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Communities of Peace

The CDSBEO is currently implementing Bill 212, the new Safe School Legislation. The goal of the Board's Catholic Code of Conduct, and the bullying prevention and intervention plans, is to strengthen our Catholic communities, and to create communities of peace that are founded in faith, love and respect .

Progressive discipline plays a key role in the implementation of the new legislation. Our framework for progressive discipline is Called to Care, Called to Action, and Called to Rebuild, as disciples of Christ. Through this, students will learn from a young age that we are responsible for our own actions, we need to care for and about others, and to help those in need.

The Gospel values of compassion and forgiveness, along with the concept of restorative justice, are key when discipline or suspension is considered. Alternative Behaviour Learning Environment Programs (ABLE) will be offered to students with longer suspensions, allowing them to continue their education at an off-site location while suspended.

*CDSBEO is Celebrating 10 Years of
Excellence in Catholic Education ~ 1998-2008*

Did you know?

The CDSBEO transports 11,500 students to school each and every day travelling over 39,000 kilometres per day.

Over the past few years the Transportation Department has reduced the number of school buses they utilize by 20%. The overall loaded capacity of our school buses is 115%. These improvements were possible by staggering school bell times, double runs and route sharing. These changes also improved the students' ride times. Currently, 97% of our students have less than a 60 minute ride to school and 83% of our students arrive at school within a 15 minute window of bell time.

The Board continues to focus on transporting students to school safely, on time and ready to learn.

Notable

- The Board would like to congratulate Brian Peters, Principal of Special Education, for his recognition as the Catholic Principal of the Year by the Catholic Principals Council of Ontario.
- A number of secondary students participated in Mission Trips to the Dominican Republic and Mexico during March Break. The students will be sharing their experiences with the Board at a future meeting.
- The Board approved the proposed school-year calendar for 2008 - 2009 at the March 4th Board meeting. The calendar has been submitted to the Ministry for final approval. The Board appreciates the input from the Catholic School Councils.
- Literacy Coaches, specialists whose primary goal is to improve literacy achievement, have been working with CDSBEO teachers and principals to deepen their understanding of the reading and writing process, and enhance teaching and learning strategies. So far, improvements in student achievement and the greater sense of community among teachers, are some of the visible benefits of the program.
- The Board's Microsoft Softgrid deployment project is proving to be a great success. The program, designed to rapidly deploy software to Board computers, is being used in several test schools and is managing 80 different software titles. A task that would normally take months, now only takes hours to complete.



Ralph Waldo Emerson

*For flowers that bloom about our feet,
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet,
For song of bird, and hum of bee,
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!*

*For blue of stream and blue of sky,
For pleasant shade of branches high,
For fragrant air and cooling breeze,
For beauty of the blooming trees,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!*

Mark your Calendar! April 27th to May 2nd is Catholic Education Week. A Board-wide Mass will be held on April 28th at the Holy Cross Parish in Kemptville.

Board Meeting Dates: April 1st Holy Cross Catholic School, Kemptville and April 15th @ 7:00 p.m., Kemptville Board Office
Special Education Advisory Committee: April 8th @ 6:30-7:40 p.m. & 7:50-9:00 p.m., Sacred Heart Catholic School, Cornwall

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