

School News from the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario

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Outrageous Hats Help To Raise Funds for Toonies for Tuition

Brockville, ON – Staff and students at St. John Bosco Catholic School in Brockville came together to help support Toonies for Tuition with a special hat day. “Normally our students don’t wear hats in school, but we made an exception for this cause. Our students certainly responded enthusiastically,” said Principal Donna Balemba.

Toonies for Tuition is a fundraising initiative by the Canadian Catholic School Trustees’ Association. Established in 2006, it is an endowment fund to assist students in Catholic schools with their tuition costs in provinces with limited or no public funding for Catholic education.

At St. John Bosco, students paid a toonie to be permitted to wear a hat to school. “It was actually quite a challenge,” said Ms. Balemba, “Teachers had to continually remind themselves not to ask students to remove hats as we usually do.”

The response from the school was wide-spread. “It was incredible to see the generosity,” said Ms. Balemba. “We had some students who didn’t want to wear a hat, but brought in their toonies anyway to help those in need.”

Some students came to school wearing an outrageous novelty hat to add a little bit of extra fun to the day. Students were more than happy to assist other Catholic students across Canada. “The spirit of giving certainly showed itself today,” said Ms. Balemba.

In total the school raised more than \$200.00 for Toonies for Tuition and plans to have other fundraisers throughout the year.

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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: Bosco Hat 1 – Students at St. John Bosco Catholic School in Brockville show off their outrageous hats they wore to school as part of the Toonies for Tuition fundraising day. In total, more than \$200.00 was raised to help students pay for Tuition in provinces where Catholic education receives little or no funding.

