

Frequently Asked Questions About the Archbishop Denis O'Connor Parent Council

Who can be part of the DO'C Parent Council?

Any parent of a DO'C student is welcome to participate in the Parent Council.

What is the purpose of the DO'C Parent Council?

The Parent Council focuses on the local school and community. It works to help the students and staff on their quest to achieve social awareness and academic excellence in an atmosphere of cooperation and affirmation.

That's a pretty large statement, how does the Parent Council actually help?

Here are some examples of how Parent Council has supported DO'C students and staff in their quest for social awareness and academic excellence:

- Donate to student initiatives such as the fun fair spirit event that aims to engage students
- Contribute to student recognition awards such as the DO'C Virtue Awards which fosters inclusion
- Help fund teacher requests such as 'cookie club' to encourage engagement
- Help fund speakers to talk about issues with students. For example, Dennis O'Sullivan spoke about the effects of substance abuse and Brett Ullman spoke about media, faith and culture
- Donate to school initiatives such as Red Wagon and the Dominican Republic social awareness trip
- Develop and distribute the Parent Information Package Quick Reference Guide

When does the DO'C Parent Council meet?

The Parent Council meets once a month from 7pm-9pm. The schedule is set at the beginning of the year at the first meeting and posted on the DO'C website. The first meeting for this year is Tuesday, September 27, 2011.

Where does the DO'C Parent Council meet?

The Parent Council meets at DO'C high school. Different rooms are used for the meeting, depending on the presentations for the evening. A sign is posted at the door to let attendees know the exact room location; there is also staff or council members to direct you to the correct location.

What's in it for me?

The Parent Council is a great way to keep in touch with what is happening at DO'C as well as what is happening at the school board level. The information from Parent Council is also good way to open interesting discussions with your children. And, finally, the Parent Council provides you with an opportunity to meet with other interesting, enthusiastic and caring parents and staff that want to make a difference!