

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From the meeting of:
June 17, 2008



CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

Learning and Growing Together in Christ

Balanced Budget Approved by Board

Manager of Finance, Bonnie Norton, presented to trustees the highlights of the balanced budget for the 2008-09 school year.

The budget totals \$141.5 million. Revenue and expenditures are up 4.9%, or \$6.6 million, from 2007-2008.

The Board's preliminary plan shows 100 percent Provincially mandated Primary Class Size compliance (classes from JK to Grade 3 have 20 or fewer students).

New staff will be added to the Board. Five teachers and 3.5 Educational Assistants will be hired as will an E-learning Consultant, and a Continuing Education/Community Use of Schools Consultant.

The Government is providing \$336,000 for the Safe Schools and New Teacher Induction initiatives through the annual Grants for Students' Needs. Previously, these programs were funded through other grants allocated by the province.

Director of Education, Bill Gartland, said "This budget allows the CDSBEO to continue to provide quality, Catholic education for the students we proudly serve."

Board Chair, Ronald Eamer, thanked all responsible for their efforts. "We never lose sight of our main goal, to deliver the best possible Catholic education to our students. It is evident that we remain committed to that goal, while remaining financially responsible."

Annual Certificates of Appreciation Presented

Every year the Board recognizes those who have distinguished themselves through academic, philanthropic, artistic, or social justice accomplishments. The following were recognized for the 2007-08 school year.

Jack Dillon, Grade 8 student at St. Mary CHS in Brockville was honoured for placing first overall at the annual Waterloo Pascal Math Contest.

Danielle McIntyre and Emily Santos from St. Mary Catholic School, Carleton Place, are the driving forces behind the "St. Mary's Goes Green" environmental project which earned A National C.A.P. Elementary School Recognition Award.

Mallory McKewen, from St. Mary CHS was recognized for her Canadian Equestrian Team membership.

Nolan Leroux, from Sacred Heart Catholic School in Cornwall was honoured for his National Bowling Team Championship.

Jade Conrad from St. Patrick Catholic School in Rockland was recognized for her independent study, Project "E", focusing on endangered species.

The St. Francis Xavier CHS Concert Band, from Hammond, led by Director Steve Pankiewicz, was recognized for its Gold medal at the national championships.

CDSBEO's Principal of Special Education, Brian Peters, was honoured for having been awarded the Catholic Principal

Council Principal of the Year for Eastern Ontario, as selected by his peers.

The St. Thomas Aquinas CHS Junior Girls Volleyball team was recognized for its EOSSA championship.

St. Mark Catholic School, Prescott, St. Thomas Aquinas CHS, Russell, and St. John Bosco Catholic School, Brockville were honoured for earning the Ontario EcoSchools Certification.

The Co-Chairs of the Good Samaritan Trust Fund, Jamie Mannion and Terry Landon, were honoured for their dedication to the fund which has distributed thousands of dollars to students and families in need.

Have a Safe Relaxing Summer

"We wish all of our students, staff, and Catholic partners a safe and happy summer break. We have been privileged to witness our students reach out to their communities this year, answering a number of different personal callings. Seeing our students in action is an amazing thing, and we look forward to seeing more successes next year."

-Board Chair, Ronald Eamer

"I am very proud to see our Board theme, *Called to Serve... as disciples of Christ!* come alive this past year. We have seen our students respond to many social justice initiatives and further their efforts to become stewards of the Earth through environmental efforts. I wish you all a very relaxing and safe summer, and we look forward to welcoming you back next year."

-Director of Education, Wm. J. Gartland

Meetings / Events

July 1 Canada Day (Board Offices Closed)

July 7 Good Samaritan Trust Fund Golf Tournament (Call 613-258-7757 ext. 212 for information)

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Next Board Meeting:

August 25, 2008
7:00 p.m.
Kemptville
Board Office