

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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August 27, 2007



CATHOLIC DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD OF
EASTERN ONTARIO
Learning and Growing Together in Christ

New Catholic Student Trustee Sworn In

St. Mary Catholic High School student, *James King*, has been sworn in as CDSBEO Catholic Student Trustee for the 2007-2008 school year.

In addition to representing all students across the Board, *James* will lead the Student Senate, made up of representatives from each CDSBEO secondary school.

"It is an incredible honour to represent the students of this Board," said *James*. "I am excited about the opportunity to work with the Student Senate on social justice issues, and to promote a close relationship with our Trustees and our students."

James served on the Student Senate last year, is a member of the St. Mary Athletic Council and a member of the school's social justice youth group.

"I believe the best way to promote Catholic education is to lead by example," said *Mr. King*. "This is a wonderful opportunity to promote our Gospel values beyond my school and our Board."

Board Chair *Ron Eamer* congratulated *Mr. King* on his appointment, "The entire Board welcomes you *James*. We can certainly tell you bring an incredible passion and enthusiasm for Catholic education to the role."

James takes over the role from fellow St. Mary CHS student *Caitlin Sigg*.

2007 Summer Plant Projects Presented

Manager of Plant and Maintenance, *Bernie Kehoe*, presented a number of construction and renovation projects carried out over the course of the last few months to the Board of Trustees.

Projects from schools across the Board were highlighted. There has been a great effort by the Plant and Maintenance staff to ensure the projects were completed in time for the 2007-2008 school year.

"Our staff put forth an incredible effort, guided by the goal of giving our students the best possible environment in which to learn," said *Mr. Kehoe*.

The Plant and Maintenance Department uses its own staff whenever possible to save on contractor costs. "By doing so, we are able to utilize the talents of our staff and to increase the number of projects that we undertake each year. Our staff does truly magnificent work," said *Mr. Kehoe*.

Board Chair, *Ron Eamer*, thanked *Mr. Kehoe* for his continued dedication. "The Plant and Maintenance Department continues to provide wonderful results year-after-year. The effort to create a positive, comfortable learning environment for our students plays a very important role in their success."

New Board Theme for 2007-2008

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario has officially adopted a new Board theme for the 2007-2008 school year: *Called to serve... as disciples of Christ!*

The theme invites us to reflect on the three aspects of call, service, and discipleship. It reminds us that we are created in the image and likeness of God and we are all encouraged to share our unique gifts with others in service, just as Jesus taught us to do.

Over the course of the coming year, all students and staff, in consultation with parents and our partners, will be involved in numerous meaningful activities that will keep our theme alive for one and all.

Students and staff will have the opportunity to reflect on the attributes of a disciple to ensure that each of us lives out our special vocation.

Director of Education, *Bill Gartland*, stated, "We look forward to seeing our students share the teachings of Jesus through word and deed as they travel down the path to discipleship."



Meetings / Events

Sept. 4, 2007 First Day of School

Sept. 11, 2007 Special Education Advisory Committee, Kemptville Board Office 7:00 p.m.

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Next Board Meeting:

Sept. 18, 2007

7:00 p.m.

Board Office,
Kemptville

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