

Remember that you are never alone, Christ is with you on your journey every day of your lives!

St. John Paul II

There have been many resources created to promote the idea of parents being involved in their children's education. This will mean different things to each family, but the bottom line is that parents can play a significant role in the success of their children by showing them that we think education is important! If you would like to read more, there are some great resources if you search for "parent engagement" at People for Education (www.peopleforeducation.ca) or the Ontario Ministry of Education (www.edu.gov.on.ca).

Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board has a Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) with parents representing the nine geographic areas of the board. They advise the board on issues of parent engagement and plan events for all parents. Please speak to your principal if you would like to get involved. This year they have organized three evenings to address "Mental Health for Every Age".

Each evening will include our keynote speaker, senior psychologist Dr. Pat Carney, and informative breakout sessions that will focus on mental health information for primary, junior/intermediate and secondary aged students. Light refreshments will be provided, as well as child care for parents attending with children 3 - 12 years old.

Evenings will run from 6:30 – 8:00 pm and will include a 45 minute breakout session. Parents/guardians can choose from one of three dates and locations:

Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at Holy Trinity C.H.S., Bradford

Monday, November 20, 2017 at Patrick Fogarty C.S.S, Orillia

Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at St. Joseph's C.H.S., Barrie

I realize there is a commute from Muskoka and Parry Sound to attend, but assure you that an evening with Dr. Pat Carney will be worth the drive!

God Bless,
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