

Trustee News

CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

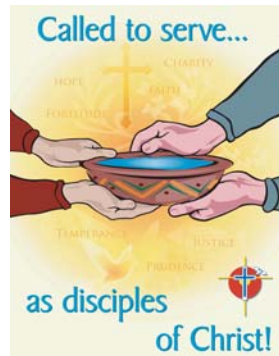
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Rebecca McEvoy (Catholic Student Trustee)

Continuing the Theme...

The 2008-2009 School year represents the second year of our very successful Board theme "Called to Serve...As Disciples of Christ!" This theme has proven to be an excellent guide for the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario because it reflects who we are: we are a people of faith, we are called to action.



Our entire CDSBEO family has embraced the term, "Called to Serve" as it reminds us that we are entrusted with a sacred mission. We also know that service alone is not enough; we must serve "As Disciples of Christ!" as this strikes at the very heart of who we are as individuals and what we represent as an organization.

In year two, we will continue to embrace our theme and use it as a guide to find ways to make important differences in the lives of others.

e-Learning

The CDSBEO on-line learning program was established in 2001 to provide our students with new opportunities to earn secondary school credits. Over the years, the program has grown and expanded. In the 2007-2008 school year, forty different courses in each semester were offered on-line, and our students earned 235 credits.

For the first time this year, CDSBEO also ran a very successful eLearning Summer Session for Reach-Ahead, Transfer and Credit-Recovery courses. There were thirty different course choices available, and students earned 151 credits over the summer. Our students now have a variety of options available to them through on-line learning. In consultation with their school guidance counsellor, students can include on-line courses in designing an academic program that will meet their needs and support their learning goals.

Board Meeting Dates: September 16th and October 7th @ 7:00 p.m., Kemptville Board Office

Special Education Advisory Committee: September 3rd @ 7:00 p.m., Kemptville Board Office and September 24th @ 7:00 p.m., St. Michael CHS, Kemptville ~ Professional Activity Day: Friday, October 3, 2008

Visit our website at www.cdsbeo.on.ca for information, news on school events, bus cancellation updates, Board Meeting Highlights, or to visit our Trustee section under *Board Information*.

Project Updates

During the summer of 2008, three major capital projects were started. The total budget for these three projects, under the Government's "Prohibitive to Repair Program", is \$15 million. The projects are a new school in Prescott; a major renovation and addition at St. Joseph Catholic School in Toledo; and a four classroom addition at Mother Teresa Catholic School in Russell.

Other school renovations totaled \$5 million and are funded under the Government's "Good Places to Learn" and "School Renewal" programs. Some of these projects included complete gymnasium renovations at St. Columban Catholic School in Cornwall and St. John Elementary Catholic School in Perth; a major renovation of the north wing at St. Finnan Catholic School in Alexandria; renovation of the Grade 7 & 8 wing at St. Mary Catholic School in Brockville; major renovations at St. Francis Xavier in Hammond; and new power services at St. Peter Catholic School.

Portables were added at St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Michael and St. Anne.

New Student Trustee

St. Michael Catholic High School Grade 12 student, Rebecca McEvoy, has been sworn in as CDSBEO Catholic Student Trustee for the 2008-2009 school year. In addition to representing all students across the Board, Rebecca will lead the Student Senate, made up of representatives from each CDSBEO secondary school. Rebecca served on the Student Senate last year.

Celebrating Ten Years!

On November 1, 2008 CDSBEO will be celebrating ten years as an amalgamated Catholic school board and the event will be commemorated with a celebratory dinner on this date.

"The wisest mind has something yet to learn."

George Santayana