



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: 2009-2010

Address: Box 340, 3966 Catherine St.
Dorchester, ON
N0L 1G0

Telephone: 519-660-2779

Fax: 519-660-2779

E-mail: j.duckitt@ldcsb.on.ca

Website: www.ldcsb.on.ca/schools/david



School Community Information

Principal: Miss Joan Duckitt

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Pam Xuereb

School Council Chair: Mrs. Kari Benati

Parish: Mary Immaculate

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Graham Keep

Secondary School Affiliate: Regina Mundi Catholic College

School Superintendent: Mr. Terry Grand

School Trustee: Mrs. Anne Kavelaars

Director of Education: Ms. Wilma de Rond

Public Health Nurse: Mrs. Kelly Mc Mahon

Quick Facts About Our School

School Hours: 8:55 to 3:30 PM

Grade Distribution: JK to Grade 8

Student Enrolment: 280



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 287 students that is representative of 182 families. The school's motto is, "learning in the name of the Lord." School colours are red, black and white. The school's mascot is the Wildcat. The feast day of the school is on March 1st.

Mission Statement

To serve the Catholic students of St. David 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 community.

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, 10 Educational Assistants (EA), 2 custodians, 1 secretary and 3 Noon Hour Supervisors. Michelle Cooper (Social Worker) – consultation only, Annette St. Pierre (Speech and Language), Mandy Gabatto (Psycho-Educational consultant)

Facilities

The original school was erected in 1963. 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.

In 2008, two more classrooms were added to the school and a major renovation of the original building allowed for a makeover of two Kindergarten classrooms and the staff room.

Transportation Information

Ninety-nine percent of our students travel to school on 16 busses and 2 vans. School transportation is provided by the Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation Services., and is shared with River Heights and Northdale Public Elementary Schools. Bus operators include Elgie Bus Lines and First Student.

School Safety

To promote safety the school conducts daily attendance checks under the Safe Arrival Program, and reinforces the School's Code of Conduct and Dress Code as required by Ministry regulation. 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.

Three fire drills are held in the Fall Term. Three fire drills are held in the Spring Term. In addition, a tornado drill and safe secure drills (lock down procedures) are practiced once in the Fall Term.

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, Dorchester Cereal Box Drive, United Way, Toonies for Downs Syndrome, Grain Bank, 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	Madame Vanier Childrens' Centre	TD Canada Trust	
Optimist Club			

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 healthy choices hot lunch program
- Daily milk and program
- Welcome Back BBQ
- Spirit days
- Open house during Education Week
- 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 2008-2009

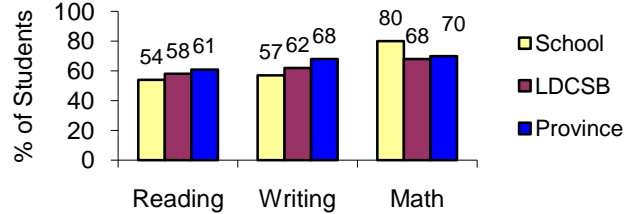
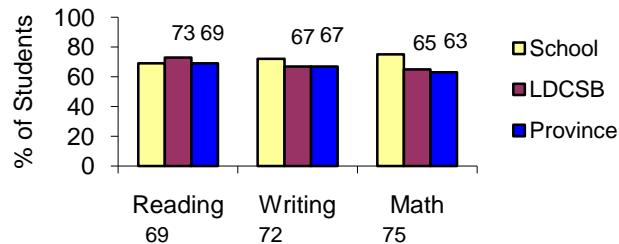


Figure 2. Percentage of Grade 6 Students at Levels 3 or 4 on the EQAO Assessment Result of Reading, Writing and Mathematics 2008-2009



School Improvement Planning 2009-2010

The School Improvement Plan recognizes the many strengths of our school and is designed to address the emerging needs of the school. School needs were identified by staff by examining the following school data:

- 2008-2009 EQAO school results
- 2008-2009 Early Literacy Inventory (SK)
- 2008-2009 PM Benchmarks (Gr. 1-3 literacy)
- 2008-2009 CASI (Gr. 4-6 literacy), 2009-2010 CASI (Gr. 7-8 literacy)
- 2008-2009 PRIME diagnostic (Grade 1-8 Math)
- 2008-2009 report card data
- trends in data over time

The school has identified the following SMART goals:

Catholic Faith, Community & Culture

The school community will participate/support 2 outreach projects per term to connect our faith and service to others.

Literacy

60% of Gr. 3 students and 75% of Gr. 6 students will achieve level 3 or 4 in reading by mid-June 2010.

75 % of Gr. 3 and Gr. 6 students will achieve level 3 or 4 in writing by mid-June 2010.

Numeracy

85% of Gr. 3 students and 80 % of Gr. 6 students will achieve level 3 or 4 in Math by mid-June 2010.

Pathways

60 % of our potential JK students and their parents will attend at least 2 sessions of the Thames Valley Early Learning Program(TVNELP).

55% of our Grade 8 students will register for Grade 9 at Regina Mundi College (RMC) or another Catholic Secondary School.

The Spirit is Alive