



TRUSTEES' REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY MAY 2025

ON FIRE WITH THE SPIRIT

Hello everyone! This newsletter shares important updates from our Board meeting on May 26, 2025. These updates show how we are working towards our goals in the Strategic Plan for 2024-2027. Our plan is called "On Fire with the Spirit," and it helps us Awaken, Illuminate, and Rejoice in our Catholic education.

Catholic Faith Formation

Our strategic plan helps us grow in our Catholic faith. Here's what happened:

- **Staff Pilgrimage:** Twenty-eight staff members went on a special trip to the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland on May 15. This trip helped them connect with God and learn more about their faith. This shows how we are helping staff with "ongoing Catechesis and Faith Formation."
 - **Catholic Curriculum Corporation AGM:** Our team attended a meeting in Toronto on May 8 and 9 to talk about how to best support students in Catholic education across various subject areas. Director Tigani was honored for her leadership as the outgoing Chair of the Executive Council.
 - **Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers Association (OCSOA) Conference:** Our leaders attended a conference from May 14-16, focusing on "Leading With Purpose." This helps our leaders grow in their faith and leadership, which supports "ongoing Catechesis and Faith Formation for both staff and students."
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Student Achievement - Literacy

Our plan aims to improve how well students read and write. Here's what's happening:

- **Literacy Report:** The May 26 meeting included an update on literacy. We are working to make sure students are ready for provincial tests and that all teachers have good resources. This connects to our goal of providing "resources and support to ensure that students writing provincial assessments have targeted, planful practice opportunities."
- **Professional Development (May 2):** Teachers received training on May 2 to help students with reading and learning. This includes using strategies like "Universal Design for Learning" to help all students succeed. This helps us "develop, implement and monitor the success of a system of professional development to improve literacy results."

Student Achievement - Mathematics

We also want to improve how well students do in math.

- **Math Achievement Action Plan Progress Report:** At the May 26 meeting, there was a progress report on our math plan. We are working on a "systematic approach to teaching Mathematics" and making sure schools use a "Multi-Tiered System of Support for Mathematics." This helps students get the support they need in math.
- **Resources for Provincial Assessments:** We are making sure teachers have what they need to help students prepare for their Grade 3, 6, and 9 math tests. This is part of our goal to "provide resources and support to ensure that students writing provincial assessments have targeted, planful practice opportunities."

Improving Student Attendance

Getting students to school regularly is a big goal in our strategic plan.

- **Strategic Focus: Improving Student Attendance Report:** We talked about student attendance at the May 5 meeting. We are working to understand why some students miss school and how we can help them attend more often. We are using new tools to track attendance and provide support. This is directly related to our goal of a "20% improvement in student attendance."

International Education Program

Our school board is growing!

- **International Education Program Update:** We heard from Principal Grace about our international student program. Students from Brazil are doing well, and we have new students coming from Spain and Japan in September 2025. Principal Grace also attended a conference to learn about international recruiting. This helps us grow our student enrollment and networks.

Thank you for reading our highlights! We are excited about all the ways we are working to make our schools great places to learn and grow in faith.

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