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2023-24 CSAC Annual Report

Dear Parents, Guardians, and St. John's School Community:

On behalf of our St. John's Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC), we wish to thank our entire school community for your commitment and engagement during the 2023-24 school year. We enjoyed many school wide events including our Open House & Meet the Teacher, Christmas Café & Open House, and Catholic Community Café during Catholic Education Week. We also hosted the Resurrection Family of Schools CSAC Mass at St. John's parish during Catholic Education Week. A highlight this year included the completion of our outdoor classroom thanks to our CSAC members who secured a TD Friends of the Environment grant in 2022-23. Our Indigenous gardens were a wonderful learning experience for our Kindergarten and Grade 1 students.

The purpose of the Catholic School Advisory Council is to improve student achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system through the active participation of parents in an advisory capacity. Our school website hosts a wealth of information related to CSAC including detailed minutes from each of our meetings in the 2023-24 school year.

In 2024-25, we look forward to increased engagement with our wider school community through outreach in the following areas: increased communication between home and school, a focus on equitable and inclusive approaches when designing school wide initiatives and providing parent engagement sessions that help families support student learning in the home. It is our intention to continue to support a wide range of learning initiatives for students, as well as the continued acquisition of new learning materials to support student achievement through board approved fundraising activities. We are also committed to increased community outreach to support safe and secure schools protocols (e.g., traffic flow and active transportation initiatives).

We want to thank the many parents who joined us during our daytime parent information sessions; this is good learning for us as a school community. Moving forward, we will offer both evening and daytime CSAC meetings in 2024-25 to ensure diverse views and representation in decisions affecting our rich Catholic learning community.

Nomination forms for the 2024-25 Catholic School Advisory Council are due to the Main Office by Monday September 18th, 2023. Our first evening meeting will be held on Monday September 30th from 6:00pm -7:30pm in the Learning Commons, and our first daytime meeting will be held on Tuesday October 1st from 9:30am – 11:00am.

Sincerely,

Tonya Reesor
Principal

2023-24 School Council members