

Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) Annual Report 2024–2025 School Year



Dear Blessed Sacrament Parents, Guardians, and School Community,

What a year it has been! As we wrap up the 2024–2025 school year, we want to take a moment to reflect on our achievements and extend our heartfelt thanks to all the students, staff, and families for their dedication and support throughout the year.

The Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) met regularly to discuss and provide input on a wide range of topics related to our school, our students, and the broader community. Together, we've accomplished so much and we're excited to share some of this year's highlights with you.

This was a milestone year as we completed the school's long-term goal of building a **new playground**; a dream many years in the making. Thanks to the leadership of CSAC, support from Mr. Rose, and the hard work and grant writing skills of Emma Bruce, we were awarded the Love My Hood grant from the City of Kitchener. Additional support from the Knights of Columbus, community partners, and our school's families helped bring this vision to life.

2024–2025 Highlights:

- Playground installation completed
- Soccer posts installation
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast
- Angel Tree and Band-Aid Campaign
- Secured the Love My Hood grant for playground funding
- Supported early planning for Kindergarten yard improvements (to continue in Fall 2025)
- Provided gifts for First Communion, Confirmation, and Graduation Composites
- Ongoing discussions about school and board communication tools (email, apps, etc.)
- Engaged in conversations around traffic, parking, and winter trail maintenance
- Supported city planning efforts for future water drainage improvements

We're proud to report that this year's fundraising efforts were a great success, thanks to your generosity and community spirit. Together, we raised funds through the following initiatives:

- **Dance-a-thon:** Raised: \$ 4,946.00
- **Read-a-thon & Family Fun Night:** Raised: \$4,085
- **Maple Syrup Fundraiser (with the Knights of Columbus):** Raised: \$293.00

These funds helped cover remaining playground costs and supported many of the events and initiatives listed above. A heartfelt thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their ongoing support, including the Welcome BBQ and the maple syrup fundraiser, and to the many local businesses that generously donated throughout the year.

We extend our deepest thanks to the volunteers and council members who gave their time and energy to support CSAC this year. Your involvement makes a difference.

If you're interested in joining CSAC for the 2025–2026 school year, keep an eye out for the nomination form on **SchoolCash Online** at the beginning of the new school year. There are many ways to get involved from holding a position to attending meetings or volunteering at events.

Our first CSAC meeting of the 2025–2026 school year will take place on **Tuesday, September 30th, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.**

We would love to welcome new members!

Sincerely,

The Catholic School Advisory Council of 2024-2025