

Message from the Chair:

As Regional Chair of the Catholic School Council I had the opportunity of attending the provincial governments Character Development Symposium in Toronto along with our Director of Education Mr. John Stadnyk.

The Honourable Premier Dalton McGuinty spoke of his vision as it pertains to Character Development in Ontario Schools. Another government initiative recently introduced is a new provincial Parent Involvement Policy which will recognize effective parent involvement as a new performance measure. I have always felt that Developing Partners in Education through a Parent Involvement Committee is vital. How our students learn is changing and technology is very much at the heart of this exciting transformation.

If your child made you look silly helping set the flashing clock on the VCR just think of what they can do on the Internet. It can be said that all public efforts pale beside the power of every parent to make a difference. In our haste to do all things all the time, we sometimes forget the most essential, giving our children that deep abiding sense of trust, guidance and security that tells them that they are truly loved, cared about and respected.

We as parents must take a no excuse attitude and a willingness to take action. I believe this with a passion.

In closing I ask each of you to please stretch your minds and ask ourselves how we as parents of faith can make a difference to enhance our children's educational experience at their school.

Sincerely,
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CSC Chair