



# Trustee News

CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

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**Ronald Eamer, Chair (Cornwall-Glengarry)**  
**Nancy Kirby, Vice-Chair (Lanark)**  
**Todd Lalonde (Cornwall-Glengarry)**  
**Brent Laton (Grenville)**

**Karen McAllister (Stormont-Dundas)**  
**Robin Reil (Leeds)**  
**Sue Wilson (Prescott-Russell)**  
**Rebecca McEvoy (Catholic Student Trustee)**

## Trustee Elections

Trustee for the City of Cornwall and the County of Glengarry, Ronald Eamer is now serving his eighth consecutive term as our Chairperson after he was acclaimed at our Inaugural Meeting held on December 2. Meanwhile, Lanark County Trustee, Nancy Kirby, was acclaimed to the position of Vice-Chair of the CDSBEO. Mrs. Kirby is also entering her sixth term in the position. In addition to her role as Vice-Chair, Mrs. Kirby is also Vice-President of the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association where she works with Catholic partners to help preserve Catholic education in our province. Both Mr. Eamer and Mrs. Kirby expressed their thanks to all of our staff their efforts over the past year. "I am so impressed by the wonderful work that our staff does for our students," said Mr. Eamer. It is evident that our children continue to succeed. As Trustees, we couldn't ask for anything more." Mrs. Kirby added, "We are also very fortunate to have parents who are engaged and involved in their Catholic school communities."

## JK/K Registration

The CDSBEO welcomes new registrations! We offer academic excellence in caring, faith-filled schools dedicated to nurturing and celebrating the hearts, minds, bodies and souls of our students. Register your child now for the kindergarten program and secure a space in your local Catholic school.

## Students Embrace Bus Safety

We had two very special presentations at the Board Meeting of December 16th, as the Transportation Department launched two contests this year during School Bus Safety Week (Oct. 20-24), to engage students, parents, and teachers in the importance of school bus safety. Trustees on the Board's Transportation Committee were given the challenging task of judging the entries. Elementary Schools made banners promoting bus safety under the theme of Rain, Shine or Snow - Safety's a Go! St. Mary Catholic School in Chesterville took home the top honours. Secondary students were given the challenge to create instructional videos explaining how the Board's website ([www.cdsbeo.on.ca](http://www.cdsbeo.on.ca)) can be used to check bus cancellations during inclement weather. St. Joseph's CSS, from Cornwall's video was selected as the winner. It was very hard to choose a single winner in both categories. Our students' talents certainly were well represented in this successful initiative.

*Our Board of Trustees  
wishes all of our partners  
in Catholic education a  
very happy and blessed  
New Year.*

## A Note of Thanks

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the St. Mary Catholic High School Choir from Brockville for joining us at our meeting held December 16, 2008. The choir sang a selection of Christmas songs for us and showcased their group and individual talents. Their singing was absolutely wonderful and they brought the joy of Christmas to our board room. We wish to thank Choir Directors Brenda Reil and Diane Wooller for leading these talented musicians.

## Building Communities of Peace

The Board now has a new resource that we are sending home to families and to every Grade 7 to Grade 12 student in our Board. A new booklet entitled, *Called to Care... Called to Action... Called to Rebuild—Creating Communities of Peace* is being shared with students, staff and parents as part of our Board's communication strategy. This booklet is a key component of the Board's strategy to address safe school legislation. This resource provides students and parents with an outline of our Board's focus on Restorative Justice and Progressive Discipline. It also discusses the rights and responsibilities of students, school officials, and parents when it comes to these topics. Also included are several names and addresses of agencies, parishes and support services for all eight of the counties served by our Board. We are very proud of the Board's Special Education department for their commitment to this project.

Board Meeting Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Kemptville Board Office  
SEAC - Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Kemptville Board Office

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