

SUMMER MESSAGE

FROM THE

Director



“God looks at each of us, sees us more deeply than we will ever see ourselves, and God loves what he sees.”

BISHOP MARCEL GERVAIS

There is an old saying:

*“Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery.
Today is the present and that’s why it is called a gift.”*

As another academic year draws to a close and we prepare for summer, I extend my sincere thanks to all board employees for sharing your gifts and being present to one another, the students we serve, their parents and our many partners in Catholic education.

Thank you for bringing to life this year’s spiritual theme, **Believe, Love, Act: “Love one another as I have loved you”** (JOHN 13:34), in our work places, classrooms, school yards, parent meetings and community projects.

Leadership is evident at every level of this organization. In our Catholic Professional Learning Communities, School Effectiveness Framework activities, New Teacher Induction Programs, Catholic Leadership Development Series, Student Council and Co-curricular activities, volunteer programs, employee workshops and teacher in-service initiatives. The depth and quality of your leadership commitment is reflected in success throughout the system. Overall, student confidence and achievement is consistently improving. Student and staff involvement in building and living a Gospel culture has taken root and is flourishing. A spirit of care, compassion and generosity is magnified through the wide variety of social action and charitable projects supported across the system.

This year, we’ve celebrated the successful implementation of our Catholic Virtues into Action project, our Leaders Today program, Eco School certification process, Schools on the Move selection process, the opening of Holy Family Catholic Elementary School, implementation of Bill 212 – Safe Schools Action Team, Policy and Program, as well as Junior Division Laptop distribution and in-service.

We have also partnered with Habitat for Humanity and because of your generosity, we will begin building a new home for a family in Peterborough this August.

A special thanks and congratulations to all employees retiring this June as well as all who received 10, 20, 30 and 40 year milestone service recognition pins this month! We highly value your commitment to our Catholic school system and your pursuit of excellence in everything you do.

Have a great summer!

John Mackle
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

“Eucharistic communion, includes the reality both of being loved and of loving others in turn. A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is intrinsically fragmented. Conversely, ... the “commandment” of love is only possible because it is more than a requirement. Love can be “commanded” because it has first been given”.

POPE BENEDICT XVI



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“I don’t think that there have been any educators that have done a better job of preparing our children for the reality of the world to come than those who in the name of our faith have taught them patience, compassion, tolerance, respect, responsibility, honesty, and forgiveness ... We want to make a world of technology, efficiency, and lower deficits, but also a world of kindness and compassion, that sees the bottom line in love.”

FATHER ERIK RIECHERS