



Ontario Catholic School
Trustees' Association



APRIL 30 - MAY 2, 2026 | WINDSOR, ONTARIO

OCSTA ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING
& CONFERENCE
ON THE PATH TO HOLINESS

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Windsor Convention Centre – 377 Riverside Drive East, Windsor, ON N9A 7H7

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, APRIL 30	
9:30am-1:30pm Augustus I	OCSTA/OCSBOA Business Seminar
5:30pm Augustus Foyer	Registration / Meet & Greet Reception (<i>Light Snacks, Coffee & Tea</i>) Jazz Accompaniment – <i>Students of Assumption Catholic High School</i> <i>Brian Zanier</i> , Music Director
6:30pm Augustus I	Opening Liturgy <i>Windsor-Essex CDSB</i> <i>Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School Choir</i> <i>Lindsay Longpre and Melissa Ciotoli, Teachers</i>
7:00pm Augustus I	Opening Remarks <i>Jennifer Wigston, Conference Chair</i> <i>Michael Bellmore, President, OCSTA</i> <i>Lisa Soulliere, Co-Host Board Chair</i>
7:30pm Augustus 27	Welcome Reception/Dinner (<i>Food Stations & Cash Bar</i>)
FRIDAY, MAY 1	
7:30am Augustus II	Buffet Breakfast
8:30am Augustus I	Morning Praise <i>Fr. Jim Mockler, Chaplain, OCSTA</i>
8:45am Augustus I	President's Report <i>Michael Bellmore, President, OCSTA</i>
9:30am Augustus I	Nominations Report & Introduction of Candidates <i>Beverley Eckensweiler, Past President, OCSTA</i>
9:45am Augustus I	Pilgrims of Hope: On the Path to Holiness – Catholic School Trustees Called to Serve <i>The Most Rev. Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau</i>
10:45am Augustus Foyer	Break
11:00am Augustus I	Presentation of Financial Report <i>Marino Gazzola, Vice President and Chair, Budget & HR Committee, OCSTA</i>
11:15am Martis	Student Trustee Workshop 1 Sacred Balance – Self Care for the Student Leader <i>Windsor-Essex CDSB Mental Health Team</i> <i>Courtney Ouellette, Mental Health Lead</i> <i>Nate Veres, Itinerant Mental Health Facilitator</i>
11:15am Augustus I	Resolutions Session <i>Patrick Daly, Session Chair</i> <i>Melissa Eldridge, Partner, BLG, Parliamentarian</i>
12:15pm Mercuri	Elections
12:15pm Augustus II	Buffet Lunch

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FRIDAY, MAY 1

1:15pm Martis	Student Trustee Workshop 2 Stewards of the Soul: Refilling the Cup to Serve Others / Charisms of Saints on the Path to Holiness <i>Ruben Da Silveira</i> , Vice-President, Catholic Student Trustee Council (OSTA-AECO) <i>Courtney Ouellette</i> , Mental Health Lead, Windsor-Essex CDSB <i>Nate Veres</i> , Itinerate Mental Health Facilitator, Windsor-Essex CDSB
1:15pm	Concurrent Workshops
Augustus III	1. Catholic Identity in Catholic Online Learning <i>Rose Burton Spohn</i> , Coordinator, Catholic Virtual Ontario (CVO) <i>Brian Chen</i> , Senior Technologist, OeLC <i>Anne O'Brien</i> , Director of Catholic Education, OCSTA and CVO Project Manager
Augustus IV	2. Redefining Success: Elevating Skilled Trades as an Educational Pathway Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board <i>Cory McAiney</i> , Consultant <i>John Ulicny</i> , Executive Superintendent of Education
Solis/Luna	3. The Integration of Catholic Identity into Catholic School Board Communications and Promotion <i>Stephen Fields</i> , Communications Coordinator, Windsor-Essex CDSB <i>Jennifer Pellegrini</i> , Communications & Community Engagement Officer, Niagara CDSB
Saturni	4. Indigenous Education: A Collective Responsibility
2:15pm	Coffee available in the Augustus Foyer
2:15pm Augustus I	Report of the Returning Officer <i>Paula Mann</i> , Director of Education, Nipissing-Parry Sound CDSB
2:30-4:00pm Augustus I	Implications of Bill 101, Putting Student Achievement First Act, 2026
4:45-5:15pm	Delegates board buses for Mass <i>Buses will be parked on Chatham Street, near the Valet entrance</i>
5:30pm	Mass, Commissioning Ceremony & Special Presentations Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 350 Huron Church Road, Windsor ON, N9C 2J9 Celebrant: <i>Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB, Bishop of London</i> Concelebrant: <i>Fr. Jim Mockler, OCSTA Chaplain (Commissioning Ceremony)</i>
7:00-8:30pm Augustus Foyer	Silent Auction
7:00pm Augustus Foyer	Reception (Cash Bar)
7:30pm Augustus I	Annual Dinner & Award Presentation
SATURDAY, MAY 2	
7:45am Augustus II	Buffet Breakfast
8:45am Augustus I	Morning Praise <i>Windsor-Essex CDSB</i>
9:00am Augustus I	Plenary: The Ombudsman and School Boards – 10 Years of Collaboration for Fairness and Good Governance <i>Barbara Finlay</i> , Deputy Ontario Ombudsman
10:00am	Coffee available in the Augustus Foyer
10:00am Augustus I	Plenary: Leading with HOPE
11:00am Augustus I	Closing Remarks & Adjournment <i>Jennifer Wigston</i> , Conference Chair

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