



Dear CSPC Chairs and Principals,

On behalf of the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC), we are pleased to share an important update regarding the 2025/2026 CPIC Parent/Guardian Volunteer of the Year Award.

Started in 2024/2025, CPIC introduced this annual initiative to recognize the outstanding contributions of parent and guardian volunteers across the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB). Parent and guardian engagement plays a vital role in strengthening our school communities and supporting student achievement and well-being. This award celebrates those individuals who go above and beyond in service to their school community.

Plaques for the CPIC Parent/Guardian Volunteer of the Year Award have now been delivered to each school. The plaque is intended to remain at the school and serve as a lasting recognition of parent and guardian leadership. Each year, the selected recipient's name will be added, creating an ongoing tradition that honours the dedication of volunteers within your school community.

Each school may recognize one parent or guardian volunteer annually who has demonstrated exceptional commitment, leadership, and service. To make the nomination process simple, we have created a submission form. Click here to nominate your school's Parent/Guardian Volunteer of the Year:

<https://forms.office.com/r/BFQPR8QjDX>

The deadline to submit your nomination is May 1, 2026. Once your school has selected its recipient, the CSCP Chair and/or Principal should complete the form and include a brief description highlighting the volunteer's contributions.

Parent/Guardian Volunteer of the Year – Eligibility and Selection

Eligibility

Nominees must:

- Be a parent or guardian of a student at the school
- Be an active volunteer within the school community
- Not receiving financial compensation from the TCDSB for their volunteer work

Selection

Each school should select its recipient collaboratively through the CSCP and school leadership, typically including:

- The CSCP members
- The Principal or Vice-Principal
- One staff member familiar with the volunteer's contributions



Qualities to Consider

Schools are encouraged to recognize volunteers who:

- Make meaningful contributions that positively benefit students and the school community.
- Take initiative, support school activities, and encourage other parents/guardians to become involved.
- Demonstrate collaboration and a positive attitude
- Show service, compassion, and dedication to strengthening the Catholic identity and community life of the school.

Following submission, the selected volunteer will receive a recognition certificate, and a nameplate will be issued for placement on the school's Parent/Guardian Volunteer of the Year plaque, establishing a lasting record of service within the school.

CPIC is proud to support and celebrate the many parents and guardians who generously give their time, energy, and leadership to strengthen Catholic education across our system. We encourage every school community to participate in recognizing a volunteer who has made a meaningful impact this year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to parent engagement.

Warm regards,

Michael Lamanna

CPIC Chair

Toronto Catholic District School Board