



# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

## From the meeting of June 16, 2009



CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

### Certificates of Appreciation: Honouring Our Students

The annual CDSBEO Certificates of Appreciation honouring students who have distinguished themselves through academic, philanthropic, artistic, or social justice accomplishments were presented by Board Chair, Ronald Eamer, and Director of Education, Wm. J. Gartland. The following students were honoured for the 2008-09 school year:

Tanis Zeran, a Grade 4 student at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School, was honoured for being awarded the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association Young Writer's Award in the Grade 3-4 Poetry Division.

St. Michael CHS Grade 8 student, Hannah Bonneau was honoured for becoming a provincial public speaking champion for her speech "Life and How We Live It!"

Holy Trinity CSS students Veranika Cherniak (Grade 11), and Andrew MacNaughton (Grade 9), were honoured for their many musical accomplishments.

Hannah Knott, Cassidy Nadeau, Megan Millotte, Shawna Merkley, Elizabeth Holmes, and Rebecca Cassell of St. Francis de Sales Catholic School, and Maili MacKenzie of St. John Catholic School received certificates for winning the first provincial gold medal in girls' competitive hockey for the town of Smiths Falls.

Kenneth Kaczowski (Grade 8) and Nigel Sayah (Grade 12), both of St. Michael CHS, received certificates for their wrestling championships. Kenneth won the Ontario Bantam and Canada East Championships while Nigel won the Provincial Juvenile Wrestling Silver Medal and the OFSAA Bronze medal.

Mathieu Despatie, a Grade 12 student at Holy Trinity CSS, was honoured after being named the Canadian Junior Male Duathlete of the Year. He finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Wildman Duathlon in Orlando, Florida and earned another 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at the Canadian National Duathlon Championships.

St. Mary (Carleton Place) Grade 5 student, Kelsey Roy, received recognition from the Board after she was awarded the Canadian Medal of Bravery by Governor General Michaëlle Jean. Kelsey risked her life to save her mother, who had been caught on some thin ice.

Outgoing Catholic Student Trustee, Rebecca McEvoy, was presented a certificate thanking her for her year of service, and for being an outstanding ambassador for the Board and Catholic education.

Director of Education, Wm. J. Gartland told the certificate recipients, "We are very proud of your accomplishments and it is always a joy to celebrate the unique gifts of our students, and their successes. I offer my sincerest congratulations to each one of you."

### Special Education Report Presented to Board

Superintendent of Education, Dr. Donaleen Hawes presented to Trustees the Special Education Plan for 2009-2010, as outlined in the Standards for School Boards' Special Education Plans.

Dr. Hawes told the Board, "The document was compiled by the Special Education Department and presented to the Special Education Advisory Committee after a process of consultations with important stakeholders and key participants in the delivery of our programs."

The document contains many recommendations that will be implemented across our system. These include: staff allocations, professional development activities, and plans for strong communication and parent involvement.

The report includes three documents produced by the Special Education Department this year: the Department's *Vision* document, which has been made available for all parents and staff; the *Targeting Achievement for All* brochure, which details the Department's CODE (Council of Ontario Directors of Education) initiative for the next three years; and the Safe Schools Booklet, *Creating Communities of Peace*, which outlines the Board's Progressive Discipline and Restorative Justice framework.

June 24, 2009 - Last Day of School

June 25, 2009 - Professional Activity Day

July 6, 2009 - Good Samaritan Trust Fund Golf Tournament

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**Next Board Meeting**  
June 29, 2009  
Kemptville Board Office  
7:00 p.m.