

St Marguerite d'Youville

School Year: 2008-2009

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School Community Information

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Secretary: Mrs. Rose Esposito

School Council Chair: Mrs. K. Zambon and Mrs. P. Ficsher

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

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School Superintendent: Mrs. Cathy Sexton, 663-2088

School Trustee: Mr. Paul Whitehead, 642-2600

Director of Education: Ms. Wilma deRond 663-2088

Quick Facts About Our School

School Hours: 9:20- 4:00

Grade Distribution: JK-8

Student Enrolment: 393



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 393 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

The teaching staff ranges in experience from recent graduates to over 33 years in education.

Number of teaching staff- 22

Educational Assistants- 7.5

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

10% 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

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 co-operation in a safe encouraging learning environment.

Programs and Services

Curriculum Program

Religion and Family Life

Kindergarten Years

Mathematics

Science and Technology

The Arts – Music, Drama and Dance, Visual Arts

Social Studies, History and Geography

Health and Physical Education

French Second Language

Special Needs

We believe in the philosophy of inclusion and integrate all students with special learning and language needs into our regular activities.



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
- Open house during Education Week

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

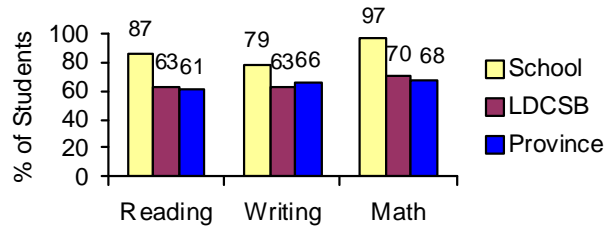
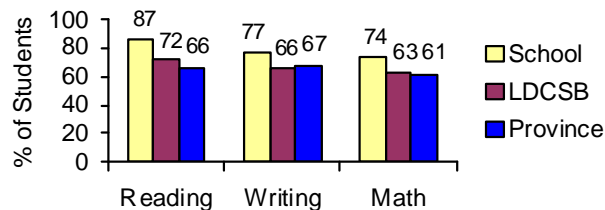


Figure 2. Percentage of Grade 6 Students at Levels 3 or 4 on the EQAO Assessment Result of Reading, Writing and Mathematics 2007-2008



Planning for the Future – Integrated School Improvement Plan

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN GOALS

SMART GOALS (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time Bound)

1. 75% of our Grade 3 students will achieve a level 3 or 4 by September 2009-2010, our focus area is Analysis of Data (Data Management and Probability) Our target is to have 70% of our students achieve 3 or 4 in both terms in which the unit is taught in the 2008-2009 school year.
2. 75% of Junior students will achieve Level 3 or 4 in Mathematics Measurement, specifically MV2 (relationships, areas of shapes, geometry GV1, GV2 (Classifying /constructing polygons) as measured through the Teaching- Learning pathways by March 2008. Currently EQAO 2008 results in Measurement were 68% and Geometry were 70%.
3. 70% of the Intermediate students will achieve level 3 or 4 in open response 5.7 for Grade 7 questions in the measurement unit as measured through activity 5.6 for gr.8 in the nelson Mathematics 8 workbook. Currently 42% of Grade 7 students are achieving level 3 or 4

