

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2026**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TITLE: STAFF DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

The Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities report is
presented for information.

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STAFF DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In alignment with Niagara Catholic's Multi-Year Strategic Plan, the Department of Staff Development, as an integral aspect of its mandate, acts as the point of co-ordination among various departments. Thus ensuring that all professional development opportunities for staff, both teaching and non-teaching, occur in a seamless fashion to minimize disruptions to the myriad services provided within our Niagara Catholic community. The following is a listing of activities occurring during the period October 13, 2026 through November 10, 2026

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY- FAITH DAY **OCTOBER 26, 2026**

Niagara Catholic DSB will hold a board-wide Faith Day in both the Elementary and Secondary panels on Monday, October 26, 2026.

The theme for Faith day is "*Constellations of Hope.*" The program will include the celebration of Holy Mass with his Excellency Bishop Bergie and a keynote address by David Wells. David is an international Catholic speaker and author known for his storytelling and humour grounded in his own lived experiences as a teacher and catechist. David's keynote will be rooted in Pope Leo's Apostolic Letter "*Drawing New Maps of Hope,*" from which our new theological theme "Constellations of Hope" was derived.

- The venue for all elementary staff is St. Alfred Roman Catholic Church in St. Catharines.
- The venue for all secondary staff is Lakeshore Catholic High School in Port Colborne.
- Non-school based staff are invited to attend one of the sites on October 26th.

ELEMENTARY SCHEDULE

(St. Alfred Church (272 Vine St, St Catharines ON))

TIME	SCHEDULE
8:30	Meet at Shuttle locations (Details below)
9:00	Opening Greetings
9:10	Mass with Bishop Bergie & Mons. Hugh Gibson

10:30	Break
11:30	Keynote Address by David Wells
12:45	Constellations of Hope Take-Away Task & Closing
1:00	Shuttles depart
1:15-1:30	End of Day

SECONDARY SCHEDULE

(Lakeshore Catholic High School 150 Janet St, Port Colborne, ON)

TIME	SCHEDULE
8:00	Opening Greetings
8:10	Keynote Address by David Wells
9:25	Break
10:25	Constellations of Hope Take-Away Task
10:45	Mass with Bishop Bergie & Fr. Paul MacNeil
12:15	Closing & End of Day

ASPIRING LEADERS PROGRAM (2026-2027)

Niagara Catholic District School Board believes both leadership and excellence are important at all levels within the organization and contributes to the growth of effectiveness in schools and service departments. The Aspiring Leaders Program (ALP) is designed to meet the needs of all aspiring leaders by focusing on the fundamentals of leadership and providing participants with a set of tools that will help them meet today's leadership needs and challenges.

The Aspiring Leaders Program (ALP) is a series interactive and in-person workshops providing practical and actionable leadership tools. This program is tailored and open to all employees interested in leadership development and furthering their leadership skills and capabilities in pursuing a leadership role at the system level, such as coordinators, consultants, administrative assistants, and school administration and for new pathways to opportunities within their department.

WORKSHOP 1: THURSDAY OCTOBER 29, 2026 (4:15 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.)

LOCATION: CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE

TITLE: LEADERSHIP SUCCESS THROUGH EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

In the midst of the 'great resignation' and the quiet quitting phenomenon, organizations cannot afford to ignore emotional intelligence and its role in employee satisfaction, performance, and resilience. Whether you're a manager, a team member, in sales, or delivering a service, emotional intelligence (EQ) is increasingly becoming one of the most important skills any individual can have. The research is clear, people with high emotional intelligence have higher job satisfaction, are more effective professionals, outperform and earn more than their colleagues, and live with higher confidence, resilience, and happiness. This workshop will help you tap into the power of emotional intelligence to relieve stress, relate effectively, and lead with confidence.

NEW TEACHER INDUCTION PROGRAM (NTIP)

AGENDA

Session(s):	October 14 & 15, 2026
Location:	Catholic Education Centre
8:30 a.m.	Arrival
8:45 a.m.	<u>Welcome</u> • NTIP Updates - Anthony Corapi • Land Acknowledgement - Luigi Folinazzo • Opening Prayer - Manny Roussos • Opening Remarks - Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells
9:00 a.m.	<u>Payroll Presentation</u> Gina Crognale, Administrator of Payroll Services Alison Nye, Supervisor of Payroll Services
9:30 a.m.	<u>Mental Health Presentation</u> Andrea Bozza, Manager of Mental Health & Well-Being
10:30 a.m.	Break
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	<u>Privacy & Enterprise Risk</u> John Forte, Privacy & Enterprise Risk Advisor Andrea Penney, Coordinator of Information Management
1:30 p.m.	<u>Indigenous Education Presentation</u> Roxanne Rees, Principal – Alternative Programs/eLearning

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**TITLE: 2025-2026 ANNUAL REPORTS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL
COUNCILS AND THE NIAGARA CATHOLIC PARENT
INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE**

The 2025-2026 Annual Reports for Catholic School Councils and the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee are presented for information.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Every school council shall annually submit a written report on its activities to the Principal of the school and to the Board that established the Council (O. Reg. 612/00, s. 24 (1). If the school council engages in fundraising activities, the annual report shall include a report of those activities. (O. Reg. 612/00, s. 24 (2).

Every parent involvement committee of the Board shall annually submit a written summary of the committee's activities to the Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Board. (O. Reg. 612/00, s. 50 (1). The summary of activities shall include a report on how funding, if any, provided under the *Education Act* for parent involvement was spent (O. Reg. 612/00, s. 50 (2).

Catholic School Councils in the Niagara Catholic District School Board and the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee have submitted a report that includes meeting dates, activities, and a financial statement for the 2025-2026 school year.

The [2025-2026 Annual Reports for Catholic School Councils and the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee](#) have been linked in this report.

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