



## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From the meeting of  
May 19, 2009 held at  
St. John CHS, Perth



CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

### The Spartan Scene: St. John CHS Hosts Board Meeting

Principal Ken Crosby, students, staff members, and parents welcomed the Board of Trustees to St. John CHS in Perth for the Board's most recent meeting. Several students opened the meeting with a prayer service set to the song *Everything* by the band Lifehouse. Members of the Senior Concert Band followed with a rendition of O Canada.

Teacher Don Hendry provided a detailed outline of the school's largest annual charitable event: The Relay for Life walk to end cancer. Mr. Hendry showed a promotional video created for the Relay by the Communications Technology class. "The video showcases our students' desire to help find a cure for cancer, and the production itself showcases their technological skills."

To date, the school has raised more than \$200,000 in the eight years it has run the Relay. "Our students believe that one person can make a difference, and they prove it every year with the money they raise," said Mr. Hendry.

Grade 12 student, Seamus Mulrone, performed a song on a guitar that he had built in his Construction Technology class. Seamus started with nothing but a block of wood and successfully sculpted and formed the body of the instrument before installing the electronic components. "This is a great example of our students' many talents," said Mr. Crosby. "Seamus has all the talent

needed to build such a beautiful instrument, and to play it very well."

Board Chairperson, Ron Eamer, thanked Mr. Crosby for the warm welcome. "It is apparent that you have been blessed with wonderful, talented, students. Thank you so much for sharing with us this evening."

### Bringing History to Life: Historica Projects Showcased for Board

Two St. John Catholic Elementary School students have received national awards for their *Historica Fair* entries. The entries are independent research projects that evolve into role-playing historical vignettes presented by the students in period costumes.

Grade 7 student, James Theobald, won the CN Veterans Award for his project on the Second World War Battle of the Atlantic and Grade 8 student, Dakota Henry won the RBC Aboriginal Award for his project on the Iroquois Aboriginals.

Both students presented their projects to the Board of Trustees and Senior Administration.

### Jumping Jaguars Impress With Demo

The St. John Catholic Elementary School *Jumping Jaguars Jump Rope For Heart Demo Team* presented a high energy demonstration of their skills for Trustees and Senior Administration. The dedicated team has met once a week

since September to hone its skills with the help of teacher Michelle Bryden.

The team, made up of Grade 4 through 8 students, travels to schools as part of the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. "Our team believes in the work the Foundation is doing and is honoured to help share the message about the great things this campaign accomplishes," said Ms. Bryden.

In addition to schools, the team also performs at the annual Festival of the Maples in Perth, and at local fairs.

### OASBO Recognizes Associate Director Greffe

Associate Director of Education, Gordon Greffe, was presented a special award from the Ontario Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) in recognition of his years of contributions to the organization.

OASBO is made up of representatives from school Boards across the Province. Its mandate is to help support a quality education for all students through the development and promotion of successful business practices. Mr. Greffe has been a member of the group for 25 years.

Director of Education, Wm. J. Gartland, said, "This award gives me the opportunity to thank Mr. Greffe for the outstanding work he does for our Board. I offer him my sincerest congratulations."

June 18 - 24, 2009 - Secondary Examinations

June 24, 2009 - Last Day of School

June 25, 2009 - Professional Activity Day

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Next Board Meeting  
May 26, 2009

Kemptville Board Office  
7:00 p.m.

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