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## **Board Mourns Loss of James Preston**

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*Kemptville* – With great sadness, the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario announces the sudden death of *James (Jim) Preston*, a teacher at St. Joseph Catholic School in Gananoque. Mr. Preston, 48 years of age, died suddenly on September 6, 2005.

For the past 16 years, Jim has been an active member of the St. Joseph Catholic School community. He was a creative and talented individual who was always willing to share his time and abilities. He was directly involved with the Guitar Club, Chess Club, Environment Committee and Choir. Jim was a gifted musician who shared this gift with others through his involvement in providing music at school Masses and at St. Joseph Church. He played a vast repertoire of music professionally for audiences of all ages, in various musical groups across Canada.

Director of Education *Ann Perron* says Jim will be remembered by the entire St. Joseph community and as a loving husband of Susan and father of Sean and Kaitlyn. “The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario will miss Jim’s contributions to our school system. We will continue to pray for Susan, their children, family and friends. They are in our thoughts and intentions during this most difficult time.”

The Board’s crisis response support group has been on hand to offer support and counselling for students and staff of St. Joseph.

Arrangements are being finalized and will follow.

***“Blessed are those who have died in the Lord;  
let them rest from their labours  
for their good deeds go with them.***

***Eternal rest grant unto James, O Lord.”***

***Amen.***

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