

ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

School Year: 2009-2010

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School Community Information

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School Council Chair: Mrs. Tanya Owens

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School Superintendent: Mrs. Sharon Wright-Evans

School Trustee: Mr. John Ferris

Director of Education: Wilma de Rond

Quick Facts About Our School

School Hours: 8:45 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.

Grade Distribution:
Junior Kindergarten - Grade 8

Student Enrolment: 259



About our School

Description

St. George Catholic School is located in West London and serves the communities of Byron and Lambeth. We have a dedicated staff of professionals who are committed to providing a supportive and caring environment for our 259 students.

The St. George Catholic School Advisory Council is an active group of parents who are dedicated to supporting the learning environment of the school. The school and parent community work collaboratively to ensure and maintain a safe learning environment for all students.

The Parish team of St. George Catholic Church is an integral part of our school community. Regular classroom visits, monthly celebrations of the Eucharist, and shared events contribute to providing a faith-based education for our children.

Before and after school care is available through the London Children's Connection School Age Program.

Mission Statement

The St. George Catholic School Community provides a safe, caring, Christ-centered environment enabling all students to realize their full potential as significant members of the Church and society.

Staffing Information

The staff at St. George Catholic School is committed to providing a warm and welcoming learning where all members of the staff work together to enhance student learning.

11	Classroom Teachers
2	French Teachers (100 % and 75%)
1	Music Teacher (40%)
1	Student Program Support Teacher (60%)
3	Educational Assistants
1	Librarian (60%)
2	Custodians - Charge Custodian and Evening Principal Secretary

Facilities

11	classrooms
2	portable classrooms (not in use at present)
	Library with computer lab (19 computers available for student use)
	Student support room
	Conference rooms - private piano lessons, French teacher work space
	Gymnasium

Transportation Information

St. George Catholic School community serves families who live in Byron east of Boler Road, as well as families who live in Lambeth. Currently, we have 4 busses providing transportation to St. George School from these areas. Transportation is also provided for students with special needs.

School Safety

School safety is promoted through our safe arrival program, parking procedures, safety patrollers, student participation in SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere) conferences, VIP (Values, Influences and Peers) Program, a close affiliation with the public health nurse, and the Healthy and Safe Schools Committee, who tracks safety practices in place for the school. There is a Before and After school program offered as well by the London Children's Connection.

Living Our Faith

Links to the Community

St. George Catholic School is proud to demonstrate its Catholic faith in the community. Various charities benefit from the efforts and generosity of staff, students, and their families. We take part in a number of events to raise money and/or food donations. Each year at Christmas we work closely with the St. Vincent de Paul to support a number of families in the London community.

Each month we gather together as a community to celebrate the Eucharist. The Pastoral Team from the Parish visit our school regularly each month and work with the students in their classrooms. We are also fortunate to have the Rosary Apostolate come in one morning each month to pray and share their love and devotion to the Rosary with our students.

We are connected to our Catholic high school, St. Thomas Aquinas. A reading buddy program has been established wherein students from STA come weekly to read and work with our primary students. As well, we are grateful for the financial support that we receive from our local businesses and community organizations.

Programs and Services

Curriculum Program

The *Ontario Curriculum, Grades 1-8* and the *Ontario Kindergarten Program, JK and K* are the core curriculum implemented by all teachers. Expectations distinctive to graduates of Catholic schools are shaped by our faith tradition. The *Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations* are part of all that we do as educators at St. George Catholic School.

The Ontario Catholic School Graduate is expected to be:

- A discerning believer formed in the Catholic Faith Community
- An effective communicator
- A reflective, creative and holistic thinker
- A self-directed, responsible, lifelong learner
- A collaborative contributor
- A caring family member
- A responsible citizen

Co-Curricular Program

The students of St. George Catholic School have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities.

These activities include:

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| • Student Parliament | Cross Country Running |
| • Recycling Club | Eco-Team |
| • Sr. Volleyball | Jr. Basketball |
| • Small Stars Basketball | Sr. Basketball |
| • Chess lessons | Sr. Soccer |
| • Piano lessons | Track & Field |
| • Intramural activities | Gymnastics |
| • Choir | |

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

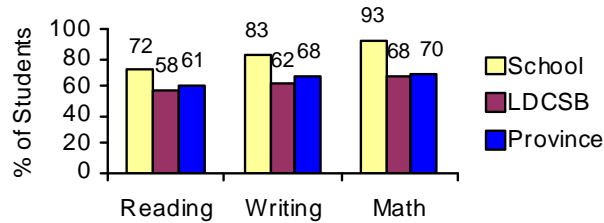
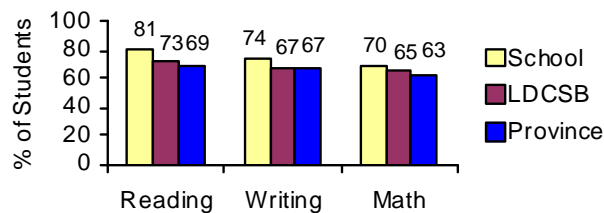


Figure 2. Percentage of Grade 6 Students at Levels 3 or 4 on the EQAO Assessment Result of Reading, Writing and Mathematics 2008-2009



School Improvement Planning 2009-2010

The 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 2009-2010 will be posted on our school website for your information and consideration. You are most welcome to view all of our documentation at www.ldcsb.on.ca/schools/george

