

St. Bernadette Catholic School Council

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The purpose of the Catholic School Council is to help to improve student achievement and well-being as well as enhance the accountability of the education system to parents. School Councils are advisory organizations and the primary means of achieving their purpose is by making recommendations to the principal of the school and to the school board for the benefit of all students in the school.

Our Council is made up of 21 member representatives and this year, four meetings will be held virtually on the following dates:

Tuesday October 13th @ 7 pm
Monday November 30th @ 7 pm
Monday March 1st @ 7 pm
Monday May 17th @ 7 pm

It is important for all members to commit for the full year and attend all meetings due to quorum.

If you are interested in participating on Council, please complete the Council Candidate Declaration / Nomination Form (attached) and send it electronically to christine.dehaas@ycdsb.ca by Wednesday October 7th at 4 pm. The first meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday October 13th at 7:00 pm. If an election is needed, it will occur at that time.

If you are unable to commit as a Council member, please feel free to attend the meetings and participate in the discussion. It is important that all voices be heard.

I thank you for your on-going support and I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Christine deHaas

Mrs. C. deHaas
Principal,
St. Bernadette CES

**ST. BERNADETTE CES CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL CANDIDATE
DECLARATION/NOMINATION FORM**

If you are interested in becoming a candidate for election to Council, or if you would like to nominate a candidate, please complete this form and return it christine.dehaas@ycdsb.ca by Wednesday October 7th at 4pm.

Candidate's Name: _____ OR

Nominee's Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Telephone # _____ Cell # _____

Parent/Guardian of: _____

(Name of child(ren)) (Grades(s))

Please check one of the following:

I wish to declare my candidacy as a parent representative on the St. Bernadette Catholic School Council. I understand the role and responsibilities involved. (See below)

The nominee declared above is aware of and agrees to his/her nomination.

St. Bernadette Catholic School Council members shall:

- focus on student learning and the best interests of all students, as well as support and nurture faith development in the school community.
- encourage and increase regular parental contact and participation in their children's education by being actively involved in setting school priorities for improving student achievement.
- develop goals and objectives that will facilitate and support the development of the School Plan, advise on the allocation of school resources, act as a liaison for the school by seeking out and establishing relationships with community resources, by promoting meaningful parental and community involvement and actively seeking the views of the school communities.
- provide opportunities to educate parents, advise on the allocation of school council funds.
- in accordance with 6.1 of the Ministry Guidelines for School Councils, they will provide advice to the Principal, trustee and where appropriate, the Board.
- abide by the Code of Ethics.