



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 Marguerite d'Youville

School Year: 2009-2010

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School Community Information

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School Council Chair: Bev Galati, Lynn-Anne Rising

Parish: Holy Family, 777 Valetta St., London, ON

Pastor: Father Clare Coleman

Secondary School Affiliate:

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School Superintendent: Mr. Vince MacDonald

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Director of Education: Wilma de Rond

Quick Facts About Our School

School Hours: 9:25-3:55

Grade Distribution: JK-8

Student Enrolment: 358



About our School

Description

First opened in September, 1994 St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic School is a new, modern, facility, located in the Whitehills subdivision, in northwest London. Our school boundaries are Sarnia Road (south), Hyde Park Road (west), Fanshawe Park Road (north), and Medway Creek (east). The vast majority of our students are Canadian-born with English as their first language. We have 358 students from Junior Kindergarten to grade 8.

Mission Statement

The Catholic School Community of St. Marguerite d'Youville is dedicated to enriching the lives of our students through our Catholic teachings and values, while providing a safe, encouraging environment whereby our students have the opportunity to reach their full potential as responsible, contributing Christians in our diverse global community.

Staffing Information

Number of teaching staff- 20
Educational Assistants- 5.5
Special Program Support teachers- 1.5
Noon Hour supervisors- 2
Librarian (Fulltime) - 1

Facilities

17 Grade 1-8 classrooms
2 Junior Kindergarten/Kindergarten rooms
A French room
A Student Resource room
A library with a computer lab
A gymnasium

Transportation Information

15% percent of the students arrive by bus. Information on bus delays or cancellations during inclement weather can be obtained by listening to 980 AM or 93.5 FM or logging on to the school board website, www.ldscb.on.ca.

School Safety

St. Marguerite d'Youville participates in the Safe Arrival Program. Students in Grades 5 and 6 participate in the Values, Influences and Peers (VIP) program. There is a before and after school program for younger students available when both parents work through the YMCA which runs a childcare attached to the school.

Living Our Faith

Links to the Community

The staff and students of St. Marguerite have many opportunities to pray and demonstrate their Catholic faith. These include school-wide and classroom liturgies, the celebration of the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Reconciliation in Grade two and the Sacrament of Confirmation in Grade 8.

With its opening in September of 1994, the parents, students and teachers of St. Marguerite d'Youville adopted the motto "One Person Can Make a Difference" from the example of the school's patron saint, Marie-Marguerite d'Youville. As evidence of how this motto is reflected in our daily life, consider the commitment the whole school community has made:

- The Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research, The MS Readathon, Jesse's Journey, Disaster Relief
- Food drives on behalf of The London and Area Food Bank and The St. Vincent de Paul Society
- The Holy Childhood Association
- Student Parliament initiated the annual Catholic Children's Congress, our District's response to the less fortunate children in third world countries.

The St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic School community values the importance of a healthy partnership between the home, parish and school. All members of the school community are invited and encouraged to participate in all facets of school life as we seek to enhance student learning and performance by building a climate of love, respect, and cooperation.

Programs and Services

Curriculum Program

Religion and Family Life Social Studies, History and Geography
Kindergarten Years Health and Physical Education
Mathematics French Second Language
Science and Technology
The Arts – Music, Drama and Dance, Visual Arts

Co-Curricular Program

The co-curricular activities we offer include

- Full range of intramural and interscholastic sports
- Music lessons, chess club, Earth Savers, Primary Writer's Club
- Trips to support the curriculum
- Reading Enhancement Program, Visiting authors/illustrators to support our literacy program
- Active and vibrant student parliament
- Choir

School Events

Monthly liturgies in keeping with our Catholic Liturgical Calendar

- Annual Birthday Bash (welcome back to school community) and Walk to School Day
- Performed at 2003 St. Marguerite Induction Ceremony into Medical Hall of Fame
- House Events (spirit related activities)
- Family math nights
- Family evenings at Fall (dance), Christmas (concert) and Easter (liturgy), Carnival

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

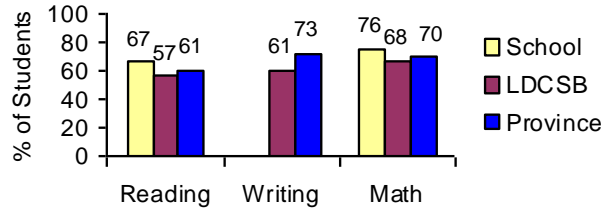
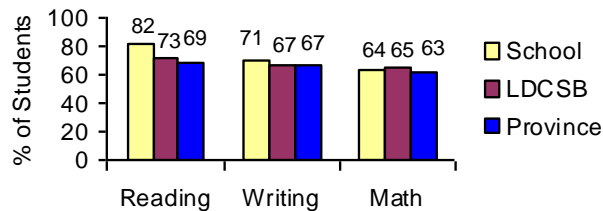


Figure 2. Percentage of Grade 6 Students at Levels 3 or 4 on the EQAO Assessment Result of Reading, Writing and Mathematics 2008-2009



School Improvement Planning 2009-2010

GOAL #1 Beginning in September 2009 until June 2010 the school will focus on: Accepts accountability for one's own actions. Students will increase one level in their ability to identify their actions on the first attempt and suggest alternative actions on being a responsible citizen

GOAL#2 73% of primary male students and 65% of junior and intermediate male students will achieve Level 3 or 4 in writing form (Curriculum expectation 2.1, writing text using a variety of forms) by June 2010 as measured by student report cards, exemplar-based tasks, PM Benchmarks, CASI, and EQAO assessment. Currently, in Gr. 3, 68% of male students are achieving at Level 3 or 4 while in Gr. 6, 58% are achieving at Level 3 or 4.

GOAL#3 85% of primary students and 65% of junior and intermediate students will achieve Level 3 or 4 in Data Management and Probability. (read, describe and interpret data, and explain relationships between sets of data (MC 11,13,36) by June 2010 as measured by EQAO, exemplars, and report cards. Currently, 81% of Gr.3 students are achieving at Level 3 or 4, while 52% of Gr. 6 students are achieving at Level 3 or 4, based on EQAO data.

