



TRUSTEES' REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY FEBRUARY 2026

"On Fire with the Spirit: Awaken! Illuminate! Rejoice!"

This report shares how the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board is bringing our **2024-2027 Strategic Plan** to life. Guided by our theme, **"On Fire with the Spirit,"** we help every student grow as a **Discerning Believer** and a **Responsible Citizen**.

Awaken: Strengthening Catholic Faith and Community

Our goal is to help students and staff live out their faith every day.

- **Lenten Journey:** Schools began Lent with Shrove Tuesday pancakes and Ash Wednesday Masses. Students are practicing prayer and charity to grow as **Discerning Believers**.
 - **Blaze the Trail 2026:** We launched three new grant pathways (Student-Led, Teacher, and Whole School) to help schools start their own faith projects to support Spirit-led, locally developed initiatives that strengthen Catholic identity and deepen faith formation across our schools.
 - **Development & Peace Schools:** Across the district this Lent, our students are taking on the Major Mustard Challenge to support the "On Track for Justice" campaign.
 - **Catholic Identity:** A new report, *Together in Faith*, explains how we teach ten core elements of our faith, like the Beatitudes and the Sacraments.
 - **Indigenous Reconciliation:** Board leaders attended a talk at King's University College about the return of Indigenous items from the Vatican to support healing.
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Illuminate: Elevating Academic Achievement

We are using better teaching methods to help all students succeed in their learning.

- **Math Progress:** Our first "Common Assessment" showed that 83% of students participated. We are using "Number Talks" to help students move from simple counting to advanced problem-solving.
- **Literacy Success:** Teachers finished mid-year reading tests. They are meeting one-on-one with experts to help every child become an **Effective Communicator**.
- **French & STEM:** Students in Grades 5-8 are using coding and LEGO robots to practice speaking French in real-world ways.
- **Black History Month:** Students learned about the leadership of Black Canadians and Black Saints through new books and lesson plans.

Rejoice: Fostering Student Success and Well-being

We want every student to feel they belong and have a bright future.

- **Skilled Trades:** Students are earning certifications in First Aid, CPR, and "Working at Heights" to get ready for future jobs.
- **International Learning:** Our program for students from other countries is growing, helping our local students become **Collaborative Contributors** in a global world.
- **Mental Health Support:** We launched *By Your Side*, a new guide and webinar series to help parents support their children's well-being.
- **Pink Shirt Day:** On February 25, everyone wore pink to promote kindness and stand up against bullying.

Governance and Operations

Policy Reviews (Updates in Progress):

- **Concussion Management:** Updated to match the latest safety research and provincial rules.
- **Educational Field Trips:** Reorganized to make it easier to plan international trips while keeping students safe, ensuring alignment with current provincial standards and operational best practices.
- **Policy Development:** Added a "Belief Statement" and a recommendation to inform the Board of Trustees when there are updates to Policy-related Administrative Procedures

Policy Approvals (Now Final):

- **Student and Family Support:** This policy ensures parents have clear pathways to talk to the school and that Trustees can help families navigate the system.

Budget & Tools:

- The Board set **2026-2027 Budget Goals** focused on faith, math, literacy, and student success and wellbeing.
- A **new website** and an official Instagram account will launch in March to help us reach more families. Check them out: <https://huronperthcatholic.ca/>; Instagram @huronperthcatholicdsb/

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