



KSOEEC and First Nations Day in Killarney



The Sudbury Catholic District School Board celebrated *First Nations Day* and the startup of the Board's *Outdoor Education Program* for the 2009-2010 school year on September 25, 2009, at the Killarney Shebanoning Outdoor Environmental Education Centre (KSOEEC). The purpose of the day was to actively promote an increased awareness, understanding and appreciation of the rich histories, cultures and perspectives of First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples to all staff, students and families in the Sudbury Catholic District School Board. Students were also engaged by participating in the Board's Outdoor Environmental Education program.

Mrs. Dembek, Teacher at St. Joseph Catholic School helps her students Taylor Knopezyk, Brittany Critch and Latisha Roque build a teepee at KSOEEC.

Marymount Students Advance to Provincial Business Challenge

Marymount Academy students will be competing at the Provincial Business Challenge this November in Thunder Bay. Carley Cummings and Jennifer Roy, both in Grade 12, will be representing the City of Greater Sudbury. This past June, the Marymount students won first place and were awarded \$9,000 in bursaries, cash and advertising credits at the Sudbury Regional Business Challenge.

Their business plan, "Rally Yer' Spirits" rally towels, promote excitement and enhance school spirit at sporting events. In addition to winning first place, Marymount Academy students placed 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th at the Regional Business Challenge.



Marymount Academy students, Carley Cummings (left) and Jennifer Roy proudly display their "Rally Yer' Spirits" towels that will help promote school spirit at sporting events this year. Carley and Jennifer will now move on to compete at the Provincial Business Challenge in November in Thunder Bay.

St. Albert's Partners With Sudbury Action Centre for Youth



(L-R): Cassandra MacGregor, Vice-Principal, St. Albert Adult Learning Centre, Jill Ospina, Teacher, Mardi Taylor, Executive Director, Ken Wallenium, Youth Coordinator for the Sudbury Action Centre for Youth (SACY).

St. Albert Adult Learning Centre has entered into a new partnership with the Sudbury Action Centre for Youth (SACY). "This partnership will open doors for youth in Sudbury by providing them with numerous learning opportunities," says Cassandra MacGregor, Vice-Principal of St. Albert Adult Learning Centre. "Through this partnership St. Albert will help fulfill the dreams of the youth in the Sudbury area and create a passion for lifelong learning."

St. Albert Adult Learning Centre offers youth the ability to achieve a high school diploma in one year and grade nine and ten credits in just one month through prior learning assessment and recognition. The centre also provides non-traditional, flexible adult classes through which students can upgrade their literacy, numeracy and computer skills. E-learning, correspondence and day classes are but a few examples as to how the Adult Learning Centre can tailor the learning environment to suit individual needs. Students can also obtain specialized computer training in Word, WordPerfect and Excel in order to better prepare themselves for the workplace and future careers.

Partners in Spirit

from the desk of Catherine McCullough, Director of Education



Director's Message

As the Director of Education for the Sudbury Catholic District School Board, I welcome you to the 2009-2010

school year. To first time registrants with our Board, I extend to you my own personal greeting and welcome.

I would also like to thank the students and parents who are returning, your dedication and commitment to Catholic Education is a testament to your belief in our values and traditions.

The Sudbury Catholic District School Board has so much to be proud of and I am honoured to be part of it. Building on our vision, *creating hopes and dreams through excellence*, the Sudbury Catholic Schools' learning community

continues to strengthen its longstanding tradition of Catholic Education in the City of Greater Sudbury through the unique partnerships that exist between our schools, parishes and parents/guardians.

We are making great strides in implementing our strategic commitments which can be viewed on the Board website at www.scdsb.edu.on.ca

Further updates on our progress with respect to our strategic commitments will be provided in the coming months.

Sincerely

Catherine McCullough
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Board Launches New Website



The Sudbury Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce the upcoming launch of its freshly redesigned website at www.sudburycatholicschools.ca in October 2009.

The new website will feature a brand new look, new graphics and up to the minute information and resources for parents, students and staff.

Information on the Board's Strategic Commitments, Killarney-

Shebanoning Outdoor Environmental Education Centre, Aboriginal Education, and the ability to access the website via a mobile phone are the latest additions in making this a "One Stop Shopping" user friendly site.





Sara Falvo, a Grade 8 student at Marymount Academy, shares learning opportunities she has had using laptop technology with Greg Huneault, a Technology Integration Teacher with Sudbury Catholic Schools.

ways that enhance lesson planning, delivery and ultimately student learning and achievement. Each student in Grades seven and eight receives a MacBook laptop as part of Sudbury Catholic Schools lead in promoting effective use of technology in student learning. In addition to the expansion of the TIM's staff who will support teachers' and students' use of laptops, the Board has also purchased iPods, digital cameras and other tools to explore and create learning that responds to individual students' ways of learning.

Third Annual RPIC Commissioning Ceremony



Representatives of the Sudbury Catholic District School Board's Catholic School Councils are joined by Board Chair, Jody Cameron, and Director of Education, Catherine McCullough at a Candle Lighting Ceremony symbolizing their ongoing commitment to Catholic Education. "Take this candle back to your school communities and let the light renew your faith and shine as a symbol of strength and hope," was the message delivered by Clara Steele, RPIC Chair.

and board staff in a celebration of prayer, music and song.

Jody Cameron, Chair of the Sudbury Catholic District School Board thanked the parents for their involvement and highlighted the fact that these are exciting times in Catholic Education. "Our Board will be undertaking some very challenging initiatives over the next several months," stated Cameron. "The building of the new green school on the St. Benedict site, renovations to our Killarney Outdoor Education Centre and our St. David and St. Francis Schools, as well as the Accommodation Review process for the East Planning Area are just a few of the items that we will be looking to you as parents for your input and your direction," concluded Cameron.

Board Hires Additional TIM Teachers

In a move to further support student success, Sudbury Catholic Schools are creating greater opportunities for students and teachers to learn through technology in the classroom. The School Board recently strengthened its commitment to help students learn in ways meaningful to them with the addition of Technology Integration Mentors (TIM). The TIM teachers will support classroom teachers and students to use technology in

Sudbury Catholic Schools Continue on their Journey of Success, EQAO

Sudbury Catholic District School Board EQAO Results 2008-2009:

The Sudbury Catholic District School Board would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank you" to all of its students, parents, teachers and staff for the Board's excellent results with respect to the latest round (2008-2009) of the Grade 3, 6 and 9 provincial testing.

With respect to Grade 3, student scores improved in reading (from 57 percent to 58 percent), writing (from 58 percent to 69 percent) and in mathematics (from 61 percent to 63 percent). The Board's Grade 6 students performed almost on par to the previous year scoring 69 percent in writing, 74 percent in reading and 59 percent in mathematics.

A close examination of the Board's secondary school scores (Grade 9 math component) reveals slight gains in the academic component (from 74 to 75 percent) with huge gains in the applied program (moving from 29 to 44 percent).



St. James Catholic School staff and students alike were thrilled to be recognized provincially by EQAO. Celebrating their success are (left to right) Erynn Rouillard, Sam Sirkka, Taylor Tomljanovich and Jonah Kennedy who were part of the Grade 3 EQAO testing last spring.

EQAO results in conjunction with classroom and board-level assessments, the St. James teachers led by Principal, Lucie Cullen developed their School Improvement Plan and pinpointed areas that required more work and specific student learning needs. "The key to ongoing school success has been the consistency of staff and the development of common anchor charts, assessments and teaching strategies, and a consistent language throughout all the grades," said Principal Cullen.

Full details of these results are available on the Sudbury Catholic District School Board's website, at www.scdsb.edu.on.ca and at www.eqao.com.

Board School Recognized by EQAO

St. James Catholic School in Lively is one of 18 schools from across the province that is using the provincial assessment results to support its own improvement planning. The staff has implemented numerous initiatives and ideas that have contributed to the ongoing success of the school and its students. Examining their

Yallowega Belanger Architecture Given Green Light to Build Green School

The Sudbury Catholic District School Board has awarded the contract for architectural services for the Board's new "green" JK - 8 school on the St. Benedict Catholic School site and renovations to St. Francis and St. David Catholic Schools to Yallowega Belanger Architecture of Sudbury.

The Capital Construction Committee recommended Yallowega Belanger given the fact that the company has in-depth knowledge of the St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School site as they were the original architects in 1997. The Capital Construction Committee members are made up of: Jody Cameron, Chair of the Board, Barry MacDonald, Vice-Chair, Catherine McCullough, Director of Education, Dennis Bazinet, Acting Superintendent of Business and Finance, Jean McHarg, Superintendent of Programs, Lisa Samuels, Technology Coordinator and Denis Faucher, Manager of Facility Services for the Sudbury Catholic District School Board.

The Capital Construction Committee is being assisted with the task of designing and constructing the new school with input from the Board's Steering Committee which consists of representatives from Sudbury Catholic District School Board and members of Catholic School Council Chairs from St. Michael, Corpus Christi, St. Theresa, St. Francis and St. Christopher Catholic Schools. The composition of this committee ensures that there is continuity of personnel between the previous ARC process and the Steering Committee. "The purpose of this group is to generate a lot of discussion, input, dialogue and consultation prior to having shovels in the ground," states Roland Muzzatti, Superintendent of Education for the Sudbury Catholic District School Board and Committee Chair.

Sudbury Catholic Teachers Receive SmartBoard Training

Karen Bailsford, a "SMART" technologies trainer based out of Calgary with a wealth of experience in training participants across North America, visited the Sudbury Catholic District School Board to present a SmartBoard workshop to the Board's teachers. At the conclusion of the workshop, ten teachers were trained to Level 2 in SmartBoard technology and five members of the Board's Technology Integration Mentors (TIM) team were certified as trainers. Sudbury Catholic Schools now boast the only certified trainers in Sudbury.



The training session supports the recent installation of 33 additional SmartBoards into K-6 school classrooms across the Board, bringing the total of this type of technology into the 100+ range.

St. David School Celebrates Safe Neighbourhoods



(L-R): Cody Lewis, Verna Hardwick, and Lizza Wemigwans share in the unveiling of the "Strong Women" sculpture to honour women and to promote a safe community neighbourhood.

Verna Hardwick, Native Language Teacher and her Grade 5 to 8 Native Language students joined local Aboriginal Artist, Will Morin, Ward 5 Councilor, Jocelyne Landry-Altman and local community members for the grand unveiling of a 15-foot sculpture made of recycled playground rockets. The sculpture was entitled "Strong Woman" and it is located at the top of the green stairs near Marymount Academy near the downtown area. The students and their teacher proudly drummed for the celebration singing the song "Strong Woman," a song that celebrates the beauty and life giving nature of all women. In Aboriginal culture, women are to be honored and respected for their role in keeping our world healthy and strong. The students of St. David Catholic Elementary School are proud to have been invited to be a part of this celebration for a safe neighbourhood.