



Dear Friends of Catholic Education,

During the week of May 2 to May 7, 2021, the Northeastern Catholic District School Board will celebrate the significant contribution that Catholic Education has made to our school communities. This year's celebrations will look very different from previous years as our students are learning from home and our teachers are doing everything they can to ensure quality virtual learning education is taking place.

The theme for this year's Catholic Education Week is: Catholic Education: Nurturing Hope.

There are five sub-themes, one for each day of Catholic Education Week and they are aimed at helping staff and students to reflect more fully on what *Nurturing Hope* means to them. The five sub-themes are:

| Day 1: | Preparing the Earth |
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| Day 2: | Sowing Seeds of Gratitude |
| Day 3: | Cultivating Relationships |
| Day 4: | Harvesting New Fruit |
| Day 5: | Marvelling in Wonder |

It is our prayer that our students and staff find ways to live the Catholic Education Week theme as best as possible. Small acts of kindness and charity within families and assisting those in need around us, are the first steps to "Nurturing Hope" in our homes, neighbourhoods and virtual school communities.

As a Catholic school board, we continue to pray for our students, our staff, and all of our families during this extraordinary time. We extend our sincere gratitude to all front line workers, and acknowledge their acts of service and sacrifice to ensure the safety and well-being of our communities. Let us continue to work together to be a source of hope for the world.

Sincerely,

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