



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 - Light refreshments will be available. Meet & Greet (Cash Bar) 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>
7:00pm Augustus I	Opening Remarks <i>Jennifer Wigston</i> , Conference Chair <i>Michael Bellmore</i> , President, OCSTA <i>Lisa Soulliere</i> , Co-Host Board Chair
7:30pm Augustus 27	Welcome Reception (Cash Bar)
FRIDAY, MAY 1	
7:30am Augustus I	Registration and Buffet Breakfast
8:30am Augustus I	Morning Praise <i>Fr. Jim Mockler</i> , Chaplain, OCSTA
8:45am Augustus I	President's Report <i>Michael Bellmore</i> , President, OCSTA
9:30am Augustus I	Nominations Report & Introduction of Candidates <i>Beverley Eckensweiler</i> , Past President, OCSTA
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</i> , Archbishop of Gatineau
10:45am Augustus Foyer	Break
11:00am Augustus I	Presentation of Financial Report <i>Marino Gazzola</i> , Vice President and Chair, Budget & HR Committee, OCSTA
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</i> , Mental Health Lead <i>Nates Veres</i> , Itinerant Mental Health Facilitator
11:15am Augustus I	Resolutions Session <i>Patrick Daly</i> , Session Chair <i>Nadya Tymochenko</i> , Parliamentarian
12:15pm Mercuri	Elections
12:15pm August II	Buffet Lunch
12:15pm Martis	Student Trustee Lunch

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1:15pm Martis	<p>Student Trustee Workshop 2 Stewards of the Soul: Refilling the Cup to Serve Others / Charisms of Saints on the Path to Holiness <i>Courtney Ouellette, Mental Health Lead, Windsor-Essex CDSB</i> <i>Nates Veres, Itinerate Mental Health Facilitator, Windsor-Essex CDSB</i> <i>Ruben Da Silveira, Vice-President, Catholic Student Trustee Council (OSTA-AECO)</i></p>										
1:15pm	<p>Concurrent Workshops</p>										
Augustus III	<p>1. Catholic Identity in Catholic Online Learning <i>Rose Burton Spohn, Coordinator, Catholic Virtual Ontario (CVO)</i> <i>Anne O'Brien, Director of Catholic Education, OCSTA and CVO Project Manager</i> <i>Brian Chen, Senior Technologist, OeLC</i></p>										
Saturni	<p>2. Redefining Success: Elevating Skilled Trades as an Educational Pathway <i>Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board</i> <i>John Ulicny, Executive Superintendent</i> <i>Joe Beneteau, Consultant</i> <i>Lisa Burke, Consultant</i> <i>Cory McAiney, Consultant</i></p>										
Solis/Luna	<p>3. The Integration of Catholic Identity into Catholic School Board Communications and Promotion <i>Stephen Fields, Communications Coordinator, Windsor-Essex CDSB</i> <i>Jennifer Pellegrini, Communications & Community Engagement Officer, Niagara CDSB</i></p>										
Augustus IV	<p>4. Indigenous Education: A Collective Responsibility <i>Nick Bertrand, Director, Indigenous Education, Ministry of Education</i></p>										
2:15pm Augustus I	<p>Minister of Education Address (invited)</p>										
2:45pm Augustus I	<p>Report of the Returning Officer <i>Paula Mann, Director of Education, Nipissing-Parry Sound CDSB</i></p>										
3:00-4:00pm	<p>Regional Meetings</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>West Solis/Luna</td> <td>Bruce-Grey (4), Huron-Perth (4), London (5), St. Clair (5), Waterloo (4), Wellington (4), Windsor/Essex (5)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Central Augustus III</td> <td>Brant-Haldimand (11), Dufferin-Peel (7), Halton (11), Hamilton-Wentworth (11), Niagara (11), Toronto (6), York (8)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Northeast Saturni</td> <td>Huron-Superior (1), Nipissing-Parry Sound (1), Northeastern (1), Sudbury (1)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Northwest Martis</td> <td>Kenora (2), Northwest (2), Superior North (2), Thunder Bay (2)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>East Augustus IV</td> <td>Algonquin & Lakeshore (10), Durham (9), Eastern Ontario (10), Ottawa (12), PVNC (9), Renfrew (10), Simcoe Muskoka (9)</td> </tr> </table>	West Solis/Luna	Bruce-Grey (4), Huron-Perth (4), London (5), St. Clair (5), Waterloo (4), Wellington (4), Windsor/Essex (5)	Central Augustus III	Brant-Haldimand (11), Dufferin-Peel (7), Halton (11), Hamilton-Wentworth (11), Niagara (11), Toronto (6), York (8)	Northeast Saturni	Huron-Superior (1), Nipissing-Parry Sound (1), Northeastern (1), Sudbury (1)	Northwest Martis	Kenora (2), Northwest (2), Superior North (2), Thunder Bay (2)	East Augustus IV	Algonquin & Lakeshore (10), Durham (9), Eastern Ontario (10), Ottawa (12), PVNC (9), Renfrew (10), Simcoe Muskoka (9)
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4:45-5:15pm	<p>Delegates board buses for Mass <i>Buses will be parked on Chatham Street, near the Valet entrance</i></p>										
5:30pm	<p>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></p>										

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7:00-8:00pm Augustus Foyer	Silent Auction
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7:30pm Augustus I	Annual Dinner & Awards Presentation
SATURDAY, MAY 2	
7:45am Augustus Foyer	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 Augustus I	Publicly Funded Catholic Education Now and in the Future
11:00am Augustus I	Closing Remarks & Adjournment <i>Jennifer Wigston</i> , Conference Chair

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