



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. Francis Catholic Elementary School

School Year: 2008-2009

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School Community Information

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Secretary: Ms. Deneane McAulay

School Council Chair: Mrs. Elizabeth Picotte

Parish: St. Justin's, Jalna Blvd., London, Ontario

Pastor: Father Dan Vere

Secondary School Affiliate:
Regina Mundi Catholic College
5250 Wellington Street South
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School Superintendent: Terry Grand

School Trustee: Patrick Smith

Director of Education: Wilma DeRond

Quick Facts About Our School

School Hours: 8:50 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Grade Distribution: JK - 8

Student Enrolment: 428



About our School

Description

St. Francis Catholic School was opened in 1972 to serve the needs of the Westminister area. As the community grew, an addition was built and renovations made in 1995. At present, all students are accommodated under one roof. Our students represent a broad cultural, economic and language base with Polish, Portuguese, Spanish and English speaking families prevalent.

Mission Statement

At St. Francis Catholic School, while recognizing the diversity of our cultures and lifestyles, we strive to develop the whole person in partnership with our entire community. In the spirit of Christ, we are committed to our journey of faith, knowledge and love.

Our Vision:

1. Facilitation of active involvement by parents, teachers, students, and community partners in the growth of our school.
2. The provision of an environment that recognizes, appreciates, encourages, and makes possible the achievement of individual and collective excellence.

Staffing Information

The teaching staff ranges in experience from recent graduates to over 30 years in education.

Number of teaching staff	22
Educational Assistants	5
Special Program Support Teachers	1.5
Noon Hour Supervisors	3

Facilities

16 classes, grades 1 through 8
A library resource centre
An oversize gymnasium
The Learning Zone (Resource Support)
A multi-purpose room
Combined FSL and Music Office

Transportation Information

Approximately 25% of students arrive on 3 buses from Summerside Subdivision in the Glen Cairn area. We also serve a number of physically challenged students who are transported by Board sponsored vans to and from their residences. The students enjoy numerous field excursions by bus at least 3 to 4 times annually.

School Safety

St Francis adheres to a Safe Arrival program. Students from grades 1 to 8 learn social skills which include conflict resolution skills. A four-step discipline process supports the school Behaviour Code. As well, a Student Recognition program provides the balance between consequence and recognition for good behaviour and good citizenship. Our primary focus as followers of Our Lord's teachings in the gospels encompasses all curriculum. In this way, our students feel safe and supported.

Living Our Faith

Links to the Community

Our school enjoys the assistance community agencies to meet the needs of students. These agencies include St. Justin's Catholic Church Clergy and Youth Ministry, Thames Valley Children's Centre, C.P.R.I. (Children's Parent Resource Institute), Community Care Access Center, Children's Aid Society, the Neighbourhood Resource Association of Westminster Park, a Breakfast Program (Friday mornings) through the St. Vincent de Paul Society, S.C.I.P and the London Y.

Programs and Services

Curriculum Program

St. Francis Catholic School offers classroom programming in all subject disciplines as outlined in The Ontario Curriculum Document guidelines. Teachers choose resources and materials to support their program planning from commercially produced and teacher developed units of study. All teachers develop a yearly plan based upon the needs of the students and curriculum requirements. Planning is done by division, Early Years (JK/K), Primary (1-3), Junior (4-6), Intermediate (7-8), and by the individual teacher.

The hope and ideal is to integrate learning into holistic unity wherein Faith is real and alive in both school and home life.

Co-Curricular Program

The school staff actively seeks to provide students with the opportunities to assume leadership roles. Senior students campaign and are elected to a student parliament where they are encouraged and supported to take on positive leadership modeling in organizing events, such as food drives, recreational activities for students and special projects. Many students are monitors and assist in the office, patrolling, re-cycling of materials, helping younger students in classrooms, etc.

Depending on student interest and staff expertise, we offer many of the following school events/activities:

Baseball	Computer Club	Drama	Prayer Services
Field Trips	Play Day	Terry Fox Run	Soccer
Recycling	Chess Club	Visual Arts Club	Raptor Ball
On My Own	Express News	Cartooning	Science Club
Yearbook	Animation	Stretch & Play	Clay Creations
Dancefest	Girl Power	Strawberry Social	Share Lent

School Events

Throughout the school year, St. Francis hosts many events that involve the community. These include our September Corn Roast, Parent Curriculum Night, monthly prayer services and masses, Early Years Drop In Center, and Christmas Family Night.

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 2007-2008

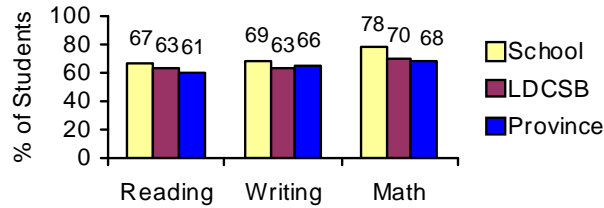
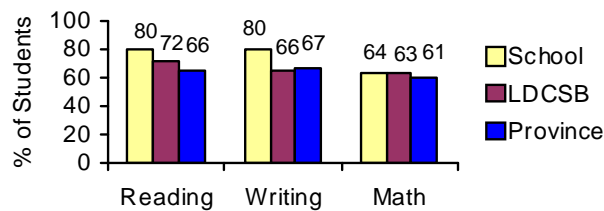


Figure 2. Percentage of Grade 6 Students at Levels 3 or 4 on the EQAO Assessment Result of Reading, Writing and Mathematics 2007-2008



Planning for the Future – Integrated School Improvement Plan

The achievement of children and the professional growth of our school communities are directly linked to a school improvement plan that proceeds with precision and focus. The London District Catholic School Board is committed to fostering excellence in achievement through informed understanding and practice with the dynamic objectives that are identified in the School Improvement Plan.

Throughout the school year, our school team will establish goals in the School Improvement Plan that integrate student achievement data, EQAO assessments, report cards and other relevant assessments. The School Improvement Plan will outline our priority goals, strategies and success indicators towards improving student learning and achievement from the coming school year.

Please note that the School Improvement Plan for 2008-2009 will be posted on our school website for your information and consideration. You are most welcome to view all of our documentation at <http://www.ldcsb.on.ca/schools/stfrancis/>.

