



# Trustee News

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## Parent Summit - October 4

Research shows that students are more likely to earn higher grades, have better behaviour and social skills, and continue their education to a higher level when parents are involved in their education. Earlier this year, the Ministry of Education put several initiatives in place to support and encourage parent involvement, including school grants and a new Provincial Parent Board.

In response to the Ministry initiative, the CDSBEO will be hosting the Catholic School Council Summit on October 4, at St. Michael Catholic High School in Kemptville. Each Board school will be represented at the summit by teams comprised of Catholic school council chairs, principals, vice-principals, and parents. The evening will include workshops which highlight issues such as Internet safety, improving study habits, and an introduction to the school system.

Parents wishing to participate in this summit may speak directly with their school principal for more information on how to register.

## Provincial Parent Board

The Provincial Parent Board has been established by the Ministry of Education to help encourage and improve parent involvement in Ontario's public schools. The board plays a critical role in advising the Ministry on the development and implementation of effective parent involvement programs across Ontario.

The board is comprised of 18 representatives from all areas of the province, who bring diverse backgrounds and experiences. Robert Morais, an active parent on the St. Michael CHS Catholic School Council, has been appointed as a member of the provincial Board. Mr. Morais' experience will provide a strong voice for parents at the provincial level.

## New Student Trustee

St. Mary Catholic High School student, James King, has been sworn in as CDSBEO Catholic Student Trustee for the 2007-2008 school year. In addition to representing all students across the Board, James will lead the Student Senate, made up of representatives from each CDSBEO secondary school. James served on the Student Senate last year, is a member of the St. Mary Athletic Council and a member of the school's social justice youth group.

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## New Board Theme

This year, the Board has introduced a new theme: *Called to Serve as Disciples of Christ*. The theme invites us to reflect on the three aspects of call, service and discipleship. As we are called to serve by God, we are reminded that we are created in the image and likeness of God. We all have unique gifts that we are encouraged to share with others in service, just as Jesus did. Over the course of this school year, our actions will demonstrate the different ways in which we are called to serve. Our students will journey towards discipleship, spreading the teachings of Jesus through word and deed, as they travel down the path towards becoming Catholic graduates.



## Daily Physical Activity

The CDSBEO has implemented a program which will deliver 20 minutes of sustained physical activity to all students on days which they will not attend traditional physical education class. Daily Physical Activity (DPA) Coach Stephanie Charbonneau is scheduled to visit all schools this term, to work with teachers on how to incorporate daily physical activity into the classroom routine.

The Ministry of Education has made the DPA program possible through grants to all boards in the province. Physical activity helps to improve both the physical and mental well-being of students. It is also an important lesson on the significance of a healthy, active lifestyle.

## Board on the Road

In the month of October, the Board will be visiting two school communities for Board meetings: St. Gregory Catholic School in Carleton Place (October 2) and St. Andrew's Catholic School in St. Andrews West (October 16). The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) will also be hosted by Mother Teresa Catholic School in Russell on October 9.