

Catholic Student Trustee Welcomed, Sworn In

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario is pleased to announce the election of Grade 12 Student Sarah Norton, from St. Mary CHS in Brockville, to the role of Catholic Student Trustee for the 2011-2012 school year.

In her new role, Ms. Norton represents the more than 13,000 students across the Board. She will also be leading the Student Senate, which is made up of representatives from all CDSBEO secondary schools, and will take leadership roles in Board-wide projects and initiatives.

"I am looking forward to working with my fellow Trustees, Senior Administration, and of course the students from across our Board," said Ms. Norton. "I think this role has given me a wonderful opportunity and I plan to make it an enriching learning experience."

Director of Education, Wm. J. Gartland, welcomed Ms. Norton to her new role. "It is apparent that you have an outstanding outlook when it comes to the role of Catholic Student Trustee, and we look forward to working with you this year."

Shalom! New Theme Officially Presented

The CDSBEO has officially unveiled the Board theme for the 2011-2013 period: "Shalom – Acting justly... Living peacefully... Celebrating joyfully!"

Superintendent of School Effectiveness, Marg Shea-Lawrence, and Principal of Religious and Family Life Education, Jim Roberts, presented to Trustees how the theme will be adopted in the CDSBEO.

Mrs. Shea-Lawrence said, "In the Hebrew Scriptures, shalom is a vision of what ought to be, and a call to transform society - to live in right relationship with everyone and everything that surrounds us."

There are many natural connections between the theme and Catholic education, including the Catholic Graduate Expectations, Education For All, Equity and Inclusive Education, and Catholic Character Education. "The theme will also allow us to revisit ongoing work in the areas of Restorative Practices, Catholic Social Teaching, and building community through the new lens of Shalom," said Mr. Roberts.

Each school has now received a Board theme resource binder, created by the CDSBEO's Religious and Family Life Education Department.

The framework for the theme is based on the work of Father Ray Carey, from the Archdiocese of Portland, Oregon, who will be the keynote speaker at this year's Faith Day in September.

Manager of Plant and Maintenance Outlines Busy Year

Manager of Plant and Maintenance, Bernie Kehoe, presented to Trustees a summary of a number of projects carried out by his department over the summer.

Projects from schools across the Board were highlighted, including additions to St. Thomas Aquinas CHS (Russell), and St. Michael CHS (Kemptville), the installation of solar panels at three high schools, and general upgrades such as flooring, painting and the installation of new roofs. Mr. Kehoe told the Board, "We always aim to ensure that the projects are

complete for the first day of school. Our common goal is to continue to provide our school staff with the best possible, welcoming, learning environment."

Board Chair, Ronald Eamer, thanked Mr. Kehoe for his continued efforts. "I know I speak for my fellow Trustees when I say we recognize the vital role our Plant and Maintenance Department plays in our students' success. I thank you for all that you do."

New Opportunities for Continuing Education Students

In October, the CDSBEO will be offering two new Continuing Education programs for adults, to complement the successful Personal Support Worker program which has been running for the past six years. Superintendent of School Effectiveness, Marg Shea-Lawrence, described the new programs to Trustees.

The Hospitality and Tourism Program, and the Custodial Program will allow adult learners to earn industry-specific certifications, while developing essential skills and work habits. The programs will allow participants to work towards an entry level position, or an apprenticeship.

The new programs will be offered in Smiths Falls and Cornwall, and are in partnership with the Ontario Works program, and the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program.

Director of Education, Wm. J. Gartland stated, "The Personal Support Worker program has seen many graduates find employment. We are confident that we will see the same outstanding results with these new programs."

Upcoming Dates/Events:

September 30, 2011 - Professional Activity Day
October 10, 2011 - Thanksgiving Monday
October 28, 2011 - Professional Activity Day

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**Next
Board Meeting:**
September 20, 2011
Kemptville Board Office
7:00 p.m.