

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

**School: St. John Bosco, Brockville**

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## **Community-wide Greening Effort at St. John Bosco Catholic School**

**Brockville, ON** – A collaborative effort is underway to raise funds for future greening projects at St. John Bosco Catholic School as the school's Environmental Club raises awareness for the three R's: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

This latest campaign began just as the school unveiled a new garden, the result of previous fundraising.

The school's Environmental Club has introduced protective agenda holders made from recycled Kool Aid Jammer drink pouches. The holders are being sold for \$5.00 with all proceeds going to the school's greening program.

Staff and parent volunteers are helping to sew the bags to meet the growing demand for orders at the school. This type of community effort is nothing new for the Club. "Each time we begin a new eco-initiative, the community comes through and offers to help," said Mrs. Sharon Furzeczott Adam, founder of the Environmental Club. "We are so thankful."

Approximately three years ago, the club started collecting pop cans to raise money for beautifying projects. Zigman Metals on Central Ave. W. in Brockville reimbursed the school for the cans collected. Thanks largely to this initiative the school has been able to pay for two new gardens in front of the building, and to have a mature tree planted in the school yard.

St. John Bosco now has an account at Zigman, and encourages families to donate unwanted metal items on the school's behalf. "We hope that after all we've done, we'll be able to plant another tree very soon," said Mrs. Furzeczott Adam. "The students have really put an incredible effort into protecting the environment."

The school also raises awareness within its community with an Environmental Newsletter, and St. John Bosco has also been designated an Eco-School by the Province. Eco-Schools use tools and resources to educate, motivate and engage students on environmental issues.

St. John Bosco Principal Donna Balemba said the club's efforts have made a big difference. "Our school is now a much more beautiful, comfortable place thanks to the wonderful work they've done. By educating the students in environmental issues, Mrs. Furzeczott Adam has truly shown our students how they act for God as stewards of the Earth."

**Attached Photos:**

**St. John Bosco Enviro1.jpg** – Mrs. Sharon Furzeczott Adam, founder of the St. John Bosco Environmental Club, shows off the recycled agenda covers with the help of Grade 3 students Ryan Brett and Darah Dejeet.

**St. John Bosco Enviro2.jpg** – While standing in front of a garden they helped fund, St. John Bosco Teacher and Environmental Club founder, Mrs. Sharon Furzeczott Adam, shows off the recycled agenda covers with the help of Grade 3 students Ryan Brett and Darah Dejeet.

