

School News from the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario

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St. John Catholic Elementary School to Raise Peace Flag

Perth, ON – St. John Catholic Elementary School invites the media to attend as the school raises its Peace flag.

When: Thursday, November 22, 2007 at 9:15 a.m.

Where: St. John Catholic Elementary School, 34 Wilson St. East, Perth

The Peace Flag is the result of an initiative of Student Support Worker Kate Wing. It began when the school won the Michael Carty Award from the Catholic Education Foundation of Ontario for its proposal to implement the Peaceful Schools International program.

Staff used the monetary award to invite Peaceful Schools International (PSI) Founder Hetty van Gorp to the school. Ms. van Gorp founded the group following the death of her son Ben as the result of a bullying incident in 1991. Ms. van Gorp has devoted her time and energy towards supporting schools that have declared a commitment to creating and maintaining a culture of peace. PSI has over 200 member schools around the world. With Ms. van Gorp's support and guidance, the school achieved the designation. The peace flag recognizes the achievement.

Representatives from the Perth Fire Department, Police, CDSBEO, and Catholic School Council are expected to be in attendance.

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