

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

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## **Operation Christmas Child at St. George Catholic School**

**Long Sault, ON** – St. George Catholic School is celebrating the end of a very successful fundraiser for children in need around the world.

St. George Teacher, Colette Rowley, organized the effort for Grade 5 and 6 students at the school. The students packed 54 shoeboxes, and raised an additional \$115.00 for Operation Christmas Child.

Operation Christmas Child is a multi-nation effort to send gift-filled shoe boxes to children in desperate situations. Items collected by St. George for the boxes included: toys such as small cars, balls, dolls, and stuffed animals; school supplies including pens, pencils, crayons, paper, and solar calculators; basic hygiene items like toothbrushes, soap, and combs; and other items such as sunglasses, baseball hats, socks, and hair-clips.

Principal Roger Patenaude said he is very proud of the way the school responded. “It is always inspiring and wonderful to see students embrace this type of initiative. Their desire to help children in need is a testament to how they live our Gospel values, and how they are answering their personal calls to action. We are so very proud.”

Since 1993, more than 61 million shoe boxes have been packed, shipped and delivered for Operation Christmas Child by people from all walks of life.

For more information, please contact CDSBEO Communications Officer Bob Perreault at 613-258-7757 or 1-800-443-4562 ext. 206 or 613-859-0678 (mobile).

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario operates 40 elementary and 10 secondary schools across 8 counties. The CDSBEO offers excellence in Catholic education through provincial-leading programs to approximately 15,000 students.

**Attached Photos:**

**St. George 1** – Mrs. Colette Rowley and the Grade 5 and 6 students at St. George Catholic School in Long Sault packed and shipped 54 boxes for Operation Christmas Child, and raised more than \$100.00 for the cause.



**St. George 2** – St. George Catholic School students, Emily Stang, and Gwenaelle Couillec with some of the 54 boxes the Grade 5 and 6 students packed to send to children in need around the world as part of Operation Christmas Child. The school also raised more than \$100.00 for the cause.

