

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From the meeting of:
June 3, 2008
At Bishop Macdonell Catholic School,
Cornwall



CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

Learning and Growing Together in Christ

Dominican Republic Mission Travellers Share Experience

Staff and students from St. Joseph CSS who traveled from Cornwall to Demajagua, Dominican Republic, shared their experiences with the Board of Trustees and Senior Administration.

Sister Terry Wilson leads the mission, now in its 15th year. "Our students give so freely of themselves while on the trip. They work so hard for people that they don't know, because they feel it is the right thing to do. They have embraced our Catholic values, and every year I am amazed by how giving and thoughtful they are."

Grade 12 student, Michele Parisien, said, "Spending time with the people was very grounding. You'd wake up early every morning, work throughout the day, and at night, you'd spend time learning about who the locals are, playing with the kids and getting to know them on a personal level. It was a reminder of how easy it is to find happiness in the small things."

The students were helping to build homes for the town's 45 families. The entire school community has been raising funds for this project over the past couple of years. Grade 12 student, Scott Sanderson, told the Board, "It was a great feeling to see how our efforts here have paid off for those people so far away. I know I speak for many of my fellow travellers, when I say it has inspired us to continue our efforts from home to help out. It proves that one person's dedication can make a real difference in the world."

Catholic Education Week 2008 Remembered

Principal of Religious and Family Life Education, Tom Jordan, provided a summary of how our Board marked Catholic Education Week.

CDSBEO marked the beginning of the week with the sixth annual Board-wide Mass celebrated by the Most Rev. Terrence Prendergast, Archbishop of the Ottawa Archdiocese. Students, parents, clergy, administrators, teachers and support staff from all of our school communities came together for this Mass to celebrate who we are and what we do.

Mr. Jordan said, "Catholic Education Week is always an excellent opportunity for us to reach out to our Catholic community partners and remind them how important their support is to us and how much we appreciate it."

A slide show, highlighting several events from our schools was also presented. "In these pictures we see a great deal of parent involvement. It is wonderful to see our parents and Catholic partners attend these events. It's an opportunity for us to thank them," said Mr. Jordan.

Among the many events that took place were social justice initiatives, living rosaries, cancer research fundraisers, and artistic and dramatic productions.

Bishop Macdonell Catholic School Hosts Board

Trustees and Senior Administration were given a first hand look at the strong ties between home, school and parish at Bishop Macdonell Catholic School by Principal, Stephanie Burke, and Catholic School Council Chair, Shelley Terriah.

Ms. Terriah told the Board that she feels fortunate to work with other parents and the dedicated school staff in creating positive experiences for the children at Bishop Macdonell. Board Chair, Ron Eamer, expressed his sincere gratitude for the work that Ms. Terriah does within her Catholic School Council.

Ms. Burke told the Board about a very successful Catholic Education Week and shared several stories of success. "We are very fortunate to have the support of our parents and the dedication of our staff at our school. It is wonderful to be a part of this Catholic community."



Teacher Jaime Summers' Grade 7-8 students perform for Trustees and Senior Administration

Meetings / Events

June 10 Special Education Advisory Committee - St. Francis de Sales, Smiths Falls

7:00 pm

June 18 - 24 Secondary Examination Days

Next Board Meeting:

June 17, 2008

7:00 p.m.

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