

# SCHOOLS TO BELIEVE IN

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## Financial Literacy Trio Presents Findings in Toronto

Three Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic teachers who ran a financial literacy pilot project in Grades JK to 3 at St. Theresa School last year presented their findings at the Ministry of Education's *Teacher Learning Leadership Project* in Toronto this November.

The belief that early financial literacy is key to becoming and remaining smart with money later in life was at the heart of *FLIQ*, financial literacy IQ, led by teachers Josée Charland, Alethea Doucet and Heather Klein. Weekly lessons on saving, counting, exchanging, and earning money were introduced to students as they earned faux dollars for contributing to small jobs around the classroom, and were given choices to either spend their money at the school store or save it for a larger purchase later in the year. The team was impressed with how quickly the concept of delayed purchase gratification was adopted by students.

The NPSC FLIQ team was the only group across the province at the TLLP event who focused on financial literacy. "We had educators from other boards asking us for copies of our project," said Josée Charland. The team's findings and recommendations will be shared with other NPSC school staff at future professional development opportunities.



## GOING INTO GRADE 9?

### IT'S REGISTRATION TIME!

## ST. JOSEPH-SCOLLARD HALL CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

### IMPORTANT DATES...



**DECEMBER 6, 2011 / 6:30 P.M.**

#### GRADE 8 STUDENT/PARENT INFO NIGHT

Tour the school  
Meet your future teachers  
Find out why SJSH is

*Something to Believe In!*

**DECEMBER 12, 2011 / 5 P.M.**

#### RÉVEILLON! FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM INFO NIGHT FOR GRADES 6-8 STUDENTS/PARENTS

Learn more about the program while we treat you to traditional French fare & cultural experiences!

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUPPORTERS



Message from the Chair  
Barbara McCool

As members of a Catholic school community, each one of us - trustees, staff, parents and students - have a role in strengthening the level of support for Catholic education in our district.

Catholic education has been an integral part of Ontario's history for more than 160 years. As a vital component of the province's publicly funded education system, Catholic schools educate nearly 600,000 students each year.

By ensuring that you are accurately recorded as a Catholic school supporter, you are helping to deliver a powerful message to the

Ontario government about the level of support for publicly funded Catholic education in our province. This measurable level of support is essential to securing and validating the existence of our unique education system.

Here's how you can help us preserve the rich tradition of Catholic education in Ontario:

If you are eligible to be registered as a Catholic school supporter, we encourage you to verify your property tax bill or speak to your landlord on a regular basis about school support. Tax direction

forms are available at any Catholic school office, at the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board or online at [www.npsc.ca](http://www.npsc.ca). Additional information is available through the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation at 1-866-296-6722 or at [www.mpac.ca](http://www.mpac.ca).

Please help us spread this message by encouraging your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues to verify their tax support.

Together, keeping faith in mind, we can preserve the rich tradition of Catholic education in our province.

Thank you friends & family who joined us as we paused to remember those who fought for our freedom.



Corpus Christi School



St. Francis School

## Chaplain's Chapter by Monsignor Norm Clement



### Who is the greatest?

(Mark 9:30-37)

Jesus chose his disciples. The disciples followed him. Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James and John. They were terrified. They heard a voice say: "This is my Son the Beloved, listen to him."

They passed through Galilee and Jesus said to them: "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." The disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and they were afraid to ask him.

When they came to Capernaum and were in the house, Jesus asked his disciples: "What were you arguing about on the way?" They were silent because they were arguing

with one another about who was the greatest.

The disciples were walking with Jesus. They were talking about their relationship with Jesus. They shared how important they were because of Jesus.

The disciples spoke about people coming to them. Jesus spoke about how he came to save people.

The disciples spoke about being masters. Jesus spoke about being a servant. Actually, the disciples were arguing, they were comparing, they were quarrelling. There was tension, there was conflict, there was arguing.

Jesus could not be with them at that time. Jesus was surely

alone. Jesus was going his way and the disciples were going their way.

The disciples were stunned when Jesus asked them what was going on. They looked at one another. They did not want to tell him. They knew that Jesus knew.

Jesus called them together. Jesus took a little child. Jesus placed the child among them and said: "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me and welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Jesus told his disciples and Jesus tells us: "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

Somehow, the question 'Who is the greatest?' did not and does not make sense any more.

# SNAPSHOTS



## Employees Honoured at Dinner of Appreciation

The Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board celebrated its most recent retirees and twenty five year employees at a dinner of appreciation held at the Clarion Resort Pinewood Park on November 8. Administrators, principals, teachers, educational assistants, secretaries and custodians reminisced and shared many memories over dinner and music performed by a St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Catholic Secondary School student Jazz Ensemble.



## Students Celebrate French in Ontario

Schools across the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board celebrated *la journée du drapeau* in September. This Franco Ontarian flag day allows French Canadians to celebrate the diversity of French speaking people in the province, the contributions of French Canadians to the social, cultural, political and economic development of the province of Ontario and Canada, and demonstrates their desire to live their culture.

In this photo: Our Lady of Sorrows School students hold the Franco Ontarian flag.



## Prostate Cancer Support “Grows” at NPSC

The gentlemen of NPSC have shown (and grown) their support for prostate cancer research. Moustaches and beards of all shapes and sizes will continue to thicken as dedicated men (and women with a faux “mo”) forego the razor until the end of the month.

In this photo: Staff at the board administrative office and members of Movember Team *Northern Comfort* during Movember week 2. The team has raised over \$450 so far.



## St. Gregory School Runs for Change

*ParticipACTION* has recently presented school bags filled with school supplies to fifty St. Gregory School students as a reward for the school’s fundraising efforts in last May’s *Run 4 Change* hosted by *Brooks* and *Active Running and Therapy Clinic*. Over the course of two weeks, runners of all ages and abilities walked, ran, and fundraised with a goal to support programs that bring positive change to the lives of Canadian children who live in poverty by nurturing mental, physical and social health.



# SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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## DID YOU KNOW?

Your school support defaults to **English Public** each time you move residences. You must re-declare yourself as **English Separate**. It is important to regularly verify your tax-directed support. By ensuring that you are registered as a separate school supporter, you are helping to deliver a powerful message to the Ontario government about the level of support for publicly funded Catholic education in your district.

For more information, visit  
[www.ocsta.on.ca](http://www.ocsta.on.ca) and [www.npsc.ca](http://www.npsc.ca)



St. Alexander School recently participated in the Multiple Sclerosis Read-a-thon. The school raised nearly \$500. The lucky teachers of the students who earned the most pledges were treated to a makeover. **Job well done!** Front Row: Stephanie Cosgrove, Mackenzie Clark, Spencer Waltenbury, Jaelyn Lapensee-Turgeon. Back Row: Joanne Moore, Kim Godbout, Diane Dietrich.

## COMING UP...

**St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Catholic Secondary School  
Grade 8 Registration Info Session**  
December 6, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.  
For more info, call 705-494-8600

**Soirée Réveillon: St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Catholic Secondary  
School French Immersion Info Session for Grade 6-8 Students**  
December 12, 2011 at 5 p.m.

**Go Green! Student Environmental Symposium**  
November 28, 2011, all day.  
Clarion Pinewood Park

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