

# Trustee News

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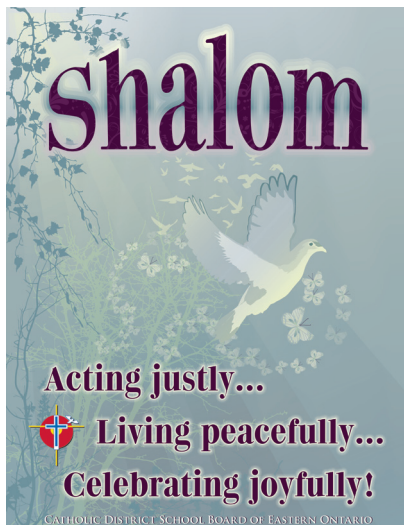
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Sarah Norton (Catholic Student Trustee)

## 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](http://www.eqao.com).

## Online Learning Enrolment Grows

The Board's eLearning program was offered again this past summer. This year, 474 students signed up for the wide variety of eLearning programs available. Twenty-four students also took part in the cooperative education program, with some fulfilling their requirement for a Specialist High Skills Major program.

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

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