



SCHOOL PROFILE

Mission of the London District Catholic School Board

To serve the Catholic student of London District in a community that nurtures a living faith and provides a quality Catholic education that enables the individual to become a contributing member of the Church and Society.

St. David Catholic Elementary School

School Year: 2007-2008

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School Community Information

Principal: Miss Joan Duckitt

Secretary: Mrs. P. Xuereb

School Council Chair: Mrs. Kari Benati

Parish: Mary Immaculate Parish, Trafalgar Rd

Pastor: Rev. Graham Keep

Secondary School Affiliate: Regina Mundi College

School Superintendent: Mr. Terry Grand

School Trustee: Anne Kavelaars

Director of Education: Wilma de Rond

Quick Facts About Our School

School Hours: 8:55 AM to 3:30 PM

Grade Distribution: JK to Grade 8

Student Enrolment: 300



About our School

Description

St. David Catholic School is a friendly learning environment situated in the family oriented village community of Dorchester. The school opened in 1963. St. David has a current enrolment of 300 students that is representative of 174 families.

Mission Statement

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Staffing Information

The teaching staff ranges in experience from recent graduates to over 25 years in education. We have 13 Classroom Teachers, 2 French teachers (FSL), 0.4 Music Teacher, 1 Special Program Support Teacher (SPST), 1 Librarian, 8 Educational Assistants (EA), 2 custodians, 1 secretary and 3 Noon Hour Supervisors. Michelle Murray (Social Worker) – consultation only, Annette St. Pierre (Speech and Language), Mandy Gabatto (Psycho-Educational consultant)

Facilities

In 2003, a \$1.7 million renovation and addition was completed to house 12 classrooms, an expanded library and computer lab, and a bright and welcoming entrance and office space. The school also has a small gymnasium and a Learning Lab.

The school is slated for another addition in 2007 of two more classrooms and a renovation of the interior to include two new Kindergarten classrooms and a staff room.

Transportation Information

Ninety-nine percent of our students travel to school by bus. School transportation is provided by Elgie Bus Lines.

School Safety

To promote safety the school conducts daily attendance checks under the Safe Arrival Program, and reinforces the School Code of Conduct and Dress Code as required by Ministry regulation. St. David School has an active Peer Mediation Program. The mediators are trained to interact and model appropriate interventions regarding conflict resolution. Students in grades 1 to 4 attend Children's Safety Village field trips. Buster the School Bus Safety Program is shared with JK-Gr. 3 students. The School Bus Evacuation Program is shared with students in Grades 4 to 8.

Living Our Faith

Links to the Community

St. David is a vibrant, Catholic community where students and staff have many opportunities to pray and demonstrate their Catholic faith. These include daily school-wide prayer, monthly school Masses, school-wide and classroom liturgies, the celebration of the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Reconciliation in Grade 2, and the Sacrament of Confirmation in Grade 8.

These are some of the Outreach Initiatives supported by St. David School: Terry Fox Run, Cereal Box Drive, United Way, Jump Rope for Heart, pop-tab Collection etc.

The school boasts many community partnerships:

Parent Volunteers	Values Influences and Peers	Mary Immaculate Parish	Block Parents
Community Care Access Centre	London Middlesex Health Unit	Children's Aid Society	CPRI
Thames Valley Children's Centre	Cooperative Education	Madame Vanier Childrens' Centre	TD Canada Trust
Optimist Club			

St. David also has an active School Council that promotes Catholic Education and the needs of our school.

Programs and Services

Curriculum Program

At St. David, we believe in the philosophy of inclusion and utilize differentiated instruction to meet the learning needs of all students. Ten percent of our student population are identified with special needs. The Religion and Family Life Programs are the cornerstone of our Catholic Education, and we teach the programs that are mandated by the Ontario Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The Ontario Curriculum gives precise and detailed descriptions of the learning expectations for each grade in the following areas:

English Language and Literacy

Kindergarten Years

Mathematics

Science and Technology

The Arts- Music, Drama and Dance, Visual Arts

Vocal Music-grades 1-8

Social Studies, History and Geography

Health and Physical Education

French Second Language grades 1-8

Co-Curricular Program

Some of the co-curricular activities we offer include:

- Student Parliament
- A range of intramural and interscholastic sports
- Healthy hearts Club (part of Ontario Healthy Schools Initiative)
- Visiting authors/illustrators to support our literacy program
- "Forest of Reading" program
- Track and Field, Cross Country, Swimming, Hockey, Skating, Gymnastics, DanceFest etc.

School Events

- Weekly hot lunch program
- Daily milk, juice, water program
- Welcome Back BBQ
- Spirit days
- Open house during Education Week
- Silent Auction
- Fun Fair

Results of Provincial-wide Assessments

Figure 1. Percentage of Grade 3 Students at Levels 3 or 4 on the EQAO Assessment Result of Reading, Writing and Mathematics 2006-2007

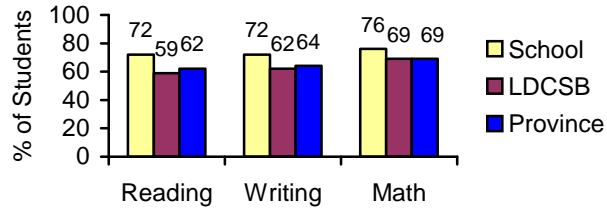
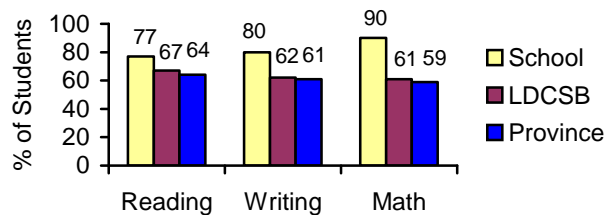


Figure 2. Percentage of Grade 6 Students at Levels 3 or 4 on the EQAO Assessment Result of Reading, Writing and Mathematics 2006-2007



School Improvement Planning 2007-2008

During the months of September and October, school teams will be reviewing and revising their 2006-2007 School Improvement Plan in light of the most recent EQAO results and other relevant data. This process will result in an updated School Improvement Plan for 2007-2008. The School Improvement Plan will outline the school's priority goals, strategies and success indicators towards improving student learning and achievement for the coming school year. The School Improvement Plan 2007-2008 will be posted on the school website after October 28, 2007. www.ldcsb.on.ca/schools/david

