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Two New Student Trustees Named to the Northeastern Catholic District School Board of Trustees

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The Northeastern Catholic District School Board would like to welcome Jacob Dunkley and Alex Turcotte, Grade 11 and Grade 12 students respectively at O’Gorman High School, as the two student representatives to the Northeastern Catholic District School Board of Trustees for the 2025-2026 school year.

In an interview with both new Student Trustees, when asked why Jacob and Alex wanted to become the Student Trustee representatives, Jacob commented, “I was interested in becoming a student trustee because I think it is important that students have an opportunity to help improve their own high school experience. As a student trustee, I can help give students a voice and I am excited to be able to share student ideas and opinions with the board. Serving as a trustee will also help me strengthen a range of important skills that can support me in higher education and the workforce.” Alex replied “I wanted to become one of the NCDSB Student Trustee Representatives because I wanted experience in looking out for my peers at school and learning responsibilities in a trusted position.”



Pictured (L to R) Alex Turcotte & Jacob Dunkley

When asked what both students liked about O’Gorman High School, Alex commented that the wide range of extracurricular activities involving sports, clubs, and events that are offered at O’Gorman High School was what he liked most. “The school is filled with great staff and students who are always willing to lend a hand for one another.”

Jacob said there are many things to like about O’Gorman High School, and that he has had a great high school experience so far. “My favorite thing about O’Gorman, however, is the teachers. Not only do they care about each student as an individual, but they also expose students to many different teaching styles that allow us to learn in diverse ways.”

Regarding the importance of Catholic Education, Alex shared that Catholic Education is important to him as it teaches him great characteristics one should have in life, helping how he thinks and



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behaves, “This can allow me to have a positive mindset and attitude in life that can lead to a lot of success.”

Jacob shared, “Catholic Education is important to me because it allows students to further connect with their faith in an approachable and supportive way. Personally, it has helped me to understand more of the bible and apply more of its teachings in my day-to-day life, which I believe is making me a better person.”

Jacob’s favourite hobby currently is to build things, often with Lego sets or with wooden model kits, but more recently with small home renovation projects and repairs. “I am looking forward to the construction technology course I am taking this semester which should help me grow my love for building and maybe help me decide what I like might to do in the future.”

Alex is looking forward to being in this position and making a positive impact on his school. Alex’s favourite hobby is exercising at the gym.

The NCDSB wishes both Alex and Jacob a fulfilling upcoming school year as they embark on this new journey.

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