



BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board

Agenda

Catholic Education Centre
322 Fairview Drive
Brantford, ON N3T 5M8

Special Meeting of the Board Tuesday October 27, 2026 ♦ 6:30 p.m. Board Room

Trustees:

Carol Luciani (Chair), Bill Chopp (Vice-Chair), Dennis Blake, Dan Dignard, Toni Poirier

Senior Administration:

Michael McDonald (Chief Executive Officer & Secretary)

Rajini Nelson (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer)

John Della Fortuna, Kevin Greco, Michael Lawlor, Jennifer Varnam (Superintendents of Education)

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer

Almighty God, bless us as we gather today for this meeting. Guide our minds and hearts so that we will work for the good of our community and be a help to all people. Teach us to be generous in our outlook, courageous in the face of difficulty, and wise in our decisions. We give you praise and glory, Lord our God, forever and ever. Amen

1.2 Attendance

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

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1.4 Declaration of Interest

2. Presentations

2.1 The Board will recognize the Retirement of Bill Chopp, Trustee Representing the City of Brantford

2.2 The Board will recognize the Retirement of Dan Dignard, Trustee Representing the County of Brant

3. Committee and Staff Reports

3.1 Educational Development Charge By-Law Amendment Presenter: Mike McDonald, Chief Executive Officer & Secretary

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3.2 Trustee Honoraria Presenter: Mike McDonald, Chief Executive Officer & Secretary

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3.3 Naming of New Brantford Catholic Secondary School Presenter: John Della Fortuna, Superintendent of Education

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4. Business In-Camera

- 207 (2) Closing of certain committee meetings. A meeting of a committee of a board, including a committee of the whole board, may be closed to the public when the subject-matter under consideration involves:
- The security of the property of the board;
 - The disclosure of intimate, personal or financial information in respect of a member of the board or committee, an employee or prospective employee of the board or a pupil or her or her parent or guardian;
 - The acquisition or disposal of a school site;
 - Decisions in respect of negotiations with employees of the board; or
 - Litigation affecting the board.

5. Report on the In-Camera Session



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6. Closing Prayer

*Heavenly Father, we thank you for your gifts to us: for making us, for saving us in Christ, for calling us to be your people. As we come to the end of this meeting, we give you thanks for all the good things you have done in us. We thank you for all who have shared in the work of this Board and ask you to bless us all in your love. We offer this prayer, Father, through Christ our Lord. **Amen***

7. Adjournment

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 24, 2026, 6:30 p.m., Boardroom

REPORT TO THE BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Prepared by: Rajini Nelson, Superintendent of Business & Treasurer
Presented to: Board of Trustees
Submitted on: October 27, 2026
Submitted by: Mike McDonald, Chief Executive Officer & Secretary

EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CHARGES BY-LAW AMENDMENT (EDC)

Public Session

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On October 10, 2023, the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board (the “Board”) enacted Education Development Charges (“EDC”) By-law No. 2023-A3 pursuant to section 257.54 of the Education Act. The by-law came into effect on October 15, 2023, for a five-year term and establishes the following residential education development charges per dwelling unit:

Type of Development	October 15, 2023 to October 14, 2024	October 15, 2024 to October 14, 2025	October 15, 2025 to October 14, 2026	October 15, 2026 to October 14, 2027	October 15, 2027 to October 14, 2028
Residential: Per Dwelling Unit	\$1,708.00	\$2,008.00	\$2,308.00	\$2,608.00	\$2,750.00

DEVELOPMENTS:

The Board is proposing an amendment to EDC By-law No. 2023-A3. Information explaining the proposed amendment has been made available to the public, and notice of the proposed amendment was posted on the Board’s website.

On September 24, 2026, the Board issued notice to the following interested parties within the area to which the EDC by-law applies:

- Individuals and organizations that submitted a written request to the Secretary of the Board to receive notices of amendments;
- The clerk of each municipality having jurisdiction within the area;
- The secretary of each school board having jurisdiction within the area; and
- The Minister

The Board also published notice in The Expositor on October 6, 2026.

The proposed amendment would exempt affordable or supportive residential housing projects owned and operated by Indigenous-led organizations for the benefit of Indigenous communities. The exemption is proposed to take effect on October 1, 2025.

The existing 2023 by-law applies to lands within the corporate limits of the City of Brantford, excluding the “Development Charges Exemption Area” identified in Schedule “A” to City of Brantford By-law No. 210-2021, passed October 26, 2021. It also applies to lands within the corporate limits of the County of Brant, excluding Six Nations Reserve Number 40 and the Mississauga of the New Credit Number 40A reserve.

Should the Board approve, the amending by-law would come into force on November 1, 2026, five days after passage, in accordance with section 257.71 of the Education Act.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CHARGES AMENDING BY-LAW (2026), amending Education Development Charges By-law No. 2023-A3, as presented.

EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CHARGES AMENDING BY-LAW (2026)

A by-law to amend Education Development Charges By-law No. 2023-A3

WHEREAS the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board enacted Education Development Charges By-law No. 2023-A3 on October 10, 2023;

AND WHEREAS Section 257.70 of the Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.2 (the “Act”), provides for amendments to education development charges by-laws;

AND WHEREAS the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board requires amendments to Education Development Charges By-law No. 2023-A3;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the Act, the background study for Education Development Charges By-law No. 2023-A3 has been made available to the public;

AND WHEREAS the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board has made available to the public sufficient information to allow the public to understand the proposed amendments to Education Development Charges By-law No. 2023-A3;

AND WHEREAS the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board has given notice of the proposed amendments to Education Development Charges By-law No. 2023-A3 in accordance with the Act and Ontario Regulation 20/98;

AND WHEREAS an opportunity was given to interested parties to provide comments and submissions to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board in respect of this amending by-law;

NOW THEREFORE, THE BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 1 of Education Development Charges By-law No. 2023-A3 is hereby amended by adding the following clause thereto:

(h.1) “Indigenous-led organization” means an organization with a mandate to provide affordable residential housing for Indigenous communities, which operates under Indigenous governance and Indigenous service models, and has executive, senior management, and/or members of the board of directors who are Indigenous and employs staff from Indigenous communities;

2. Section 4 of Education Development Charges By-law No. 2023-A3 is hereby amended by adding the following clause thereto:

(g) Effective October 1, 2025, this by-law shall not apply to lands, or the applicable portions thereof, that are owned by and used by an Indigenous-led organization for the purpose of providing affordable or supportive residential housing for Indigenous communities.

3. For greater certainty, Education Development Charges By-law No. 2023-A3 remains in full force and effect subject to the amendments thereto described in Sections 1 and 2 of this amending by-law.

4. This amending by-law shall come into force on November 1, 2026.



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2. Section 4 of Education Development Charges By-law No. 2023-A3 is hereby amended by adding the following clause thereto:
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3. For greater certainty, Education Development Charges By-law No. 2023-A3 remains in full force and effect subject to the amendments thereto described in Sections 1 and 2 of this amending by-law.
4. This amending by-law shall come into force on November 1, 2026.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 27th day of October 2026

Chairperson

Chief Executive Officer and Secretary

REPORT TO THE BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Prepared by: Rajini Nelson, Superintendent of Business & Treasurer
Presented to: Board of Trustees
Submitted on: October 27, 2026
Submitted by: Mike McDonald, Chief Executive Officer & Secretary

TRUSTEE HONORARIA Public Session

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

School Board Trustee Honoraria in Ontario are governed by the Education Act and its associated regulations. The provincial framework establishes the methodology and limits for determining the annual honoraria payable to elected school board trustees under section 191 of the Education Act.

DEVELOPMENTS:

The Ministry of Education has amended the regulation governing trustee honoraria for the new term of office, beginning November 15, 2026. The amendments, published and filed on September 28, 2026, establish the following annual honoraria amounts:

- \$9,000 for each trustee;
- an additional \$500 for the Vice- chair; and
- an additional \$1,000 for the Chair

Under the amended framework, the annual trustee honorarium is capped at \$9,000, with the applicable additional amounts for the Chair and Vice-Chair. Honoraria will continue to be paid by direct deposit on a biweekly basis, at 1/26 of the applicable annual amount per payment as described above.

Board Policy #100.06 Trustee Honoraria, identifies three components used to calculate the annual trustee honoraria:

- Base Amount
- Enrolment Amount
- Chair/Vice-Chair Amounts

The enrolment component is based on the Board's fiscal-year average daily enrolment (ADE) for the year ending in the calendar year in which the term of office begins. For the new term, the enrolment component would be calculated using the estimated 2025–2026 ADE. Under the existing calculation methodology, the resulting trustee honorarium would exceed the new provincial cap of \$9,000. Accordingly, the prescribed cap will govern the amount payable, together with the applicable additional honorarium for the Chair or Vice-Chair.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the Trustee Honoraria for the period November 15, 2026, to November 14, 2027, to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board in accordance with the applicable provincial regulation 320/26 governing Trustee Honoraria.

REPORT TO THE BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Prepared by: John Della Fortuna, Superintendent of Education
Presented to: Board of Trustees
Submitted on: October 27, 2026
Submitted by: Mike McDonald, Chief Executive Officer & Secretary

NAMING OF THE NEW CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL IN BRANTFORD BOARD REPORT

Public Session

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On April 22, 2022, the Ministry of Education announced that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board had received funding to construct a new Catholic secondary school in the City of Brantford.

In September 2023, following a community consultation process conducted in accordance with Board Policy #400.17 - Naming of Schools, the Board of Trustees approved the name St. Padre Pio Catholic Secondary School.

In June 2026, the Board of Trustees voted to rename the new school and initiate a new naming process. The school, currently under construction at 353 Powerline Road in Brantford, is anticipated to open during the 2027–2028 school year.

In accordance with Board Policy and Administrative Procedure #400.17 – Naming of Schools, a new consultative process was initiated to identify a name that reflects the Catholic identity, values, and traditions of the Board.

DEVELOPMENTS:

In September 2026, the Board initiated a community consultation process inviting students, families, staff, Catholic school councils, parish communities, and members of the broader community to suggest names for the new Catholic secondary school.

The public consultation period concluded on October 18, 2026.

A School Naming Committee was established in accordance with Board Policy and Administrative Procedure #400.17 – Naming of Schools, consisting of 21 members including Trustees, Board administration, school leadership, clergy, and school communities.

On October 19, 2026, the School Naming Committee, convened to review the eligible names submitted through the community consultation process. Committee members were provided an opportunity to speak to and discuss the proposed names, considering their alignment with the Board's Catholic identity and the naming criteria outlined in Policy #400.17.

Following the review and discussion, the committee undertook a structured, two-round voting process to identify three recommended names for consideration by the Board of Trustees.

Round 1 – Selection of Top 10 Names

Committee members voted from the complete list of eligible names submitted through the community consultation process to identify ten names for further consideration.

1. All Saints Catholic Secondary School
2. Alpha and Omega Catholic Secondary School
3. King David Catholic Secondary School
4. St. Anne Catholic Secondary School
5. St. Anothony Daniel Catholic Secondary School
6. St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School
7. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Secondary School
8. St. John Paul II Catholic Secondary School
9. St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School
10. St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School

Round 2 – Selection of Top 3 Names

The committee conducted a second round of voting to narrow the shortlist from ten names to three names to be recommended to the Board of Trustees.

Following the committee's deliberations and forced ranking voting process, the following three names were recommended for consideration by the Board of Trustees:

1. **St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School (11 votes)**
2. **St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School (11 votes)**
3. **St. Anne Catholic Secondary School (6 votes)**

Each of the recommended names reflects the Catholic identity of the Board and honours a recognized Saint of the Catholic Church.

To support the Board's deliberations and ensure transparency throughout the consultation and recommendation process, the following information is provided as an attachment to this report.

Appendix A – Community Naming Submissions

A complete summary of the names submitted through the public consultation process.

As per Policy #400.17 Naming of Schools, the Board of Trustees needs to consider the three recommended names, along with the supporting consultation information and voting results, and select a preferred name for the new Catholic secondary school.

Option 1 - The Board selects **St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School** as the preferred name of the New Catholic Secondary School in Brantford, ON.

Option 2 - The Board selects **St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School** as the preferred name of the New Catholic Secondary School in Brantford, ON.

Option 3 - The Board selects **St. Anne Catholic Secondary School** as the preferred name of the New Catholic Secondary School in Brantford, ON.

Following the Board's decision, consultation with the Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton and the required Ministry of Education approval process will be completed before the school's name is finalized.

If the Board decides on Option 1, the following motion is recommended:

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board of Trustees selects **St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School** as the preferred name for the new Catholic secondary school in Brantford, Ontario, subject to the required consultation and approval processes by the Minister of Education and the Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton.

If the Board decides on Option 2, the following motion is recommended:

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board of Trustees selects **St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School** as the preferred name for the new Catholic secondary school in Brantford, Ontario, subject to the required consultation and approval processes by the Minister of Education and the Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton.

If the Board decides on Option 3, the following motion is recommended:

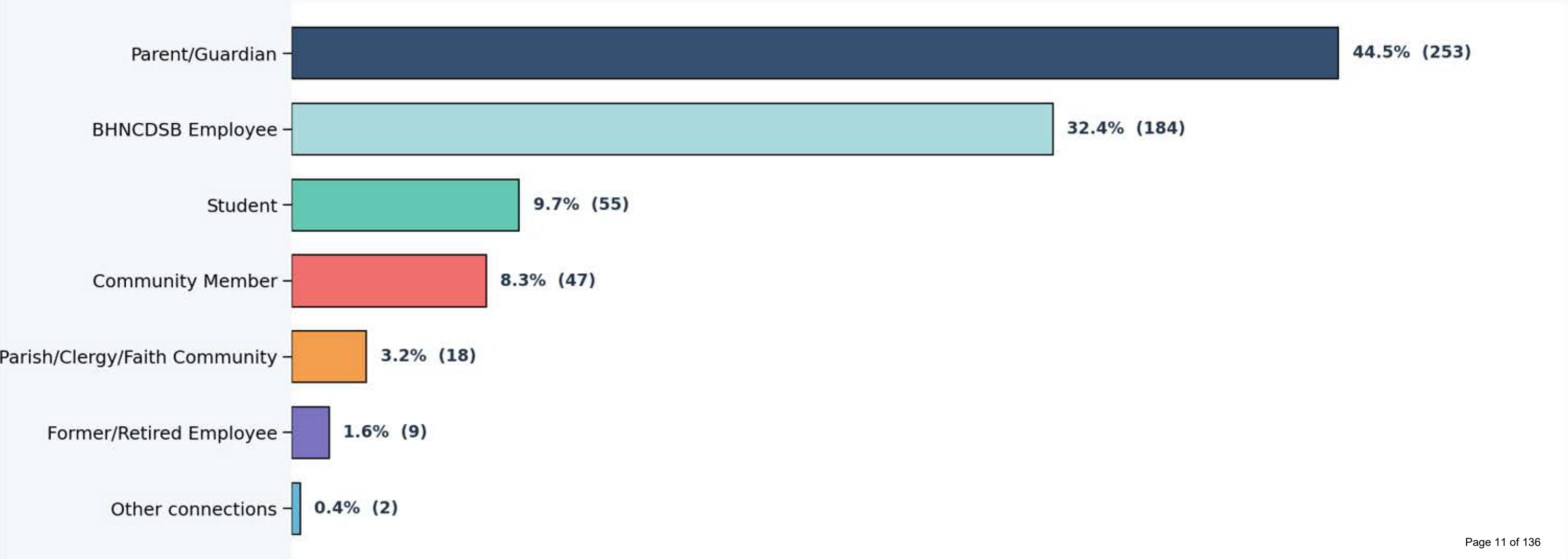
RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board of Trustees selects **St. Anne Catholic Secondary School** as the preferred name for the new Catholic secondary school in Brantford, Ontario, subject to the required consultation and approval processes by the Minister of Education and the Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton.

BHNCDSB SCHOOL NAME SURVEY

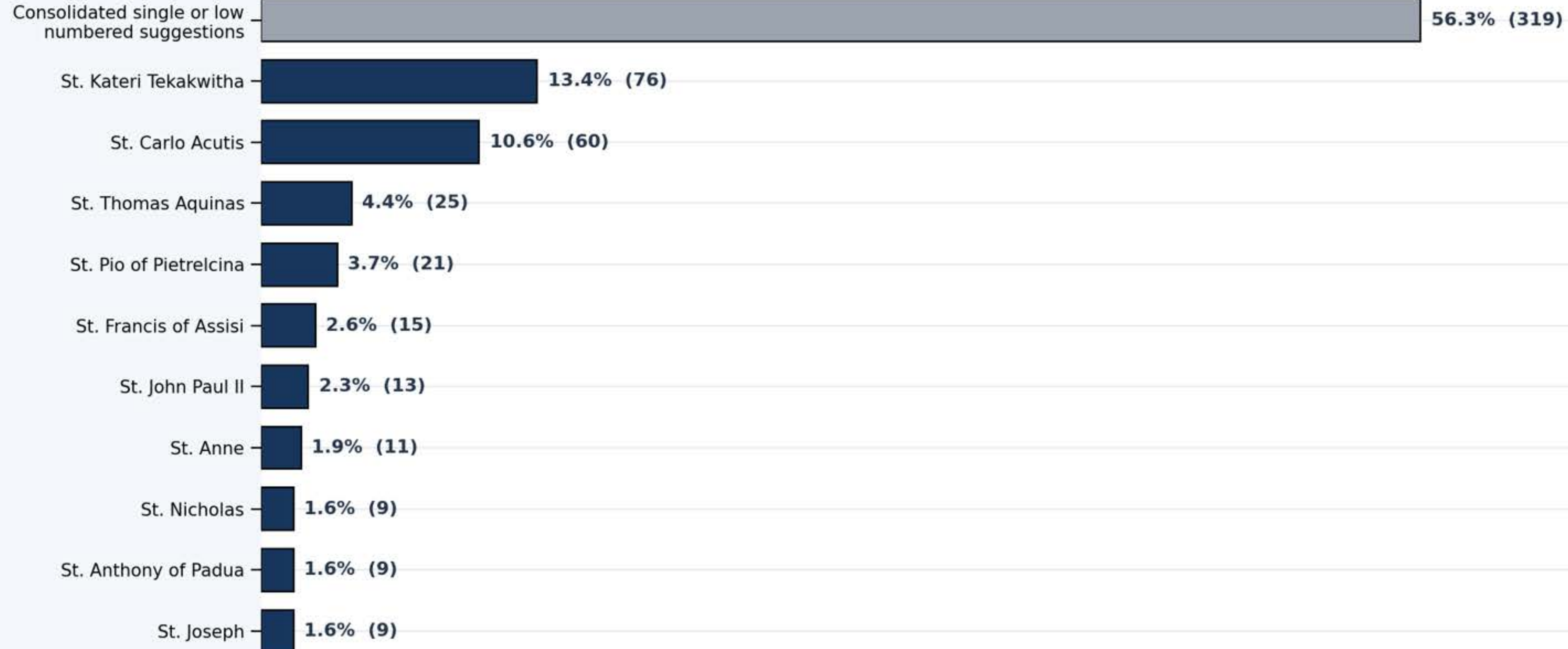
568 survey responses | Standardized response summary

1. What is your primary connection to BHNCDSB?



3. What name would you suggest for the new Catholic secondary school?

Appendix A Continued



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What is your primary connection to BHNCDSB?	What name would you suggest for the new Catholic secondary school? (Suggested names must reflect the Catholic identity of the Board and may honour Our Lord, Our Lady, a Saint, an exemplary Catholi...	Why do you believe this would be a meaningful name for the new school? (Please provide relevant background, Catholic significance or other information you believe the Naming Committee should consi...
Parent/Guardian	All Saints Catholic Secondary School	<p>The name points to holiness, service, and the idea that every student is called to grow in character. All Saints' Day (November 1) also gives the school a natural feast day for liturgies, assemblies, and identity.</p> <p>It does not clash with existing Brantford high schools. The city's current Catholic secondaries are Assumption College and St. John's College. There is no All Saints high school in Brantford. There is an All Saints Anglican chapel in nearby Mount Pleasant, but that is a different denomination and a small historic site, not a competing school.</p> <p>Some people may find it generic. In this case that is also a strength. After a naming process that became a public distraction, a familiar, positive, low-controversy Catholic name is practical.</p> <p>Overall, All Saints is a respectful, theologically sound, and low-risk choice that fits the board's identity and the need to move past the previous name.</p>
Parent/Guardian Retired teacher from SJC and ACS	All Saints Catholic Secondary School	<p>It speaks to a community and belonging for all. All Saints is a special day on the Catholic Liturgical Calendar. There are only 2 high schools in Ontario with that name.</p>
Student	Alpha and Omega Catholic Secondary School	<p>As one of the titles of Jesus Alpha And Omega (aao) would be an amazing name with catholic significance would make a amazing school name and a even better school Alpha and Omega works well as a school name because it symbolizes a complete, thorough education from the very beginning to the final goal Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet, and omega is the last. Together, they represent wholeness, completeness, and covering everything in between</p>
Parent/Guardian	Annunciation Catholic Secondary School / Annunciation of the Lord Catholic Secondary School	<p>Commemorates the archangel Gabriel telling the Virgin Mary that she would conceive and give birth to Jesus.</p>

Parent/Guardian	Apostles' Creed Catholic Secondary School	This is one of the prayers that has always stuck with me. From elementary to secondary and beyond.
Parent/Guardian	Aquinas Catholic Secondary School	Saint Thomas Aquinas: One of the church's greatest theologians; the patron saint of students, academics, and schools.
BHNCDSB Employee	Archbishop Oscar Romero Catholic Secondary School	<p>Why is he so important?</p> <p>During the 1970s, El Salvador experienced severe political unrest, poverty, and violence. Archbishop Romero became a powerful voice for people who were being persecuted.</p> <p>He defended the poor: He spoke against injustice, inequality, and the mistreatment of ordinary Salvadorans.</p> <p>He challenged the government and military: He publicly condemned killings, disappearances, and human rights violations.</p> <p>He advocated for peace: He urged soldiers to stop obeying orders that involved harming innocent civilians.</p> <p>He was assassinated: On March 24, 1980, he was shot while celebrating Mass in a hospital chapel in San Salvador.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	Bishop Alexander Catholic Secondary School	Bishop Alexander Macdonell was the first Catholic bishop of Upper Canada (Ontario) and is widely celebrated for securing the funding and support to establish the very first Catholic school in Upper Canada.
Parent/Guardian	Bishop John Farrell Catholic Secondary School	<p>Naming this school after Bishop John Farrell (1820–1873) honors the true pioneer of Catholic education in Brantford.</p> <p>As the first Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton in 1856, he fiercely defended the funding rights of separate schools in growing hubs like Brantford. Most notably, in 1865, Bishop Farrell directly brought the Loretto Sisters to our community to establish the historic Loretto Academy, giving Brantford families their very first foundation of advanced Catholic learning.</p> <p>Dedicating our newest facility in Brantford to his name and memory celebrates a leader who made Catholic high schools in Brantford physically and legally possible, inspiring students to appreciate the deep roots of their education.</p>

Parish/Clergy Member	Bishop William McGrattan Catholic Secondary School	Born: Brantford, Ontario. Baptized: St. Basil's Catholic Church in Brantford. Appointed Bishop of Peterborough: 2014. Appointed Bishop of Calgary: 2017.
Parent/Guardian	Blair Catholic Secondary School	Blair is a great catholic name and not tied to any wrong doings
BHNCDSB Employee	Blessed Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary Catholic Secondary School	This name is modern, youth focused and distinctive. I believe this name is faith in action and hope for tomorrow which is especially relevant to today's students. Specially speaking on behalf of the saint, he was young, understood technology, made mistakes and still chose to live his faith.
BHNCDSB Employee	Blessed Kateri Catholic Secondary School	It has ties to Indigenous roots, which is the land upon which we gather- as mentioned in our Land acknowledgement. It also highlights the importance of continued discussions around Reconciliation, as well as some of the brave female saints that we look up to. It would be highly symbolic and a great choice, in my opinion. She was also known as the "Protectress of Canada", and that is just what we need right now in this scary world we live in.
Student	Blessed Kateri Takiwitha Catholic Secondary School	indigenous name of a female
Parent/Guardian	Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Catholic Secondary School	St. Pier Giorgio was recently canonized in 2025 and is a patron saint of young people. He was a member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic while he was alive. He was also an athlete and skilled mountaineer and would bring other to Christ through mountain hikes. His motto was verso l'alto (to the heights) which would make a great school motto and encourage students to reach for higher heights academically and spiritually.
Parent/Guardian	Blessed Sacrament Catholic Secondary School	Católica
BHNCDSB Employee	Brantford Catholic Secondary School	The first Catholic high school in Brantford was Brantford Catholic High School, which opened in 1941 and later became known as St. John's College

Former Vice Principal at St John's College, and Founding Principal at Assumption College School and Holy Trinity Catholic High School.	Brantford Catholic Secondary School	Catholic Secondary Education in Brantford was founded in 1941 in the basement of a Catholic Elementary School. It was named "Brantford Catholic High School". Through the vision and dedication of a group of Catholic supporters, Secondary Education in Brantford flourished. I feel that, with the opening of our third High School, it is time for us to return to the values and principles upon which our system was built and to recognize those who brought us here. I respectfully submit the name BRANTFORD CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL.
BHNCDSB Employee	Canadian Martyrs Catholic Secondary School	<p>Canadian Martyrs Catholic Secondary School would be a meaningful name for a Catholic high school in Brantford because it connects students to the history of the Catholic faith in Canada and particularly in Ontario.</p> <p>The Canadian Martyrs, also known as the North American Martyrs, were eight Jesuit missionaries and companions who served in what is now Canada and the United States during the seventeenth century. Among them were St. Jean de Brébeuf, St. Isaac Jogues, St. Gabriel Lalemant, St. Charles Garnier, St. Noël Chabanel, St. René Goupil, St. Jean de Lalande, and St. Antoine Daniel. They were canonized together in 1930 and are recognized as important figures in the history of the Catholic Church in Canada.</p> <p>Their name would give a Catholic secondary school a strong connection to the virtues of faith, courage, perseverance, service, and commitment to one's beliefs. The martyrs endured extraordinary hardships because of their missionary vocation and their desire to serve others. For students, their example can become a broader invitation to consider what it means to remain faithful to one's values when doing so is difficult.</p>
Community Member	Canadian Martyrs Catholic Secondary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founders of the Faith: They are honored as primary figures in introducing Christianity in early Canada, serving as foundational saints for the Catholic Church in North America. • Cultural Bridges: Missionaries like Jean de Brébeuf lived among the Wendat, learned local languages, compiled dictionaries, and even composed the Jesuit Huron Carol ("Jesus Ahatonnia"), blending Christian traditions with Indigenous culture.

BHNCDSB Employee	Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School	Cardinal Carter is Canadian and he played a major role in shaping Catholic education in Canada.
Parish/Clergy Member	Cardinal Flahiff Catholic Secondary School	<p>Born and raised in Paris, George grew up in a large family, a member of Sacred Heart Church. From those local beginnings, he went on to study at St. Michael's College in Toronto, join the Basilian Fathers, pursue further studies in France, and become a professor at the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies. In 1961, he was appointed Archbishop of Winnipeg, and in 1969 Pope Paul VI made him a Cardinal. He was also a participant in all four sessions of the Second Vatican Council. Yet, for all these remarkable accomplishments, what people remembered most about my Uncle George was how he made them feel. He was kind, gentle, humble and genuinely interested in people. He listened. He made people feel that they mattered.</p> <p>That, to me, is the legacy most worthy of a school. George's story also carries an important message for young people: a boy raised in a small Ontario community can pursue education, serve others, and make a meaningful difference far beyond his hometown without ever losing the qualities of kindness and humility that shaped him. His name is already honoured at St. Michael's University College in Toronto. But there would be something especially meaningful about bringing his name home to Brantford/Paris, where his story began.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	Cardinal George Bernard Flahiff Catholic Secondary School	He was born and raised in Paris Ontario. He still has close family ties in Brantford. He sat on the Vatican II council. Cardinal Flahiff took part in the Conclaves of 1978 that elected Popes John Paul I and John Paul II.
Student	Christ Kindness Mother Marry Catholic Secondary School	Accepting kindness is importance at this and upcoming time for young children needs all good qualities addressed .
Community Member	Christ the King Catholic Secondary School	Our Lord
Community Member	Christ the Redeemer Catholic Secondary School	Because Christ is our Redeemer

Parent/Guardian	Corpus Christi Catholic Secondary School	<p>1. Corpus Christi - The Body of Christ - the Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. *my top choice - all glory and honour to our Lord*</p> <p>2. St. Augustine - "Confessions" is one of the most influential works in Christian history and his writings shaped the Church.</p> <p>3. St. Thomas Aquinas - patron of Catholic schools and students. Arguably the greatest theological mind (Summa Theologica). Hugely influential in the integration of faith and reason.</p> <p>4. St. Catherine of Siena - one of only a handful of female Doctors of the Church. Often quoted as saying "If you are who God made you to be, you will set the world on fire" (translations vary). This would be great branding for a secondary school!</p> <p>5. St. Paul - Fundamental to the canon of the New Testament and his letters shaped all of Christian history. Phil 4:13. It's frankly shocking to me that there isn't a St. Paul school yet.</p>
Parent/Guardian	Corpus Christi Catholic Secondary School	<p>1. Corpus Christi - the body of Christ</p> <p>2. Notre dame - our lady referring to Virgin Mary</p> <p>3. Hope - the hope we have in our catholic faith and our future generations</p> <p>4. St. Kateri Tekakwitha (1656–1680) was a Mohawk woman born in what is now New York State who converted to Catholicism and became known for her deep faith, prayer and devotion to God.</p> <p>First Indigenous woman in North America to be canonized a saint.</p> <p>5. Lux Mundi is Latin for "Light of the World,"</p>
Parent/Guardian	Covenant Catholic Secondary School	It communicates the deep relationship and commitment between God, the family, the church and students
BHNCDSB Employee	Cross Mountain Catholic Secondary School	
BHNCDSB Employee	Divine Mercy Catholic Secondary School	Divine Mercy - Every student is valued, welcomed, and given the opportunity to grow.
BHNCDSB Employee	Divine Mercy Catholic Secondary School	Highlights forgiveness, hope, and mercy.
Parent/Guardian	Divine Mercy Catholic Secondary School	Emphasizes God infinite mercy and love for humanity. Spreading trust, love and compassion for one another through actions and prayers.

Parent/Guardian	Divine Mercy Catholic Secondary School	I believe Divine Mercy would be a meaningful name for this new school because Divine Mercy is the core message of the Gospels and the teachings of the Catholic Church. This name offers students, teachers and the community a message of Hope, Love and Forgiveness.
BHNCDSB Employee	Dorothy Day Catholic Secondary School	Dorothy Day is one of the founders of the Catholic Worker movement. In an era of AI, dehumanization, and social isolation, Dorothy Day serves as a role model for the redemptive power of Christ and the presence of dignity in all work. Dorothy Day serves as a relevant exemplar of Catholic Social Teaching and what it means to live the gospel in the modern world. Her dedication to Social Justice critical reflection of the BHNCDSB's commitment to justice and equity for all our learners. By naming a school in her honour, we may inspire a new generation of discerning believers to live the gospel through charitable works and to inspire our young women to see themselves in our church and school communities. She serves as a crucial role model to all our learners in mind, body, and soul.
Parent/Guardian	École de Sacre-Cœur du Jesus Et Marie de Brantford Catholic Secondary School	Because it will be french and for me the name means a lot since I studied at Sacre Coeur de Jesus et Marie au Chili and that spirit live in my heart for ever and we don't have it here
Parent/Guardian	Emmanuel Catholic Secondary School	By naming the school Emmanuel Catholic College, the institution directly honours Our Lord Jesus Christ through one of His most intimate and beautifully profound titles. Emmanuel celebrates the foundational truth that Christ chose to enter into human history and walk alongside His people. It positions the school as a living encounter with the person of Jesus Christ. The name Emmanuel comes directly from the Holy Scriptures, appearing in the prophecies of Isaiah (7:14) and fulfilled in the Gospel of Matthew (1:23): "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us."
Parent/Guardian	Emmaus Catholic Secondary School	Luke 24:13-35 -- the Road to Emmaus - Learning to recognize Jesus on our walk through life. Reflects learning as a journey, as well as hospitality, mentorship and scripture study. A wonderful perspective for a school and for life!

Parent/Guardian	Emmaus Catholic Secondary School	<p>The name Emmaus is inspired by Luke 24:13–35, where the risen Jesus walks alongside two disciples, opens the Scriptures to them, and renews their hope. Emmaus represents the journey of young people as they learn, grow in faith, discover their gifts and prepare for their future. It reflects a Catholic school community where students are accompanied, encouraged to seek wisdom and truth, and inspired to become</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	Francis Pegahmagabow Catholic Secondary School	<p>I am writing to submit an exceptional namesake that reflects both deep Catholic identity and real, actionable local Truth and Reconciliation. I would like to propose that the new school be named Chief Francis Pegahmagabow Catholic Secondary School, honouring Canada’s most decorated Indigenous soldier, a revered Anishinaabe (Ojibwe) leader, and a lifelong practicing Roman Catholic. Chief Pegahmagabow’s legacy offers an extraordinary model for a modern Catholic education, aligning perfectly with the board's criteria.</p> <p>Francis Pegahmagabow’s life completely refutes the idea that Catholicism must replace Indigenous culture. Raised with a strong Catholic foundation alongside traditional Anishinaabe teachings, he walked in both spiritual worlds seamlessly. When he went to the frontlines of the First World War, he carried his deep Catholic prayers alongside his traditional medicine pouch. His dual spiritual grounding gave him the legendary bravery required to survive the horrors of the war, providing our students with a powerful example of how faith and heritage enrich one another.</p> <p>Upon returning from Europe, Pegahmagabow served as Chief of the Wasauksing First Nation and Jesus saves is the gosepl and most important message we can live and share; and possibly put on a school banner.</p> <p>The Catholic Church is rooted in Italy. Combining the two made sense.</p> <p>The ambiguity would create curiosity to it's english meaning. Passerbys may look up the translation and hopefully dive deeper into it's meaning beyond translation.</p>
Parent/Guardian	Gesu Salva Catholic Secondary School	

Parent/Guardian	Good Shepherd Catholic Secondary School	The name “Good Shepherd” reflects Jesus’ words in John 10:11: “I am the good shepherd.” The Good Shepherd represents guidance, compassion, care and hope. These values are especially meaningful for a secondary school, where young people are discovering their gifts, developing their faith and preparing for their future. The name reflects a school community where every student is valued, supported and guided to grow in knowledge, faith and service to others.
BHNCDSB Employee	Holy Angels Catholic Secondary School	Holy Angels refers to faithful beings created by God, who serve as divine messengers, protectors and Guardians.
Parent/Guardian	Holy Childhood Catholic Secondary School	"Holy Childhood" is a suitable name for a Catholic high school because it honors the early life of Jesus Christ and emphasizes foundational Christian values like humility, growth, and teachability.
Grandparent of students in BHNCDSB	Holy Name Catholic Secondary School	It honours the Holy Name of Jesus the founder of the Catholic Church
BHNCDSB Employee	Holy Redeemer Catholic Secondary School	Holy Redeemer: is a sacred Christian title for Jesus Christ that means a pure and divine savior
		St. Annes: represents motherhood, grandparenthood, and unwavering faith, best known in Christian tradition as the mother of the Virgin Mary and the maternal grandmother of Jesus Christ.
		St. James: one of the twelve Apostles of Jesus. Represents strength, courage and comfort during life's difficult struggles
Parent/Guardian	Holy Rosary Catholic Secondary School	The Rosary serves as a meditative journey in the catholic faith. It is a strong symbol of life, death and resurrection. As it is a symbol and not named after an individual (Saint or not) it is not something that may later need to be removed or reevaluated based on public opinion.
BHNCDSB Employee	Holy Rosary Catholic Secondary School	Promoting christian prayer life.

Student	Holy Rosary Catholic Secondary School	I believe Holy Rosary would be a meaningful name because the Rosary is an important Catholic tradition that encourages prayer, reflection, and a closer relationship with Jesus Christ through the Virgin Mary. It represents core Catholic values such as faith, compassion, and devotion. Naming the school Holy Rosary would remind students and staff of the importance of faith, kindness, and community while encouraging students to grow both academically and spiritually.
BHNCDSB Employee	Immaculate Heart Catholic Secondary School	<p>1. Immaculate Heart, is a common and long standing image in Catholicism, usually depicted in homes as an image of Jesus with his heart bared.</p> <p>2. Ark of the Covenant, a powerful name. The Ark carried the 10 Commandments, the very basic rules of Catholicism, and Judaism.</p> <p>3. Gethsamane Garden, is the garden on the Mount of Olives, where Jesus prostrated himself before God praying for guidance and strength.</p> <p>All of these names display strength, power and confidence, all things Catholic schools should have in themselves and their separate education. They have deep and serious religiosity, and are all images at the very base and heart of Catholicism. All are symbols how students and staff should act and carry themselves as people.</p>
Parent/Guardian	Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Secondary School	Immaculate Heart of Mary is a meaningful name that represents faith, compassion, love, and devotion to God. It reflects the values one would hope to nurture in their children as they grow in both their education and their relationship with Christ.
Parent/Guardian	Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Secondary School	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY represents love, compassion, humility, courage, faith and trust in God. Those are qualities that fit beautifully within Catholic education because a school isn't only about academic achievement; it's also about forming young people into people of character, faith and service. Mary is also the ultimate example of saying yes to God, even when she couldn't see everything that lay ahead. That can be a powerful message for students.

Student	Jesuit Catholic Secondary School	I believe “Jesuit Catholic Secondary School” would provide the new school with a distinctive and deeply meaningful Catholic identity rooted in the Jesuit tradition of education. Founded by St. Ignatius of Loyola, the Jesuits have a long history of educating young people through the development of faith, intellectual curiosity, compassion, justice, and service to others. Jesuit education seeks to form the whole person, encouraging students to not only achieve academically, but also to reflect on their purpose, recognize the dignity of others, and use their gifts in service of their community and the wider world. Naming this school “Jesuit Catholic Secondary School” would represent an aspiration for generations of students to become knowledgeable, compassionate, faith-filled, and responsible people who use their education to make a positive difference. It would give the new school a strong Catholic identity and an educational tradition centered on faith, learning, service, and care for others.
Student	Jesus Christ of Nazareth Catholic Secondary School	He is the light of our world, it is a nice name and it would look good on the uniforms.
Parent/Guardian	Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School	Much like the students, Joan of Arc was also a teenager.
Parent/Guardian	King David Catholic Secondary School	St. David the King is a meaningful name for a Catholic high school because David’s story represents faith, courage, leadership, perseverance, and repentance. Though imperfect, David continually turned back to God and trusted in His guidance. His journey from shepherd to king reminds students that God can use ordinary people for extraordinary purposes and that faith can give us courage to face life’s challenges.

BHNCDSB Employee	Laudato Si School of Faith and Stewardship Catholic Secondary School	<p>St Francis wrote in 2015 "Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue." Laudato Si, the title of his document emphasizes protecting eco systems, respecting water sources, preserving biodiversity and caring for our future generations. This message hits home with many of the challenges and issues we have in our social, political and environmental framework as a municipality, province and nation. This name holds reference to the land formerly used for farming that the school was built on, along with the love Brantfordians have for the Grand River and nature areas locally. This document also states that "Access to safe drinkable water is a basic human right" an issue that plagues us nationally. Laudato Si will be a reference that everyone, regardless of their faith can connect with as Canadians</p>
Parent/Guardian	Light of Christ Catholic Secondary School	<p>I believe Light of Christ Catholic Secondary School would be a meaningful name for the new school because it is simple, welcoming, and deeply rooted in Catholic faith.</p> <p>Christ is described as the light that guides us through darkness and shows us the way forward. In a world that can sometimes feel uncertain, divided, or difficult for young people, the name Light of Christ carries a hopeful message. It reminds students that they are called not only to seek Christ's light in their own lives, but also to be a source of hope, kindness, compassion, and service to others.</p> <p>This symbolism feels especially appropriate for a secondary school, where students are growing into young adults, discovering their gifts, making important choices, and preparing for their future. The idea of Christ as a guiding light could become a meaningful part of the school's identity and mission for generations of students.</p> <p>The name also offers strong possibilities for the school's visual identity and traditions. Images of light, rays, stained glass, candles, a cross, or a sunrise could all represent faith, hope, growth, and a new beginning for this school community.</p>

Student	Lion of Judah Catholic Secondary School	1st Reason is that Lion of Judah is a name for God that was for like courage. 2nd reason is that there is a deep history with Lion of Judah with different cultures. 3rd reason is that the mascot could be a lion. 4th reason is that Lion of Judah was a name God was called for Unity. 5th and last reason is that it stands out.
Parent/Guardian	Little Flower Catholic Secondary School	I feel "Little Flower" would be a beautiful name for the school because of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, known as "The Little Flower." She chose the simple image of a little flower to represent humility, trusting God, and offering small acts of love. Her example reminds us that even the smallest acts of kindness can make a difference. I hope this name inspires our children to grow in faith, love, and kindness.
BHNCDSB Employee	Loyola Catholic Secondary School Catholic Secondary School	Loyola is the patron saint of Spiritual Retreats and the Catholic journey. Loyola is closely associated with students, education, and the journey of faith. St. Ignatius of Loyola, is known for inspiring lifelong learning, reflection, leadership, and spiritual growth. These values align strongly with our mission at BHNCDSB and would provide students with an inspiring role model as they grow academically, personally, and in their faith journey.
BHNCDSB Employee	Lumen Christi Catholic Secondary School	<p>I suggested Lumen Christi because it has a particularly strong connection between Catholic identity and the purpose of a new school.</p> <p>Lumen Christi is Latin for "Light of Christ." It is a traditional Catholic phrase, especially associated with the Easter Vigil, when the Paschal candle is proclaimed as the Light of Christ.</p> <p>For a high school, I like the symbolism:</p> <p>Faith: Christ as the source of light and guidance. Education: Knowledge and education are often described as bringing light and understanding. Students: The school could emphasize students becoming a positive influence in their families and community. Future-focused: It doesn't sound tied to a particular historical era, so it could work well for a modern school focused on technology, trades, academics and careers. Branding: Lumen Christi has a distinctive sound and could produce a very clean crest and visual identity.</p>

BHNCDSB Employee	Lumen Christi Catholic Secondary School	It means the light of Christ and it translates to bright visionary and mission oriented, which fits greatly with the education model.
Student	Maddix Catholic Secondary School	no
BHNCDSB Employee	Marie Aonetta Catholic Secondary School	<p>I would like to formally share a name proposal that uniquely bridges our Catholic identity with the spirit of local Truth and Reconciliation. I am writing to advocate that the new facility be named Marie Aonetta Catholic Secondary School, honouring one of Canada's earliest and most courageous 17th-century Indigenous Catholic lay leaders. Marie Aonetta's historical legacy meets the board's exact criteria for "an exemplary Catholic figure of historical significance" while carrying profound meaning for our local Brantford and Six Nations community. Representing cultural harmony, not assimilation.</p> <p>Marie Aonetta was a Wendat (Huron) woman who embraced Catholicism as a profound spiritual choice without erasing her Indigenous identity, language, or culture. Alongside her husband, Joseph Chiwatenhwa, she translated Catholic concepts directly into her native tongue. In 1984, Pope John Paul II explicitly praised their household for living out leadership in a "heroic manner." Naming our school after her shows students that Catholicism can exist in beautiful harmony with Indigenous culture, rather than replacing it.</p> <p>Given Brantford's proximity to Six Nations of the Grand River, the most populous First Nations</p>

Grandparent	Mater Urbis Dei Catholic Secondary School	<p>1. The name (Mater Urbis Dei) is unique ... there are schools in other districts named Mater Dei but not Mater Urbis Dei.</p> <p>2. The name is faithful to the universal language of the Church (Latin)</p> <p>3. The name was inspired by The Venerable Sister Mary of Agreda and her writings The Mystical City of God. There is currently a movement in Rome to advance the cause of her beatification ... Naming the school would be a lovely tribute to this holy woman who also appeared in New Mexico (circa 1620 - 1631) to evangelize the indigenous people, a seemingly important task in the local area. Her life may be interesting to the students. For example, her body remains incorrupt at the Monastery of the Immaculate Conception in Ágreda, Spain and her writings describe her conversations with the Virgin Mary who is understood by the Venerable Sister to be the Mistress, Governess and Mother of the City of God. If staff become familiar with Sister Mary's dialogues, they will find a treasure of material to attest to the truth of the Catholic faith that they can cite in the classroom. Workshops for the teachers would help in their pedagogical Catholic formation. Naming the school in this way may also contribute in some small way with the process of beatification and the Board may wish to bring this to the attention of the person</p>
Community Member	MONSIGNOR ROACH Catholic Secondary School	<p>Monsignor Harvey Roach was a Catholic priest who had a significant impact on Brantford, Catholic education, youth development and basketball. Following his ordination in 1956 he was assigned to St Basil's parish. during this time he also taught at St Johns College and became deeply involved with young people at SJC and St Basil's parish</p>

Parent/Guardian	Monsignor Roach Catholic Secondary School	<p>Rev. Msgr. Harvey Roach served the Brantford Catholic community for over 50 years. He was associate pastor at St. Basil's. Monsignor Roach taught at St. John's College and co-founded the CYO Basketball program. From 1970 to 1979 Msgr. Roach was the Diocesan Director of Religious Education. From 1981 to 1983 he was the Episcopal Vicar for Universities and subsequently became the Episcopal Vicar for Education until his retirement in 2005. In 1989 Msgr. Roach was named a Prelate of Honour by Pope St. John Paul II and in 2001 he was appointed Vicar General of Hamilton Diocese, a position he held until 2007. In 2011 he was appointed Protonotary Apostolic by Pope Benedict XVI.</p>
Community Member	Monsignor Roach Catholic Secondary School	<p>Monsignor Harvey Roach represents the very qualities a Catholic Secondary school should aspire to develop in its students : faith, education , leadership , service , and athletics . His direct contribution to Catholic education and youth development in Brantford makes his name especially appropriate for our new secondary school.</p>
Community Member	Monsignor Roach Catholic Secondary School	<p>Monsignor Roach has a genuine Brantford connection , he served as pastor at St Basils ad taught at St John's College , his connection goes directly to the city's secondary school history.</p>
Community Member	Monsignor Roach Catholic Secondary School	<p>Monsignor Harvey Roach dedicated his life to Catholic Education as a student, teacher, coach, pastor and trustee. In his years teaching at SJC Brantford he was a highly respected teacher, coach and mentor to many. He coached basketball and football teams to several county championships. In 1964 SJC won the OFSAA basketball championship. He also facilitated many athletes getting scholarships to USA division I and II schools. He was instrumental in establishing the CYO Basketball program in Brantford with Paul Mitchell. Monsignor was named Prelate of Honour by Pope John II and he was appointed Vicar General of Hamilton Diocese which he held until 2007. In 2011 he was appointed Protonotary Apostolic by Pope Benedict XVI.</p>

Student	Moses Catholic Secondary School	A school named Moses highlights the pursuit of foundational truth, critical thinking, and structured learning. It emphasizes the importance of integrity, civic duty, and community rule. Historically, the figure of Moses is deeply tied to the delivery of laws, knowledge, and ethical foundations. In an educational context, this translates perfectly to a school's cores. Moses is universally recognized as a foundational leader who guided people through transition. High school is a pivotal transitional period for teenagers as they move from childhood into young adulthood. That's why the new high school should be named Moses Secondary School.
Parent/Guardian	Mother Teresa Holy Catholic Secondary School	She helped so many people and children. Just wanted to honor that.
Parent/Guardian	Mount Carmel Catholic Secondary School	Mount Carmel can represent a place of spiritual growth and learning—a community where young people are encouraged to seek knowledge, develop strong character, live with compassion, and grow in faith. The connection with Our Lady of Mount Carmel can further symbolize Mary's maternal guidance and the values of humility, service, prayer, and care for others.
BHNCDSB Employee	New Covenant Catholic Secondary School	As a Catholic community, we are now under the New Covenant of Jesus Christ. In Genesis 12:2, God calls Abraham to be set apart and is promised by God to be a blessed nation with many descendants. In Leviticus, God sets out laws to instruct His people on how to live a holy life based on blood sacrifices. As we know, Jesus came roughly 2000 years later to fulfil the law and we now no longer need to sacrifice animals to be reconciled to God. We are reconciled to God through Jesus's New Covenant. Jesus spilled His blood once and for all!
Parent/Guardian	New Covenant Catholic Secondary School	The New Covenant is a central Christian concept: it refers to the new relationship between God and humanity established through Jesus Christ. In Catholic theology, it is closely connected to Jesus, the Eucharist, the Last Supper, and the Mass.

Parent/Guardian	New Covenant Catholic Secondary School	<p>New Covenant Catholic High School is a meaningful and distinctly Catholic name rooted in the heart of our faith. The New Covenant was established through Jesus Christ and His death and Resurrection. At the Last Supper, Jesus spoke of the “New Covenant” in His blood, connecting it directly to the Eucharist.</p> <p>The name reflects God’s enduring relationship with His people and represents faith, hope, renewal and belonging. It is especially fitting for a new school where young people will grow in knowledge, faith and their understanding of who God is calling them to become. Most importantly, New Covenant gives the school a timeless identity centred not on one individual, but on Jesus Christ and the foundation of our Catholic faith.</p>
Parent/Guardian	New Covenant Catholic Secondary School	<p>It’s not attached to a name (avoiding potential issues in the future, like Jean Vanier).</p> <p>It’s enigmatic of our faith - in that we are covered by the new covenant in Jesus, blood through his death, burial, and resurrection!</p>
Community Member	New Covenant Catholic Secondary School	The promise
Parent/Guardian	NEW HORIZON ACADEMY BRANTFORD Catholic Secondary School	The name of school should reflect God's purity , wisdom, beliefs, peace and clarity.
Parent/Guardian	Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School	Notre Dame is French for Our Lady, which is a traditional Catholic title for the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus.
BHNCDSB Employee	Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School	<p>Resonates with Community when we need it most!</p> <p>It is familiar to Canadians and reflects both French and English traditions Because French speaking Catholics have had a historical contribution the name carries both cultural and religious significance.</p>
Student	Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Secondary School	She was a lady more brilliant than the sun.
Parent/Guardian	Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Secondary School	It symbolizes Mary. The mother of God. New beginnings. New life. Prayer and peace.
Parent/Guardian	Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Secondary School	We used to have an Our Lady of Fatima elementary school and when the new school was built in its place, the name was changed. I still don't know why, but I think we need this name back.
Parent/Guardian	Our Lady of Grace Catholic Secondary School	<p>Naming the school Our Lady of Grace reflects a commitment to creating a compassionate, supportive environment for all students. 'Grace' represents divine favour, love, and goodwill -values that will guide our young people as they learn, grow, and build a positive culture in a new school.</p>

Parent/Guardian	Our Lady of Grace Catholic Secondary School	<p>'Our Lady' symbolizes compassion, courage, faith and caring for others.</p> <p>Grace symbolizes finding strength, forgiveness and hope, even when life gets difficult.</p> <p>This would be a place where every student is valued and supported. You have new students in grade 9 finding the strength and courage to become part of a much larger school family. You have students becoming adults and are growing in faith and character.</p>
Parent/Guardian	Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Secondary School	<p>School motto could be: Growing in Grace, guided by faith</p> <p>The story behind Our Lady of Guadalupe can fit the building of this new school. The request to build a church was met with skepticism until the presentation of a miracle that, in the end, after building the church, encouraged people to embrace Christianity/Catholicism and "bridged a cultural divide". There is a major divide in faith, religion, respect, love, dignity, hope, acceptance and care for each other in the world. Naming the school Our Lady of Guadalupe could be seen as a positive step and an inspirational place where we can come together and begin to bridge that gap once again, as occurred to St. Juan Diego in 1531 Mexico.</p>
Parent/Guardian	Our Lady of Hope Catholic Elementary Catholic Secondary School	<p>Our Lady of Hope Catholic Elementary School - would reflect the Catholic identity of the new school while representing hope, faith and new beginnings. Mary is a model of faith, compassion and trust in God, and the name would remind students that they are called to bring hope and kindness to their school, families and wider community.</p> <p>Saint Brigid Catholic Elementary School - a meaningful patron for a Catholic elementary school because she represents faith, learning compassion, generosity and community. Her legacy as a founder of a centre of learning and her dedication to helping others provide a strong example for students to grow in faith while becoming caring and responsible members of their community.</p>
Parent/Guardian	Our Lady of Hope Catholic Secondary School	<p>Our Lady of Hope is a meaningful name for a new Catholic high school in Brantford because it honours the Blessed Virgin Mary while representing faith, hope, compassion and a bright future for students.</p>

Parent/Guardian	Our Lady of Hope Catholic Secondary School	<p>I feel these names are meaningful, strong, welcoming, and connected to Catholic tradition without sounding overly formal.</p> <p>I propose Our Lady of Hope Catholic Secondary School in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose faith, courage, and trust in God's plan provide an enduring example for the Catholic community. The title "Our Lady of Hope" reflects the belief that, through faith, perseverance, and compassion, we can face challenges with confidence and look toward the future with optimism.</p> <p>As a new Catholic secondary school in Brantford, this name would symbolize fresh beginnings and the opportunity to build a welcoming school community where every student feels valued, supported, and encouraged to reach their full potential. It reflects the Catholic mission of nurturing the whole person through faith, academic growth, service, and care for others.</p> <p>Our Lady of Hope Catholic Secondary School would remind students that hope is more than a feeling; it is a commitment to treat others with kindness, persevere through difficulties, and contribute positively to their community. Inspired by Mary's example, the school could foster a culture of belonging, resilience, and faith, preparing students to become compassionate leaders who bring hope to the world.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	Our Lady of Hope Catholic Secondary School	

Parent/Guardian	Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Secondary School	<p>I believe Our Lady of Loretto would be a particularly meaningful name because it connects Catholic faith with both the values of education and the history of the Brantford community.</p> <p>Our Lady of Loretto is associated with Mary, the Holy Family and the Holy House of Nazareth, making the name a beautiful symbol of faith, family, belonging and formation. Loretto also has a unique connection to aviation: Our Lady of Loretto was proclaimed the patroness of air travellers and aviators in 1920.</p> <p>That connection feels especially meaningful in Brantford, a community with its own important aviation history. During the Second World War, Brantford was home to No. 5 Service Flying Training School as part of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. Brantford is also closely connected to Alexander Graham Bell, whose work began here and whose later experiments in aviation helped lead to the Silver Dart and Canada's first successful powered flight.</p> <p>For a new Catholic school, these connections create powerful symbolism. Education should give children both strong roots and the confidence to rise—to discover their gifts, pursue knowledge,</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Secondary School	<p>The name Our Lady of Lourdes would be a meaningful choice for a Catholic secondary school because it strongly reflects the values of faith, hope, compassion, service, and community. Lourdes is widely recognized within the Catholic tradition as a place of prayer, healing, and hope. These values align closely with the strong sense of family, community, resilience, and service often found in school communities. The name would provide the school with a strong Catholic identity while creating opportunities to build a welcoming school culture rooted in faith, connectedness, and care for others.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Secondary School	<p>Our Lady of Lourdes would be a meaningful name for a Catholic high school because it honours Mary's faith, compassion, and commitment to serving others, values that reflect the mission of Catholic education.</p>

BHNCDSB Employee	Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Secondary School	I would choose Our Lady of Lourdes because the name represents faith, compassion, hope, and caring for others. Our Lady of Lourdes is connected to the story of Mary appearing to Saint Bernadette in Lourdes, France, and is associated with healing, prayer, and helping those in need.
Parent/Guardian	Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Secondary School	During a time in our world where our children are having to face more mental health and physical challenges, amongst other illnesses. Our Lady of Lourdes represents medical miracles and hope for physical and spiritual healing.
Parent/Guardian	Our Lady of Nazareth Catholic Secondary School	Nazareth was the place where Jesus grew "in wisdom, age, and grace," the name signifies a dedication to developing the whole child—academically, spiritually, and socially.
Community Member	Our Lady of Peace Catholic Secondary School	<p>Our Lady of Peace has a really beautiful meaning for a Catholic school, and it goes beyond simply "peace = no conflict." Especially with the way the world is today.</p> <p>In Catholic tradition, Mary as Our Lady of Peace represents Mary as a person who leads people toward Christ, reconciliation, unity, compassion, and hope. Christ is understood as the ultimate source of peace, and Mary points people toward Him.</p>

BHNCDSB Employee	Our Lady of Reconciliation Catholic Secondary School	<p>Our Lady of Reconciliation Catholic High School is rooted in the Catholic values of forgiveness, healing, peacemaking, justice, compassion, and walking together in faith, the name emphasizes reconciliation as a central aspect of Christian life. This is a meaningful name that reflects both the Catholic mission of the school and the unique relationship between the Brantford community and the Six Nations of the Grand River. By placing "Our Lady" at the forefront, the school is dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus, who serves as a model of faith, humility, love, and service.</p> <p>Rather than simply honouring a single individual, Our Lady of Reconciliation represents a vision and a mission. It inspires students to become bridge-builders who welcome others, foster understanding, uphold justice and human dignity, resolve conflicts peacefully, and make positive contributions to their communities. As a result, the name remains both relevant and inspiring for future generations of learners.</p>
Parent/Guardian	Our Lady of the Grand Catholic Secondary School	A tribute to Brantford
Parent/Guardian	Our Lady of the Grand Catholic Secondary School	It connects the school to the Grand River, which is central to Brantford's geography, and it would give students something they could genuinely build a school culture around.
Parent/Guardian	Our Lady of the Grand River Catholic Secondary School	Our Lady of the Grand River" has a particularly strong Brantford identity and would distinguish the school from more generic Catholic school names.
Parent/Guardian	Our Lady of Victory Catholic Secondary School	Symbolizes protection, triumph of faith, and the power of prayer.
Community Member	Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Secondary School	During these times we are in great need of peace which only God can bring to the world. Jesus is the Prince of Peace and His Mother is invoked as Queen of Peace. Our children are the future of the world and it is this next generation which God can use as instruments of peace.
BHNCDSB Employee	Our Lady Queen of the World Catholic Secondary School	honours the mother of God

Parent/Guardian	Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Catholic Secondary School	<p>The title Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom is one of the ancient and revered titles of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In Catholic tradition, Mary is honored as the vessel through whom Divine Wisdom — Christ Himself — entered the world. By invoking this title, the school would be entrusted to her guidance, emphasizing the pursuit of wisdom not only in academics but also in faith and moral life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholic significance: The title highlights Mary’s role as teacher and intercessor, inspiring students to seek true wisdom that integrates knowledge with virtue. It connects directly to the mission of Catholic education: forming the whole person in mind, body, and spirit. • Educational symbolism: Wisdom is more than information; it is the ability to discern truth and live it out. Naming the school after Our Lady Seat of Wisdom reflects the hope that graduates will be thoughtful leaders, compassionate citizens, and faithful disciples. • Historical tradition: This Marian title has been cherished for centuries, appearing in the Litany of Loreto and inspiring devotion in Catholic universities worldwide. It situates the new school within a rich intellectual and spiritual heritage. • Local identity: As Brantford welcomes a new Catholic secondary school, this name would
Community Member	Our Lord of Grace Catholic Secondary School	<p>Our Lord of Grace Catholic Secondary School reflects the Catholic belief in God’s grace, while emphasizing faith, hope, and compassion. It would be a meaningful name for the Acholi community, representing a school grounded in faith, cultural identity, service, and the development of young people.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee BHNCDSB Employee Student	Our Lord of the Apostles Catholic Secondary School Our Lord of the Disciples Catholic Secondary School Our Road of Galilee Catholic Secondary School	<p>The apostles being the students All students being one of the lords disciples this name is significant to the catholic faith and has a deep meaning towards Catholics since it is where Jesus travelled after his resurrection. after he got resurrected this is where he told his last wishes towards his disciples to live in peace and to follow in his word.</p>

Parish/Clergy Member	Paulo Freire Catholic Secondary School	<p>Paulo Freire is the modern father of equitable education and pedagogies. Inspired by the plight of the oppressed in central America, Freire developed the pedagogy of the oppressed, a revolutionary framework that places student agency at the center of the classroom. In an age of increasing wealth inequality, Freire 's name on a school would reflect the BHNCD SB's dedication to our most vulnerable community members and to Catholic Social Teaching.</p>
Community Member	Pentecost Catholic Secondary School	<p>Pentecost represents the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. It symbolizes unity, wisdom, courage, and new beginnings. Pentecost Catholic Secondary School would reflect the Board's Catholic identity while encouraging students to grow in faith, develop their gifts, and use their strengths to serve others and make a positive difference in their community.</p>
Parent/Guardian	Phil Hartman Catholic Secondary School	<p>Phil Hartman would be a meaningful name for a Catholic secondary school because he represents an important connection between Brantford, the Catholic community, Canadian history, and the wider world.</p> <p>Hartman was born in Brantford in 1948 and was raised in a Catholic family before moving to the United States with his family at the age of 10. He went on to become an internationally recognized actor, comedian, writer, voice artist and graphic designer. His accomplishments included eight seasons on Saturday Night Live, nine seasons as a voice actor on The Simpsons, starring in NewsRadio, and an Emmy Award for his work on Saturday Night Live. He was also recognized by the City of Brantford and was later inducted into Canada's Walk of Fame.</p> <p>Beyond his professional accomplishments, Hartman's Catholic background is an important part of his story. In a 1997 interview with Catholic News Service, he spoke at length and spontaneously about faith, death, the afterlife and his belief that faith had guided him throughout his life.</p> <p>Naming the school after Phil Hartman would</p>

Community member and grandmother of students	Pier Giorgio Frassati Catholic Secondary School	<p>The Man of the Beatitudes</p> <p>St. Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901-1925) was an Italian young person who was affectionately called the "Man of the Beatitudes" by Saint John Paul II for his exemplary work of bringing comfort and happiness to those who were poor, suffering, meek, hungry, thirsty, and in need of mercy, and who was himself clean of heart, a peacemaker, and persecuted for the sake of the Gospel (cf. Mt 5:3-10). He died at the young adult age of 24 while in charitable service to the people who were sick and dying in his community.</p>
Parent/Guardian	Pope Francis Catholic Secondary School	It is way to honour to our great Pope Francis that have done so much for the catholic community across the globe.
Parent/Guardian	Pope Francis Catholic Secondary School	He was an incredible example of our values that should be honoured and perpetuated in our daily lives.
Community Member	Pope Francis Catholic Secondary School / St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Secondary School	Pope Francis was very beloved by Christian Followers and St Francis of Assisi had a great love of animals and the environment
Parent/Guardian	Pope Leo XIV Catholic Secondary School	The pope is an exemplary leader in the Catholic community, focused on increased engagement and inclusion in the Catholic Church community.
BHNCDSB Employee	Pope Leo XIV Catholic Secondary School	As far as I can tell researching online it would be the first school world wide named after the current reigning pontiff if this name was used.
Parish/Clergy Member	Pope Leo XIV Catholic Secondary School	Pope Leo XIV is a perfect modern day Pope leading today's Church with genuine religious guidance, compassion, humility, wisdom, promoting world peace. He is loved by all and has a great sense of humour greatly needed in this time and his charisma and intelligence make him a role model for students. An honour and a blessing to name a new Secondary Pope Leo XIV.
Parent/Guardian	Pope Leo XIV Catholic Secondary School	Leo is our Catholic Pope
Parent/Guardian	Pope Leo XIV Catholic Secondary School Catholic Secondary School	Pope Leo XIV is an exemplary model of Catholicism with a dedicated history of aiding our world and currently there is no school in Ontario with this name. Saint Marie-Léonie Paradis is a Canadian Saint with great dedication to education and the poor, there is no school named after her. Our Lady of Hope offers hope of peace and resilience in our changing world.

Retired BHNCD SB secondary school teacher	Providence Catholic Secondary School	Providence College would be an homage to the Sisters of Providence who started Catholic education for women in Brantford.
		In 1961 the Sisters started Catholic education for young ladies at the old St. Bernard's School site (Crossing All Bridges' Prigram site). By 1963 Providence College opened at the SJC site and the convent was beside the school. The convent was converted to the Providence Resource Centre (PRC) where consultants and the teacher resource centre was housed. In more recent history, the convent (PRC) was demolished to create more parking for SJC. We need to remember and honour the work of the Sisters of Providence in Brant.
BHNCD SB Employee	Regina Caeli Catholic Secondary School	Regina Caeli means Queen of Heaven which inspires a higher purpose and reminds students that education is about forming the whole person: mind, body, and spirit. It follows in the tradition of naming schools in our region after Mary.
Parent/Guardian	Sacred Heart Catholic Secondary School	Because it is embedded in the catholic community. We already have two elementary school in that area.
Parent/Guardian	Sacred Heart Catholic Secondary School	I would suggest the name Sacred Heart Catholic Secondary School. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is a central Catholic devotion that represents Christ's love, compassion, mercy, and self-giving. The name reflects the Catholic identity and values of the school while emphasizing a welcoming community grounded in faith, service, and care for others.
Parent/Guardian	Sacred Heart Catholic Secondary School	So the school can be consecrated to the Sacred Heart of our lord Jesuschrist
Parish/Clergy Member	Sacred Heart Catholic Secondary School	The students are already familiar & attached to their Sacred Heart elementary school. They are dedicated and proud of the name "Sacred Heart" for their School community and Parish.

Parent/Guardian	Sacred Heart Catholic Secondary School	I chose the name Sacred Heart Academy because the "Sacred Heart" is a powerful symbol of unconditional love, compassion, and community. This name reflects a school culture focused on kindness, empathy, and supporting one another. It signifies a place where students are nurtured not just academically, but also emotionally and morally, to become caring leaders in the future.
Parent/Guardian	San Beda Catholic Secondary School	St. Bede the Venerable is a good theologian and teacher. He is known for academic excellence, faith and scholarship. He is the patron saint of scholars. I went to school in San Beda Alabang in Philippines from Kindergarten to Highschool. This was founded by the Benedictine Monks in 1901.
BHNCDSB Employee	San Damiano Catholic Secondary School	San Damiano is where St. Francis of Assisi heard Christ's call to "rebuild my Church." I think this is especially meaningful for a new Catholic high school, as we are not just building a new school, but a new community rooted in faith, service and belonging. It honours the spirit of St. Francis while giving the school its own unique identity.
Parent/Guardian	San Gabriele Dell'Addolorata - Italian Version Preferred Catholic Secondary School	Before he could be ordained a priest, Possenti died in the retreat at Isola del Gran Sasso the early hours of 27 February 1862, in the presence of the community, holding close an image of Our Lady of Sorrows and smiling peacefully. Those who were with Possenti when he died reported that at the moment of death, he sat up in bed and his face became radiant as he reached out to an otherwise unseen figure that was entering the room. It was the opinion of Norbert that Possenti had seen the Virgin Mary at the very moment of his death.[4]
Parent/Guardian	Santa Rita da Cascia Catholic Secondary School	She is the patron Saint of impossible causes and hopeless circumstances. She was sought by believers facing desperate and unsolvable problems. Brantford has a lot of these issues.
Student	Second Adam Catholic Secondary School	it is related to noah who built the ark and is called the second adam
Student	Servant of God Father Patrick Ryan Catholic Secondary School	An Irish Catholic priest who served in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and died heroically during the 1878 yellow fever epidemic.

Parent/Guardian	SS Peter and Paul Catholic Secondary School	From the New Testament, both Peter and Paul show examples of faith, knowledge, leadership, service, perseverance, transformation, identity and purpose. Our children should be rooted in faith, growing in knowledge and living with purpose. This I think is great for a school.
Parent/Guardian	St. Abigail's Catholic Secondary School	St. Abigail is the patron saint of honeybees, beekeepers and iron workers. I believe that this name would pay homage to the many acres of farm land on one side of Power Line Rd as well as the modern infrastructure and development on the other. Like two sides of a coin honouring both the past and future at the same time.
Parent/Guardian	St. Agata Catholic Secondary School	St Agatha, she is widely recognized as a patron saint for breast cancer patients, martyrs, rape victims, bellfounders, and fire protection.
Parent and BHNCDSE Employee	St. Agnes Catholic Secondary School	<p>Saint Agnes is deeply meaningful because she provides an extraordinary example of courage, integrity, and strong leadership for young people. As a young Roman Catholic teenager, she remained faithful to her beliefs despite facing strong social pressure. Her legacy continues to connect with the goals of Catholic education by encouraging young people to develop hearts and minds rooted in faith, wisdom, and virtue.</p> <p>Saint Agnes was believed to be around 12 or 13 years old when she remained committed to her faith and values. Because she was so young, she can be an inspiring role model for young people today. Her story teaches the importance of having inner strength, standing up for what is right, and respecting personal dignity.</p> <p>Saint Agnes also demonstrates leadership because she remained committed to her beliefs even when it was difficult. Her courage and example have inspired many people throughout history. The name Agnes is commonly associated with the meaning “pure” and is connected to the Greek word hagnē, meaning “pure” or “chaste.” Saint Agnes is traditionally recognized as a patron saint of young girls and girls, making her an especially meaningful role model for young people.</p>

Parent/Guardian	St. Alexandra's Catholic Secondary School	The name Alexandra would be a meaningful choice for a Catholic high school because Saint Alexandra is remembered for her courage, faith, and commitment to standing firmly in what she believed. The name Alexandra means “defender of the people,” which represents the values of protecting, supporting, and uplifting others. A school named Alexandra could inspire students to live with faith, courage, compassion, and strength while creating a community where everyone feels valued and supported.
Community Member	St. Alice Catholic Secondary School	Her faith in God never wavered despite all that she went through. I believe that her story shows that living through hardship is possible with faith and trust in God. I believe this reminder is needed in today's society.
Community Member	St. Aloysius Catholic Secondary School	Saint Aloysius is the patron Saint of Catholic youth.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Secondary School	St. Aloysius Gonzaga-patron saint of teenagers, Catholic youth, students
Parent/Guardian	St. Alphonsa Catholic Secondary School	catholic believe and miracle
Parent/Guardian	St. Ambrose Catholic Secondary School	St. Ambrose was one of the first doctors of the church (highly academic) and a provincial governor (power line road runs parallel to governors road)
Parent/Guardian	St. Amelia Catholic Secondary School	St Amelia is patron saint of farmers and since this land was former farm land I think this would honour it's past
BHNCDSB Employee	St. André Bessette Catholic Secondary School	St. André Bessette was a Canadian saint whose life reflected faith, humility, perseverance, compassion and service. Born in Quebec in 1845, he overcame poverty, the loss of his parents and limited educational opportunities before joining the Congregation of Holy Cross. For approximately 40 years, he welcomed students, families and visitors as the porter at Notre Dame College in Montreal, offering prayer and support to those in need. Naming the school after him would honour a Canadian saint connected to Catholic education and inspire students to recognize their dignity, persevere through challenges and serve others with compassion and humility.

Parent/Guardian	St. André Bessette Catholic Secondary School	St. André Bessette A Canadian saint remembered for humility, service, faith, and helping others.
Parent/Guardian	St. André Bessette Catholic Secondary School	St. André Bessette would be a meaningful patron for a Catholic school because his life reflects the values of faith, humility, compassion, service, and perseverance.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. André Bessette Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Andre Bessette is one of very few saints born in Canada. St. André faced poverty, illness, and many personal challenges throughout his life.</p> <p>His perseverance in the face of adversity offers an inspiring example for students as they navigate academic, social, and personal challenges. St. André became known worldwide through his ministry of compassion, prayer, and support for those who were suffering.</p> <p>His legacy encourages students to be people of hope, empathy, and care for others. His story teaches students that faith, character, hard work, and service to others are equally important measures of success.</p>
parent of staff member	St. André Bessette Catholic Secondary School	Tracey entered for this person. Tracey has the documentation to support her recommendation.

Student	St. Andrew Catholic Secondary School	<p>REASON WHY THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL SHOULD BE NAMED St. Andrew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Naming your Catholic school St. Andrew honors one of Jesus Christ's first apostles and provides a powerful model of discipleship, evangelization, and quiet leadership for your students -An Original Disciple: Andrew was a fisherman in Galilee and the brother of Simon Peter. He was originally a follower of John the Baptist before leaving to follow Jesus -The First Evangelizer: In the Gospel of John, after meeting Jesus, Andrew immediately went to find his brother Peter and bring him to Christ -A Bridge-Builder: In the Gospels, Andrew is often the one introducing others to Jesus such as the young boy with the loaves and fishes or the Greeks seeking Jesus -A Martyr of Faith: Tradition holds that Andrew preached the Gospel in Greece and was martyred on an X-shaped cross (known as a Saltire or St. Andrew's Cross), embracing his sacrifice with joy
Student	St. Andrew Catholic Secondary School	I think that it would be a good school name because he was one of Jesus's disciples and he he has a super cool story
Student	St. Andrew Catholic Secondary School	because he was jesus apostle and is inspiraable to me
Student BHNCDSE Employee	St. Andrew Catholic Secondary School St. Anne Catholic Secondary School	<p>I mostly pray for St. Andrew</p> <p>Mother of Virgin Mary & Grandmother to Jesus; one of the Patron Saints of Canada & Grandparents. I believe the first grade 9 high school class was opened in the basement of St. Ann's Elementary School back in the 1940's...although spelt differently this would also be a nice homage to where high school education began in our city.</p>
Parish/Clergy Member	St. Anne Catholic Secondary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Patron Saint of Canada and grandparents -mother to Virgin Mary and grandmother to Jesus -homage to first Gr 9 high school class started in basement of st Ann's elementary school in the 1940's in Brantford

BHNCDSB Employee	St. Anne Catholic Secondary School	I think Saint Ann is a meaningful name for our new school since St. Ann is the mother of the Virgin Mary and the grandmother of Jesus Christ. She is the patron saint of mothers as well as mothers in labour and grandparents. For staff, St. Ann is a role model for nurturing and providing spiritual guidance as we endeavour to support our secondary students on their pathway toward meeting Catholic graduate expectations.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Anne Catholic Secondary School	Mother of Virgin Mary, and homage to first gr. 9 high school class started in basement of St Anne's elementary school in the 40s.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Anne Catholic Secondary School	St. Anne is the Mother of the Virgin Mary and the patron saint of mothers.
Parent/Guardian	St. Anne Catholic Secondary School	Saint Anne dedicated her life to follow God. Her name means grace "merciful". Saint Anne the mother of blessed Marry who she taught Blessed Marry to read for a period of three years before giving the Blessed Mary back to god. As many young children come to learn to be dedicated to our father spiritually a scholastically for a short period of time may Saint Anne's spirit bless the school in teaching and protection and allow the students, partners and staff member Imitate those'd virtues she endured in that time and period. I think what the story would be like with Saint Anne's sacrifices.
Parent/Guardian	St. Anne Catholic Secondary School	Both female Saints. St. Anne would be meaningful because it is a traditional Catholic name with a strong connection to Indigenous Catholic communities, particularly through the devotion to St. Anne among First Nations and Métis communities.
Parent/Guardian	St. Anne Catholic Secondary School	We need more schools with strong women representation. St Anne is the patron saint of Educators and the Trades.

BHNCDSB Employee	St. Anne Catholic Secondary School	St Anne is the patron saint of Trades and Educators. Female representation is needed in more schools. Only 5 or 6 of our over 30 schools are named after Woman.
Retired teacher	St. Anne Catholic Secondary School	St. Ann's was an elementary school on Pearl St. In the 1930's. Brant Catholic High School started in the basement of St. Ann's with a single grade 9 class.
Parent/Guardian	St. Anne Catholic Secondary School	We need a female named highschool in this area. St. Anne is the patron saint of Children.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Anthony Catholic Secondary School	St. Anthony of Padua is known as the patron saint of lost things and is one of the most well-known saints in the Catholic Church. He was a Franciscan friar and a powerful preacher who taught people about Christianity and helped the poor. He is also known for the many miracles attributed to him and is often shown holding the infant Jesus and a white lily. St. Anthony was born in Lisbon, Portugal, and died in 1231. His feast day is celebrated on June 13 and our role as Servant Leaders helping the most vulnerable is part of our mission.
Parent/Guardian	St. Anthony Catholic Secondary School	Saint Anthony is a patron saint of lost things and sometimes I feel like when you enter into high school you can feel a bit lost in terms of who you are. I feel like Saint Anthony is not only the patron saint of lost things, but also helping find yourself if you become lost.
Parent/Guardian	St. Anthony Catholic Secondary School	I feel St. Anthony would be a meaningful name for a Catholic school because his life represents faith, learning, teaching, and never giving up.
Parent/Guardian	St. Anthony Catholic Secondary School	St. Anthony of Padua was humble of his skills and willing to do less desired work for the church (began doing janitorial work). He put forth efforts and used his education and abilities when others needed him. He was then able to become a teacher to others and inspired many to turn away from their sin.
Parent/Guardian	St. Anthony Catholic Secondary School	Well known catholic saint
Community Member	St. Anthony Catholic Secondary School	This is the saint that our family follows

Parent/Guardian	St. Anthony Daniel Catholic Secondary School	<p>I think St. Anthony Daniel Catholic Secondary School would be a great name for our new high school because his story connects faith, education, courage, and our history here in Ontario. St. Anthony Daniel was an educator. Before coming to Canada, he was a teacher, and education was always a part of his work when he moved here to New France in the 1600s. He spent much of his time living and working with the Wendat people in what is now Ontario. He learned their language, lived within their communities and spent years ministering to them and with them. He also worked in the education of young Wendat people. I think that relationship is important when we are choosing the name of a Catholic school today. His story gives us a chance to recognize the Indigenous people and history of the land, as well as the fact that the relationship between the Catholic Church and Indigenous peoples has a difficult history that we need to approach with respect. St. Anthony Daniel's story is also one of courage. In 1648, the Wendat community where he was serving was attacked. Instead of leaving when the attack began, he stayed with the people he served and continued baptizing and ministering to them. He was killed during the attack. For our students and community, I think there is a great message they can take from his story: we don't abandon people when they</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Anthony Daniel Catholic Secondary School	<p>He was a Canadian martyr, worked with indigenous communities, and it is an easy school name to say. I love the connection to a Canadian saint, how he worked with the Wendat, and it shows our commitment to continuing to work with the indigenous communities.</p>
Student	St. Anthony Daniel Catholic Secondary School	<p>I think this would be a meaningful name for the school because Saint Anthony Daniel came to Canada even before Canada was Canada. Also I think this is a great name because Saint Anthony Daniel stayed with the Huron people even when there was war, he could of fled, but he didn't. He stayed to baptize, give absolution, and comfort the elderly and young. That's why I think the new high school should be named St. Anthony Daniel.</p>

Parent/Guardian

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Secondary School

I believe St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School would be a meaningful name because St. Anthony is widely known as a faithful servant of God, a gifted teacher, and a compassionate advocate for those in need. He devoted his life to sharing the Gospel, teaching the faith, serving others, and helping people grow closer to Christ.

St. Anthony is particularly associated with knowledge, teaching, humility, charity, and service, values that strongly reflect the mission of Catholic education.

Naming the school after him would provide students with a meaningful example of how faith and learning can be lived together not simply through academic achievement, but through compassion, integrity, service, and love for others.

St. Anthony's life also offers an excellent model for young people. He was a dedicated teacher and preacher who used his gifts to educate and encourage others. His example can inspire students to use their own talents responsibly, to care for their classmates and community, and to live out the Gospel through their actions.

The name St. Anthony of Padua would therefore connect the new school to a strong Catholic

Parent/Guardian

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Secondary School

St. Anthony of Padua, is one of the most popular Catholic saints, celebrated for his powerful preaching and love for the poor. His feast day is June 13. We need a reminder of call as Catholics to love and care for the underprivileged amongst us

Parent/Guardian

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Secondary School

I believe St. Anthony of Padua would be a meaningful name for the new school because he represents faith, compassion, humility, and a strong commitment to education and helping others. He is widely recognized in the Catholic Church for his wisdom, dedication to teaching, and service to those in need.

St. Anthony was a Franciscan friar and gifted preacher who devoted his life to sharing the teachings of Jesus Christ and supporting people who were struggling. His example encourages us to value knowledge, treat others with kindness, and use our talents to serve our community.

Naming the school after St. Anthony of Padua would provide students with a positive role model who demonstrates the importance of faith, lifelong learning, integrity, and compassion. His legacy would inspire students to grow academically, spiritually, and personally while developing a sense of responsibility toward others.

I believe this name would reflect the Catholic values of the school and help create a welcoming environment where every student is encouraged to learn, grow, and contribute positively to society.

Parent/Guardian	St. Augustine Catholic Secondary School	<p>The name St. Augustine would give the new high school a strong connection to faith, learning, and the pursuit of truth. St. Augustine's life reflects a journey of searching, growth, conversion, and discovering a deeper purpose through faith.</p> <p>As one of the most influential thinkers and teachers in the Catholic tradition, St. Augustine represents the harmony of faith and reason and the importance of seeking wisdom throughout life. His example reminds us that education is not simply about acquiring knowledge, but about forming the whole person and discovering how our gifts can be used in service to others.</p> <p>For a new Catholic high school, the name St. Augustine could therefore represent a community where students are encouraged to seek truth, grow in faith, pursue excellence, build community, and serve others.</p> <p>A school named St. Augustine would carry forward a tradition of intellectual curiosity and spiritual growth while giving a new generation of students the opportunity to create their own legacy.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Secondary School	Because they are Saints that we have not really used for School names in the past
Parent/Guardian	St. Augustine of Hippo Catholic Secondary School	One of the most influential philosopher and early Christian Latin author that shaped Western philosophy and Christian teachings.
Parent/Guardian	St. Augustine Preparatory Catholic Secondary School	<p>Naming the school Saint Augustine's in Brantford would serve as a powerful symbol of redemption, conversion, and hope in the wake of the artwork's tragic history. In Christian tradition, Saint Augustine is the ultimate figure of transformation; he famously lived a life shadowed by personal sin and profound errors before undergoing a radical spiritual awakening to become one of the faith's greatest scholars. By dedicating the school to him, the community would acknowledge the "sins" and heavy misfortune tethered to the past artwork not as a permanent stain, but as the starting point for a narrative of healing. The name would stand as a constant, comforting reminder to students and educators alike that beauty, purpose, and grace can be reclaimed from the darkest chapters of adversity.</p>

Community Member	St. Basil the Great Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Basil the Great had a very large impact on the Catholic Church</p> <p>And is recognized as a Patron saint of Education</p> <p>Saint Beatrice was known for her dedication to God and for her faith.</p> <p>Her name originally meant "traveler" or a journey through life, and I personally feel that this would be most fitting for a secondary school, as youth are in the phase in their lives where they are discovering themselves, following their journey into their future in adulthood.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Beatrice Catholic Secondary School	
BHNCDSB Employee	St. BENEDICT Catholic Secondary School	<p>Why St. Benedict works</p> <p>Strong Catholic identity: St. Benedict of Nursia is one of the most influential figures in Western Christian history.</p> <p>Education & learning: Benedictine tradition places a major emphasis on learning, discipline, community, and formation of the whole person.</p> <p>Community: The Benedictine principle of Ora et Labora — “Pray and Work” — could fit beautifully with a modern secondary school emphasizing both academics and skilled trades.</p> <p>Modern relevance: His emphasis on balancing work, study, prayer, and community translates surprisingly well to a contemporary high school.</p> <p>Distinctive identity: It doesn't duplicate the current Brantford Catholic secondary-school names.</p>
Student	St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School	<p>st benedict created a balanced rule of life that shaped Western civilization and monasticism. He emphasized humility, obedience, and self-sufficiency while allowing reasonable food, clothing, and sleep for his followers. He modeled profound inner strength, steadfast resistance to temptation, and a life dedicated to serving others. He created the Rule of Saint Benedict, which divided the day into equal parts for prayer, work, and study under the motto ora et labora ("pray and work"). His monastic communities helped rebuild European culture, literacy, and commerce after the collapse of the Roman Empire.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Secondary School	<p>Benedict was a Black Franciscan saint born in Sicily to parents of African descent. His story provides a particularly explicit connection to Black Catholic identity.</p>

Parent/Guardian	St. Bernadette Catholic Secondary School	Naming the new Catholic high school Saint Bernadette's would honour a beloved Catholic saint whose life reflected faith, humility, compassion, and perseverance - qualities we hope our children will embrace and echo throughout their own lives.
Parent/Guardian	St. Bonaventure Catholic Secondary School	St. Bonaventure represents a Franciscan Friar from the 13th century. Called the "Second Founder" of the Franciscans, St. Bonaventure was a brilliant scholar dedicated to serving God in all things — big and small. The name also means good fortune, good luck, or happy voyage, which is suiting for a secondary school, as during their time at this school we are preparing our young adults to enter adulthood and choose a trajectory for their lives.
Parent/Guardian	St. Boniface Catholic Secondary School	He traveled from England to mainland Europe to preach the Gospel to pagan tribes and convert them to Christianity, He famously cut down an ancient oak tree dedicated to the Norse god Thor at Geismar to demonstrate the supremacy of the Christian God over pagan idols, He was killed by pagan raiders in Frisia (modern-day Netherlands) in 754 AD while preparing new converts for confirmation
BHNCDSB Employee Community Member	St. Brother André Bessette Catholic Secondary School St. Carlo Acutis C.H.S Catholic Secondary School	See above descriptions. Carlos Acutis was a Catholic teenager, seems fitting to name a high school after a teenager, known for his devotion to the Eucharist and his use of digital media to promote Catholic devotion. Carlos developed an early interest in computers and video games, teaching himself programming and web design and assisting his parish and school with digital projects.

BHNCDSB Employee	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	<p>As the first millennial saint, Saint Carlo Acutis is uniquely positioned to inspire the next generation of Catholic students. Born in 1991, he grew up in a world remarkably similar to that of today's teenagers. He loved soccer, enjoyed video games in moderation, excelled with computers, cared deeply for his friends and family, and volunteered to help those experiencing poverty. Yet above all else, he placed Christ at the centre of his life through his devotion to the Eucharist, daily Mass whenever possible, Eucharistic Adoration, and prayer. His life demonstrates that holiness is not achieved through extraordinary circumstances but through ordinary acts of love, kindness, discipline, humility, and service. He reminds young people that they do not need to choose between being successful, athletic, creative, technologically gifted, or faithful—they can be all of these while living fully for Christ.</p> <p>Saint Carlo beautifully embodies each of the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations. He was a Discerning Believer, rooted in the Eucharist and guided by the Gospel in every aspect of his life. He was an Effective Communicator, using modern technology and his gifts in computer programming to create an international website documenting Eucharistic miracles, evangelizing in a language</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	<p>He is the first millennial saint and recently canonized which would give our Board precedent to be one of the first in the province/country to name a school after this new saint. He was also a teenager when he died and would be closely associated in age to our student population. He is also the patron saint of the internet which our student population has had at their disposal since they were born.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	<p>With the technology focus to the school and the AI culture we are in, Carlo Acutis would be a great school name as the patron saint of internet, computer programmers and web developers. He's also known as "God's influencer" in our influencer obsessed culture</p>

BHNCDSB Employee	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	To me it makes sense. He became a saint just last year and he is was a teenager at 15 when he passed away. He used technology to evangelise the Eucharistic miracles. It is someone students can understand, connect with, learn from and be inspired to be a Catholic.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	modern saint with a strong connection to youth and technology.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	As a teenager called to Sainthood, he serves as an excellent mentor for adolescents. He is also known as "God's Influencer" which provides a connection to today's youth to leverage the power of social media in a way that is faithful and shares our universal mission as Catholics.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	The new high school should be named after St. Carlo Acutis because he showed that holiness is possible for young people in today's world. Through his love of the Eucharist, service to others, and responsible use of technology, he offers students a relatable example (being a teenager himself) of how faith can guide everyday life.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	<p>Carlo Acutis is an Italian teenager who died of leukemia in 2006 at the age of 15 and became the Catholic Church's first millennial saint.</p> <p>Who Was Carlo Acutis?</p> <p>Born in London on May 3, 1991, he grew up in Milan, Italy. He loved playing video games, playing soccer, and spending time with friends. He was a self-taught computer programmer</p> <p>"God's Influencer"</p> <p>He used his computer skills to build a website cataloging Eucharistic miracles from around the world. People called him "God's influencer" and the "patron saint of the internet" for sharing his faith online. He attended daily Mass and helped poor people in his community.</p> <p>Path to Sainthood</p> <p>He died of leukemia on October 12, 2006, in Monza, Italy. Pope Leo XIV canonized him as a saint on September 7, 2025, in St. Peter's Square. His shrine is located in Assisi, Italy, where he is displayed wearing jeans and sneakers.</p>

BHNCDSB Employee	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	<p>In front of 80,000 Catholics gathered in St. Peter's Square, Blessed Carlo Acutis was officially declared a saint, making him the first millennial saint in the Church. The canonization took place on September 7, 2025, and was led by Pope Leo XIV. Many young people were excited because Saint Carlo Acutis is someone they can relate to.</p> <p>Carlo Acutis was born in 1991 and died at the age of fifteen after being diagnosed with leukemia. Even though his life was short, he was known for being kind, selfless, and always ready to help others. Carlo loved computers and video games, but what mattered most to him was his Catholic faith, especially the Eucharist. He even created a website that showed Eucharistic miracles from around the world. He was inspired by Steve Jobs, especially the idea that our time is limited and that we shouldn't waste it living someone else's life. Carlo repeated this idea in his own way, saying, "Everyone is born an original, but many die as photocopies." He believed that God made each person unique and that we should follow the path God gives us instead of copying others.</p> <p>Carlo used technology in a positive way. In 2004, he helped teach younger students preparing for First Communion and Confirmation. He also used his</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	<p>The first millennial saint is Carlo Acutis, an Italian computer programmer born in 1991 who died of leukemia at age 15. He was canonized on September 7, 2025, by Pope Leo XIV in St. Peter's Square.</p> <p>I believe the students would feel close to a saint who was their age and lived a devoted life to Our Lord. Saint Carlo Acuits is the patron saint of the internet, and is a model for using social media to evangelize the people of God.</p> <p>For high schools students he is very relatable and more recent. Many may have heard about him.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	
Community Member	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	Patron Saint for students

Parent/Guardian	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School would honour a young modern saint whose life embodied the values of Catholic education: faith, learning, service, innovation, and compassion. As the first Millennial saint, Carlo's example demonstrates that young people can use their gifts and talents to make a positive difference in the world. His commitment to faith, education, technology, and helping others makes him an inspiring role model for future generations of students.
Parent/Guardian	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	St. Carlo Acutis would be a meaningful patron for a modern Catholic school. As a teenager, he used his computer skills and creativity to share his faith and serve others, showing students that technology can be used for good. Canonized on September 7, 2025, he became the Catholic Church's first millennial saint and is a relatable example of faith, kindness and purpose for today's youth.
Parent/Guardian	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	He is the most recently named young adult saint that exemplifies the type of holiness our secondary students should look up to and relate to.
Parent/Guardian	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	Because he is a modern example of young people living their catholic faith while embracing technology, learning and service to others.
Parent/Guardian	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	honouring a young saint whose faith, kindness, devotion to the Eucharist and use of technology provide a meaningful example for today's students. His life demonstrates that holiness and faith can be lived fully in the modern world, inspiring young people to use their talents to make a positive difference in the lives of others.
Parent/Guardian	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	Youth role model and modern example of faith

Parent/Guardian	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	<p>Saint Carlo is a particularly meaningful role model for our students because he was a young person who lived in the modern world we recognize today. He enjoyed sports, friendships, school, computers and technology, yet he also had a deep love for God, the Eucharist and helping others.</p> <p>Born in 1990 Carlo died at only 15 years old and was canonized in 2025 becoming the first saint of the millennial generation. His life reminds children and young people that you do not have to be an adult to live your faith, make a difference and become a role model for others.</p> <p>What I find especially inspiring about Carlo is that he did not see faith and everyday life as separate. He understood that his talents could be used in service of others. Carlo taught himself computer programming and used technology to create a website documenting Eucharistic miracles around the world. Rather than allowing technology to simply become a distraction, he used his skills as a way to share his faith and help others discover the beauty of the Catholic Church.</p> <p>I believe Saint Carlo Acutis would be an inspiring patron for a new school because his story shows our students that they can live their Catholic faith</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	<p>He is the millennial saint, a teenager, influencer, Italian like St Padre Pio</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	<p>He is a prime example of christian faith. His mission was to bring people, especially teenagers to know Jesus by making a website dedicated to Eucharistic miracles.</p>

Parent/Guardian	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School</p> <p>I think St. Carlo Acutis is exceptionally well suited to a new Catholic secondary school because he represents Catholic faith expressed through the world today's teenagers actually inhabit.</p> <p>Carlo Acutis (1991–2006) was an Italian teenager known for his devotion to the Eucharist and for using his computer skills to support his faith. He was canonized in 2025. That gives the school a patron who is extraordinarily relatable to secondary-school students: young, Catholic, technologically capable, service-oriented, and contemporary.</p> <p>It also aligns nicely with BHNCDsB's stated approach to Catholic education—forming students for discipleship, community involvement, social justice and reaching their potential.</p> <p>And importantly, the Board's current list includes schools such as St. John, St. Basil, St. Gabriel, St. Peter, St. Pius X, Holy Cross, Resurrection and Assumption College School; I don't see Carlo Acutis among the existing names in the Board information I checked.</p>
Parent/Guardian Parent/Guardian	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	<p>Very recently canonized saint, was a teenager!</p> <p>It would be a good reminder for students, that pursuing holiness is not something to be done later in life. They have a perfect example of a peer, another 15 year old like them, that became a saint.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	<p>He was the first millennial saint, which would make him more relevant and current for teenagers in highschool - Shows how religion can be manifested in today's modern world, including coding and technology, despite all the distractions around us.</p> <p>He loved computers, soccer, and video games, hanging out with his friends, and also had an intense devotion to the Eucharist, creating his "highway to heaven"</p> <p>He is highly relatable for high schoolers interested in tech, STEM, digital media and sports</p> <p>School Motto Idea: "Born as Originals, Not Photocopies" (One of Carlo's real-life quotes)</p>

Parent/Guardian	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	<p>This Saint will be an exceptional example for modern youth. He integrated daily Mass and prayer naturally alongside his homework, defending bullied classmates, and volunteering at local soup kitchens. The saint's name can completely match with a secondary school when students have already set example to live on.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School would be a meaningful and inspiring name for a new school because St. Carlo represents a modern example of faith that young people can easily relate to. He was a teenager who enjoyed many of the same things students do today, including technology, sports, friends and family, while maintaining a deep commitment to his Catholic faith and helping others. Known for using his computer skills to share his faith, St. Carlo demonstrates that technology and modern life can be used in positive and purposeful ways. His example encourages students to embrace their individual talents, serve others and remain grounded in their faith. As a young saint of the digital generation, St. Carlo would be a particularly fitting patron for a new Catholic secondary school preparing students for the future.</p>

Student	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Carlo Acutis is the first millennial saint. He was born in London and raised in Milan. He died in 2006 of leukemia and was canonized a saint by Pope Leo XIV in 2025.</p> <p>St. Carlo taught himself how to do web design and computer programming. With his skills, he created a global database to document Eucharistic miracles.</p> <p>St. Carlo's faith was not the only thing that made him a saint. St. Carlo is said to have cured a young Brazilian boy of a rare pancreatic disorder. Another miracle attributed to St. Carlo was when he interceded on behalf of a mother who visited his tomb and prayed for her daughter that suffered a severe headache injury from a bicycle accident. The very next day, the daughter began to breathe on her own and her speech came back shortly after.</p> <p>St. Carlo Acutis believed that the Eucharist was the highway to heaven. He believed like physical food is needed for the human body, the Eucharist is spiritual food that strengthens the soul against sin and helps a person grow in virtue.</p> <p>St. Carlo's feast day is October 12.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	<p>Children will understand that even at their age you can make a difference with the talents you have been given to do good for the people around you and to get them to Heaven.</p>

Parent/Guardian	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	<p>Built for the 2027–28 school year and beyond, our facility needs a patron who reflects our current digital age reality.</p> <p>St. Carlo Acutis (May 3, 1991 – October 12, 2006) is the ideal role model. Having passed away from leukemia at just 15 years old and canonized on September 7, 2025, he is the Church's very first millennial saint.</p> <p>Carlo was an ordinary teenager who loved playing video games (like PlayStation), sports, and hanging out with friends. Remarkably, he taught himself coding to build websites that documented Eucharistic miracles around the globe. Naming the school after him will deeply resonate with high school students, proving that holiness is achievable right now while naturally integrating modern technology, academic study, and everyday faith.</p>
Community Member	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	<p>This is the first Millennial Saint who died a teenager. He is a saint for the youth and of technology. In his young life he converted people and brought them back to the church. His love for the Eucharist was so great that he made his first communion early and the nuns present were in awe of his devotion and reverence. After this he made his parents bring him to mass daily to receive the Eucharist. Furthermore he created a website on Eucharistic miracles. He was a saint while on earth as a role model for the youth of today and is a saint in heaven praying for us all.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	<p>Bridging the gap between modernity and saint hood - It will remind families, staff, and students alike that we are all called to holiness and that it isn't relegated to figures of the past.</p>
Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Cenacle Members	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	<p>First Millennial Saint, relatability to teenagers, Patron Saint of the Internet, facing modern student mental health and social pressures, resilience and courage in suffering, social justice and charity. Each of these points is expanded in a signed petition we have prepared for submission to the Naming committee. With your permission, we would appreciate the opportunity to deliver it to the School Board Office.</p>

BHNCDSB Employee	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	St. Carlo is known as the first millennial saint and referred to by many as the patron saint of the Internet. A glowing example for today's youth, he is known for limiting his own use of technology for video games as a spiritual exercise in discipline. He used technology to publish various documents on miracles.
Community Member	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	St Carlo was an English-born Italian Catholic teenager known for his devotion to the Eucharist and his promotion of Catholic devotions.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	Carlo Acutis was known as the saint in jeans and sneakers. He passed away at 15 but he was just like any other teenager. He went to school, played video games and used the internet. He used his internet skills to bring others to Christ and share his love for the Eucharist.
Student	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	He's one of the newest saints, and he lived in our time and he could maybe be close to the age of some of the teachers working there.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School would be a powerful and inspiring name for a new Catholic high school because Carlo represents a generation of sainthood that young people can genuinely see themselves in. He was a teenager who loved technology, computers, video games, sports, his friends, and everyday life, while maintaining a profound love for Jesus and the Eucharist.
		What makes St. Carlo particularly meaningful for a secondary school is that he demonstrates that holiness is not reserved for priests, religious sisters, or people from centuries ago. Holiness is possible for an ordinary young person living an ordinary life. Carlo used the gifts and interests God gave him, particularly his talent with computers, to serve others and share his Catholic faith. His life provides students with an example of how technology and social media can be used for goodness rather than division, comparison, or harm.
		Carlo's famous words, "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven," capture the deeply Catholic identity that his name could bring to a school community. The Eucharist was at the centre of his life, but his faith also transformed the way he treated others. He cared deeply for people who were poor, defended classmates who were being bullied, and

Parent/Guardian	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	St Carlos Acutis is a Saint for not just the youth of today but he also gives hope to the older generations of the church. He is relevant to our youth because he was part of their generation and for older generations he is an example of how relevant our faith is for our future generations. To millions of Catholics he inspires us to not loose faith in Catholicism. He also had no fear in dying, his faith in the afterlife and that he believed in the eternal life by our lords side . He is an inspiring Saint for not only today's youth but for all Catholics young and old.
Parent/Guardian	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	He is a recently canonized saint who died in his teenage years - his appropriate use of digital media is an extremely good example to our youth of how it can be used for holiness
Student	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	He is the patron saint of youth, and the internet; it would be a good guide and model for students.
Parish/Clergy Member	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	Because he is a young saint and a wonderful role model for the students of the school.
Parish/Clergy Member	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	St. Carlo led an exemplary life as a child and teenager. He was a computer whiz and was an accomplished "gamer", yet disciplined himself to one hour per week. He brought both his parents back to the Faith. He loved the Holy Eucharist and called it the "Highway to Heaven". He played soccer and influenced his buddies to attend Adoration and Holy Mass with him. He used his own funds to assist the poor. He died at age 15 in 2006 in perfect resignation to God's Will for him. He is the ultimate role model for young people on how a normal teenager can live a holy life in this modern world. See more here: https://www.wordonfire.org/articles/carlo-acutis-the-first-millennial-saint/
Community Member	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	A teenage saint is an excellent model for high school students.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	I believe the youngest saint and one that is connected to modern times will be a positive reflection to students of this time. He is not a distance/historical saint but is one that they can connect with and maybe feel lived a life that was closer to their own.
Parish/Clergy Member	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	He was a young person devoted to our Lord and who made the Eucharist the core of his life. A good example to follow for young people.

Parent/Guardian	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Carlo Acutis represents a wonderful connection between traditional Catholic values and the modern world our children are growing up in. As a young person who loved technology, sports and spending time with friends, Carlo is a saint that students can genuinely relate to.</p> <p>His commitment to helping others, standing up against bullying and using technology for positive purposes reflects the values we want to instill in our children.</p> <p>What makes this name especially meaningful is that Carlo demonstrates that you do not have to be an adult to make a difference. His life teaches children that kindness, faith, courage and compassion can begin at any age.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	<p>I suggest the name Carlo Acutis because he was a young saint who showed that teenagers can live with strong faith, kindness, and compassion. He used technology in a positive way and helped others. His life is a great example for students to follow and reminds them to use their talents to make a difference</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	italian teenager that recently passed
Friend of former SO	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	Our most recent Saint who was young and used digital media to promote Catholic devotion and teaching. St. Carlo is a Saint students can connect with.
Parent/Guardian	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	<p>I like the idea of a high school feeling relevant to the kids attending. This young boy became a saint at their age, and knowing his history and dedication to God may help them strive for levels of faith in their own lives. He was their age in a lifetime of technological advancements, extra curriculars, etc. And seemingly so relatable.</p>

Community Member	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	Naming a new Catholic high school after Saint Carlo Acutis would be a powerful way to connect the Catholic faith with today's younger generation. As the first millennial saint, he represents a new era of holiness, showing that faith, kindness, and devotion to God are not limited by age or tradition. His ability to embrace modern technology while remaining deeply rooted in his faith makes him a relatable role model for young people, inspiring students to live with purpose, use their gifts for good, and recognize that sainthood is not something reserved for the past, but something every generation is called to pursue
Student	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	He was canonized as a Saint by Pope Leo XIV on September 7, 2025 and is the first millennial Saint. He died at the age of 15 from leukemia however during his life he was known for his empathy and inclusion. He saw the best in everyone and encouraged each person to realize their unique potential. Saint Carlo Acutis used his computer programming skills to document Eucharistic miracles from around the world.
Parish/Clergy Member	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	Saint Carlo Acutis became a Saint last year. (2025) He passed away at the age of 15 years old in 2006. The Students will be able to relate to Saint Carlo Acutis! He lived an extraordinary life in This modern age! In his few years on this earth, he taught people about the true meaning of the Eucharist and love of God and Mary via his website and is Still teaching/helping people of all ages today.

BHNCDSB Employee

St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School

While searching for the school name, I came across this young Millennial Saint who was a great inspiration to many youth in following the Catholic faith and he himself dedicated his life to spreading the word of Christ through his actions, technology and developing a website dedicated to miracles. Since first learning about him, I have seen him popping up in other moments of my daily life. I feel that young people in Brantford and area will find inspiration in this young Saint and feel proud to carry his name and connected due to common interests they would have shared when he was alive. Pope Francis has confirmed him to be a Venerable Saint. Since the new highschool will include a lot of technology, this could also be a perfect commemoration to the technologically savvy person that St. Carlo Acutis once was. He is an important figure in recent Catholic history and his relics in Assisi and other sites have received thousands of visits for prayer.

Parish/Clergy Member

St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School

When I think about the young people who will enter the doors of our new Catholic high school, I think about their incredible potential—their questions, their dreams, their gifts and their desire to make a difference in a world that desperately needs hope. I want them to have a patron saint who looks at them and says, “You can do this. You can make a difference. You can bring Christ to the world right now.” For me, that saint is Carlo Acutis.

Carlo was only 15 years old when he died, yet his young life continues to inspire people across the world. What moves me most is that he did not wait to become an adult before living his faith boldly. He understood that God could work through him exactly where he was, with the gifts he had been given. His life is a powerful reminder that holiness, leadership and service are not determined by age.

Carlo is also uniquely relevant to the young people who will call this school home. He understood technology and used his skills to share his faith and bring others closer to the Church. In a world where technology is such an important part of our students’ lives, Carlo provides an extraordinary example of how something so familiar to young people can become a tool for evangelization, connection and service.

BHNCDSB Employee	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	<p>He is the newest Saint that was canonized in 2025. It would be unique because no other schools have been named after him yet! Students can relate to him because he was the first millennial saint. He was a self-taught computer programmer who created a global website cataloging Eucharistic miracles.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School / St. Carlo Catholic Secondary School	<p>Saint Carlo Acutis' life directly bridges faith, youth culture, and modern technology. He is a Millennial Saint who was born in 1991 & at 15 years old he passed away in 2006 & was canonized on September 7, 2025.</p> <p>St. Carlo is known as the "Patron Saint of the Internet" which students can relate to proving that modern youth can achieve holiness in their everyday lives</p> <p>Carlo was a self-taught computer programmer and used his tech skills for faith and compassion—most notably by building a website cataloguing Eucharistic miracles worldwide & encouraging students to use social media, artificial intelligence, and technology safely, positively, and purposeful.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Catherine Catholic Secondary School / St. Ursula Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Catharine Patronage: She is the patron saint of students, philosophers, teachers, and librarians. Her feast day is November 25</p> <p>St. Ursula Saint Ursula is the patron saint of schoolgirls, students, teachers, and archers.</p> <p>Main Patronages Education: Catholic education, school children, and female students.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Secondary School	<p>A 4th-century scholar and noblewoman who is the traditional patron saint of philosophers, female students, and debaters. She famously defeated fifty pagan philosophers in a public debate using her intellect and theology.</p>

BHNCDSB Employee	St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Secondary School	<p>Saint Catherine of Alexandria is a meaningful candidate for a school to be named after because her legacy represents a commitment to education, wisdom, courage, integrity, and standing up for one's beliefs. These values align closely with the purpose of a school: to nurture students academically, socially, emotionally, and morally while helping them become thoughtful, compassionate, and responsible members of their communities.</p> <p>Saint Catherine is traditionally remembered as a highly educated and articulate young woman who used her knowledge and reasoning to defend her convictions. Her story offers an opportunity to celebrate the importance of learning, critical thinking, respectful dialogue, and the courage to speak up for what one believes is right.</p>
Student	St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Secondary School	<p>I believe this would be a meaningful name for the school as she is a patron saint for scholars, students and teachers and her faith and courage during a time of persecution of Christians.</p>

Community Member	St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Secondary School	<p>I believe St. Catherine of Alexandria Secondary School would be a meaningful name for a Catholic high school because she represents many of the values we want students to develop throughout their education, including faith, courage, wisdom, and leadership.</p> <p>St. Catherine is recognized as a patron saint of students, teachers, and scholars, making her especially fitting for a school. She was known for her intelligence, strong faith, and willingness to stand up for what she believed in.</p> <p>What I find particularly inspiring is that she was believed to be only 18 years old when she challenged the Roman emperor and defended her Christian beliefs. This shows students that regardless of their age, their voices matter and they have the ability to make a difference.</p> <p>Naming a high school after St. Catherine would encourage students to value their education, think critically, stand up for what is right, and remain true to their faith. Her story reflects the importance of not only growing academically, but also becoming compassionate, courageous, and confident individuals who positively contribute to their communities.</p>
Former student	St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Secondary School	<p>She's a patron saint of students, teachers, and librarians</p>

BHNCDSB Employee

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Secondary School

As we move into a political climate plagued with uncertainty and a call to action to protect ourselves as Canadians, Catholics, and humanitarians, I feel called to St. Catherine of Siena who dedicated her life to helping others, including those who were poor, and is one of only four women given the title of Doctor of the Church. She reminds us to rely on our knowledge and faith, and to help those who are struggling. She is an inspiration. I also think it is important to note that as we face political issues and see the ongoing pushback against the rights of women and minority groups, we should demonstrate our beliefs by naming a space for someone who has pushed against the odds. The other option I would think would be fantastic would be Saint Francis of Assisi, since there was so much focus on helping those in need. With the cost of living going up, and the world breaking out in wars, we are seeing more people in need than ever before. My main reason for these choices would be the amount of focus on the less fortunate, as it is important that we support others during this time in our world, and those who stood up against the "norm" to help others in a significant way.

Parent/Guardian

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Secondary School

She was advised popes and leaders without fear, showing students how to stand up for what is right. As a Doctor of the Church and a prolific writer, her life highlights the powerful mix of deep faith with sharp intellectual thought. She spent her life serving the sick, the poor, and prisoners, modeling hands-on love for the community. Her well-known words—"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire"—serve as an inspiring motto for young learners discovering their unique gifts.

Parent/Guardian	St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Secondary School	<p>I feel a female should be represented as it's always a male. Below is three areas I feel the world needs right now and when I searched a catholic leader with these qualities, she came up as one of the choices. Our younger generation needs to have a good leader that cares about learning, against corruption and peace as a ruler over evil. A strong good example.</p> <p>Learning & Intellectual Focus: Despite her lack of formal education, she possessed profound intellectual brilliance and wisdom. Her theological classic, The Dialogue of Divine Providence, earned her the rare title of Doctor of the Church.</p> <p>Against Corruption: She was a fearless figure who relentlessly fought against ecclesiastical division and systemic corruption. She famously wrote letters to kings, political rulers, and the Pope himself, calling out vices and demanding structural reform.</p> <p>Peace Over Evil: She was a masterful peacemaker who brokered peace between warring Italian city-states and actively fought the moral evils fracturing the Church, proving that holiness and justice triumph over political status.</p>
Student Community Member	St. Catherine's Catholic Secondary School St. Charbel Catholic Secondary School	<p>It looks professional and is a good saint name. St Charbel is a saint from lebanese bacground, he worked countless healing miracles until the currenttime, he became very well known around the world. Google St charbel and you will know.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Charbel Makhloufi Catholic Secondary School	<p>He is known among Lebanese Christians as the "Miracle Monk of Lebanon" because of the favours received through his intercession, especially after prayers are said at his tomb in the Monastery of Saint Maron in Annaya, Lebanon.[3] He was beatified in 1965 and canonized in 1977 by Pope Paul VI.[4] His feast is celebrated on 24 July by the Latin Church, and on the third Sunday of July by the Maronite Church. The Medal of Saint Charbel was created in his honor.</p>

BHNCDSB Employee	St. Chiara of Assisi Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Chiara represents intellectual clarity, moral courage and strong leadership. Also, the word Chiara in Italian means luminous and light which is an important Catholic symbol. She defended her people passionately standing up to higher clergy including bishops and popes. She also walked away from a life of privilege and aristocracy choosing to live in simplicity with a full trust in God.</p> <p>She directly honours the strong roots of Italian heritage that exists in the local area and relates to the parish of St. Pius X which is the local parish. The BHNCDSB Catholic schools teach Italian as a heritage language and this not only highlights cultural preservation but further demonstrates the importance of remaining welcoming to all cultures and languages which is key in language curriculum. As a former SJC and ACS student and non-Italian I personally experienced this inclusive environment alongside many other students and some of my siblings. The Italian program fosters community and respect of others as well as a shared pride. We see our commonality as Christians and learn from our differences and similarities. This directly reflects the Catholic School Graduate expectations and helps students grow into lifelong learners and contributors to our community.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Christopher Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Christopher could be a meaningful name for a Catholic school today because his story offers a simple message: use your strengths to help others, especially those who need support.</p>

A teacher and a parent	St. Christopher Catholic Secondary School	I think St. Christopher would be a meaningful and inspiring name for Brantford's newest Catholic high school. The name Christopher means "Christ-bearer," reflecting the Catholic calling to carry Christ with us and bring His love to others through our words, actions, service, and compassion. St. Christopher is traditionally recognized as the patron saint of travellers, and his story of carrying the Christ Child safely across a dangerous river represents faith, courage, strength, and service to others.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Christopher Catholic Secondary School	St. Christopher Catholic Elementary School reflects our commitment to guiding students on their journey of faith, learning, and service. As the Christ-Bearer and patron saint of travelers, St. Christopher symbolizes strength, compassion, and the shared journey of growing closer to Christ while supporting one another as a school community.
Grandparents	St. Christopher Catholic Secondary School	It's basic, and sort of a common name that I think everyone knows
Student	St. Christopher Catholic Secondary School	St. Christopher was the carrier of sin so the school can carry our sins away. He is also known for crossing a river, like we have in Brantford.
Parent/Guardian	St. Christopher's Catholic Secondary School	As the patron Saint of travellers and the carrier of Jesus across the river, I feel this would be a good name to carry our students through the next important stage of their lives with protection of our traveller saint. I feel this is symbolic as children exit childhood into adolescence and prepare for adulthood out in the world through their high-school career.
Parent/Guardian	St. Clare Catholic Secondary School	A strong female catholic connection. St Clare at 18 chose a radically different path than her wealthy family which shows being courageous. She showed compassion with serving the poor which is fitting in the world we are currently facing with a large portion of the population struggling financially daily
Parent/Guardian	St. Clare Catholic Secondary School	St. Clare was a kind and faithful person who helped others. She is a good example for students.

Parent/Guardian	St. Clare Catholic Secondary School	Contemporary-feeling and distinctive; Easy to recall/spell etc. Clare is associated with simplicity, faith and service.
Parent/Guardian	St. Clare Catholic Secondary School	As a historical leader who co-founded the Poor Clares, St. Clare exemplifies courage, humility, and service to others—excellent core values for shaping young minds. She left her life of wealth to embrace a life of prayer and devotion to Christ. St. Clare symbolizes the power of faith and prayer.
Student	St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Secondary School	the name St. Clare of Assisi Catholic High School will inspire students to lead lives of profound humility, radiant faith, and selfless service to others.
Parent/Guardian	St. Damian Catholic Secondary School	Worked as a physician in the Roman province of Syria/Arabia and offered completely free medical care to everyone, using his profession to convert people to the faith. St Damian was martyred around 303 AD during the persecution under Emperor Diocletian.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Daniel Catholic Secondary School	Daniel Pace was a student, teacher, administrator, coach, mentor within the BHNCDSB. Everything he touched, he did with passion. His contributions to our Brantford and Catholic Education are widespread and remember to this day. His passing was a tragic loss for the community. He should be recognized. St. Daniel is known for his unwavering faith in times of uncertainty, notable by surviving a night in a lion's den. While Daniel Pace wasn't a graduate of our Lion's Den, he certainly worked in his fare share - and handled difficult conversations and situations with calm resolve.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Daniel Catholic Secondary School	It would be in honour of Dan Pace who was very important to our School Community.

Daniel was one of the great prophets of the Old Testament. The Book of Daniel taught that people of faith can resist temptation and conquer adversity. Daniel himself was faithful in prayer and always trusted God. Because of this faith and trust, he was able to influence others to reverence and worship God.

The prophet Daniel had a strong relationship with God; he stayed faithful to God regardless of what others were doing. God was faithful to Daniel and cared for him. Adolescents face a great deal of adversity. As such, they are always in need of role models who demonstrate faith and trust in God, and they look to role models who value relationships. Saint Daniel is an exceptional model for adolescents while they develop their ability to resist temptation and to conquer adversity all while seeking meaningful relationships such as the relationship that Saint Daniel had with God.

If named after the biblical prophet Daniel, the school's identity focuses on courage, integrity, and intellectual wisdom.

- Standing for Faith Amid Adversity: As a youth

Parent/Guardian

St. Daniel Catholic Secondary School

St. Daniel Catholic Secondary School would provide a meaningful and enduring Catholic identity for this new school community.

The Prophet Daniel is one of the great figures of the Old Testament and an exceptional role model for young people. As a young man living in exile in Babylon, Daniel remained faithful to God despite tremendous pressure to compromise his beliefs. His story is one of courage, integrity, perseverance and an unwavering trust in God.

These qualities are particularly meaningful for secondary school students. Adolescence is a formative time when young people are developing their identity, making increasingly independent choices and learning how to remain true to their values while navigating peer pressure and adversity. Daniel demonstrates that it is possible to stand firmly in one's faith and principles even when doing so is difficult.

Daniel is also strongly associated with knowledge, wisdom and learning. Scripture describes Daniel and his companions as possessing exceptional knowledge, understanding and wisdom. This provides a natural connection between the school's Catholic identity and its commitment to academic

When the voting occurred the last time, this was a top contender.

St. Daniel was a prophet who lived in Babylon many years ago. He was known for being very faithful to God and for having great courage. Daniel served several kings and was respected for his wisdom and honesty.

One of the most famous stories about Daniel is when he was thrown into a den of lions because he continued to pray to God even though the king had forbidden it. God protected Daniel, and the lions did not hurt him.

Daniel is remembered for his strong faith, courage, honesty, and trust in God.

Retired employee

St. Daniel Catholic Secondary School

Community Member	St. Daniel Catholic Secondary School	<p>Saint Daniel was known for his unwavering integrity, his exceptional wisdom and disciplined devotion to his faith and his community. This was also beautifully exemplified by a valued Catholic school board member Daniel Pace. Not only does Saint Daniel represent a beautiful message and role model but it also commemorates Daniel as someone who also had those same qualities and instilled those same values amongst his students and faculty.</p>
Student	St. Daniel's Catholic Secondary School	<p>This is after Daniel Pace who made amazing mark in our community as a principal, educator and role model for the generations to come.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. David Catholic Secondary School	<p>Previous pope and saint.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. David Catholic Secondary School	<p>I would like to propose St. David Catholic Secondary School as the name of our new secondary school.</p> <p>St. David, the patron saint of Wales, was known for his humility, service to others, devotion to his faith and his belief in the importance of doing the small things in life with great purpose. These are values that strongly reflect the mission of Catholic education and the qualities we hope to nurture in our students.</p> <p>The name also has a meaningful connection to the history of Brant County. Welsh settlers were among the area's early European settlers, including Henry Ellis and his family, who settled in Mount Pleasant. Historical records note that Ellis named Mount Pleasant after his family's estate in Flintshire, Wales. As the patron saint of Wales, St. David provides a connection between our Catholic faith and this part of our local heritage.</p> <p>St. David Catholic Secondary School would therefore honour both Catholic tradition and an important piece of the history of the community the school will serve. St. David's example of faith, humility, perseverance and service would also provide students with a meaningful patron whose</p>

Student	St. Dismas Catholic Secondary School	St Dismas is an incredibly powerful and unique name for a Catholic high school because his story mirrors the goals of catholic education: spiritual transformation, hope, and the never ending mercy of Christ. He is traditionally known as the good thief and proves students that it is never too late to change spiritually and academically. It could also become the first ever high school ever in Canada to be named after St. Dismas
Parent/Guardian	St. Don Bosco Catholic Secondary School	He is great patron for students and educators
Parent/Guardian	St. Drogo Catholic Secondary School	This saint is emblematic of the city of Brantford
Parent/Guardian	St. Dymphna Catholic Secondary School	There is a lot of anxiety suffered in the younger generation, and more teenagers/students struggling with mental illness. Saint Dymphna would promote, and should be thought of for creating, an environment that treats everyone with compassion and respect, regardless of internal struggles.
teacher	St. Edith Stein Catholic Secondary School	She is a more modern representation of strong female Catholic leadership. As the world is shifting politically her truth seeking and resilience in the face of facism is to be celebrated. "People don't simply need what we have. They need what we are" - St Edith Stein
Parent/Guardian	St. Elizabeth Catholic Secondary School	Using a female saint that was chosen by god to have a child when they could not otherwise. She was the mother of John the Baptist and was also a cousin of Mary (Virgin Mary) they were both chosen to mother children of God. John the Baptist then baptized Jesus and prepared people to welcome Jesus.
Staff and Parent	St. Elizabeth Catholic Secondary School	If you look up all the St. Elizabeth's, there are many great reasons!
Student	St. Elizabeth Catholic Secondary School	my reasoning behind why I'm recommending saint Elizabeth is that the meaning behind her name is "god has sworn" meaning He is giving an absolute, unchangeable guarantee of His word to build complete human trust and in the school board we want students to have trust in everyone around them and have that comfortability of trust. saint Elizabeth has done many great incredible things such as extensive charitable works, care for the sick, and promotion of peace, and in this school we should promote peace, kindness, and helping. Thank u for giving the time to read my reasoning and i hope u consider choosing my saint name.

Parent/Guardian	St. Elmo Catholic Secondary School	St Elmo's fire, an actual electrical phenomenon where a glowing light/electrical discharge appears during storms. Many viewed this as a sign of protection. Because the school is built on Powerline road, I thought the connection to electricity, light and protection was fitting.
Student	St. Francis Catholic Secondary School	This name very unique i never seen any school with this name
Parish/Clergy Member	St. Francis Catholic Secondary School	Very meaningful. St Francis (both historically and the recent Pope) were both men of integrity and great faith- admired and respected by both those of Catholic faith tradition and other Faith traditions as well.
Parent/Guardian	St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Secondary School	St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Secondary School would honour a saint whose life reflects faith, service, compassion, peace, humility, and care for creation. The name would encourage students to develop not only academically, but also as compassionate and responsible members of their community. St. Francis' example provides a strong foundation for a school culture centred on serving others, respecting God's creation, and putting Catholic values into action.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Secondary School	It will help keep the care of the poor always first and foremost in the mind of our local community (a fundamental and necessary Catholic charism), along with care for the earth, simplicity, and love for our brothers and sisters. Also a nod to the legacy of Pope Francis.
Parent/Guardian	St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Secondary School	St. Francis was the saint of animals and the environment. I found this fitting since the school was once a forrest and home of animals.

BHNCDSB Employee	St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Secondary School	<p>1) He is associated with Creation and connection with Creatures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connects with Catholic Social Teachings - Can connected with Indigenous teachings about caring for creation <p>2) Lived his Faith</p> <p>He turned his Compassion into Action. Students are taught that Catholic Faith is more than a classroom subject but something that they are suppose to put into their identity and action for the rest of their lives.</p> <p>3) He took care of everyone. St. Francis of Assisi took care of those who were using left to suffer (example the lepers)</p> <p>This connects to the Highschool students to know that this school atmosphere is to help those who are most in needed (Low SES, Exceptionalities, immigrants, ESL, students who are dealing with bullying etc.) Through the Life of St. Francis of Assisi students will become community role models who becoming a helping hand.</p> <p>4) His life changed dramatically just as students change from the start to the end of Highschool.. (was rich, had knight ambitions --> became a servant of God)</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Francis is the patron saint of animals and the environment and in the world we live in today. I think those are two things that we all need to take care of in order to ensure our future. It's time to not put so much value in lavish living and having more but rather be more like Saint Francis who gave away all his riches to live among the poor and to help others.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Secondary School	<p>I suggest St. Francis of Assisi for his example of kindness, humility and care for others. His values would reflect the school community we hope for our children, one where they feel safe, supported and guided by faith, while learning to treat others and the world around them with compassion and respect.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Francis is the patron saint of ecology, animals and birds, consistent with the natural beauty of our three counties. St. Francis also believed in the power of prayer to connect with God so that we can serve others.</p>

Parent/Guardian	St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Secondary School	Assisi signifies being one with our environment and all beings in it. I think he brings an important message and stands out as a light of hope in dark times.
Parent/Guardian	St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Secondary School	<p>I believe St. Francis of Assisi Secondary Catholic School would be a beautiful and meaningful name for our new school, not only because of who St. Francis was, but because of the very land on which the school is being built.</p> <p>St. Francis is remembered for his compassion, and extraordinary love for nature and animals. He believed that all of God's creation deserved kindness, respect, and care.</p> <p>Our new school is being built near the outskirts of Brantford, surrounded by beautiful farmland, trees, open fields, and wildlife. As important and fortunate we are to be having a beautiful school built for our children in a beautiful environment, unfortunately , as the land was cleared for construction, many animals lost their natural habitats and were displaced.</p> <p>I believe there is something incredibly meaningful about naming this school after the very saint who devoted his life to loving and respecting all of God's creation.</p> <p>Naming our school after St. Francis would not only honour our Catholic faith but also acknowledge the</p>

Parent/Guardian	St. Francis of Assisi Collegiate Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Francis of Assisi Collegiate Institute would be a highly meaningful and appropriate name for the new high school in Brantford due to the city's environmental heritage, its community values, and the historical traditions of Ontario's education system. Naming a Catholic or community high school after St. Francis of Assisi aligns deeply with Brantford's local identity for several reasons:</p> <p>1. Alignment with Brantford's Environmental Focus St. Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of ecology and animals. Brantford places a strong emphasis on environmental stewardship and outdoor spaces, driven by its location along the historic Grand River. A school named after St. Francis would naturally champion sustainability, green initiatives, and river conservation programs, which are central to the region's geographic identity.</p> <p>2. Integration of Indigenous and Community Relations St. Francis is universally recognized for his dedication to peace, humility, and living in harmony with all creation. In a diverse community like Brantford, which borders the Six Nations of the Grand River, a patron saint focused on stewardship of the land and peaceful relationships provides a respectful, shared foundation for community outreach and inclusive education.</p> <p>3. Academic Distinction through the Collegiate Designation Using the term Collegiate Institute carries strong historical prestige in</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Francis Xavier Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Francis Xavier brought many people into the Catholic faith. He was the greatest modern missionary. He was one of the first members of the Society of Jesus. He spent time with people of different languages and races, especially in India and Japan.</p>

Parent/Guardian	St. Francis Xavier Catholic Secondary School	<p>I would like to suggest St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School as the name for the new school. St. Francis Xavier is a meaningful patron for young people because he was himself a student and scholar who discovered his vocation through faith, friendship, education and service. His life demonstrates the importance of using one's talents and education not only for personal achievement, but to serve others and make a positive difference in the world. As teenagers discover their identities, values, talents and future paths, his example can inspire them to pursue knowledge with purpose, grow in faith, embrace people from different cultures and backgrounds, and serve their communities with compassion and courage. Naming the school after St. Francis Xavier would give students a lasting example of faith, learning, purpose and service to carry with them throughout their lives.</p>
Grandparent of students at both schools	St. Helena Catholic Secondary School	<p>Because she was a Canonized saint in both Catholic and Orthodox Churches her goal was the spread of Christianity. And given the fact that our students are from many ethnic backgrounds it would be most appropriate.</p>

Parent/Guardian

St. Hildegard Catholic Secondary School

I would like to suggest St. Hildegard as the name for the new Catholic high school.

St. Hildegard of Bingen was a remarkable German Catholic saint whose life represents faith, creativity, knowledge, innovation and a deep appreciation for the natural world. Born in Germany in the 12th century, she was a Benedictine abbess, writer, composer, artist, scholar and naturalist. She was someone who combined faith with learning and creative qualities that would be especially meaningful for a modern Catholic school with an emphasis on trades and hands-on education.

The location of the new school also makes this name particularly meaningful. The school is close to St. George, a community with a strong German heritage, and many students from the St. George German school community will attend the new high school. Naming the school after a German saint would create a meaningful connection between the new school and the history and cultural heritage of the surrounding community.

I also feel that St. Hildegard represents an important message for students entering a school focused on trades. She was not limited to one area of knowledge. She brought together practical skills,

BHNCDSB Employee

St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Secondary School

Choosing Saint Ignatius links our school to a 500-year history of incredible education. The name stands for Cura Personalis, the idea of looking out for the whole person—meaning we care just as much about our students' well-being and personal growth as we do about their grades. Ignatius's life was all about resilience and change, which is the exact kind of inspiration our students need to go out and make a positive impact on the world.

Student	St. Isaiah Catholic Secondary School	<p>I think St. Isaiah is a great name because it means a two-part call to judgement for sin and hope through trust in God's salvation. I also think its a good reason because the meaning is a lot stronger than you think. Another reason is because Isaiah urged the people to place their absolute confidence in God alone rather than relying on shifting worldly and political alliances. This is why I think St. Isaiah is a great name for the new coming high school. Another reason is that He experienced a powerful vision of God in the temple. An angel cleansed his lips with a burning coal, and Isaiah answered God's call to speak to the people. And lastly is Saint Isaiah is honored as a saint because he served as a major Old Testament prophet, proclaimed God's message of truth, wrote clear predictions about Jesus Christ, and suffered martyrdom for his faith</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Isidore Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Isidore Secondary School - Patron saint of farmers, agriculture and labourers. This would be a way of paying homage to the farmland surrounding the area, the bountiful region that we live in and those who help care and tend to it, to serve our community. This name would represent the importance of stewardship and our responsibility to respect the land.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Isidore Catholic Secondary School	<p>The school is build on farm land and for those who grew up in Brantford, we will remember this area before the school and community grew outward. St. Isidore is the primary patron saint of farming, agriculture and rural communities. As our community grows and evolves, we can honour that history and significance. "Cultivating" minds...helping children grow...</p>

Retired School Secretary - St. Isidore Catholic Secondary School
Holy Trinity CHS

St. Isidore Catholic Secondary School

I would first like to acknowledge that the new Catholic Secondary School is being built, not only on former farm land, but is also located on traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe Nations within the Two Row Wampum and the One Dish Spoon Treaty areas.

After searching for information on a patron saint for farmers, I discovered St. Isidore is the patron saint of farms, farmers, bricklayers, and rural communities. I had previously submitted the name of St. Isidore Catholic Secondary School and am now resubmitting this name for the new secondary school being built by the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic School Board.

The soil on farm land is rich with nutrients for crops to grow, which in turn will assist students to grow in their faith and develop skills to further their education. Farmers worked the farm land to sustain the nutrients, which also will assist students in their education. Bricklayers have helped in building this school with mortar keeping rural and urban communities bound together within the walls of the school.

Parent/Guardian St. Isidore Catholic Secondary School

Given the history of Brantwood farms on Powerline, as well as the history of plow and other farm machinery manufacturing in Brantford, the Patron Saint of farming seems a fitting and unique tribute.

BHNCDSB Employee St. James Catholic Secondary School

James was one of Jesus' specially chosen apostles. Millions of people walk the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, where St. James' remains are located. We are called to walk in our faith along with our brothers and sisters, bringing in people from everywhere, into our faith and sharing our message of compassion. The name James symbolizes leadership, strength, and perseverance, which are all things our Catholic school board works hard to exhibit to the public.

Student St. James the Great Catholic Secondary School

I think that st james the great is a good name because he was one of the 12 Apostles of jesus

Parent/Guardian	St. Jeremiah Catholic Secondary School	Rev. Jeremiah Ryan was one of the earliest resident Catholic priests in Brantford, serving in the 1850s. He was also part of the early development of Catholic life in the region. Also feels distinctive because it is a different name. Paying homage to our local ancestors as well as creating a unique identity.
Parent/Guardian	St. Jerome Catholic Secondary School	He believe in speaking your truth Patron saint of librarians and students.
Parent/Guardian	St. Jerome Catholic Secondary School	
Parent/Guardian	St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School	Her act of heroism which is relevant to many young teen women who struggles with mental health and identity issues. This can empower young women to stay strong and courageous.
Parent/Guardian	St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School	Joan of Arc was courageous, intuitive, strong, as well as chaste and a virgin and she trusted in God and followed God's plan for her even though she ended up becoming a martyr for her beliefs. Her life shows many lessons that the children can learn from, including about the unjust historical laws of the patriarchal society.
Parent/Guardian	St. John Baptist de La Salle Catholic Secondary School	He is the patron saint of educators and teachers and he dedicated his life to educating young people.
Parent/Guardian	St. John Bosco Catholic Secondary School	I would like to suggest "Don Bosco" as the name for our new school. Don Bosco is remembered worldwide for his dedication to the education and development of young people. His vision gives importance to knowledge, discipline, good values, kindness, faith, and character building. I feel Don Bosco School would be a respected, meaningful, and inspiring name that represents our goal of giving children a strong foundation for their future.
Parent/Guardian BHNCDSE Employee	St. John Bosco Catholic Secondary School St. John Bosco Catholic Secondary School	He devoted his life to educate the youbg St. John Bosco dedicated his life to educating and caring for young people, especially children who were poor or vulnerable. Our primary mission is to educate and care for young people so this would be a perfect choice.

Parent/Guardian	St. John Bosco Catholic Secondary School	<p>Saint John Bosco is an exceptionally meaningful name for a new school because he is the global patron saint of youth, students, and educators. His life's work was entirely dedicated to the holistic development, education, and spiritual formation of young people.</p> <p>Naming the school after Saint John Bosco signals a deep commitment to student well-being, pastoral care, and joyful learning. His name serves as a daily reminder to educators to lead with love, and to students that they are cherished members of a community designed to help them thrive both academically and spiritually.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. John Henry Newman Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. JH Newman is the newest doctor of the church. He is the official co-patron of the Church's educational mission and is also invoked by poets and students. Newman exhibits the virtue of intellectual virtue and honesty, especially considering Newman's own spiritual and intellectual journey and the challenges he faced. Newman's considerable contribution to the Catholic intellectual tradition - especially the development of doctrine - makes him an ideal patron for a Catholic Secondary School.</p>
Student	St. John of God Catholic Secondary School	<p>It has the name of God in it and it is a beautiful example of the will of God.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. John Paul II Catholic Secondary School	<p>He was a true leader with endless compassion and care for others and he exemplified true Catholic values and faith without fail.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. John Paul II Catholic Secondary School	<p>to honor his legacy as a global spiritual leader, his advocacy for youth, and his core message of hope, peace, and human dignity</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. John Paul II Catholic Secondary School	<p>Pope John Paul was a pope who was vastly connected to youth and the faith of the youth. He promoted peace, belonging, inclusion and joy, all of which are values that a school and leader should strive towards.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. John Paul II Catholic Secondary School	<p>He was a Pope that dedicated his life to young Catholics and established World Youth Day. He also had extraordinary global reach.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. John Paul II Catholic Secondary School	<p>He had a great connection with youth, founded World Youth Day, making young people a major part of his papal journey and beyond. He encouraged young people to develop intellectually, morally, and spiritually</p>

Parent/Guardian	St. John Paul II Catholic Secondary School	John Paul II played a huge roll in promoting freedom against oppression (Communism at the time). Hope and freedom for world especially during this time. Love and forgiveness and an open hand to people of all faiths.
Parent/Guardian	St. John Paul II Catholic Secondary School	As the most influential Pope in history amongst youth. It's time to honor his contribution to young people.
Parent/Guardian	St. John Paul II Catholic Secondary School	Saint John Paul II was an influential and inspiring Pope and Catholic leader. There are many in our community who were inspired by his faithfulness kindness, and leadership of the Church. Personally, he was an immense inspiration to my late grandma. He oversaw significant spiritual growth in the Church which will have lasting impacts on our faith. We should honor him by dedicating the new school to his memory. God bless.
Teacher	St. John Paul II Catholic Secondary School	He was an amazing Pope that championed forgiveness.
Parent/Guardian	St. John Paul II Catholic Secondary School	Because he is a modern day saint. . Although the students may not have been alive to witness all the good he did, many of the parents and teachers were. He was a remarkable Pope and amazing human being. His name hits so close to home. It would be such an honour to have a school dedicated in his name.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. John Paul II Catholic Secondary School	He was not only a Catholic leader for generations, but was instrumental in many world peace movements. This ties in with our board theme this year; Artisans of Peace. It would be a fitting choice.
Retired Elementary Principal	St. John Paul II Catholic Secondary School	Extraordinary Catholic leader and mentor for Catholics world wide. Compassion and faith based example of modern Catholicism. A Saint!
Parent/Guardian	St. John Paul II Catholic Secondary School	It represents a strong leader.
Parent/Guardian	St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School	The name embodies the future of trade workers. I believe this is the future for our children in Brantford.

Parent/Guardian	St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School	We believe that Saint Joseph would be meaningful name for our new Catholic school because he represents important values such as faith, kindness, humility, hard work, and responsibility. Saint Joseph was the husband of Mary in the earthly father of Jesus. He was known for caring for his family, trusting God, and helping others. Saint Joseph is an important figure in the Catholic Church and is the patron saint of the universal church, followers, and workers. His example reminds us that being a good leader means, supporting others, working hard, and doing what is right. These are valleys we hope to build into our new school community.
Parent/Guardian	St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School	It is a good name
Parent/Guardian	St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School	There have been discussions that the new high school will be a trades focused school. St. Joseph's would be an ideal name for a trades school and have a direct connection to a member of the holy family who was a carpenter.
Parent/Guardian	St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School	It's a saint and my husband's middle name
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School	Obedient Saint Joseph lived in obedience to God's will. He listened and obeyed when the angel of the Lord spoke to him in a dream about the virgin birth and instructed him to take Mary as his wife.
		Noble Saint Joseph was noble and selfless. Although we don't have much knowledge about Joseph, we do know he was humble in the way he served Mary and Jesus.
		Hard Worker Saint Joseph was a hard worker. He served his community through his trade skills. He taught Jesus the value of hard work. As patron saint of workers, Saint Joseph demonstrates the value of our day-to-day work and how we exist to glorify God, support our families and contribute to society.
Former Employee	St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School	Since the school is incorporating technology and construction etc. St. Joseph's would be a perfect role model for the students.
Parent/Guardian	St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School	Father of Jesus in earth who was a carpenter

BHNCDSB Employee	St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Secondary School	<p>This name may be particularly suitable because it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearly reflects Catholic identity. Honours a widely recognized saint. Connects naturally with practical, hands-on education. Affirms the dignity of skilled trades and all honest work. Encourages virtues such as craftsmanship, responsibility, perseverance, humility, and service. Offers opportunities for meaningful symbols, including tools, lilies, a carpenter's square, or the Holy Family. <p>A possible mission-oriented description could be: St. Joseph the Worker Catholic High School forms young people in faith, character, practical skills, and service, following the example of St. Joseph, who lived with humility, integrity, and dedication to God, family, and work.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Josephine Bakhita Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Josephine Bakhita represents faith, resilience, dignity, forgiveness and hope. Born in Sudan, she was kidnapped as a child and endured years of enslavement before eventually gaining her freedom. She later became a Canossian Sister and dedicated her life to her Catholic faith and to serving others.</p> <p>Her remarkable journey from profound adversity to a life centred on faith, compassion and service provides a powerful example for young people. Her story encourages students to recognize the inherent dignity and worth of every person, persevere through challenges, stand against injustice and treat others with compassion.</p> <p>As the patron saint of victims of human trafficking and modern slavery, St. Josephine Bakhita also represents the Catholic commitment to human dignity, freedom and care for those who are vulnerable. I believe her life and example would provide the new school community with a meaningful Catholic identity and a patron whose values can inspire generations of students.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Jude's Catholic Secondary School	<p>Saint Jude is known for coming through in times of extreme despair providing answers to seemingly impossible prayer and giving people hope.</p>

Student	St. Jude's Catholic Secondary School	<p>I think the new high school should be named Saint Jude's because of its ties to Saint Jude himself. Saint Jude was one of Jesus's original Twelve Apostles who boldly traded his career as a farmer to preach across highly volatile regions like Mesopotamia and Persia before being martyred around 65 A.D.. Because his birth name was Judas, early Christians intentionally avoided praying to him to prevent any mix-ups with Judas Iscariot. That historical oversight is exactly how he became the ultimate patron saint for desperate situations, hopeless cases, and absolute lost causes. He serves as a powerful symbol of resilience, showing students what it means to face impossible odds with absolute grit and unwavering focus. His legacy proves that even when you are overlooked or facing a massive challenge, you can still make a lasting impact.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Juliana Falconieri Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Juliana Falconieri</p> <p>I believe St. Juliana Falconieri would be a deeply meaningful and appropriate name for this new Catholic school.</p> <p>St. Juliana was born into a wealthy and noble Florentine family. She had access to the comfort and privilege of her circumstances, yet she chose a life of faith, humility and service. Inspired by the example of her uncle, Alessio Falconieri, one of the founders of the Servants of Mary, she rejected the expectations of a privileged life and devoted herself to serving God and the poor.</p> <p>The women who followed her example became known as the Mantellate, named for the dark cloaks they wore in imitation of the Servites. Their lives were devoted to prayer and charitable works, and St. Juliana guided their community until her death. (Vatican News)</p> <p>I believe those values have particular meaning for this school.</p> <p>The history surrounding the creation of our new school has given our Catholic community an opportunity to reflect on what Catholic leadership,</p>

BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School would be a meaningful name because St. Kateri represents a strong connection between Indigenous heritage, Canada, and the Catholic faith. She was known for her commitment to children and her community, teaching children, caring for the sick and elderly, and living a life of faith and service.</p> <p>Given the significant First Nations population served by our board, her name would also recognize Indigenous representation and support our commitment to reconciliation, respect, and belonging. As a patron of Indigenous peoples and ecology, St. Kateri reflects values of faith, service, community, and care for creation</p>
Community Member	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>It honours the first Indigenous saint and it would affirm the Catholic commitment to reconciliation between Indigenous and non-indigenous people. St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the patron saint of Indigenous Peoples, Native Americans, ecology, and the environment.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>First Indigenous woman in North America to be elevated to sainthood by the Catholic Church.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>She is the first Indigenous to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. She is also patroness of ecology and the environment, people in exile and Indigenous people.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. She was devout and hardworking and someone who stood up for her beliefs, even though this caused her much pain and strife. She is the patroness of ecology, the environment, and Indigenous Peoples.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>Brantford is right next to the largest Indigenous Reserve in Canada. This school could act as a symbol of the Catholic community's commitment to Reconciliation.</p>

BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	Given our longstanding and ongoing relationship with Six Nations of the Grand River, this name would be a meaningful statement of recognition and inclusion, as well as a positive response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action. Saint Kateri Tekakwitha (1656–1680), known as the "Lily of the Mohawks," is recognized by the Catholic Church as the first Indigenous North American person to be canonized as a saint. She is patron saint of the environment and ecology and can especially serve to inspire science and technology courses to value care for our common home - an important Catholic theme forwarded by both Pope Francis and Pope Leo XIV, beginning with the encyclical Laudato si'. Much like St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Kateri died at 24 years old - a youthful saint in the Catholic Church - suitable to a high school environment. St. Kateri is also Protectress of Canada and patron of Indigenous Peoples.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	First Native-American saint named by the church. Honored as the patron saint of the environment, ecology, people in exile, and Native peoples.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	First North American Indigenous Saint. BHNCDSB borders Six Nations. Our schools have a significant FNMI population of students in particular ACS. Some of our local FNMI could have ties to her.
Parent and Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	Given the importance of Truth and Reconciliation, especially in Brantford, I think this would be especially meaningful. On top of this, adding Indigenous local artwork would be a beautiful symbol of that reconciliation, a pinnacle of our Catholic faith.

BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>This is a extremely significant way of showing Reconciliation (TRC)</p> <p>Saint KateriCanadian shrine of St. Kateri https://nationalsaintkaterishrine.ca/</p> <p>USA shrine of St. Kateri https://www.katerishrine.org/</p> <p>Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops https://www.cccb.ca/the-catholic-church-in-canada/saints-blesseds-canada/canadian-saints/st-kateri-tekakwitha-1656-1680/</p> <p>Just fyi- I made this video to show at ACS in semester 2 upcoming. I have visited her shrine in Kahnawake twice. St Kateri Kahnawake .MOV</p> <p>As we know there are different ways of saying her name:</p> <p>cat-ear-ee cat-air-ee</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Kateri is the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. Brantford and our school communities have great ties to Native American history, and I believe St. Kateri would be a great representation of this past.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>For Truth and Reconciliation plus Gospel Values purposes, I think it is a beautiful gesture to name the school after an Indigenous person who is also a saint. Since our school is on First Nations ground, this is just a great opportunity to do something kind for our Indigenous Community.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>This would be a meaningful name because our school board is on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe nations. Our board, geographically, is located by one of the largest reserves in Canada (Six Nations). Finally, we have a significant number of Indigenous students in our board, so I think that it would be significant to have a school named after an Indigenous and Catholic saint (something that we do not yet have in our Board).</p>

BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	She is an very important example of what it means to be both Catholic and Indigenous. This is of specific significance to the BHNCDSB population and should be reflected in naming of Catholic institutions.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	Indigenous representation is important since we live so close to Canadas biggest reserve! We should be showing our catholic morals to promoting reconciliation.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	I think it would be an amazing gesture and tribute to local Indigenous and for Canadian Indigenous. It is long overdue the recognition of this group of people. She was the first North American Indigenous person to be named a Saint.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	St. Kateri is the first Indigenous saint as well as being a member the Mohawk nation (therefore connected to the Haldimand tract upon with BHNCDSB school is located) this would further demonstrate our board commitment to the Indigenous community. Additionally given that St.Kateri is the patron saint for her ecological and environmental causes is a further connection to the STEM focus of the new school.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	Obviously, St. Kateri Tekakwitha would be a name that demonstrates the Church's, and the Brantford/Brant's, commitment to Truth and Reconciliation. However, the school board should consult local Indigenous leaders.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	A special woman to represent our Boards commitment to their serious efforts in reconciliation and awareness toward the building which is built upon the traditional lands of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe, as stated in our land acknowledgement.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	This would be a meaningful name for the school as it would make our board more diverse with the inclusion of an indigenous saint. We currently have little representation within our board for Indigenous culture.

Parent/Guardian	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>Google description.</p> <p>St. Kateri Tekakwitha (The Lily of the Mohawks):</p> <p>There is no saint more profoundly connected to the geography and heritage of the Brantford area than Kateri. Born to a Mohawk father and an Algonquin mother, she is the first North American Indigenous saint. Brantford is home to the Her Majesty's Royal Chapel of the Mohawks, and the city sits on land deeply tied to Mohawk history. Kateri is the patron saint of Indigenous peoples, ecology, and the environment, beautifully mirroring Brantford's Indigenous roots and its relationship with the Grand River.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>Because Indigenous students deserve to see themselves in the schools they attend. This is appropriate for the student body and the land we are on.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>She was the first Indigenous Saint in the Catholic Church and a symbol of resilience. She is the patron saint of the Native people and has a deep connection to the land and her heritage. Because our schools are built on Haudenosaunee land, it is only finally that we recognize this.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Kateri, the first Indigenous saint, symbolizing reconciliation, healing, and unity — values deeply relevant to Brantford which sits on land rich with Indigenous history. This honours that heritage while reinforcing Catholic values of respect and reconciliation.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>St Kateri is the only First Nation Saint Her father was of Mohawk nation lineage This school is within close proximity to Mohawk Nation/Six Nations She had a deep love for Nature and the surrounding land of the new school is beautiful St Kateri had a profound love for Jesus and God, a core value we strive to develop within our students A deep personal connection to Mohawk Nation, students that attend this school may also have Mohawk Ancestry</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>An Indigenous saint would be another step to reconciliation with our indigenous neighbours. I see student lead initiatives to add indigenous art, symbols, classes and understanding.</p>

BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	- she is indigenous and from the Mohawk Nation, as well as a cherished and beloved Catholic Saint. Naming a Catholic school in her honour represents the cooperation and love we strive to share with indigenous communities through Truth and Reconciliation . Brantford is home to a significant indigenous population and is in close proximity to a reserve, so this would also be significant for many stakeholders especially families.
Parent/Guardian	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	Patron Saint of Indigenous people, and the environment.
Parent/Guardian	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	First Indigenous woman to be recognized as Catholic saint. The patroness of ecology, the environment, the land and Indigenous people's.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic High School is a profoundly fitting name, honoring Indigenous heritage, Canadian unity, and the enduring strength of Catholic women.</p> <p>* Indigenous Heritage & Reconciliation: Known as the "Lily of the Mohawks," Saint Kateri (1656–1680) is the first Native American saint. Named after Saint Catherine of Siena, her Algonquin name Tekakwitha translates to "she who pushes things into place," making her a powerful model of reconciliation and purpose for students.</p> <p>* Canadian Unity: Designated the Protectress of Canada, her life spans the early history of our nation. Born in Turtle Island's Mohawk fortress of Kahnawake and buried near Montreal, her legacy bridges diverse cultural traditions under a shared faith in Christ.</p> <p>* Strength of Catholic Women: Orphaned at age four by smallpox and partially blinded, Kateri faced severe social isolation for her faith. Despite intense opposition, she took a vow of perpetual virginity and dedicated her short life to prayer, penance, and caring for the sick and elderly—exemplifying courageous, selfless womanhood.</p> <p>By bearing her name, the school would offer students a patron who embodies spiritual resilience, cultural reverence, and compassionate leadership.</p>

Parent/Guardian	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	Naming a Catholic high school after Saint Kateri Tekakwitha would beautifully honour Brantford (specifically being on the Haldimand Tract), providing students with a deeply meaningful, localized model of Indigenous faith and Mohawk heritage. Furthermore, her legacy as the patron saint of ecology would inspire young people to live out Catholic values through environmental stewardship and protection of the Grand River watershed. It captures affiliation to Brantford, the Mohawk Community, Catholicism and is ultimately a very nice name that hasn't been used yet. "St. K" "St. Kat", etc are all very reasonable short names.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	An Indigenous saint would be a another step of reconciliation in recognition of our indigenous neighbours. Student lead initiatives could provide art, classes and zones for further recognition and understanding
Parent/Guardian	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	She is an indigenous Canadian female and would represent out native roots in the community
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	In addition to Saint Kateri being a Mohawk Saint and the Brantford community being part of the Grand River Six Nations, it was in her teenage years that Saint Kateri stood up for her faith. Asking to be baptized in the Lord with confidence as a teenager takes courage. I believe she would be a strong symbol for teenagers to look up to as they move through their faith journey.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	Kateri is a saint connected to issues about our environment, ecology, people in exile, Indigenous People's, orphans, and people ridiculed for their piety. All issues we would like our students to have in the forefront due to their school's name.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	Saint Kateri kept God in the centre of her life and everything she did was with God at the centre. She grew up wanting to be Christian, much to the chagrin of her nation. She refused to marry as she did not want to stray from her service to God. BOOM! SAINT.

Parent/Guardian	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>Kateri Tekakwitha would be a meaningful namesake for a new Catholic high school because her life represents faith, courage, perseverance, and compassion. As the first Indigenous person from North America to be canonized as a saint by the Catholic Church, Kateri's story also reflects the importance of recognizing Indigenous heritage and its place within the Catholic community.</p> <p>Her example of living with conviction, overcoming hardship, and remaining committed to her faith could inspire students to embrace their own values while treating others with respect and kindness. Naming the school after St. Kateri Tekakwitha would honour both her spiritual legacy and the Indigenous history of Canada.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>"I am proposing naming the new North-East Brantford secondary school in honour of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha.</p> <p>As the first Indigenous saint of North America, her patronage offers a profound, lived path toward Truth and Reconciliation within our Catholic school board community.</p> <p>Known historically for her exceptional diligence, patience, and intricate physical craftwork, Saint Kateri serves as a perfect spiritual role model for a modern school facility dedicated to excellence in the skilled trades and advanced technologies. Furthermore, her miraculous physical transformation at death symbolizes a fresh, unified beginning for our local student body.</p> <p>Naming this school after the 'Lily of the Mohawks' pays authentic tribute to our geography, our history, and the diverse community we serve."</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>It can create a bridge for Indigenous students attending BHNCDSB, allowing students to be represented can help create a sense of belonging. It can also create a learning tool for everyone. Kateri was Mohawk which is our land base.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>Representative of our ongoing pursuit in Truth and Reconciliation with Indigenous communities in Canada</p>

Student	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	I believe that this would be a meaningful name for the school since it will further help to reconcile with the First Nations territories and give young indigenous children a catholic role model they can look up to that is similar to them.
Parish/Clergy Member	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	Brantford has a strong connection to the indigenous community since we are built on native land. The Catholic faith is a faith that calls to all regardless of ethnicity. Saint Kateri is a model in many respects. She is young, female, a faithful disciple who lived a simple life yet achieved wondrous things even in adversity.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	Given the demographics of our school board, and the historical relevance of Brantford housing one of the longest serving residential schools, this name would signify efforts towards reconciliation within our community, the church and our Board.
Parent/Guardian	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	Known as 'Lily of the Mohawks'; Saint Kateri was born in 1656 to an Algonquin Catholic Mother and father that was a Mohawk Chief. Faced severe persecution as a young adult when she covert to Catholicism fleeing to a Native community outside Montreal. In 2012 Pope Benedict XVI canonized her. She is the Patron Saint of Indigenous Peoples, Native Americans and ecology. This thought process came to me as we approach national day for truth and reconciliation. Connecting our path as a community with Saint Kateri.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School would be an especially meaningful name for a Catholic high school in Brantford because it would connect the school's Catholic identity with the Indigenous history, presence, and communities of the Grand River region.

Brantford is situated within the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples and is closely connected geographically and historically with the Six Nations of the Grand River, the largest First Nations reserve by population in Canada. St. Kateri Tekakwitha's story therefore carries particular significance in this region.

St. Kateri was a seventeenth-century Mohawk woman who embraced the Catholic faith despite considerable hardship and opposition. Known as the "Lily of the Mohawks," she became the first Indigenous person from North America to be canonized by the Catholic Church when Pope Benedict XVI declared her a saint in 2012. Her life was characterized by deep prayer, courage, perseverance, care for others, and an extraordinary devotion to Jesus.

Naming a Brantford Catholic secondary school after St. Kateri would provide students with an

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School would carry a name rooted in faith while representing courage, perseverance, service, identity, compassion, and hope. Her story reminds young people that they can face adversity without losing themselves, that faith can give them strength, and that their actions—no matter how small—can make a difference in the lives of others.

Choosing St. Kateri's name also creates an opportunity for the school community to learn more deeply about Indigenous history, culture, and the complex history of relationships between Indigenous peoples and the Catholic Church in Canada. Her name should not be treated simply as a symbol; it can encourage ongoing education, listening, dialogue, respect, and a commitment to reconciliation.

Parent/Guardian	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Kateri Tekakwitha was a Kanien'kehá (Mohawk) woman known for her remarkable faith, courage and perseverance. Canonized in 2012, she became the first Indigenous person from North America to be recognized as a Catholic saint. Her Kanien'kehá heritage has particular meaning in Brantford, neighbouring Six Nations of the Grand River, where the Mohawk Nation is one of the Six Nations. Her name would recognize this important local relationship while providing the school with a patron firmly rooted in our Catholic faith.</p> <p>St. Kateri is also a powerful patron for young people. Her life reflects faith, courage, resilience, service and respect for creation, while creating an opportunity for the school to strengthen relationships with local Indigenous communities and advance reconciliation through learning and action. Her name would give this new school an identity that is distinctly Catholic, meaningfully connected to the community it serves, and worthy of carrying forward for generations.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Indigenous North American saint, would honour our Catholic faith while recognizing the strong Indigenous presence in Brantford and along the Grand River. I would also encourage if this name is in the running that it be in consultation with Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>Saint Kateri was of Mohawk decent which Branford is closely connected to. I believe because we are on treaty land this would be a perfect connection</p> <p>She was the first indigenous woman in North America to be canonized</p> <p>She had an important role in instructing youth in the faith</p>

BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Kateri Tekakwitha would be a meaningful and respectful name for our new Catholic secondary school. Our Board's schools are situated on the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, and Indigenous students are an important part of the communities we serve, including students from Six Nations of the Grand River.</p> <p>In recent years, our Board has opened numerous new schools and renamed a school, yet we do not currently have a school name that reflects Indigenous heritage and representation. Naming this new school for St. Kateri, a Mohawk woman and the first Indigenous North American saint, would be a meaningful step toward greater representation and would reflect our ongoing commitment to reconciliation, relationship-building and learning.</p> <p>As a school that will serve students from Six Nations and surrounding communities, the name would create a particularly meaningful connection between our Catholic faith, Indigenous heritage, the land on which we learn, and the students and families we serve.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Kateri's legacy of faith, courage, perseverance</p> <p>I think **St. Kateri Catholic High School** would be a meaningful name for a new Catholic high school in Brantford because it brings together both the Catholic identity of the school and the Indigenous history and presence of the Grand River area. St. Francis is remembered for his humility, compassion, love of people who were poor or marginalized, his care for creation and his commitment to peace. Those are values that would be meaningful for a Catholic school and could give students something positive to aspire to</p>
Community Member	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>The Meaning: The first North American Indigenous saint, canonized in 2012. She is the patroness of the environment and ecology.</p> <p>Why it fits: Deeply meaningful in the Canadian landscape, honoring Indigenous heritage and aligning beautifully with modern Catholic graduate expectations regarding environmental stewardship.</p>

BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	She is a Mohawk saint that ties directly to the Mohawk community on Six Nations that moved between upper New York state where she was born and southern Ontario and the land upon which our board is situated. She survived the smallpox outbreak that took the lives of the rest of her family. She was a hard worker, who persevered through hardship, illness, loss of family, etc. She is known to have been a skilled worker, diligent and patient. When given more tasks and responsibilities, she did not complain, but worked harder regardless of her diminished health. She chose Kateri as her name (Mohawk for Catherine) after St. Catherine of Siena. She is the patron saint of ecology and the environment which makes her an excellent choice to align with Pope Francis' encyclical: Laudato Si.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	St. Kateri Tekakwitha is an inspiring and meaningful choice for a Catholic secondary school because her life embodies the values that Catholic education seeks to nurture in every student: faith, courage, perseverance, service, and respect for others. As the first Indigenous saint of North America, she serves as a powerful symbol of the richness of Indigenous culture within the Catholic Church and reflects a commitment to truth, reconciliation, and inclusion. Despite facing hardship and opposition, Kateri remained steadfast in her beliefs, demonstrating remarkable strength of character and trust in God. Her legacy encourages young people to live with integrity, embrace their unique gifts, and make a positive impact on their communities. Naming a school in her honour would provide students with a role model whose example inspires academic excellence, spiritual growth, compassionate leadership, and a deep respect for God's creation.
Grandparent, former parent and former student in the 70s and 80s	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	An Indigenous woman who converted to Catholicism and was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012.
Community Member	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	Saint Kateri Tekakwitha was the first indigenous female to be canonized by the Catholic Church in 2012.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	First Native American Saint also known as Lily of the Mohawks and The Protectress of Canada.
Parish/Clergy Member	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	Native American woman-she is a saint-we do not have many schools named after women

Parent/Guardian	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	Kateri Tekakwitha is a native saint who converted to Catholicism. She traveled roughly 200 miles to the Christian Mohawk mission village of Kahnawake near Montreal, where she dedicated her life to prayer, care for others, and severe penance. She is recognized as a patron saint of Indigenous peoples, amongst other things.
Community Member Parent/Guardian	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	Mohawk woman, Canadian Saint First Native American saint. Lily of the Mohawks and protectress of Canada. Gives a lovely nod to our Indigenous students and the neighbouring Indigenous communities. Venerated for piety and good works. Both excellent qualities for young people to consider. She was highly devoted to Christ and a strong work ethic.
Parent/Guardian	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	Saint Kateri is the patron saint of Indigenous people, Native Americans, ecology, and the environment. She would represent our deep Indigenous roots in the Brantford area and be a reminder of the responsibility that we have as Catholic global citizens to our environment.
Community Member	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School because it has a meaningful connection to both Brantford's Indigenous heritage and the Catholic faith. Brantford is closely connected to Six Nations of the Grand River and the Haudenosaunee, including the Mohawk Nation. St. Kateri Tekakwitha was a Mohawk woman who became the first Indigenous person from North America to be canonized by the Catholic Church. She represents faith, courage, perseverance, and respect for creation. The name would recognize an important part of the region's heritage while honouring a Catholic saint.

Future parent/ Guardian	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	St. Kateri was Mohawk, and the Mohawk Nation is one of the six Haudenosaunee nations represented at Six Nations of the Grand River. This provides a particularly meaningful cultural connection. The naming process could also offer an opportunity to engage Six Nations community members and knowledge keepers to ensure that her legacy is honoured respectfully and authentically.
Community Member	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	Patron saint of Canada and an indigenous saint. In brantford we are on native land and very close to the Rez. We have deep indigenous roots in our town and we should honour that. It's important for the youth of brantford to recognize the stories and the experience that native people have faced. At acs we have a large native community and we do all throughout the bhncdsb community.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	Our board is on the traditional territories of the haudenosaunee and anishinabe nations. Kateri was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	This is a Canadian saint, a Mohawk woman of the Six Nations. Who better to name a new school in Brantford after than St Kateri Tekakwitha!

Community Member	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>As a school being built on the traditional lands of the Six Nations of the Grand River, and the significance of being in close proximity to a previous residential school in the area, this name would recognize the opportunity to bring together Catholic faith and Indigenous history. St. Kateri's life represents faith, courage, compassion, and perseverance in the face of significant opposition and hardship. This name would connect Catholic Education to Indigenous history. It also acts as a gesture of advancing Truth and Reconciliation.</p> <p>She offers students a role model for staying true to their own values, standing up for their beliefs, and recognizing that those from all backgrounds are welcome in the Church.</p>
BHNCD SB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School	<p>Choosing a name for a new Catholic secondary school is an important step in establishing its identity, culture and traditions. The name should reflect the school's Catholic foundation while recognizing the history and character of the community it serves.</p> <p>St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School offers an opportunity to celebrate Catholic faith, acknowledge Indigenous history and establish a meaningful connection to Brantford's longstanding relationship with Six Nations of the Grand River.</p> <p>Why St. Kateri Tekakwitha?</p> <p>St. Kateri Tekakwitha was a seventeenth-century Mohawk woman who became a Catholic and was canonized in 2012. Her life is associated with faith, prayer, perseverance and service to others—qualities that provide a meaningful example for students in a Catholic school community.</p> <p>Her story, however, is complex. Kateri lived during a period of significant cultural change and missionary activity. While many Indigenous Catholics honour her as an important spiritual figure, some Indigenous perspectives question how</p>

Parent/Guardian	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School / St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	<p>St Kateri is the first Mohawk saint.</p> <p>St Carlo Acutis was known for his proficiency with technology, and the school is acknowledged as a "tech" school. He was also alive in the 21st Century, a time that current students are living in.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School / St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Secondary School	<p>St Kateri is the first Mohawk saint.</p> <p>St Carlo Acutis was known for his proficiency with technology, and the school is acknowledged as a "tech" school. He was also alive in the 21st Century, a time that current students are living in.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School / St. John Paul II Catholic Secondary School	There are many Indigenous students in our board, and for Pope John Paul II, he was a man of peace
Parent/Guardian	St. Kateri Tekakwitha of the Grand Catholic Secondary School	She represents preservation, faith, courage and reconciliation. She was the first indigenous to be canonized in North America. She lived by the Catholic faith but remained connected to her heritage.
Student	St. Kiara Catholic Secondary School	<p>Kiara means "Clear" "bright" and "luminous". This etymology creates a beautiful dual metaphor for an educational institution: Lighting the "intellectual light" of clarity, curiosity, and truth in the classroom. Spiritual leadership: Challenging students to be the "light of the world" (Matthew 5:14) by leading with kindness, integrity, and faith in a complex world.</p> <p>Many Catholic schools share the same traditional names, leading to confusion in sports leagues or diocesan events. Saint Kiara stands out. It sounds fresh, energetic, and contemporary, making it highly appealing to new families while remaining profoundly faithful to Catholic tradition.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Lawrence Catholic Secondary School	Saint Lawrence, also called San Lorenzo, was a Roman deacon martyred for his faith. He's remembered for his courage, strength, and deep generosity, especially his care for the poor. His story still inspires many through his example of service and commitment to helping those in need. The name Saint Lawrence carries a sense of faith, kindness, and community that makes him a meaningful patron for a Catholic school.

Parent/Guardian	St. Lazarus of Bethany Catholic Secondary School	Lazarus represents life and that no matter how sick us humans become or how hard life gets, if we pray to our lord he will relieve us of pain, suffering and stress. The miracle of Lazarus signifies that there is life after death when we choose to follow Christ. He was one of the first Saints to leave Jerusalem and spread the word about Christianity into the south of Europe. He became a bishop and taught many people of the teachings of Christ.
Parent/Guardian	St. Lucy Catholic Secondary School	<p>I believe naming the new high school after St. Lucy would be a great way to honour her contributions to the Catholic church. Her name means light, she dedicated her life to Christ and serving others.</p> <p>I think naming the new school after St. Lucy would be influential for high school students to consider how St. Lucy's legacy can lead everyone to carry the light of Christ to others, and use our time and talents to serve them in their time of need.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Lucy's Catholic Secondary School	It means light and knowledge
Parent/Guardian	St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Secondary School	<p>This is what is found on st. Luke:</p> <p>In his Gospel, Luke helps us to know how concerned Jesus was for the sick, the poor, and anyone in need of help, mercy, and forgiveness. Luke tells us that Jesus came to save all people. Through Luke's Gospel, we learn how compassionate and caring Jesus was. Some of the most famous stories are found in Luke's Gospel: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 29 - 37) and the Lost Son (Luke 15: 11- 42).</p> <p>I feel that in these times forgiveness is important.</p> <p>The Symbol for Luke's Gospel is an ox, an animal that was often sacrificed as an offering to God in ancient times. In his writings about Jesus, Luke reminds us of the great sacrifice Jesus made to save all people through his death on the cross and his Resurrection.</p> <p>The ox is a strong animal and would make a great mascot</p>

BHNCDSB Employee	St. Luke's Catholic Secondary School	<p>"St. Luke's Catholic High School" takes its name from St. Luke, the Gospel writer whose account of Jesus places particular emphasis on compassion, dignity, mercy, and care for people who are marginalized or overlooked. His Gospel reminds us that every person has inherent worth and a place within the community. The name reflects our commitment to Catholic education rooted in social justice, service, and inclusivity. Inspired by St. Luke's message, the school seeks to be a welcoming community where every student is valued, supported, and encouraged to use their gifts in service of others. In choosing St. Luke as our patron, we affirm a vision of education that nurtures faith, promotes human dignity, embraces diversity, and empowers young people to help build a more just and compassionate world. (Bonus - the mascot could be an Ox and the school colour could be red as these are already symbols connected with St. Luke!)</p>
Student	St. Macrina Catholic Secondary School	<p>I think St. Macrina is the perfect name for this new high school because she was the "teacher of the teachers". What I'm talking about is how she taught her younger brothers, St. Basil and St. Gregory, who grew up to become super famous bishops and church leaders, but Macrina was the one who was their teacher and taught them everything, as well as keeping them grounded. Going to "St. Macrina" will remind us that you don't need a huge following or a fancy title to make a difference. Her choices can show that just being faithful, studying the Bible, and helping the people around you is what matters most. In the end, naming a school after her, a woman who quite literally taught the people who helped shaped the Church that inspires us, will be the most meaning full, and honouring thing to do.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Madeleine Sophie Catholic Secondary School	<p>She is the patron saint of educators, teachers and school children. She focused on personal and spiritual growth in the school community and outside the community. She was a leader in education.</p>

BHNCDSB Employee	St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic Secondary School	She was the first female Canadian saint, and dedicated her life to education. She's credited with starting the public school system in Montreal. She recruited teachers, established schools, and was particularly known for educating marginalized groups - the poor, young girls, and children of First Nations. Her French background and language reflect our board's dedication to teaching both of Canada's official languages.
Parent/Guardian	St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic Secondary School	From Google - As Canada's first female saint, she was a pioneer who established the first uncloistered schools to educate children and families regardless of their social status. Brantford has evolved into a vibrant university town (hosting campuses for Wilfrid Laurier University and Conestoga College), making a patron saint of accessible education deeply relevant to the city's modern-day identity.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Maria Goretti Catholic Secondary School	St. Maria Goretti is widely recognized in the Catholic Church as the patron saint of forgiveness. In light of the controversy and errors that were made in preparation for the new school, this seems appropriate and allows for a fresh new beginning.

BHNCDSB Employee	St. Maria Goretti Catholic Secondary School	<p>I respectfully propose the name St. Maria Goretti Catholic Secondary School because her extraordinary example of forgiveness offers a meaningful and hopeful foundation for this new school community.</p> <p>The development of this school has been accompanied by public concern regarding decisions and spending connected to the project. While those concerns should not be forgotten or dismissed, they also do not have to become the lasting story of the school or the students who will walk through its doors. Our Catholic faith teaches us that accountability and forgiveness can exist together. We acknowledge wrongdoing, learn from it and then choose to move forward with humility, grace and renewed purpose.</p> <p>Saint Maria Goretti is widely recognized as the patron saint of forgiveness. Even after suffering a terrible act of violence, she chose mercy over hatred and forgiveness over resentment. Her story reminds us that forgiveness does not mean pretending that nothing happened or excusing harmful choices. It means refusing to allow the wrongs of the past to control the future.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Maria Goretti Catholic Secondary School	Naming the school after Saint Maria Goretti would
Parent/Guardian	St. Marie of the Incarnation Catholic Secondary School	<p>Teenager who overcame adversity and responded with love.</p> <p>She was a Canadian saint who established the first educational institution for girls in North America</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Martin de Porres Catholic Secondary School	Our student populations are becoming increasingly diverse and our world increasingly difficult to navigate. As the patron saint of social justice, racial harmony and public health, St Martin could be a beacon of hope for our youth who face growing social and mental health concerns.
Student	St. Martin de Porres Catholic Secondary School	because saint martin de porres helped people no matter their race or wealth which would prove to people that it does not matter what race or how much money you have it shows parents who are looking to put their kid into a good highschool that we accept everybody

Retired BHNCD SB Teacher	St. Martin's de Porres Catholic Secondary School	<p>Simplified Summary – Life of St Martin de Porres</p> <p>St Martin de Porres was born in Peru in 1579. His mother had been a slave, and his father left the family when Martin was very young. Even though he was poor, Martin was kind and always helped people who had less than him. As he grew up, Martin learned to cut hair and care for the sick. He later joined the Dominican Order, where he spent his life helping the poor, the sick, and anyone in need. He also helped animals and was known to be very gentle and loving. Martin worked hard, prayed a lot, and treated everyone equally—no matter their background or skin color. He started a school and home for children and gave money to help women get married or families to survive. St Martin died in 1639. Many people came to his funeral to honor him. Today, he is remembered as the patron saint of the sick and the poor. His feast day is November 3rd.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Secondary School	She was an important person to Jesus and the Catholic Church and was the first to see him risen.
BHNCD SB Employee	St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Secondary School	St. Mary Magdalene is traditionally associated with genuine repentance and profound devotion to Christ. She is a powerful symbol of forgiveness, renewal in faith formation, and a life marked by transformation and devotion to our Catholic faith.
Student	St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Secondary School	St Mary Magdalene played a very important role of supporting Jesus and his ways, as well as witnessing his crucifixion, and was the first to find his empty tomb and witness his resurrection.
BHNCD SB Employee	St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Secondary School	Mary Magdalene is a devoted follower of Christ and a witness to his crucifixion and burial, and the first person to see him after his resurrection. She is misunderstood in the myths surrounding her but has always been an image of true devotion to the ministry of Jesus.
Parent/Guardian	St. Matthew Catholic Secondary School	"As one of the four Evangelists, St. Matthew is the author of the first Gospel, making him a cornerstone of faith, literacy, and the preservation of knowledge. His life's work was dedicated to teaching others and spreading the Word of God. A school named after St. Matthew honors this rich tradition of learning and intellectual growth, encouraging students to pursue academic excellence while deepening their Catholic faith."

Student	St. Matthew Catholic Secondary School	He died a martyr for his faith
Parent/Guardian	St. Matthias Catholic Secondary School	St. Matthias symbolizes new beginnings, dedication, and faith in the future, as he was the apostle chosen to restore and complete the original group. For a brand-new secondary school in Brantford, this name perfectly represents the idea of building a strong foundation from the ground up. Choosing St. Matthias will inspire future students to value second chances, commit to their community, and understand the importance of coming together to build and strengthen this new educational institution.
Parent/Guardian	St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Secondary School	I believe the new high school should be named St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School because St. Maximilian Kolbe represents many of the values we hope to inspire in our students: faith, courage, compassion, service, leadership, and selflessness. St. Maximilian Kolbe was a Polish Franciscan priest who dedicated his life to serving God and helping others. He used his talents in education, writing, technology, and communication to share his faith and reach people around the world. His life demonstrated that being a person of faith also means using our gifts to make a positive difference in the lives of others.
Parent/Guardian	St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Secondary School	His record speaks for itself, how recent his journey compared to others and I think it sounds very nice.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Secondary School	I believe this inspiring, under-recognized, and interesting Polish saint would be a great name choice for several reasons. He volunteered to take the place of a condemned prisoner at Auschwitz due to the prisoner having a family. He also kept the morale of prisoners high at Auschwitz and is a symbol of a man who was persecuted for his Catholic faith during the most turbulent time in not only Poland yet the world. Besides making the ultimate sacrifice, he was a pioneer of mass media (such as newspapers & radio), a constant protector of refugees, and was devoted to the Virgin Mary. Recognized for his achievements by John Paul II in 1982, he remains a inspiring figure of discipline, devotion, and courage. Maximillian Kolbe is also the patron saint of journalists, families, and the pro-life movement.

St. Maximilian Kolbe would be a particularly meaningful name for a Catholic high school in Brantford because his story connects Catholic identity, sacrificial love, courage, service, and the Polish heritage that has helped shape the Brantford community.

Kolbe was a Polish Franciscan priest who was imprisoned at Auschwitz during the Second World War. When fellow prisoner Franciszek Gajowniczek was selected to die by starvation and cried out for his wife and children, Kolbe voluntarily offered to take his place. He ultimately died on August 14, 1941. When St. John Paul II canonized him in 1982, he connected Kolbe directly to Christ's words in John 15:13: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

That message would be incredibly powerful for a high school. St. Maximilian Kolbe teaches young people that Christianity is not simply something we profess; faith is something we live through the way we love other people. His life challenges students to ask: Will I stand up for someone who is vulnerable? Will I put another person before myself? Will I choose compassion instead of hatred? Will I have the courage to do what is right when doing so costs me something? Pope Benedict

1. He Embodies the Greatest Commandment: Love

St. Maximilian Kolbe was a Polish Franciscan priest who voluntarily offered his life in place of another prisoner, Franciszek Gajowniczek, at Auschwitz in 1941.

His sacrifice reflects Jesus' teaching:

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." — John 15:13

Connection to Catholic education:

- * Encourages students to put others before themselves.
- * Promotes compassion, kindness, and selflessness.
- * Demonstrates what it means to follow Jesus through action.
- * Inspires students to stand up for others, even when doing so is difficult.

His example teaches students that true greatness is measured not by personal achievement but by the love we show others.

2. He Is a Powerful Example of Human Dignity

BHNCDSB Employee

St. Michael Archangel Catholic Secondary School

What did St. Michael do?

The Bible specifically describes Michael in several important places:

He fought against Satan and the rebellious angels. In Revelation 12:7–9, Michael and his angels fight the dragon (identified with the devil), and the dragon is cast out of heaven.

He protects God's people. In Daniel 10, Michael is described as a powerful heavenly prince who comes to the aid of God's messenger.

He is described as a defender of God's people.

Daniel 12:1 calls Michael the great prince who stands watch over God's people.

He disputed with the devil over Moses' body. Jude 1:9 describes Michael confronting the devil but leaving judgment to God rather than condemning him himself.

Why do Catholics pray to St. Michael?

In Catholic tradition, Michael is regarded as a protector against evil. Catholics don't worship Michael—worship is directed to God. Instead, they ask Michael to intercede with God and protect them.

Parent/Guardian

St. Michael Catholic Catholic Secondary School

A famous prayer is the Prayer to St. Michael the

St. Michael is an ideal name for a Catholic school because his example represents many of the virtues we hope to develop in our students: faith, courage, truth, leadership, and service.

As a protector and defender in Catholic tradition, St. Michael reminds us that education is not only about academic achievement. It is also about forming young people who have the courage to stand for what is right, care for others, remain faithful to God, and use their gifts in service to their community.

A school named St. Michael can therefore aspire to be a place where students are challenged to grow intellectually, spiritually, socially, and morally. His example provides a strong foundation for a Catholic school identity: students are encouraged to pursue knowledge, live their faith, show compassion, and become courageous leaders who make a positive difference in the world.

Parent/Guardian	St. Michael Catholic School- Catholic Secondary School	St. Michael would be a meaningful name for a Catholic school because St. Michael the Archangel is traditionally associated with courage, protection, truth, and standing firmly for what is right—values that fit naturally with Catholic education.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Michael Catholic Secondary School	Some of the names are famous people from brantford like tom longboat terry fox Terry fox would be a good name just to give him more recognition of what he did for plp
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Michael the Arch Angel Catholic Secondary School	Protector in heaven vs hell
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Michael's Catholic Secondary School	St. Michael is our guardian, protecting staff and students alike from the snares and temptations of the devil. He has received charge from God for the protection of souls and temporal bodies, alike.
Parent/Guardian	St. Michael's Catholic Secondary School	This is why I think it would be a good name for the new school St Michael is know. As Protector of the Church: He is viewed as a powerful spiritual defender, a guardian of God's people, and the patron saint of the Church, the military, and police officers.
Parish/Clergy Member	St. Michael's Catholic Secondary School	Every Thursday when I attend St. Mary's for mass we say the prayer - St. Michael the Arc Angel. The prayer asks St.michael to defend us in battle. To be our protection. There is no need to reprint the prayer. It is powerful, meaningful. Sitting in church and hearing the prayer and driving by the new school, I thought it was very appropriate.
Student	St. Morris Catholic Secondary School	I believe that that this is a good name because they are catholic and they are a saint that is also known as Mauritius or 2 other names and i think a short form could be Saint Mors or something like that and i think its a nice and simple name for a hight school and the colures could be black and navy\ black and red . those are my reasons why saint Morris is a good name for the new high school
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School	Both Catholic saints known for service, education, accessible education and vocation.
Parent/Guardian	St. Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School	Mother Teresa is someone that shouldn't be forgotten. Her dedication and work should be remembered and admired, educating future students and the public of her lifetime of work for others and her service to God.

Community Member	St. Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School	<p>She led an exemplary life of giving through her missions of charity and her work with the poor and suffering. She set an example that even the poorest are worthy of love and care.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Nicholas Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Nicholas would be a meaningful name for the new school because of his strong connection to children and his example of kindness, generosity, and caring for others. St. Nicholas is known for quietly helping people in need and giving without expecting anything in return. I think these are values that fit very well with a Catholic school community.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Nicholas Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Nicholas is the patron Saint of children and ALSO the protector of sailors and Navigators. He helped calm stormy waters and lead navigators across the stormy sea, giving them safe passage along the way. This is akin to how following God's Word and the teachings of Christ allow us to overcome literal and metaphorical (emotional, psychological and familial) stormy seas. He leads us to greener pastures when we follow His teachings.</p> <p>We are called to give to others who are less fortunate than us and to those in need. "He who has a generous eye will be blessed, for he gives of his bread to the poor," and "You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor and your needy, in your land."</p> <p>St. Nicholas was very generous and gave gifts to the poor and needy, and there are several famous stories of how he helped children and young people.</p> <p>December 6th is traditionally celebrated as St. Nicholas' day in many countries throughout the world. What better than to name a school St. Nicholas High School and to celebrate his feast day of giving small gifts and celebrating those in need and each other. Then students can learn of this</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Nicholas Catholic Secondary School	<p>Not mention in the bible however he is recognized by the church for his kindness and giving back.</p>

Parent/Guardian	St. Nicholas Catholic Secondary School	Saint Nicholas is the patron saint of children and young people. He is also widely known as a symbol of kindness, generosity, compassion, and caring for others — values that we believe are especially meaningful for a Catholic school community.
Parent/Guardian	St. Nicholas Catholic Secondary School	St. Nicholas is the historical Christian bishop of Myra whose reputation for generosity and care for children eventually contributed to the Santa Claus tradition. More importantly for a Catholic school, he represents generosity, service, protection of young people, and care for people in need.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Nicholas Catholic Secondary School	Saint Nicholas (“victor of people.”) is recognized as a saint by the Roman Catholic Church.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Nicholas Catholic Secondary School	A new school should be called St. Nicholas because his life represents the values we want our students to develop: kindness, generosity, compassion, courage, and service to others. As the patron saint of children, St. Nicholas is an especially meaningful role model for a school community. His example reminds us that education is not only about gaining knowledge, but also about becoming caring and responsible people who make a positive difference in the lives of others.
Alumni of Notre Dame and St Johns College	St. Nicholas Catholic Secondary School	St. Nicholas did a lot when he helped the poor, giving is always better than receiving and it gives a touch of the Christmas spirit year around. For Pop John Paul II it is in memory of him as he was a very well known Pope at that time and did a lot for the Cathedral and community.
Parent/Guardian	St. Nicolas Catholic Secondary School	It’s a name of a church and hospital in my home country Nigeria.

BHNCDSB Employee	St. Olga Catholic Secondary School	St. Olga of Kiev, Ukraine would provide recognition to the many Ukrainians who helped settle Canada; many worked in the Brantford area, and many have found a home here now with the current war.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Padre Pio Catholic Secondary School	<p>I do not agree with the Original email about this Saint not connecting to Community.</p> <p>There is a Padre Pio Mass upcoming at St. Mary's that brings a members of the community together.</p> <p>*He showed that faith is something you live, not just something you learn. This will connect to the students in the highschool faith is actions not just words.</p> <p>* He persevered through tremendous difficulties. Lots of students go through difficult times with illness and criticism and yet always stayed close with God. Big lessons for teenagers.</p> <p>*Built Community: Padre Pio recognized that we are responsible for another, as he helped and healed many most in need in his community (including the town beside my Nonna's)</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Padre Pio Catholic Secondary School	I really liked Padre Pio as he is the patron saint of adolescents and we he can watch over our older students. It makes me really sad that the name might change, but it can be changed to St. Pio so we still have his name there. I am also a part of the Italian community and want to be a part of that school community in the future as it is near and dear to my heart.
Parent/Guardian	St. Padre Pio Catholic Secondary School	He represents all qualities relevant to our community
Parent/Guardian	St. Padre Pio Catholic Secondary School	St Padre Pio was known to be a great confessor and helped guide souls closer to Christ. High school is a pivotal time in forming young people's lives and future choices, and with his specific intercession, I believe he would help guide these beautiful children closer to Jesus as they become adults.
Community Member	St. Padre Pio Catholic Secondary School	Padre Pio is a beloved Catholic saint making him a worthy candidate to have a school named after him. He spread the good word across Italy, helped heal people, and had the Stigmata. He is the Patron saint of volunteers and adolescents which makes him great to represent a high school.

Parent/Guardian	St. Padre Pio Catholic Secondary School	We love Padre Pio. He is a great saint that needs no introduction. When we heard about the new school... and most people in Brantford, even those non catholic referring to it as "Padre Pio". It was a big surprise. I hope and pray for the name to stay. It would be a blessing for our kids and our community.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Padre Pio Catholic Secondary School	Saint Pio is an excellent name choice because his life is a powerful example of what it means to live out our faith. He was deeply devoted to prayer, the Eucharist, reconciliation, and helping those who were suffering. He also teaches us incredible perseverance. Despite the many challenges and suffering he faced, he maintained his faith and trust in God. Saint Pio teaches students that we are called to live through how we treat others, how we respond to challenges, and how we serve our community. Naming a school after Saint Pio would give students a lasting example of faith, compassion, service, and perseverance, values that are at the heart of Catholic education.
Parent/Guardian Parish/Clergy Member	St. Padre Pio Catholic Secondary School St. Padre Pio Catholic Secondary School	Not common and a great Saint. The controversy surrounding the Italy trip DOES NOT erase what this exceptional saint gave to us during his life and his continued intercession. The board who abused their power for a "free" trip should be fired and banned from running again! Keep the name and tell people to actually look into who he is/was! Education of the name is required not taking the easy way out by renaming. I'm honestly ashamed it's come to this.
Community Member	St. Padre Pio Catholic Secondary School	We need this saint in our community. He doesn't put up with any nonsense! He was persecuted by the devil and members of the Catholic Church. He was obedient. He had a sense of humour. He was sweet and real. He suffered.

Community Member	St. Padre Pio Catholic Secondary School	<p>Compassion and service: he devoted much of his life to helping people who were sick, poor, and in need.</p> <p>Perseverance: His life included significant hardship, yet he continued his religious vocation and service to others.</p> <p>Humility: Despite becoming widely known, he emphasized humility and serving God rather than seeking personal recognition.</p> <p>Community and care: His work, particularly through the hospital he helped establish, reflected a concern for the well-being of others.</p> <p>A strong role model for students: His story can encourage students to develop character, kindness, responsibility, and concern for their communities.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Padre Pio Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Padre Pio is the patron Saint of adolescents, the perfect Catholic model for our young learners to pray to. His message of pray, hope, and don't worry is a clear, simple message for students.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Padre Pio Catholic Secondary School	<p>healer of illnesses</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Padre Pio Catholic Secondary School	<p>Saint Pio is an incredible example of faith and love for all of us. He devoted his life to evangelization. He is relevant and recent. There are hundreds of great videos of his life and work on line for students to learn about him.</p>

Retired BHN teacher (35 years)

St. Padre Pio Catholic Secondary School

I am suggesting the name SAINT PIO as the name for the new BHN Catholic secondary school.

What would the name SAINT PIO provide our young Catholic students and our community? The name SAINT PIO will offer our young impressionable students a very important and extremely valuable opportunity to come to know who he was—a faithful Catholic servant of God throughout his entire lifetime. He is an exemplary Catholic figure who has taught us the importance of prayer and he has taught us to focus on our faith and to know that our faith will help us during challenging times.

Our students need (especially in today's world) a Catholic role model whose behaviour and actions from a very young age and throughout a long and holy life serve as an example and inspire them to live a life where prayer, attending Mass, receiving the Eucharist, learning about The Ten Commandments and participating in the sacraments are important to living a life that is Christ-centered.

All of my students as well as their family members and the entire school community at St. John's College (over a span of approximately twenty years) learned about the life of Saint Pio. He suffered greatly throughout his entire lifetime and we learned about those sufferings; he bore the

Community Member

St. Padre Pio Catholic Secondary School

Saint Pio (Francesco Forgione) was a saint in modern times. He was a very humble, meek and mild individual who selflessly served the Lord, his Church and his fellow man. He is known as the patron saint of adolescents and is also invoked for relief from stress - how fitting that a high school should be named after him! Saint Pio suffered with the stigmata - the wounds of Jesus Christ. Despite his "affliction", he lived an exemplary life of service without complaints.

There are people alive today who knew St. Pio. As a matter of fact, I had the privilege of meeting a woman who worked in his parish. One of her responsibilities was to wash the cloth bandages that he wore daily to catch the blood that dripped from his wounds. I was told that as many times as he needed to change his dressings daily, he accepted this ritual as a normal occurrence.

Let's reflect for a moment: the stigmata, the wounds of Jesus Christ were a constant physical and spiritual daily reminder to St. Pio of Jesus' suffering and crucifixion. What a remarkable homage bestowed upon one human being!

In addition to the stigmata, the miracles attributed to him also occurred in modern times. A young

Parent/Guardian

St. Padre Pio Catholic Secondary School

Brantford is home to a vibrant Italian-Canadian community, for whom Saint Padre Pio holds deep personal, spiritual, and cultural significance. Devotion to Padre Pio is a cherished tradition across generations of Italian families, with his image and faith serving as a cornerstone in many homes.

The initial decision to remove Padre Pio's name felt deeply unfair to local Italian Catholics, who had no involvement in the financial misconduct and lavish spending by former board trustees in Italy. The actions of a few individuals should not erase the positive heritage and spiritual identity of an entire community. Reinstating the name of Saint Padre Pio for this Catholic secondary school would right that wrong, honor our local heritage, and provide students with an inspiring model of humility, prayer, and selfless service.

Community Member	St. Padre Pio Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Pio gives those who are less fortunate, those who have been persecuted and those who suffer from pain and illness hope and comfort. His tremendous faith through out the trials and persecution that he endured combined with his dedication to prayer and his humility in accepting God’s will for his life provides a most excellent example for the youth of today.</p>
Parish/Clergy Member	St. Padre Pio Catholic Secondary School	<p>Saint Pio is the Patron Saint of Adolescents. Our young students would benefit having Saint Pio as their role-model as they face many challenges during their teen years. Saint Pio is known around the world for enduring faith and his dedication to prayer & to helping others. Saint Pio dedicated his life to God at a very young age and suffered greatly throughout his lifetime.</p>
Grandparents	St. Padre Pio Catholic Secondary School	<p>Saint Pio is the patron Saint of adolescents. Relating our lives to the lives of the Saints helps to strengthen our faith and helps us develop a Christ-centred life. When our faith is strengthened we can grow closer to God. Young People can relate to Saint Pio—a modern day Saint who suffered greatly throughout his entire life. He is able to transform the hearts of many young people as he understands their trials and challenges. He experienced his own challenges and times of great distress in his life just as our young people do. Young people need to ask for the intercession of Saint Pio and to “Pray, Hope, and Don’t Worry” in order to remain strong in our faith when experiencing difficult times.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Paul Catholic Secondary School	<p>Paul was passionate, courageous, humble, persevering, faithful, and deeply committed to Christ and to serving others.</p>
Student	St. Paul Catholic Secondary School	<p>I believe that St. Paul would be a meaningful name for the new school because St. Paul is Author of much of the new testament and apostle to the gentiles. Also it instantly connects the institution to a rich tradition of academic excellence. thirdly St. Paul is historically known for transformation deep learning and effective communication providing a positive role model for growing and Lastly naming a school after St. Paul ties it to values of perseverance, intellectual curiosity, and character-building, which are foundational in Catholic and Christian education. That's why I think St. Paul would be a good name for a new school.</p>

BHNCDSB Employee	St. Paul CSS, Corpus Christi Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Paul CSS: We are a growing and diverse board. In the words of St. Paul, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus".</p> <p>Corpus Christi: We are of the "Body of Christ".</p> <p>Notre Dame: Likely well received within the demographic. A tribute to the Mother of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Not too hard to distinct from Notre Dame Elementary.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Secondary School	communication across communities, courage, inclusion, and using words to inspire others were his inspirations
Parent/Guardian	St. Peter - the Rock Catholic Secondary School	Peter is the rock of the church, and the students are the rock of the future of the church
Parent/Guardian	St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Secondary School	First Pope
Student	St. Peter's Catholic Elementary Catholic Secondary School	I believe he is an important historical figure. And should be included in one of the school names
Parent/Guardian	St. Pier Giorgio Frassati Catholic Secondary School	He represents service to the community, the spirit of youth and hope.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Pio of Pietrelcina Catholic Secondary School	St. Padre Pio should be a name for Catholic secondary schools because he is the official patron saint of adolescents, offering a protective spiritual figure for students during their formative years. His life shows an inspiring example of perseverance and a commitment to charity, demonstrated by his founding.
Parent/Guardian	St. Raphael Catholic Secondary School	In the Book of Tobit, Raphael accompanies Tobiah on his journey, protects and guides him, and helps bring healing to his family. Because of this, Raphael is often seen as a symbol of guidance through life's journey.
Parent/Guardian	St. Raphael Catholic Secondary School	As one of the archangels, Saint Raphael provides companionship and healing.
Parent/Guardian	St. Raphael Catholic Secondary School	I feel that highschool is a transitioning stage into adult life. St Raphael is an archangel sent to walk with and protect individuals through major life decisions. Angel of Healing, representing physical, mental and spiritual recovery, protector of travellers, guiding them on their journey. Looks over doctors, nurses, medical workers, the blind and those seeking happy relationships.
Student	St. Raphael Catholic Secondary School	Well there saint Michael, as a school then there st gabriel as a school but there isn't a st raphael school and God has three archangels so that why I chose st raphael to make it so then there all of God's archangels are there as a school

Student	St. René Goupil Catholic Secondary School	<p>My reasons are because : 1 This is a Canadian martyr it has deep roots to our religion. 2 He was a normal person but helped many people. He as an example to high school student s that you do not need to be a specific person to help someone. 3 There are many schools that are named after his friend but his name is a unique one not many schools have his name. 4 As a trained surgeon, a high school named after him would have an excellent foundation for specialized school programs such as STEM medicine and science. 5 René Goupil suffered from being deaf which stopped him from becoming a Jesuit as a priest instead of giving up he used his medical talents and decided to go to Canada anyway as a lay missionary High school students often struggle with finding their identity or overcoming personal limitations René's story proves that obstacles do not limit your moves to make history.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Rocco Catholic Secondary School	<p>A Catholic Saint that has a connection to themes of service, compassion, perseverance, and caring for others.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Rose Catholic Secondary School	<p>I chose this name because it is simple, meaningful, and offers a beautiful connection to our Catholic faith. Saint Rose of Lima, the first canonized saint of the Americas, is remembered for her deep devotion to God, compassion for the poor, and dedication to serving others.</p> <p>The rose also holds special significance in Catholic tradition, symbolizing the Virgin Mary, love, sacrifice, and spiritual growth. It represents how our students can blossom in faith, knowledge, and character throughout their high school journey.</p>
My children were part of the separate school system in Norfolk County.	St. SCHOLASTICA Catholic Secondary School	<p>A Saint and strong believer in education and learning and helping those to achieve excellence in education!</p>
Student	St. Sebastian Catholic Secondary School	<p>saint Sabastian was a saint that secretly aided Christian's and was a 3rd-century Roman soldier and captain of the Praetorian Guard.</p>

BHNCDSB Employee	St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Stanislaus Kostka College would be a meaningful name for a Catholic high school in Brantford because St. Stanislaus was himself a young person whose life demonstrated extraordinary faith, courage, determination, and trust in God. As a patron saint of youth and students, his story speaks directly to the young people who would enter the school each day.</p> <p>Born in Poland in 1550, St. Stanislaus Kostka came from a prominent Polish family and was sent away to study as a teenager. From a young age, however, he felt deeply called to dedicate his life to God. When his family opposed his desire to enter the Society of Jesus, Stanislaus refused to abandon what he believed God was asking of him. Still a teenager, he undertook an extraordinary journey across Europe to pursue his vocation. He eventually entered the Jesuits in Rome and died there in 1568 at only 17 years old.</p> <p>His young age makes him particularly fitting as the patron of a secondary school. St. Stanislaus reminds students that young people do not have to wait until adulthood to make a difference, live courageously, or develop a meaningful relationship with God. Their choices, convictions, gifts, and faith matter right now.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Secondary School	<p>I love speaking with my students about St. Therese, the little flower. She really resonates with them. As a teenager (15 year old) she was denied entry into the Carmelite order based on her youth. So she through a temper tantrum in front of the pope and was allowed early entrance. Her struggles are so human and relatable, like her struggle to love the one of the grumpy sisters in her order and her frustration when she just can't do it. Ultimately, it is her surrender to Christ that gives this power.</p> <p>“Jesus, your arms are the elevator which will lift me to Heaven!” – St. Thérèse of Lisieux</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Thomas Aquinas falls in the category of traditional patron saint of students, studiousness and curiosity. St. Thomas Aquinas believed that we all have a desire for knowledge and curiosity. He believed knowledge should have truth and good at its center. I feel this is a strong name that would represent the school and our school board proudly.</p>

BHNCDSB Employee	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School	I believe St. Thomas Aquinas would be an ideal name for the new school because St. Thomas Aquinas was the patron saint of students, schools, educators and scholars who is widely called upon by learners of all levels for guidance and clarity in their studies.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School	He serves as the ultimate patron of students, teachers, scholars and Catholic schools.
Parent/Guardian	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School	St Thomas Aquinas is the principal patron saint of students, universities, and academics.
Parent/Guardian	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School	Saint Thomas Aquinas is the most famous saint known for knowledge, wisdom, and as the patron saint of students and academics.
		Known as the "Angelic Doctor" for his profound intellect and writings.
		Celebrated for uniting faith and reason, showing that logical thinking and religious belief work together.
Parent/Guardian	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School	Serves as the patron saint of students, teachers, schools, and books. Harmonizing Faith and Reason: He showed that logic and religious revelation work together instead of fighting each other. The Five Ways: He created five logical proofs for the existence of God based on cause, motion, and design. The Summa Theologica: This unfinished masterpiece remains one of the most important texts in Christian history and Catholic doctrine. Scholasticism: He became the greatest philosopher of the medieval school system, earning the title "Angelic Doctor".
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School	The meaning behind him - a brilliant scholar and doctor of the Church, ideal for inspiring a love of learning and wisdom in students.

BHNCDSB Employee	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School	<p>The name would be most appropriate as St. Thomas Aquinas was perhaps the most academically involved saint out of the entire catalogue of Catholic saints, his contributions to academia is to this day very well regarded. It is also important to mention that he expressed his Catholicity during his career as well, he was not reluctant to surrender his Catholic faith nor his academic work, especially in a historical time period where religion and science were often clashing with each other. For his work academically and spiritually, he is currently the patron saint of Catholic schools and students overall, and I believe firmly the board should deeply consider adopting the name to reflect its commitment to faith and to academics through a saint who lived for both fields.</p>
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Thomas Aquinas: Great philosopher and doctor of the Church; the patron saint of students, teachers, and universities</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School	<p>St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School</p> <p>I respectfully suggest the name St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School for our new Catholic secondary school in Brantford.</p> <p>St. Thomas Aquinas is one of the Church's greatest teachers and scholars, whose life represents the harmony of faith, reason, intellectual excellence and the pursuit of truth. His example is particularly appropriate for a secondary school, where young people are developing their intellectual abilities, forming their worldview and preparing for further education, work and service to society.</p> <p>St. Thomas Aquinas demonstrated that authentic Catholic education does not separate faith from learning. Rather, faith encourages us to seek truth with confidence, humility and intellectual discipline. The Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education has specifically highlighted Aquinas's importance in the relationship between faith and reason and described him as an important guide in the pursuit of truth.</p> <p>Naming the school after St. Thomas Aquinas would therefore give students a lasting model of faith seeking understanding, intellectual curiosity,</p> <p>Because he is the patron saint of students and education.</p>
Parent/Guardian	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School	

Parent/Guardian	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School	St. Thomas Aquinas is known as the patron saint of Catholic schools and students. His motto in life was veritas (truth).
Community Member	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School	St. Thomas Aquinas is the patron saint of students and schools. Rather fitting for a new school.
Parent/Guardian	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School	He is the Patron Saint of schools and students
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School	It's a great name that represents students. And education.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School	His dedication to faith, reason, and the pursuit of truth exemplifies the mission of Catholic education.
Community Member	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School	As patron of students and scholars,
Community Member	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School	St. Thomas Aquinas inspires the school community to grow in wisdom, faith, academic excellence, and service to others.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School	Naming the school St. Thomas Aquinas honours of one of the Church's most influential scholars and teachers. H
Parent/Guardian	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School	Fitting for a school. Makes sense as education is the core.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School	St. Thomas Aquinas is the Patron Saint of students, Catholic schools, universities and scholars.
Student	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School	He is a Doctor of the Church known for his wisdom and writings blending Faith and Reason. He spent his life dedicated to learning, teaching and writing. He taught that curiosity, intellect, and education work hand in hand with spiritual growth.
Former Student	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School	This is a legacy name and appropriate for students and staff of a school.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School	Naming the new school after this Saint would honour his legacy, providing an example for students of one who involved their beliefs into their learning environment.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School	it's a great name for a school of students.
Parent/Guardian	St. Thomas Catholic Secondary School	St. Thomas was one of the twelve Apostles of Jesus and is remembered for his strong faith and dedication.
Parent/Guardian	St. Thomas Catholic Secondary School	There are only 3 Basilicas that were built over the burial of saints in the world, St Thomas is one among them.
Parent/Guardian	St. Thomas Catholic Secondary School / St. Cecilia Catholic Secondary School	St Thomas is the saint of students and St Cecilia is the saint of music

Student	St. Valentine Catholic Secondary School	Legend says he defied Roman Emperor Claudius II by secretly performing marriage ceremonies for soldiers, helping them avoid military conscription
Parent/Guardian	St. Veronica Catholic Secondary School	Saint Veronica shows up at the sixth station of the cross. When Jesus passes her by, she wipes the face of Jesus on the way to Calvary. The miraculous event involving the veil occurred when Saint Veronica, moved by compassion, approached Jesus as He carried His cross to Golgotha. She used her veil to wipe the sweat and blood from His face. In return for her act of kindness and bravery, it is said that Jesus left an imprint of His face on the cloth. This image on the veil is not just seen as a miraculous sign but also as a direct artifact of Christ's suffering and Veronica's compassion.
Parent/Guardian	St. Viateur Catholic Secondary School	Naming the new secondary school after Saint Viateur honors a patron of education and youth whose life exemplary reflects dedication, spiritual mentorship, and academic excellence. Beyond offering a unique and distinguished identity among local schools, Saint Viateur serves as an inspiring role model for students, embodying values of service, intellectual curiosity, and moral integrity that will define the institution's legacy.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Vincent Catholic Secondary School	Vincent was a saint who believed in charity and helping the poor and that is what makes us unique as faith filled people of God
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Secondary School	St. Vincent De Paul is already a community resource center. He dedicated his life to serving the poor and repairing broken social conditions through charity, justice, and human dignity. BHNCDSB has a lot of repairing to do with the misappropriation of funds that has tarnished their reputation.

BHNCDSB Employee	St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Secondary School	St. Vincent de Paul is recognized throughout the Catholic Church as a champion of charity, compassion, and service to those experiencing poverty and hardship. His life exemplifies Christ's call to care for the marginalized and vulnerable. Locally, parish chapters of St. Vincent de Paul support the poor across the city of Brantford and Brant County. BHNCDSB has long worked in partnership with our local St. Vincent de Paul conferences and supported the work of their volunteers.
BHNCDSB Employee	St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Secondary School	As Catholics, we are called to give and to be charitable and STVP is the patron saint of charitable activities.
Community Member Student	St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Secondary School St. Za-Michael Colligate Catholic Secondary School	Something our family believes in I think this name is professional. I think STZ would be cool for uniforms. I think this saint name is cool. I think this saint is a good name
Student	St. Zelig Martin Catholic Secondary School	I picked this name to honor saint Zelig Martin who died of breast cancer at the age of 45. Mother of St Theresa of Lisieux.
Parent/Guardian	Stella Maris Catholic Secondary School	It translates from Latin to "Star of the Sea" and represents Mary's role as a guiding light and protector for Christians. Beyond literal sailors, the metaphor extends to anyone facing the "storms" of life—such as grief, doubt, or difficult trials—offering hope and maternal protection
Community Member	Stella Maris Catholic Secondary School	I believe it is a meaningful name as the name Stella Maris comes from the Latin term for "Star of the Sea", traditionally representing guidance, hope, and direction for young people navigating life which I believe secondary school is a stepping stone to how young people will direct the beginning of their lives as they become into adulthood.
BHNCDSB Employee	Stella Maris Catholic Secondary School	Our Lady, Star of the Sea, representing guidance for a new journey.
Parent/Guardian	The Archangels Catholic Secondary School	I'm a mother of one incredible 6 grader. Since the day he started his education at Notre Dame and started to take the school bus, I pray every day for his safe return. Nothing is more important than believing that the army of Archangels are looking out and protecting our students and staff while away from home. That thought made me think of this name. It also sounds great as for the future sports team or choir at the brand new and exciting grounds.
BHNCDSB Employee	The Dan Pace Catholic Secondary School	For his years of dedication to the board.
Student	The Way, the Truth, the Life Catholic Secondary School	Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. We walk in faith with Jesus.