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Welcome Back to School!

September brings with it an end to summer, but a new beginning in the form of the new school year. This school year marks the second year of our Pastoral Plan with a focus on how We Believe in the Catholic education community. The Apostles Creed serves as an excellent reminder of what we believe.

September also represents a month of transition at school, as classes, teachers and school bus service work through changes and make their way towards stability. Parents with bussing concerns should contact Toronto School Transportation Group's new hotline for September at (647)790-3829. The Board made a change to "courtesy seats" (bus pickups for students in places other than their home address) so those seats need to be reapplied for in October. I sincerely hope you & your child's September goes as smoothly as possible. Don't hesitate to reach out to me with any concerns around your back to school experience.

I moved a motion recently at the Board around offering free Menstrual Products at our schools. Having access to menstrual products is a basic human right, and studies have shown that not having access to them can become a barrier to attending school. I believe providing these at no cost to our students is an excellent example of Catholic Social Justice values, helping to ensure that no student is left behind. This motion will go before the board on October 10th @ 7PM for debate. Students and parents, consider attending and delegating in support of this motion!

An update to the Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) policy is coming to Governance and Policy in December. This is an excellent opportunity to shape the rights and responsibilities of the crucial parent communities that help to run our schools. Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) has a meeting on October 1st at 80 Sheppard Avenue East (visit <https://toronto.oapce.org> to learn more) where this will be a topic of discussion; please provide input so we can ensure this is a policy that works for parents. Visit www.trusteenorm.ca to see the new policy.

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