

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

Learning and Growing Together in Christ

Helping All Students Achieve

Superintendent of Education, Dr. Donaleen Hawes, Coordinator of Special Education, Dawn Fewer, and Special Education Teacher Consultants, Mike Glofcheskie and Christine Campeau presented to Trustees the first in a series of new resources developed for the *Targeting Achievement For All* initiative.

The first of six magazines that will be distributed to schools was presented. It focuses on *Systematic and Explicit Instruction* to support all learners, including special needs students. "The resources have been created to assist teachers and students in making vital connections between reading, writing, and thinking," said Dr. Hawes.

Part of the process has meant revisiting the essential components of *FROG* (Facilitating Reading for Optimum Growth). Ms. Fewer told the Board the program is being reviewed under the name *FROG Refreshed*. This will provide an opportunity to share *FROG* best practices from across the Board. The effort will see *FROG* school teams meeting to explore how the program is collaboratively implemented in schools, and will team the Special Education Department with the Curriculum Department to support all schools through the process.

A Target Diagram was shown to Trustees. It is a reference point for instruction methods and delivery techniques for the *Targeting Achievement for All* initiative. "Targeting instruction and assessment allows students to achieve and succeed in the classroom. As teachers, it is a joy to

share those successes, and to help the students achieve their goals," said Mr. Glofcheskie.

Each segment of the Target diagram identifies critical foundations of *Education for All*, including: *Systematic Explicit Instruction, Critical and Creative Thinking, Differentiated Instruction, Flexible Grouping, Assessment and Universal Design* for learning.

The rollout of the program will be a three year process. Three magazines from *Targeting Achievement for All* will be released from now until June, *Frog Refreshed* will be completed during Spring, and *Differentiated Instruction* will be implemented at three high schools. Over the next two years, more resources will be introduced and the program will be consolidated throughout the Board.

You're invited to Celebrate Catholic Education Week 2009 With Us

Superintendent of Education, Marg Shea-Lawrence, shared with Trustees, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Catholic Education Week 2009 Resource Package. Catholic Education Week runs from May 3-8 and the theme for 2009 is *Catholic Education: Good News for All*.

Mrs. Shea-Lawrence reminded us of the words from Romans (10:15) "'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news', which demonstrates the importance of being a messenger of the Good News, and these words can help to deepen our understanding of our mission as Catholic Educators."

The resource package contains a number of items, including suggested activities, and prayer services.

Director of Education, Wm. J. Gartland, said that it is not only the schools that will be receiving the resources. "All Pastors who serve the families in the CDSBEO will also receive a package. This is a practice that is unique to our Board, and one which has been recently recognized provincially by OCSTA as a best practice."

Mrs. Shea-Lawrence added that Catholic Education Week gives us the opportunity to thank our Pastors, students, staff, parents and communities for the many ways that they promote the value of Catholic education. "Throughout Catholic Education Week, we ask you to reflect on the significance of Catholic Education's presence and contribution in our Church, and in our society. We invite all members of our community to participate in the celebration of Catholic Education Week 2009 in the CDSBEO."

The Annual Board-Wide Mass, which traditionally marks the beginning of Catholic Education Week, will be held on Monday, May 4, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Church in Kemptville.

All schools have been invited to bring their local parish priest, two students, one teacher, one non-teaching staff member, a parent, and the principal, to this joyous celebration of who we are and what we do.

The celebrant for this year's Mass will be His Grace, Archbishop Brendan O'Brien, of the Archdiocese of Kingston.

April 10, 2009 - Good Friday **April 13, 2009** - Easter Monday
April 21, 2009 - Board Meeting, Holy Trinity CSS, Cornwall, 7:00 p.m.

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Next Board Meeting
April 7, 2009
Kemptville Board Office
7:00 p.m.