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YORK CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

YCPIC HIGHLIGHTS

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Message from the Chair

On behalf of the YCPIC, I would like to welcome you all back to the start of another school council year! We hope that everyone had a great summer.

The York Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (YCPIC) is composed of parents ranging from JK to grade 12 and from across our York Catholic District School Board. We have members that have participated in meetings for over 10 years, and some who have just sat in for the first time. We welcomed the new faces and continuously encourage our parental participation in regional matters to benefit the continuing growth and well-being of all our children.

We would like to extend a special welcome to the many new families that have joined our board this year. We hope that you are feeling welcomed

and excited to be a part of such a wonderful community. Thank you to our parents who comprise our Catholic school councils for this coming year. Your support to our schools, teachers, fellow parents and especially our children is the glue that binds us in what makes education so fulfilling.

The YCPIC will be hosting several events this coming year to support parents running councils and other initiatives to better help in our children's educational experiences.

I believe it truly takes a village to have a school that is spirited and full of life! We cannot depend solely on our Principals, teachers, and staff to make it work. Over the years I have met many wonderful parents who have taken the time to support their school through council or as a volunteer and I have seen the results in those efforts. I have been impressed in the number of parents that volunteer and give their time to our schools. I hope that you all have a productive year at your school councils, because the continued efforts to achieve great things for our students continues to show.

God Bless and have a great year!

Maurizio Ruberto

Message from the Director of Education



On behalf of the leadership team at the York Catholic District School Board, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to the members of the York Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (YCPIC) for their dedication and commitment to our entire parent community.

Your enthusiastic engagement helps foster positive relationships with our parents, our students, and our staff. Your unwavering support is a necessary factor in our ability to provide every one of our students the opportunity to reach their full potential in a safe, caring and faith-filled environment.

Thank you for all that you do for our Board, our parents and our students; we are so fortunate to have your support.

In particular, I would like to thank you for organizing the recent YCPIC Workshop with guest speaker Jennifer Casa-Todd. More than 120 parents were able to learn more about how their children can use social media in positive ways, and how to best monitor a child's social media profile. We are looking forward to working with you to host more YCPIC events in the future.

As we embark on a new year, I look forward to continuing our work together in support of our mission to educate and inspire all students to become socially responsible global citizens.

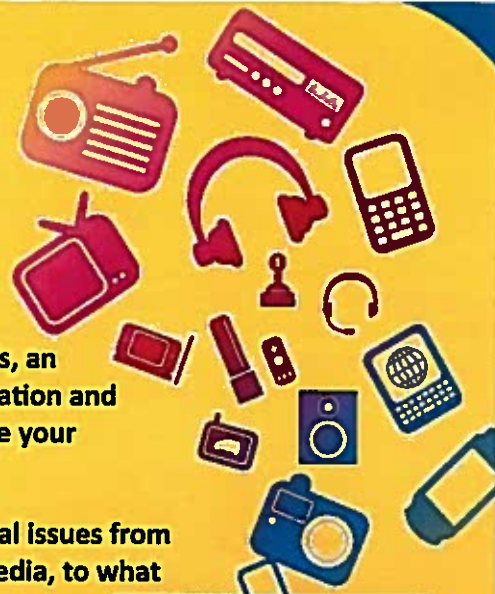
Yours in Catholic Education,
Ab Falconi

YCPIC FALL CONFERENCE

Digital Leadership



On November 16, 2019, our YCPIC Fall Conference focused on the issue of social media and digital leadership. Our Keynote Speaker, Jennifer Casa-Todds, an educator specialized in social media and its use in education and author of "Social Leadia", spoke about how to encourage your child's use of social media in a positive way.



Her presentation was dynamic and she addressed several issues from limiting your child's/teenager's screen time on social media, to what their profiles look like on social media and which apps are 'good' or 'bad'.

Jennifer's presentation was engaging and down to earth. She showed examples of how we can set the tone for our children to post items that they and you would be proud of. She really connected with parents and stayed long after her presentation was over to address parents' questions and concerns.



The parent survey that followed clearly indicated that parents would love to attend another presentation by this speaker.

YCPIC Committee 2019-2020



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Mary Giardina (OAPCE Director) and Ab Falconi (Director of Education YCDSB)



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