

***AN INVITATION TO ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF  
DENIS MORRIS STUDENTS***

***WELCOME! BIENVENUE! BIENVENIDOS! BENVENUTI***

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*As your children begin, or return to, high school life at Denis Morris Catholic High School, the Denis Morris Catholic School Council invites you, the parent, to be a member of our Catholic School Council.*

*As a Catholic school council member, you can help us discover new and exciting ways to contribute to the success of our students. Belonging to the Denis Morris Catholic School Council offers you the opportunity to know about, and understand, all that is taking place in your child's school life. The support of parent members is important to the entire school community. This support will assist all stakeholders by working in the best interest of our students through collaboration and cooperation with the Denis Morris Administrative Team.*

*As an advisory body, the Denis Morris Catholic School Council may provide advice to the school board and/or principal on any matters that Council identifies as priorities.*

*Your participation can make a difference. To become a parent member of the Denis Morris Catholic School Council please complete the attached form with your intentions and return it to the Denis Morris Main Office prior to our first meeting which takes place on **Tuesday, September 21st, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Father Cormier/Lapinski Information Centre (Library). At this meeting we will form the **voting** membership of the 2021-2022 Denis Morris Catholic School Council and elect the Chair for the 2021-2022 school year. **Please note, all members of our school community are invited to attend our meetings as observers. Due to quorum requirements, parents wishing to have voting rights on matters related to Council proceedings must commit to attending meetings on a regular basis.***

*For more information you are invited to contact the school or visit our website <http://denismorris.ca>.*

*Enjoy the remainder of the summer vacation!*

*Sincerely,*

*Andrew Bartley  
Principal*

**Denis Morris Catholic School Council Parent Candidate Form**

I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ (self or someone you know) for a one-year term to the position of parent representative on the 2021/2022 Denis Morris Catholic School Council.

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in position of Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Voting Member \_\_\_\_\_

The person nominated is the parent/guardian of the following student(s) attending Denis Morris Catholic High School for the 2021-2022 school year. If additional room is needed please list additional names at the bottom of this page.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

The person I have nominated (or self) is an employee of the Niagara Catholic District School Board: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Received by \_\_\_\_\_



**Excerpt from the Denis Morris Catholic School Council By-Laws (Section 3 – Membership)**

Parent Member of the Denis Morris Catholic School Council:

Custodial parents/guardians of the students enrolled in the school (elected by parents and guardians) must reside within the boundaries of the school or have Board permission to attend the school.

A person is not qualified to be a parent member of the Catholic School Council if,

i) he/she is employed at the school;

or

ii) he/she is employed elsewhere by the Board and fails to take reasonable steps to inform voters of that employment. This disclosure can be made on the DMCS self-nomination form.

or

iii) he/she misses more than 3 consecutive meetings without a reasonable written explanation being provided to the Denis Morris Catholic School Council on or before his/her third consecutive absence. The basis for the absence will be reviewed by the Denis Morris Catholic School Council Chair and the Denis Morris Catholic High School Principal, a determination made and subsequently communicated in writing to the member. Such absence will result in the loss of voting status while allowing the member to retain "observer status only" for the remainder of the current term, thus allowing for adjustment to our voting membership with respect to quorum; recognizing that all Denis Morris School Council meetings are open to the public and all parent/guardians of students attending Denis Morris Catholic High School as "observers".