



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. Vincent de Paul Catholic School

School Year: 2009-2010

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School Community Information

Principal: Mrs. JoAnne Carabott-Lee

Vice Principal:

Secretary: Mrs. Kathy Palinkas

School Council Chair: Mrs. Nancy Fernandes-Giles

Parish: All Saints Parish, Strathroy

Pastor: Father Lucio Couto

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367 Second St.
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School Superintendent: Mrs. Sharon Wright-Evans

School Trustee: Mrs. Anne Kavelaars

Director of Education: Ms. Wilma de Rond

Quick Facts About Our School

School Hours: 8:50am – 3:25 pm

Grade Distribution: JK-8

Student Enrolment: 261



About our School

Description

St. Vincent de Paul is one of two Catholic schools in Strathroy. It opened in 1989 and underwent major reconstruction in 1997. It is a handicap accessible facility with a population of 261 offering academic programs to students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8. The school provides a range of support services (e.g. Speech and Language, Program Support Teacher, psychometric testing) to assist students with learning difficulties.

Our school has a close relationship with All Saints Parish in Strathroy.

Before and afterschool care is available through the YMCA Program. We have a YMCA Daycare facility attached to our building.

Mission Statement

The Catholic community of St. Vincent de Paul School believes that by demonstrating our faith in God and respect for each other, we can create a safe, caring and collaborative environment that promotes life-long learning and celebrates the uniqueness of all individuals.

Staffing Information

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School is blessed with a dedicated and talented staff consisting of: 11.5 classroom teachers, 2 French teachers, 1 Music teacher (40%), 1 SPST (Student Program Support Teacher), 5 Educational Assistants, 1 Librarian (60%), two Custodians, 3.5 full time Noon Hour Assistants, 1 Student Supervisor, 1 Secretary and the Principal.

Facilities

Our school has 12 regular classrooms and a learning lab. We have a well-equipped resource center including a computer lab and a full size gym. There is also a health room, a handicapped washroom as well as a meeting room. Our school is completely wheelchair accessible.

Transportation Information

Most of the students at St. Vincent de Paul walk to school. There are some students who ride buses and some of our students with special needs are also bussed. Bus delays and cancellations can be viewed on the LDCSB website: www.mybigyellowbus.ca

School Safety

Safety is a priority at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School. Our school has in place a Safe Arrival Procedure, Anti Bullying Initiatives, and Social Skills Programs. We also have a Healthy and Safe Schools Committee (Health Squad) that organizes a variety of student events.

Living Our Faith

Links to the Community

The staff and students of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School 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 eight. We have monthly masses and we invite all members of our school community to share in our celebrations.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School supports many charitable endeavours including:

- ❖ Holy Childhood Association
- ❖ United Way
- ❖ Missions
- ❖ Woman's Resource Centre of Strathroy
- ❖ Cops for Cancer – Pedal for Hope

Programs and Services

Curriculum Program

Religion and Family Life	Social Studies, History and Geography
Kindergarten Years	Health and Physical Education
Mathematics & Language	French Second Language:
Science and Technology	Grades 1-2 for 20 min./day
The Arts- Music, Drama and Dance, Visual Arts	Grades 3-8 for 40 min./day
Risk Watch	Second Steps and Steps To Respect

Special Needs

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

Co-Curricular Program

The co-curricular programs we offer include:

- ❖ A full range of sports
- ❖ Trips to local attractions to support the curriculum
- ❖ Instructional Chess Lessons
- ❖ Student Parliament
- ❖ Visiting authors/illustrators to support our literacy program
- ❖ Motivational Speakers for students
- ❖ Parent Information Nights

School Events

- ❖ Welcome back family gathering
- ❖ Christmas Celebration
- ❖ Monthly Masses
- ❖ Spirit Days
- ❖ Healthy School Activity Days
- ❖ Fall Fair
- ❖ Monster Mash (organized by the Catholic School Council)

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

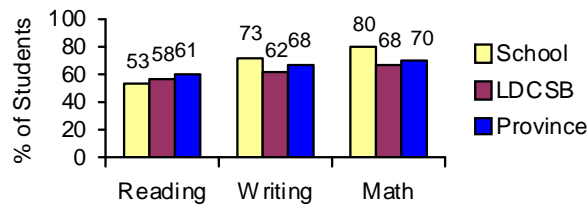
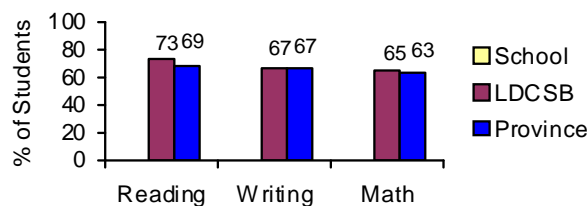


Figure 2. Percentage of Grade 6 Students at Levels 3 or 4 on the EQAO Assessment Result of Reading, Writing and Mathematics 2008-2009



To protect against disclosure of personal information associated with individual students; the results from the Grade 6 Assessment for St. Vincent de Paul are not being provided.

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 in order to ensure the confidentiality of individual student results and to discourage generalizations about school and board performance based on very small populations, EQAO has established a minimum number of participating students for the public reporting of achievement results. As a result, St. Vincent de Paul Grade 6 will have no results posted publicly.

