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## New NCDSB Student Trustee Shares the Importance of Catholic Education

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Darlene Louttit, a grade 12 student at O’Gorman High School joins the NCDSB Trustees as their newest Student Trustee. Darlene commented, “I wanted to become a NCDSB student trustee because it gives me the opportunity to experience what’s it like to be in a leadership position for our school, voicing for the Indigenous students and others at the board level. This also allows me to grow academically and provide back to the students of O’Gorman High School.”

When asked what Darlene likes most about O’Gorman High School, she noted “The thing I like most about O’Gorman High School is the O’Gorman spirit. At OHS, the school supports the diversity of student interests and takes into account that supporting every student matters and giving them the best possible high school experience.”

Darlene further stated that “Catholic education is important because it fosters holistic development by nurturing students intellectually, spiritually, emotionally, and socially, while instilling strong moral values rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ. It creates a sense of community and belonging, encourages academic excellence, and emphasizes service and social justice, preparing students to be responsible and compassionate members of society. Additionally, it promotes faith formation and a lifelong love of learning, equipping students with the skills and values needed to navigate the complexities of life.”

Darlene’s favourite interests and hobbies include playing sports like hockey, basketball, soccer and golf. She also enjoys going to the gym, attending pow wows, round dances and other ceremonies, and lastly spending time outdoors hunting and camping. Darlene’s future plan is to pursue a career in medicine through a Kinesiology undergrad program in university and she looks forward to supporting and advocating for a proper health care system in Indigenous communities located in the James Bay region.

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