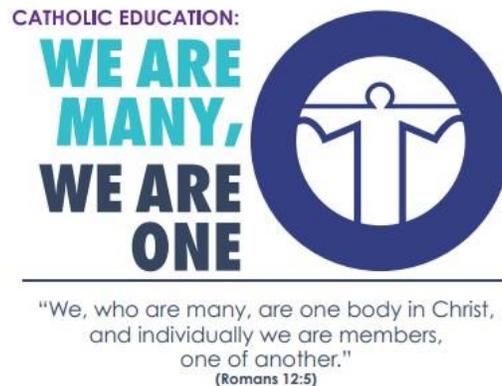




Ontario Catholic School
Trustees' Association

2022 OCSTA Short-Video Contest Guidelines

We are pleased to announce that this year's Catholic Education Week theme – *Catholic Education: We are Many, We are One* – is also the theme for the annual short video contest for students in grades 4 – 12 at Ontario's publicly funded English Catholic school boards.



Exploring this theme through the short-video medium provides an opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of how the life of Jesus Christ and acts of Christian service helps to define the Catholic identity of our Catholic schools.

“People often comment that when they enter a Catholic school they feel a special presence. This does not come from the building or even the religious symbols that are an important witness to our faith. The presence comes from Christ who is proclaimed by word and example, and is evidenced in the way people care for one another.”

Renewing the Promise, 2018, Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario

Call for Submissions

OCSTA invites students in grades 4-12 to create a 2-minute video highlighting acts of Christian service to others that give witness to our faith. For further guidance in developing this video, we invite students and staff to draw upon the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations – section 1 (d). This section explores how we are called to be discerning believers through thought and action by developing “attitudes and values founded on Catholic *social teaching* and acts to promote social responsibility, human solidarity and the common good.”

The 2022-23 Catholic Education Week sub-themes may also provide ideas for developing or structuring student video submissions:

We are Many, We are One - and we achieve this unity

when we **see**:

“Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God.” Matthew 5:8

when we **listen**:

“Be quick to listen and slow to speak.” James 1:19

when we **reflect**:

“I considered these things inwardly, and pondered them in my heart.” Wisdom 8:17

when we **learn**:

“Let the wise also hear and gain in learning, and the discerning acquire skill.” Proverbs 1:5

when we **act**:

“I by my works will show you my faith.” James 2:18

Submission Guidelines and Form

The contest is open to all students in grades 4–12 at Ontario’s publicly funded Catholic schools.

We ask all participants to upload completed videos to YouTube for viewing and adjudication by the provincial committee. The unique URL (web address) created by YouTube when a video file is uploaded, is to be recorded on the OCSTA short-video contest submission form.

The submission deadline is **December 9, 2022**.

SUBMISSION FORM: The submission form can be downloaded from this [link](#).

Prizes:

First Place: \$300 Best Buy Gift Certificate

Second Place: \$150 Best Buy Gift Certificate

Third Place: \$100 Indigo Gift Certificate

1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded at both the elementary and secondary panels.

We thank the students, teachers and trustees of all CDSBs for their support of this contest celebrating Catholic education in Ontario.

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