



## Director's Message:

Once again time has flown by and it is the Christmas season. Much continues to take place in our Sudbury Catholic School Community that further enhances our vision



## Full Day JK Comes to the Sudbury Catholic District School Board

It was a historic moment at the November 24, 2009 Board Meeting as Trustees for the Sudbury Catholic District School Board passed a motion in favour of full-day Junior

Kindergarten. The full-day JK classes will begin next Fall. The Sudbury Catholic District School Board is the first English school system in Greater Sudbury to offer full-day junior kindergarten. The decision comes less than a month after Dr. Charles Pascal released his report on early childhood learning commissioned by Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty. The report called on the government to introduce full-day JK for four and five-year-olds. The Provincial Government responded by agreeing to phase it in over the next five years. Dr. Pascal's report talked about the economic and social benefits of spending public money on quality early childhood programs," says Jody Cameron, Chair of the Sudbury Catholic District School Board, "We agree with those findings completely and following the lead of the province, thought it was best for our students and our parents to implement full day junior kindergarten right away. Why wait for something that so clearly will help our children succeed?"

The programming will cost the Board \$950,000 from its reserve fund. That cost also includes implementing nineteen Early Learning Program (ELP) classes in seven designated schools beginning September 2010.

## Sudbury Catholic Board Names New High-Tech Green Elementary School

The Sudbury Catholic District School Board has decided to name its newest high-tech green elementary school in the city's south end - "**Holy Cross Catholic School**".

"The name 'Holy Cross' has significant meaning," says Board Chair, Jody Cameron, "The four points of the cross represents the coming-together of four existing school communities into one new learning community where our children will learn and make lifelong friends. This is a very exciting time for the Board and the expansion of Catholic Education in Sudbury's south end."

The decision to name the new school comes after extensive consultation with students, teachers and parents from Corpus Christi, St. Christopher, St. Michael and St. Theresa schools as well as St. Francis. The Board also got input from the local Parishes and community partners. The new school will serve elementary students in the city's south end and will be located on the St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School site.

"The naming of this new state-of-the-art school is only the beginning of the many new steps that our Board will be taking in creating this educational village in the city's south end," stated Board Chair Cameron, "The next step is to complete the architectural final plans for the design of the new school and get shovels in the ground."

## Bishop Carter Hosts Community Breakfast

Parents and community members were invited to join the staff and students at Bishop Alexander Carter CSS to celebrate the success of their school's breakfast club. It has been up and



running since May of last year and has grown in leaps and bounds. David Soehner, principal of the school says a lot of the program's success is because of the student and staff involvement. "Many of the students volunteer to clean up afterwards as well. It has provided our students with a greater sense of community and this message is reinforced by the commitment of our teachers who facilitate the program," said Mr. Soehner.

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