-8508



huronperthcatholic.ca



facebook.com/hpcdsb

AWAKEN // ILLUMINATE // REJOICE

www.huronperthcatholic.ca