



# Trustee News

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## Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Week this year takes place from April 27 – May 2, 2008. During this week, the Catholic community celebrates the unique and distinctive contribution that Catholic schools make to our students, our community and our Province. Catholic Education Week is a welcome opportunity to celebrate the Mission of our Catholic schools as they endeavour to integrate the Gospel values of Jesus Christ in every aspect of the school's life and curriculum.

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

### Did you know?

Each year the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association develops and produces an excellent resource package for all schools to use in celebrating Catholic Education Week.

This year's package, *WE ARE CALLED*, complements our 2007-2009 CDSBEO theme very well. For 2008, the package focuses on what does God ask of us by using the words of Micah (act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly, serve generously & live peacefully) as anchor concepts in the organization of the package.

In CDSBEO, all of our schools make Catholic Education Week special by:

- reminding our Catholic community partners about the importance of Catholic education (and how much we need their support) by speaking at the April 27th Sunday Masses throughout CDSBEO;
- participating in the Board-wide Mass;
- hosting special masses and prayer services;
- inviting parents and members of the community in to help celebrate through open houses, literacy nights, math nights, artistic performances, inviting in guest authors/readers;
- working with their school councils to organize special parental workshops/seminars.

Please join in the celebration with your local Catholic school community members.

## Ontario Legislative Assembly

CDSBEO is encouraging members of our Catholic community to express their concerns regarding the Ontario Legislative Assembly's review of the traditional practice of reciting the Lord's Prayer at the beginning of each business day of the Legislature. Please go to [www.ontla.on.ca](http://www.ontla.on.ca) to submit your thoughts.

## Student Success Update

Data over a three year period, since the Student Success program was launched, shows that CDSBEO has seen a marked improvement in the Grade 9 and 10 credit accumulation rate, and the number of students leaving our school system early has dropped significantly.

## Stewards of the Earth

To support the Board theme, *Called to serve...* as Stewards of the Earth, the CDSBEO is involved in many environmental initiatives, one of which is the ECO Schools pilot project. The four pillars of the program are, ecological literacy, waste minimization, energy conservation, and schoolyard greening. Currently, six schools are involved in the pilot project. CDSBEO schools have also recently participated in Earth Hour and Earth Day activities.

## Notable

- CDSBEO Trustees attended the 78th Annual OCSTA AGM & Conference - April 24 to 26.
- The Catholic Student Trustee for 2008-2009 will be elected on May 6.
- Thank you to Holy Cross Catholic School in Kemptville for hosting our April 1st Board meeting and providing a tour of their new addition.
- As of April 23, the Good Samaritan Trust Fund has distributed \$6,200 to those in need in our community.

### **Mark your Calendar! May 1st is World Catholic Education Day.**

Board Meeting Dates: May 6<sup>th</sup> St. Francis Xavier Catholic School, Brockville and May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m., Kemptville Board Office

Special Education Advisory Committee: May 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m., Kemptville Board Office

Catholic Education Forum: May 8<sup>th</sup> BBQ @ 5:30 p.m., Sessions @ 6:30 p.m., St. Michael Catholic High School, Kemptville

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