

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From the meeting of:  
**October 16, 2007**  
Held at St. Andrew's Catholic School,  
St. Andrews West



# CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

Learning and Growing Together in Christ

### Environmental Report Presented to Trustees

Administration presented a report on environmental and conservation efforts being carried out across the Board. The report is the result of collaboration between several of the Board's departments. The report outlines best practices at all levels and indicates how learners are being taught to link their lessons to the world around them.

Superintendent of Education, Jane McMillan, told the Board, "Our goal is to serve as disciples of Christ through responsible stewardship, to channel resources wisely and to raise awareness about the Earth's natural life supporting systems."

Mrs. McMillan told the Board that five of the Board's schools are taking part in EcoSchools pilot projects. "EcoSchools is an environmental education program that addresses both how schools are run, and what students learn. It has been designed to incorporate environmental education and environmentally responsible actions into the school setting."

Superintendent of Business, Gordon Greffe, outlined several ways in which the Plant and Maintenance Department is aiding the cause. "A number of energy efficient systems are now featured in our schools. Administrative actions are in place to ensure that current practices will continue to improve, and environmental initiatives are continually reviewed."

Mr. Greffe also told the Board that the

Purchasing Department has been proactive in the cause. Paper products and garbage bags that are purchased are made from 100% recycled materials and the Board's cleaning products are the very latest in environmentally friendly products.

CDSBEO continues to create partnerships that are supportive of the environmental and conservation efforts to further our students' understanding of these issues and to encourage them to act in ways that will preserve the Earth for generations to come.

### St. Andrew's Catholic School Hosts Board

The Board of Trustees were treated to an evening of music, dance and a talk on the origin of Catholic education in the town of St. Andrews West.

St. Andrew's Catholic School Principal, Paul Bellefeuille, told trustees that Catholic education has deep roots in the town, as the first school was established in 1802. Mr. Bellefeuille said, "The great legacy of Catholic education at St. Andrew's is to teach our students to treat others and themselves with the Gospel values that Jesus taught us."

Mr. Bellefeuille showcased school programs and initiatives including the Sacramental Garden, created in partnership with the Knights of Columbus. "The garden gives the school a wonderful setting for prayer and meditation. It is also where we held our first Mass of the school year."

"We are also very proud of our Special Education Department," continued Mr. Bellefeuille. "Our dedicated staff use the latest technology to help our special needs students succeed."

The Environmental Club was also showcased. It maintains St. Andrew's recycling program and encourages the entire school to reduce waste and save energy.

Dedication to performing arts was displayed first hand. The school choir performed a medley of songs under the leadership of Mrs. Trish McRae. Grade 1 student Alan Parks, Grade 2 student Olivia McDonald and Grade 4 student Anna Parks performed traditional Highland dances for the Trustees as well.

### Student Success: CDSBEO Students Earn Scholarships

Director of Education, Bill Gartland, told the Board that 40 CDSBEO students have been awarded a "Queen Elizabeth II - Aiming for the Top Scholarship."

The annual scholarships are awarded to secondary students who achieve an average of 80% or higher.

Mr. Gartland stated, "Our entire Board is very proud of these Catholic graduates. I offer them my sincere congratulations and wish them continued success in their future endeavours."

#### Meetings / Events

Nov. 13	Special Education Advisory Committee, St. Mark Catholic School, Prescott	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 20	Board Meeting, Kemptville Board Office	7:00 p.m.

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**Next Board Meeting:**  
Nov. 6, 2007, 7:00 p.m.  
**Kemptville Board Office**

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