

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNUAL REPORT

ST. GREGORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 2008 – JUNE 2009

The St. Gregory Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) held nine (9) meetings between September 2008 and June 2009 (inclusive), normally on the first Tuesday of every month. School Administration and Staff representation was present at every meeting. Meeting agenda's, minutes, and parent membership of the 2008-2009 CSAC are all available on the School Council page of the St. Gregory School web site.

Our monthly meetings were held at the school and are open to the public. This format encourages input from parents and other members of the school community. New members are always welcome!

The following is a summary of St. Gregory School Advisory Council priorities and activities during the past year.

Priorities

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.

Activities

Date	Event
September 2008	Back to School Corn Roast
	Open House and Scholastic Book Fair
	Faith Enrichment – ROCC Retreats for each grade level
November 2008	Movie Night – Evan Almighty
December 2008	Student/Staff Christmas Turkey Dinner
January 2009	Movie Night – Akallah and the Bee
	Born to Read Literacy Celebration
February 2009	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast
	St. Gregory Winter Carnival
May 2009	Open House BBQ
	Scholastic Book Fair
	CHiP Program (Child Identification Program)
June 2009	Faith Enrichment – First Communion
	Grade 8 Graduation Award
	Water Day

2008 – 2009 ‘Shining Moments’

- Mike Courchesne nominated and received Canada’s Outstanding Principals Award
- Ontario Ministry of Education Premiers Award of Excellence Nomination for staff ‘Team of the Year’
- Awarded the ‘Healthy School’ designation by the Ontario Ministry of Education
- Nominated and awarded ‘School on the Move’ designation by the Ontario Ministry of Education
- ‘Parents Reaching Out’ grant recipient.

Looking to the Future

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the many individuals who volunteered their time and contributed to the success of our school council. A sincere thank you is extended to the following members: Janice Osborne (*Secretary/Treasurer*), Roslyn Rich, Joanna Viczian, Len Lanthier, Jan Coyne, Christine Rick, Robin Van Mierlo (*School Secretary*), Mary Houghton/Leslie McKinnon (*Staff Representatives*), and Mike Courchesne (*Principal*).

As this CSAC term quickly comes to a close, issues we foresee as being important matters for the new 2009-2010 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,

Nancy McInnis
CSAC Chairperson
2008 - 2009