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# Schools to Believe In: A Year to Remember

## Year-End Message From Director of Education & Board Chair

"As the 2022-2023 school year draws to a close, we reflect on the many opportunities and remarkable successes of our students, staff and entire NPSC Catholic Board community. It is with much gratitude and humility that we extend our appreciation to our amazing students, staff, families and community partners for an incredible school year." - *Director of Education, Paula Mann & Board Chair Shawn Fitzsimmons.*

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# CEW 2023: We are Many, We are One

During the week of April 30 until May 5, 2023, we celebrated *Catholic Education Week 2023: We are Many, We are One*. Each school in the board hosted various events that inspired faith through our educational teachings and practices. Click the picture to watch our NPSC's video from the week's events.



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## National Indigenous History Month

June is National Indigenous History Month, honouring the history, contributions, culture and strength of First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples. Throughout the month, we highlighted some select stories featuring Indigenous voices and leaders in our community. Click below to learn more or to watch a video highlight from the SJSH Pow wow, filmed, edited and produced by SJSH student, McCrea Cazabon ([McCrea Production](#)).

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# FIRST® LEGO® Challenge - Superpowered!

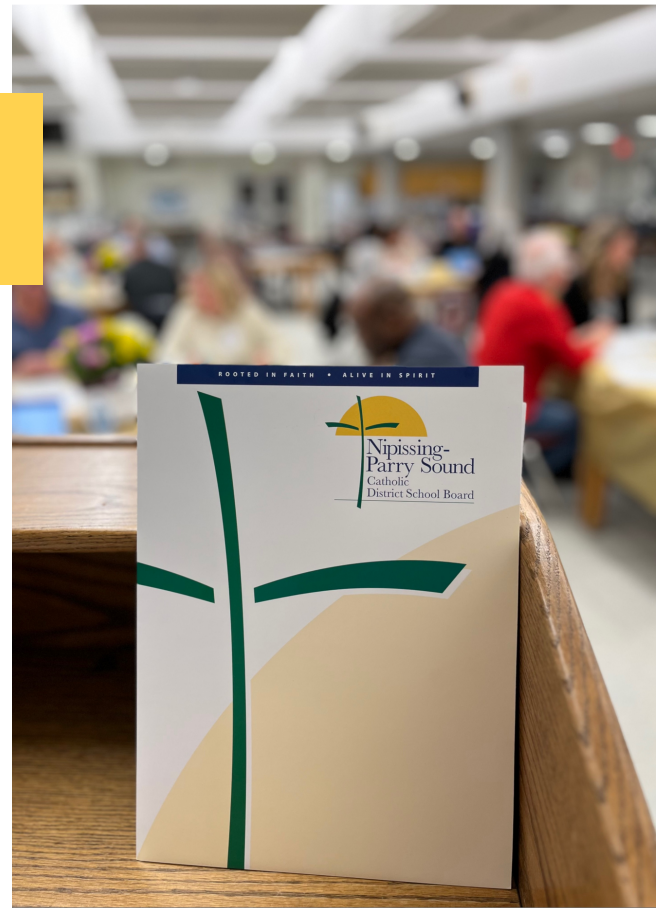
During the week of June 19, NPSC hosted several FIRST® LEGO® Challenges at our elementary schools. The challenges saw students from across the board engage in STEM-based learning activities while exploring the theme of energy and how it's used and distributed, understanding the design and creation process of autonomous LEGO® robots, and developing a deeper understanding of problem-solving skills.

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## Ownership Linkage Sessions 2023

Each year the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board (NPSC) prioritizes its connection with its public ownership to reflect on its ultimate purpose, goals and to ensure that the overall **ENDS** are progressing. One of the key responsibilities of the Board of Trustees is to serve as the link between the operating organization and its stakeholder community. As a part of the Board's cyclical process, the NPSC Board of Trustees were pleased to engage with various community members and stakeholders through two Ownership Linkage Sessions facilitated in February and April this past school year.

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# The Director of Education Award of Excellence

As a Catholic faith community, we were excited to launch and celebrate the exemplary achievements of our staff in the service of Catholic Education. This year saw the inaugural class of 2023 be celebrated across the district.

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## Director of Education Award of Excellence in Catholic Education 2023



Michael Ball



Derek Belanger



Lynne Bernardi



Suzanne Charette



Sheila Dinezza



Steven Fournier



SCIENCE  
Mike King



Stacey Malette



Susan Marsh



Bernie Moseley-Williams



Rita Paquet



Suzanne Pigeau



Cheryl Stewart



Trish Tessier



Kathi Zappala

## Summer Blessing from Father de Viveiros, C.R.

At the end of this 2022-2023 school year, we give thanks to God!  
For having a full and uninterrupted school year.  
For all the teaching and learning that has taken place both in and out of the classroom.  
For the burdens that have been lifted and the hurts that have been healed.  
For the friendships that have just begun and for those that have grown.

For the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles.  
For the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days.  
And for the love that has kept us going.

Bless our families as we take our holidays,  
may our time together leave us renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together next school year.  
Heavenly Father, inspired by your Holy Spirit,  
we make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**



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