



TRUSTEES' REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY OCTOBER 2024

ON FIRE WITH THE SPIRIT

EQAO Results

The Board expresses its pride in our on-going focus on student achievement that continues to be reflected in these results. The Board continues to have one of the highest participation rates in the Province.

EQAO Provincial Assessment	HPCDSB	Province of Ontario
Primary Reading	78%	71%
Primary Writing	68%	64%
Primary Mathematics	67%	61%
Junior Reading	88%	82%
Junior Writing	83%	80%
Junior Mathematics	46%	50%
Grade 9 Mathematics	55%	54%
OSSLT	84%	85%

Catholicity

Faith in Action: our schools participated in a variety of food drives connected with local Catholic service organizations, such as the Society of St. Vincent de Paul throughout the month.



Student Leadership - Catholic Social Teachings in Action: two classes from Holy Name of Mary School and Jeanne Sauvé Catholic School are participating in the Green Leaders Program through the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority. The program is centered around the “Community Action and Problem Solving Process”. The students are challenged to think critically and solve problems creatively, focused on using Catholic Social Teachings and the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations.

Leadership

School and system leaders met online to review the Police/School Board Protocol and related policies. Later in the month leaders met in-person for presentations on Experiential Learning related to Pathways and Student Success. The Director walked the team through an Emergency Preparedness exercise and updates to Board policy and processes in this area. In the afternoon Greg Rogers led the group through a workshop on Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations (OCSGEs) with an invitation to consider how these come alive in their school each day.

Sports Council Events

The Elementary Sports Council has successfully organized four Soccer Tournaments and the district-wide Cross Country Meet this year. The tournaments were held in Clinton at St. Joseph’s School and in Kinkora at St. Patrick’s School, with participation from students in Grades five to eight. The Annual District Cross Country Meet took place at St. Joseph’s and St. Anne’s schools in Clinton on October 16, attracting nearly 700 students.

St Patrick's & St Columban
16 October at 12:15 · 🌐

It's a beautiful day in Clinton for Cross Country. Lots of smiles from our students. Congrats to Henry, Henley and Harper who got 1st place.



St. Mary's Catholic School, Listowel
26 September · 🌐

Over the past two days, our Junior and Senior soccer teams represented St. Mary's at the Perth soccer tournament in Kinkora. Well done, Spirits! 🏆 We're proud of the teamwork and sportsmanship you demonstrated while positively representing our school. 🙌

Thanks to our awesome coaches, Mrs. Baggio, Mr. McLeod, Mrs. Kelly, and Ms. Denstedt for all your hard work and dedication! ❤️



Improving Student Achievement - Mathematics

Supporting the monitoring of the Scope and Sequence, the Math Team launched the first set of common assessments from our new assessment framework in Math. We employed Knowledgehook as our primary tool for data collection, enabling us to track student progress through a comparison of ongoing formative and periodic common assessments.

Improving Student Achievement - Literacy

October was a month filled with Early Reading Screening activities. Every child in Grades SK-3 underwent screening using the Acadience Reading Screening Tool.

Digital Learning

We are excited to announce the implementation of a new digital tool, Edwin by Nelson, for teachers in Grades 6-8. This innovative platform is designed to enhance teaching and learning across key subject areas, including science, language arts, and social sciences.

Experiential Learning Programs in Secondary

SHSM students participated in a Manufacturing Bus Tour across Huron and Perth Counties. The tour provides insights into local manufacturing careers, inspiring students to explore opportunities in the trades.

54 students from both St. Anne's and St. Michael Arts & Culture SHSM participated in an exciting trip to Toronto. With a visit to the Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO), and a performance of Come From Away at the Mirvish Theatre.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

On World Mental Health Day the Board launched a [Media Release](#) to share with the community that we are implementing our Mental Health and Addictions Strategy. Additionally, we shared an educator information sheet across the District to support ongoing learning about mental health and well-being.

October was Attendance Awareness Month and this year's theme was "Be Present, Be Powerful!" The District initiated Attendance Awareness Month by sharing information for school staff and caregivers via social media and school newsletters. Our Attendance Counsellor also participated in a training titled "Creative Interventions to Assess and Treat School Refusal."



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