



October 2025 - Faith *Trusting in God Together*

Our Belonging Book

As part of Year 3 of our Pastoral Plan, We Belong Together, we are inviting schools to celebrate and share the ways they live out each month's virtue through acts of service and kindness. To help capture these efforts, we are launching a system-wide initiative to collect evidence of our faith in action.

The Belonging Book

A collective story of how the NCDSB lives the call "We Belong Together"

Each month, schools can submit examples—like food donations, cards for community partners, or other acts of mercy—to contribute to our collective story. Together, we can see how these small actions help us create a place where we all belong.



This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you.

John 15:12

Focus for the Month

Trusting in God means we do not walk alone.

We belong to one another through Christ.

Our faith is strengthened when shared in prayer, gratitude and friendship.



We belong together.

Gift it Forward

This month we invite our schools to participate in the Gift Forward Challenge.

This is a system-wide invitation for every school community to express gratitude by sharing blessings with others. Rooted in the Catholic understanding of stewardship, solidarity, and service, this challenge encourages us not only to give thanks for God's gifts, but to "gift forward" - passing those blessings along so that others may experience God's love in tangible ways. It reflects:

Thanksgiving - moving beyond receiving to giving.

Faith - trusting that when we give generously, God multiplies blessings.

Catholic perspective - living out the Corporal Works of Mercy and our call to community and solidarity.

Gift it Forward Ideas

Food Security & Gratitude Drive

Every school contributes to a local food bank.

Each act of giving is offered with prayer for those who will receive it. Share the item count and some pictures for our Belonging Book.

Letters / Cards of Gratitude

Prepare "Thanksgiving Blessing Cards" to be shared with seniors' homes, shelters, hospitals, or sister schools. Please let us know how many cards you send for our Belonging Book.

One Act, One Blessing Campaign

Each class documents one act of kindness offered forward. Share your story for our Belonging Book.

As a Catholic community, we give thanks by giving forward. Each blessing we share strengthens our faith and reminds us that we belong to one another in Christ.

**Cultivating belonging, virtue,
and faith in action.**