

ANNUAL REPORT – A YEAR IN REVIEW

ST. GREGORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 2007 – JUNE 2008

GOALS:

1. To promote literacy and numeracy at all grade levels.
2. To continue to strengthen ties between church and school: promoting faith enrichment programs at all grade levels.
3. Continued review of current assessments and school-wide policies.

MEANS TO ACHIEVE:

1. Literacy

- Purchased new programs and resources for our Junior Literacy Program
- Purchased new software for Special Needs Students

Nutrition

- Implementation of a new school-wide Nutrition Policy.
We believe that good food, daily physical activity and a healthy environment that supports learning and growth are vital to helping students reach their full potential.

2. Faith Enrichment

- Assisted in purchasing books for sacrament preparation (parents, church and school all contributed to preparing our students)
- Supported youth programs “Edge” for grades 6, 7, and 8 students; “CLAY” for grades 1 – 6 students; “YEO” for students grades 9 and up who are actively involved in the ROCC program.
- “ROCC” (Reviving Our Catholic Church) Retreats. Retreats were provided for students in grades 1-2, grade 3-4, grade 5-6, and grade 7-8. Grade 7 and 8 students became mentors for the younger children.
- Members of the CWL volunteered on a regular basis to teach the students the rosary
- Living rosary is said by the school community as a whole.

3. Review of Current Assessments and School Policies

- Review of current Nutrition Policy and implementation of a new school policy.

- Review of current Homework Policy and implementation of a new school policy.
- Review of current Student Code of Behaviour and revised its' content to reflect the needs of our school community.
- Review of current After School Homework Program.
- Review of School Structure Policy (Safe Schools)
- Review of effectiveness and continuation of Balanced Day Program
- Review of effectiveness and continuation of Junior Guided Reading Program

2007 – 2008 ‘SHINING MOMENTS’ @ ST.GREGORY’S

- Parent Workshop – Technology Used in the Classroom – Kurzwell
- Fall BBQ and Open House (*fundraising*)
- Scholastic Book Fairs (*fundraising*)
- Student Showcase: Science Fair and Historica Fair
- Spaghetti Dinner (*fundraising*)
- Education Week Celebrations
- School Spirit Initiatives: provided refreshments for student Winter Carnival , presented McCarthy Certificates as Graduation Awards, matched donations presented to senior students, provided emergency lunches to students, purchased popsicles for student Water Day

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

We wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the many individuals who volunteered their time and contribute to the success of our school council last year. A sincere thank you is extended to the following members: Len Lanthier (*Chair*), Roslyn Rich (*Co-Chair*), Janice Osborne (*Secretary/Treasurer*), Jan Coyne, Christine Rick, Deborah Tully, Nancy McInnis, Mary Houghton (*Staff Representative*) and Mike Courchesne (*Principal*).

As this CSAC term quickly comes to a close, issues that we foresee as being important matters for the new 2008 – 2009 school council to consider are: continued focus on literacy, to actively promote parent involvement within our school, and to continue building upon our catholic faith.

Respectfully Submitted,

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 Chairperson
 CSAC 2008 – 2009