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Subject: Welcome to the 2019/20 School Year!

Dear Parents and Partners in Catholic Education:

We hope you enjoyed a wonderful summer. Our hope is that you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year. We are delighted that you are part of our amazing parent community that represent the voice of catholic education. We welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to parent engagement in striving for excellence in Catholic education.

All signs point to another incredible and productive school year. Our skilled and devoted parent volunteers are already planning and preparing for the activities of the coming year. Our current executive will be presenting our year end report to the Board of Trustee at the September Board meeting. Here is some news we would like to share with you:

1) Our first OAPCE Toronto meeting of the 2019/2020 School year will take place on Tuesday October 1/2019. Over the years we have found that many schools are unable to secure an OAPCE representative (or default to CSPC Chair) as parent council elections don't happen until the end of September. As soon as your election has occurred, please inform us of your OAPCE Toronto representative for the year by emailing your info here. We hope that by the above date we have a good group of new and old OAPCE reps to join us!

2) At the October meeting we will be holding our elections for the OAPCE Toronto Executive. We have been fortunate to have a stable executive and consistent leadership of the last 5 years. At this time the current executive is looking to set down in a more advisory role and encouraging some new members to the executive to continue the wonderful work OAPCE does for parents of our Board. The positions that are available are Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. A new President will also be appointed.

3) As with many areas in education we are challenged with starting to do more while spending less. We need to transform and innovate to find ways to engage more parents in meaningful ways. There will be some changes to the way we have done things traditionally. This coming year we are looking at moving our annual Commissioning ceremony of OAPCE reps to December. We will also be examining and looking are options to revamp our annual Principal of Excellence Awards. More to come!

4) We are currently working on a new website, as we are a regional affiliate of OAPCE, we will be linking our Toronto site to our provincial website -- take a sneak peak at it toronto.oapce.org Be sure to check out our website's resources as we will be uploading new and valuable information for all parents!

We also need to stay in compliance with CASL (Canadian Anti-Spam Law), if you wish to continue to receive news and updates from OAPCE Toronto, you must subscribe through our website as well.

We look forward to another year of wonderful parent engagement with the OAPCE parent representatives from across the TCDSB.

Yours in Catholic Education
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OAPCE President

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