

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From the meeting of:
April 21, 2009
At Holy Trinity CSS, Cornwall



CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

Learning and Growing Together in Christ

St. Joseph's CSS Returns from their Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic

Sister Terry Ann Wilson, Chaplaincy Leader at St. Joseph's Catholic Secondary School in Cornwall reported on the school's annual Mission Trip.

Sr. Terry was joined by two St. Joseph's teachers, Mr. Neil Carriere and Ms. Marie-Josée Martel, and ten students who travelled to the small mountain village of La Demajagua, in the Dominican Republic.

The group spent two weeks in March helping to build a new house for a family in that village. "We built the house for a farmer named Rafel and his family. He was so thankful for what we were doing to help him," said Teacher Neil Carriere.

The students all said that the trip had a profound effect on their lives. "It's amazing to me how happy these people are with so very little," said Jessica Maloney. "Being with them, even for such a short time, inspired me to continue to do what I can to help from home. I will never forget them."

This was the sixteenth year that St. Joseph's CSS has sent a group to the Dominican Republic. Over the years, the participants have worked on

helping to build schools, clinics and aqueducts.

Falcons Among Us: Holy Trinity CSS Showcases Talents for Board

Principal Natalie Cameron, staff, and students welcomed the Board of Trustees and Senior Administration to Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School for the Board Meeting held on April 21, 2009. The school took the opportunity to present a Holy Trinity showcase to the Board.

Mrs. Cameron told the Board, "Our students show incredible dedication to whatever cause or undertaking they pursue. We are blessed to have a wonderful family atmosphere at Holy Trinity and we are blessed to be able to share that with our entire Catholic school community."

Catholic School Council Chair, Kelly Ratayczak, said, "Hosting this meeting gives us the opportunity to share our successes, and to show you how proud we are of our school. We are very happy to give you a first-hand look at everyday life at Holy Trinity. We are very happy to welcome you to our family."

Following a presentation, which highlighted many of the school's academic, athletic, artistic and social justice successes, the school's choir performed two songs accompanied

by student Veranika Cherniak on the violin, under the direction of Teacher, Helen McAlear.

"Tonight this school has demonstrated the good things that are happening at Holy Trinity," said Director of Education, Bill Gartland. "We thank you for the warm welcome, and congratulate you on your continued success."

Celebrating Catholic Education Week With Board-Wide Mass

The beginning of Catholic Education Week will once again be marked by participation from all CDSBEO school communities - principals, teachers, students, parents, support staff, parish priests, senior administration and trustees - as we gather as one to celebrate the Eucharist.

The annual Catholic Education Week Mass will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 4th at Holy Cross Church in Kemptville, and will be presided over by the Most Reverend Brendan O'Brien, Archbishop of Kingston.

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2009 is *Catholic Education - Good News For All*.

April 29, 2009 - Special Education Advisory Committee, Kemptville Board Office, 7:00 p.m.

May 3 - May 8, 2009 - Catholic Education Week

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Next Board Meeting
May 5, 2009

Kemptville Board Office
7:00 p.m.