



ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL
BUSINESS OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

President’s Message...

Is it really the end of February 2020 already! The 2019/2020 school year seems to be racing by with so much happening in the Education Sector. Yes, the current Labour Relations challenges still dominate and influence much of the Education agenda this school year and I am sure the most recent job actions by OECTA, OSSTF and ETFO have kept all of you busier than usual. Thank you for the great work you do each and every day in contributing towards providing the best possible education in our Ontario English Catholic Schools!

2020 brings with it a fresh start, new opportunities and an exhilarating sense of rejuvenation. For OCSBOA, we have officially launched our new association logo and we are busy rolling out a “new look” on all of our communications platforms. A big thank you to **Rob De Franco** from Halton Catholic who designed the new logo and is assisting Marie Osborne with updating our Association website. We have also worked on updating our new membership brochure which was distributed at our last H.R. Committee meeting. It will be posted on our website shortly.

I’d also like to take this opportunity to personally thank **Jacquie Davison** from London Catholic and one of our Association Board of Directors, who will be leaving at the end of this month to pursue new challenges in the Hospital Sector. Best wishes Jacquie!

Your OCSBOA Board of Directors have been busy planning for the upcoming conference scheduled for September 30-October 2, 2020 at the Blue Mountain Resort near Collingwood, Ontario. The theme for this year’s conference is “*Celebrating Our Successes: Past, Present and Future*”.

Please also note: the 2020 OCSTA/OCSBOA Business Seminar is scheduled for April 30, 2020 at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier in Ottawa. More information is available on our website.

I sincerely hope that OCSBOA will play a role in helping you to achieve your 2020 goals. OCSBOA offers several committees, which can assist you with networking and collaborating with other Catholic School Board colleagues throughout the province. If you have not already done so, please renew your membership for the 2020 year, encourage new staff to join, and please plan to attend our annual conference in September 2020.

May God bless you and help us all to be better human beings, better persons and better citizens. The New Year is a time to better ourselves for a better world. Have a grand New Year!

“It’s not your duty to be average. It is your duty to set a higher example for others to follow.”
Lincoln Alexander

Joe O’Hara, OCSBOA President

OCSBOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019-20	
President	Joe O’Hara, Halton
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OCSBOA COMMITTEE REPS	
OCSTA	Joe O’Hara
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Human Resources	Angelo Romano, Joe O’Hara
CEFO	Paul DeCock
Conference	All Board Members
Membership	All Board Members
Business Facilities & Planning	Stephanie Cox, Khaled Elgharbawy
Strategic Communications	Andrea Swinden,
ECAB	Betty Stavropoulos

Catholic Partner Scheduled Dates:

CPCO AGM: Apr 17-18, 2020
OCSSOA AGM: Apr 22-24, 2020
OCSTA AGM: Apr 30 - May 2, 2020
Catholic Education Week: May 3-8, 2020
OCSBOA AGM: Sept 30-Oct 2, 2020
CCC WFMP Conference: Oct 22-24, 2020

Mark Your Calendars and Watch for Details....

The **OCSBOA AGM & Conference 2020** will be held at Blue Mountain Resort, Collingwood, September 30 – Oct 2, 2020. The keynote speaker will be announced soon. Workshop presenters are confirmed.

Watch for the registration package which will be emailed to you in the coming weeks. Information will also be updated on the OCSBOA website (www.ocsboa.ca) as details are finalized.

St. Nicholas Elementary School opens in Halton!



The Halton Catholic District School Board opened the new St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School facility on January 6, 2020. The school building is a novel design created by Snyder Architects, featuring a double-loaded L-shaped corridor layout. The project was funded through the School Consolidation Capital program and is the amalgamation of the St. James and St. Joseph School communities in south Oakville. The former St. Joseph School was demolished to accommodate the new 57,000 sqf facility and students were temporarily located at the St. James School building during construction. The new school features a 1,250 sqf stage area and a large 4,500 sqf gymnasium with many glazed walls for natural daylighting. The building also contains a special education suite, 3 resource rooms, 2 teacher workrooms and a 3,000 sqf learning commons with breakout mezzanine. Students and staff now settling into their new home, which is schedule to be blessed in October 2020.



We wish to extend best wishes to Jacquie Davison, Superintendent with London DCSB and OCSBOA Director. Jacquie has moved to the health sector in London. We thank Jacquie for her efforts and work on behalf of Catholic Education!

St. Michael's College/CEFO sponsored presentation

Date: April 21, 2020 Time: 7- 10p.m.
Location: Alumni Hall 100, University St Michael's College, 121 Joseph St., Toronto
Registration: <https://cefontario.ca/category/new-initiatives/>

The Power of Radical Kinship – Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ
Fr. Boyle is the founder and director of *Homeboy Industries*, which employs and trains former gang members, providing critical services to those who walk through its doors seeking a better life. He is the author of *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* and *Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship*.
A reception and book-signing will follow Fr. Boyle's presentation.

OCSTA/OCSBOA Business Seminar 2020

Where: Fairmont Chateau Laurier, Ottawa
When: April 30, 2020
Registration and preliminary program: available on the OCSTA website <https://www.ocsta.on.ca/events/>

MEMBERSHIP FORM 2019-20

NEW MEMBER

RENEWAL

PERSONAL DATA:

<i>Name</i>	
<i>Title</i>	
<i>Board</i>	
<i>Address</i>	
<i>City</i>	
<i>Postal Code</i>	
<i>Telephone</i>	
<i>E-mail</i>	

COMMITTEE INTEREST:

The Board of Directors has developed a new committee structure in order to meet the needs of Catholic School Business Officials. Typically committees meet approximately four (4) - six (6) times a year:

COMMITTEE	√
<i>Membership Services – this committee will develop services that can be provided to members to enhance value of OCSBOA for all members: some examples include workshops, seminars, communications</i>	
<i>Conference – this committee will develop the conference program for 2020 and will aim to provide current and relevant topics to members at the conference</i>	
<i>OCSTA Liaison – this committee will provide support as needed by Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association including members for workgroups, committees and OCSTA/ OCSBOA Finance Seminar</i>	
<i>Ministry of Education Liaison – this committee will consult with the Ministry of Education on current business & finance issues and will provide feedback to OCSBOA and its members.</i>	
<i>Facility & Planning- this committee will provide a forum to address items specific to Catholic boards. This committee will facilitate collaborative sharing of our collective expertise and knowledge with our colleagues while ensuring the perspective of Catholic Education is paramount.</i>	
<i>Human Resources – this committee will provide a wide range of consultative services to OCSBOA members in the areas of negotiations, benefits, arbitrations, contract language, Health & Safety, etc.</i>	
<i>Communication – this committee will meet 3 or 4 times a year to share ideas and develop best practices for communication within the context of publicly-funded Catholic education</i>	
<i>Board of Directors – chart the future of OCSBOA by participation as a Director</i>	

Membership Fee 2019-20 (September to August): \$210.00 (\$185.85 + \$24.15 HST)

Please make cheque payable to Ontario Catholic School Business Officials' Association and return this form with your fee. You can fax the form to Peter Marchini at 1.519.979.4468 or email it to: marchinip@sympatico.ca

Signature _____

Date _____