

Provincial Honour for Holy Trinity Green Team

Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School Principal, Natalie Cameron, was joined by Teacher, Paul Langevin, and several members of the Green Team, to outline for Trustees the environmental efforts taking place at the school.

The team's dedication to environmental stewardship was recently recognized when the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Youth Achievement in Natural Heritage was presented to the school. Mr. Langevin said, "Our team has worked very hard and we are very proud of this accomplishment."

Trustees heard how the team's projects have been both ambitious and impressive. The team has been very active in increasing environmental awareness and stewardship within the Catholic community. Their projects have resulted in a growing number of partnerships with groups such as the Raisin Region Conservation Authority, the Cornwall Carbon Reduction Initiative, and TD Friends of the Environment.

Board Chair, Ronald Eamer, thanked the group for their dedication. "It is really good to know that the future of the planet is in such good hands. We are very proud of your efforts and offer our sincere congratulations on your well-deserved provincial recognition."

Rejoicing in Hope: Catholic Education Week Resource Presented

Catholic Education Week (CEW) will be celebrated across Ontario from May 2-7, 2010.

To ensure that our Catholic school communities are well prepared, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association (OCSTA) has created an extensive resource package. CDSBEO Principal of Religious and Family Life Education, Jim Roberts, presented an overview to the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Roberts introduced this year's CEW theme, *Rejoicing in Hope*. "The theme complements our Board theme, *We walk in good company!* Our students have been discussing hope, both in the context of our Board's unprecedented fundraising efforts for Haiti, as well as the virtue of hope rooted in the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. The theme is a natural extension of this ongoing dialogue," said Mr. Roberts.

The package contains an extensive array of activities available for teachers to bring the theme to life in their classrooms.

Mr. Roberts concluded his presentation by highlighting a sample of the events scheduled at the school, community, regional and Board levels to celebrate Catholic education in the CDSBEO. A listing of events taking place in our communities will soon be available at www.cdsbeo.on.ca.

Breakfast and Lunch Programs Provide Nutritional Boost

Superintendent of Education, Marg Shea-Lawrence, presented to Trustees the findings of a Board survey inquiring about breakfast and hot lunch programs. "Well nourished children are more likely to get the energy and essential nutrients they need to grow, be active, stay healthy and to do well in school," said Mrs. Shea Lawrence.

The survey shows that 85% of CDSBEO schools offer Breakfast programs to students each morning. The programs are subsidized by many different organizations including the Breakfast for Learning program, the Catholic Women's League, school fundraisers, and local nutrition programs.

The majority of CDSBEO schools also offer a hot lunch program. These programs are not subsidized; most are paid for and operated by parents of students and other volunteers. These can include food brought in from outside sources or food prepared at the school.

Also offered at CDSBEO schools are snack programs. These programs offer healthy snacks for students who come to school without snacks or lunches.

The document *Nutrition Tools for Schools* states that good nutrition can lead to the increased ability to concentrate and improved behaviour. "By offering breakfast and hot lunch programs, our schools are helping to promote good nutrition while working to improve student success," said Mrs. Shea-Lawrence.

2010-11 School Year Calendar Approved

Director of Education, Wm. J. Gartland announced to Trustees that the Ministry of Education has officially approved the CDSBEO's school year calendar for the 2010-2011 school year.

The first day of school will be Tuesday, September 7, 2010.

To view the new calendar please visit www.cdsbeo.on.ca/School_Info/calendar.htm.

We walk in



good company!

Apr. 26, 2010 - SEAC Symposium
May 2 - 7, 2010 - Catholic Education Week
May 3, 2010 - Board-Wide Mass, Kemptville



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Next Board Meeting
April 20, 2010
St. James the Greater
Catholic School
Smiths Falls
7:00 p.m.