

# ***School News from the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario***

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## **St. John Bosco Welcomes Author for Classroom Visits and “Reading Camp”**

**Brockville, ON** – Staff and students at St. John Bosco Catholic School in Brockville welcomed Kingston author Sarah Perry to the school. Ms. Perry spent two days visiting every class to discuss many different facets of the writing process.

Each discussion was tailored to each particular grade level and age group. Topics of discussion included plot development, character development and poetry.

“All of our students really enjoyed having Ms. Perry here,” said St. John Bosco Principal Donna Balemba. “She has this wonderful ability to connect with and engage the students. We would certainly love to have her back.”

Ms. Perry also helped the school host its first ever St. John Bosco Reading Camp on January 23, 2008. That evening, students and parents came to the school with sleeping bags and pillows to prepare for a family evening of shared reading.

Ms. Perry addressed the more than 150 in attendance about the journey she takes with every book she writes. She spoke of the special perspective she has developed during her time as a children’s author.

The group then heard from CDSBEO Special Education Coordinator Dawn Fewer and Literacy Consultant Christine Campeau about different ways in which to engage our children in shared reading. Following the discussions, parents had the opportunity to read with their children in their makeshift camp inside the school’s gym.

“I think it’s wonderful that our parents learned different ways to share reading with their children, and then had the opportunity to try some of these new methods right away,” said Ms. Balemba. “Our parents are learning that there are many different ways to encourage reading based on an individual student’s learning style.”

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**Attached Photo: St. John Bosco Author.jpg** - St. John Bosco Principal Donna Balemba and Grade 5 students Ryan Coulombe and Riley Serviss with Kingston Author Sarah Perry

