

ST. MARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

October 4, 2011

For means to give to those in need, for grace to help in thought and deed, for faith to walk, our hands in Yours, for truth to know Your law divine, for strength to work with voice and pen, for love to serve our fellow humans, for light the goal ahead to see, for life to use alone for You, Loving God, we thank You. Amen.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Good luck to our sports teams in their upcoming tournaments:
 - Junior Girls' Soccer Team playing on Tuesday, October 4th in Almonte.
 - Junior Boys' Soccer Team playing on Wednesday, October 5th in Almonte.
 - Cross Country Team running on Tuesday, October 18th in Almonte.
- Our school community raised \$760.25 during our Terry Fox Walk/Run. Exceptionally well done, everyone!
- Along with many schools around Ontario, our students will participate in 'Student Vote', in conjunction with municipal elections. Results will be posted on-line.
- Thank you to everyone who attended our Open House/BBQ Night. School Council did an outstanding job of organizing and preparing the food and raised approximately \$500 to support our school programs. For any of our families who require assistance in having their child participate in a school program, please let the office know (confidentiality is guaranteed).
- Once again, we will be having our Annual Spooky Family Fun Night on Thursday, October 27th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- Additional information about community events found on our school calendar is posted on the bulletin board at the front door of the school.
- **REMINDER:** We still have a few outstanding payments owing for School Agendas (\$10.00). We would appreciate receiving this money as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Espaguetis (Spaghetti a la Dominicana). Come join us for a Dominican dinner to help support the six (6) students from Notre Dame Catholic High School travelling to the Dominican Republic to do mission work in March 2012. The dinner will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2011 in St. Mary's Parish Hall. Tickets are \$15 per person. There will be live entertainment, a silent auction and a 50/50 draw. Please come and join us. We are looking for donations for the silent auction. For tickets or donations, please contact Annette Meadows at 613-257-1490 or Jayne Girouard in the Parish Office during office hours (Tuesday to Friday from 9:00 to 1:30).
- Life Rescue is offering a Red Cross Babysitting Course on Friday, October 28th from 8:30 to 4:30. Please contact Lori Dziuba at 613-867-8764 or liferescue@bell.net for additional information.

***THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2011
(NO SCHOOL)***

***PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2011
(NO SCHOOL)***

ST. MARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	3	4 9:00-3:30 Boys Soccer Tournament - ALM	5 9:00-3:30 Girls Soccer Tournament - ALM	6 9:30 Thanksgiving Mass St. Mary's Church	7	8
9	10 THANKSGIVING DAY (NO SCHOOL)	11	12 9:30-11:40 Fire Safety Presentations - OWFC	13	14 10:00 Mass at Carleton Place Manor	15
16	17 9:30 School Photo Retakes	18 9:15-3:30 Cross Country Meet - ALM	19 9:30-11:30 Emergency Bus Evacuation Practice	20 9:30-3:00 Rosary Apostolate	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 6:00-7:30 Spooky Family Fun Night	28 PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY (NO SCHOOL)	29
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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From the Board Meeting
held September 20, 2011

eLearning Students Thriving

Superintendent of School Effectiveness, Charlotte Rouleau, and eLearning Coordinator, Karen Tobin, presented to Trustees a summary of student eLearning results from the summer months, and a preview of the first semester.

Mrs. Tobin said, "We had 474 students signed up for the wide-variety of eLearning programs this past summer."

Students taking a university credit thrived, achieving a 92% success rate.

Twenty-four students also took part in the cooperative education program, with some fulfilling their cooperative education requirement for a Specialist High Skills Major program.

The program also helps senior students graduate, as a number used eLearning to successfully complete their OSSD requirements. Other students were able to obtain a prerequisite course for post-secondary programs.

During the 2010-11 school year, and the summer session, students earned a total of 972 credits.

Enrollment in the eLearning program has increased for the first semester of the 2011-2012 school year, and the number of courses being offered is now more than 130.

Tradition of Success: CDSBEO EQAO Results

Results from the 2010-2011 Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) student assessments for the CDSBEO show the Board's results surpass the provincial average in each category. Principal of Curriculum, Frances Spagnolo, presented a summary of the results to Trustees.

Director of Education, Wm. J. Gartland, stated, "The assessment results show that our staff continue the collaborative effort to help each student achieve personal success. We will analyze the data to continue to develop our strategies and improve Board-wide success rates."

Superintendent of School Effectiveness, Charlotte Rouleau, told Trustees the results show the success of the Board's strategic plan. "Our long-term strategies continue to show positive results, as we work for our students to improve their abilities to read, write and do math at a high level."

The results are for CDSBEO students participating in the primary and junior assessments of reading, writing and mathematics, written in Grades 3 and 6, and the secondary school assessment of mathematics, written in Grade 9.

The Ministry of Education has established Level 3 (B- to B+ in elementary schools, or 70% to 79% in secondary schools) as the provincial standard.

CDSBEO Results (by percentage of students reaching the provincial standard):

Grade 3	CDSBEO Results	Provincial Results
Reading	72	65
Writing	81	73
Mathematics	72	69

Grade 6	CDSBEO Results	Provincial Results
Reading	78	74
Writing	76	73
Mathematics	62	58

Grade 9 Mathematics	CDSBEO Results	Provincial Results
Academic	86	83
Applied	50	42

Upcoming Dates/Events:

September 30, 2011 - Professional Activity Day
October 10, 2011 - Thanksgiving Monday
October 28, 2011 - Professional Activity Day

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for more
information.

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**Next
Board Meeting:**
October 4, 2011
Kemptville Board Office
7:00 p.m.



Trustee News

CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

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Ronald Eamer, Chair (Cornwall-Glengarry)
Brent Laton, Vice-Chair (Grenville County and Elizabethtown-Kitley Township)
Nancy Kirby (Lanark)
Todd Lalonde (Cornwall-Glengarry)

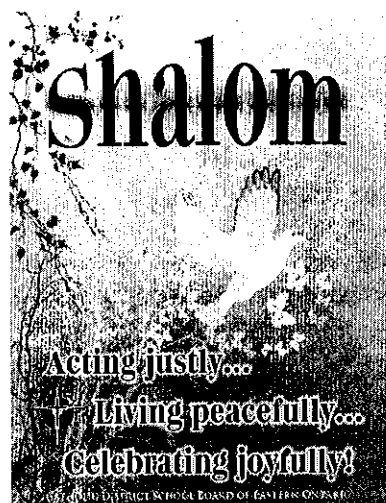
Karen McAllister (Stormont-Dundas)
Robin Reil (City of Brockville, Town of Smiths Falls, and Leeds County)
Sue Wilson (Prescott-Russell)
Sarah Norton (Catholic Student Trustee)

New Continuing Education Programs

In October, the CDSBEO will be offering two new Continuing Education programs for adults, to complement the successful Personal Support Worker program which has been running for the past six years. The Hospitality and Tourism Program, and the Custodial Program will allow adult learners to earn industry-specific certifications, while developing essential skills and work habits. Participants will work toward an entry level position, or an apprenticeship. Offered in both Smiths Falls and Cornwall, these courses are in partnership with the Ontario Works program, and the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program.

New Board Theme Officially Unveiled

The CDSBEO has officially unveiled the Board theme for the 2011-2013 period: "Shalom – Acting justly... Living peacefully... Celebrating joyfully!" The theme was adopted from its relevance in the Hebrew Scriptures, where shalom is a vision of what ought to be, and a call to transform society - to live in right relationship with everyone and everything that surrounds us. There are many natural connections between the theme and Catholic education, including the Catholic Graduate Expectations, Education For All, Equity and Inclusive Education, and Catholic Character Education.



Each school has received a Board theme resource binder, created by the CDSBEO's Religious and Family Life Education Department. The framework for the theme is based on the work of Father Ray Carey, from the Archdiocese of Portland, Oregon, who was the keynote speaker at this year's Faith Day in September.

Catholic Student Trustee Sworn-in

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario is pleased to announce the election of Grade 12 Student Sarah Norton, from St. Mary CHS in Brockville, to the role of Catholic Student Trustee for the 2011-2012 school year. In her new role, Ms. Norton represents the more than 13,000 students across the Board. She will also be leading the Student Senate, which is made up of representatives from all CDSBEO secondary schools, and will take leadership roles in Board-wide projects and initiatives.

Improved EQAO Results

Results of the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) assessments for 2010-11 report that CDSBEO student assessments surpass the provincial average in each category. The assessment measures Reading, Writing and Mathematics in the Primary and Junior divisions, and Mathematics for Grade 9 students. The results are something to be celebrated in our Catholic school communities, and the Board will continue to develop strategies based on the test results, to improve student learning and success rates. For more information on Board and individual school results, please visit www.eqao.com.

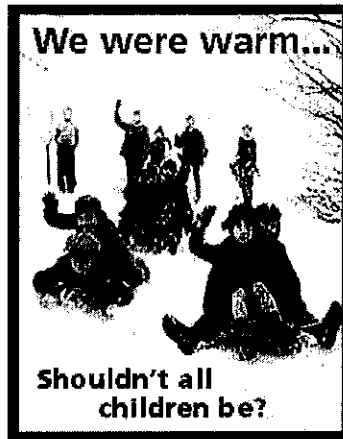
Online Learning Enrolment Grows

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Online learning also helped senior students graduate, as a number used eLearning to successfully complete their OSSD requirements. During the 2010-11 school year, and the summer session, students earned a total of 972 credits. Enrolment in the eLearning program has increased for the first semester of the 2011-2012 school year, and the number of courses being offered is currently more than 130.

Board Meeting Dates: October 4, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m., Kemptville Board Office
October 18, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m., Kemptville Board Office

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*.



Once again this year we are pleased to assist the Lanark County Snowsuit campaign coordinated by our local Children's Aid Society. The goal of the campaign is to ensure that all children and youth in our community have a warm winter jacket or snowsuit.

Please donate your gently used, clean winter jackets and snowsuits in the drop off box located at the school by Friday, October 22, 2011. Our collective efforts can make a significant difference.

Request forms are available at the school office. Any child or youth under the age of 18 who might not otherwise have warm winter outerwear is eligible for the program.

All forms must be completed and returned to the CAS office by Wednesday, October 12th, 2011.

Distribution Day will take place Saturday, November 5th, 2011 with three locations for pick up – Carleton Place, Perth and Smiths Falls.

Thank you for your support.

Saint-Mary's Council of Almonte

"BY HAND"

September 26, 2011

Principal & Staff
St. Mary's Catholic School
4 Hawthorne St.
Carleton Place, Ontario

Dear Friends:

On Saturday, **October 22**, St. Mary's Council of Almonte, will hold its annual Tea & Bazaar at the Almonte Civitan Hall. You will find enclosed, one advertising poster for placement on your school notice board or in your monthly newsletter.

The Catholic Women's League has always been, and continues to be, a dedicated supporter of Catholic education in Canada. This annual event represents our main fund-raiser, the proceeds of which are used to sponsor many worthwhile projects within the community, including annual Bursary Awards and occasional financial assistance for our travelling high school students.

We have six prizes to give away. Get your tickets now or at the event. **The draw will take place at 2:45 p.m.** that afternoon. Your continued support would be most gratefully appreciated. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Erin Humphrey – Publicity (613) 256 - 8547