

Chemistry Wonderland

Gases explode, are you listenin'
In your rest tube, silver glistens
A beautiful sight, we're happy tonight
Walking in a Chemistry Wonderland.

Gone away, is the buoyancy
Here to stay, is the density
A beautiful sight,
we're happy tonight
Walking in a Chemistry
Wonderland.

In the beaker we will make
lead carbonate



And decide if what's left is nitrate
My partner asks "Do we measure it in moles
or grams?"
And I'll say, "Does it matter in the end?"

Later on, as we calculate
The amount, of our nitrate
We'll face unafraid,
the precipitates that we make.
Walking in a Chemistry Wonderland.

St. Edmund Campion S.S.

Music Department
Invites you
to
Spring Concert
2006



Date
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St. Edmund Campion School Council

2005-2006

The fall leading up to the Christmas holidays was a busy one. We had a beautiful Academic Awards Ceremony for which the School Council provided an array of refreshments. In December, we also assisted in baking goodies for the Student Council bake sale and helped to raise \$200.00 that went to Toys for Tots.

We are currently working on a Campion Cookbook, which we hope to have ready by April for purchase.

It is wonderful to see so many new faces at our meetings and I would encourage all parents and guardians to participate in future Council meetings: February 28, March 28, and April 25.

Warmest Regards,
Jacqueline Di Giovanni
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Announcements

From the Principal's Desk- Wally's Brag

We have now reached the mid point of our 2005-2006 academic year and plans for 2006-2007 are well underway. Our projected enrolment for September will be approximately 1950 students up from our current population of 1265. With the addition of Grade 12, along with the large number of people buying homes within our boundaries, our new school building will be filled to capacity. I am hoping that we will not require portables to house our new student population. In order to accommodate our students, we must go to a five period day from our current four period schedule. Our start time will probably not change, however the day will be thirty five minutes longer with a dismissal time closer to three o'clock. Several secondary schools in Dufferin Peel are on five period/day schedules due to the increased demand for Catholic Secondary Education.

Grade 8 students have now completed their registration and course options. We have begun working with our current Grade 9-11 students on their course selections. Completed options sheets are date stamped and courses that have limited enrolment will be filled on a "first come first served" basis. I am appealing to all parents/guardians to have your children return these forms along with the required activity fee by February 20, 2006. After this date, we will begin filling our remaining seats from those people currently seeking admission to our school. **So don't delay- register today!**



"Named, Called and Chosen...
at Campion we educate the mind and the soul
in our Gospel filled community!"



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*With special thanks
to Wendy Hope!*

Important Dates



- March Break-March 13-17
- March 29 OSSLT
-Literary Test
- Easter-April 16
- Parent Teacher
Interviews-April 27

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Not only will our student population be going up next year but our teaching staff complement will be 127 teachers-up from 86 this year. A considerable amount of time has been spent interviewing candidates for the specific courses that students are choosing. I want to thank our vice principals, department heads and teachers for assisting with this process. I am pleased to welcome Ms Frances Campese (Department Head of Business and Cooperative Education) and Mrs. Faten Hanna (Department Head of Modern Languages) to St. Edmund Campion for September 2006. Ms. Campese comes to us from St. Joan of Arc Secondary and Mrs. Hanna from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Secondary School. We look forward to the expertise that these teachers will bring to Campion.

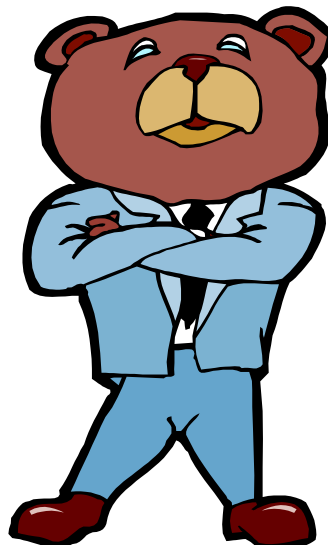
Please mark down on your calendars our School Blessing which will occur on June 8, 2007. Bishop John A. Boissonneau will be presiding at the ceremony. We look forward to this special event and I am inviting everyone associated with our school to attend. More details will be provided in the spring through a brochure and in the April edition of the 'Champion Champion.' During the next few months there are several other special events that I would encourage you to attend. Our Drama Department is presenting "Guys and Dolls" in late February. Special thanks to Ms McInnes (Drama), Ms Pearl (Math), Ms Pallotta (French), Ms Collins (Visual Art) and Mrs. Nardilli (French) for spending countless hours preparing our young performers for this production. The first week of May is Catholic Education Week and several special events are planned. Under the direction of Ms Galati (Acting Head of Religion) and Mr. Harrison (Chaplain) this week will be a special one. Highlights include our choir's production of "Feast of Life- Stories and Songs from the Gospel of Luke" on April 28 and May 3. We will also be celebrating our Easter Masses on May 2.

This month we are celebrating Black History Month and attending on February 22 to speak to our entire student population is Keith Hawkins. Keith is from Los Angeles and is a very popular motivational speaker who connects with young people. I know that he will have a positive effect on our students. Several other special presentations, reflections and workshops are being planned with student input by Ms Macri, Ms Stewart and Mr Hamilton. We are very appreciative of their efforts as we celebrate the richness and diversity of our school community.

Your child's academic performance for semester one is formalized in the final report card. I encourage you to spend quality time reviewing these marks and enter into a meaningful dialogue with your child about their achievements and discuss their goals for semester two. If you have any concerns I would ask you to contact the specific subject teacher or one of the guidance counsellors.

Please try to support the efforts of our School Council and attend one of the monthly meetings held in the school library. The dates of the meetings can be found in the Student Agenda Books and you will see it on our digital sign at the front of the school. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

W. R. Selihar



Chaplaincy News

If Eucharistic Celebration is the "source and summit" of Christian life, then celebrating mass should be an extremely special occasion in the life of any Catholic school. This was truly the case for the first, all-school mass celebrated in our new school building, on Tuesday, December 20. The mass brought together the gifts of so many members of our community and offered them in grateful service. Special thanks to **MR. NOVIA, MS. MCINNES, MS. MACRI** for all their help, and to the **PHYS ED.** Department for their patience. The choir did a terrific job leading us in our Advent hymns. Thanks to **MR. NEWLAND** for his help and hard work. And a special thanks to all of our students, who showed by their reverence and their attentiveness, that they could appreciate the importance of the mass. We were honoured to have our superintendent, **MR. GEISER**, and past chairman of the board of trustees, **MR. ADAMSON**, with us. It means a great deal to our community to have such prestigious guests celebrate mass with us. And finally, we must thank our adopted pastor, **FR. NORM ROBERTS**, for once again celebrating mass with us. Fr. Norm also took the occasion to bless our newly arrived painting of St. Edmund Campion. The picture will hang proudly in the school matrix near the front doors of the school, proclaiming our name and our identity to all who visit us. After the mass, Fr. Norm installed the body of Christ in our Chapel tabernacle. So, in a sense, our mass not only welcomed the Christ child into the world, it also welcomed the body of Christ into our school.

This is not the only occasion we had for celebration in Advent. Our school came together for the first time to celebrate the feast day of our patron, St. Edmund Campion, on December 1st. The short prayer service combined drama, music and prayer to commemorate the day of Campion's martyrdom. Our staff also had occasion to gather in prayer and to celebrate together. Our faith ambassadors organized a prayer service and breakfast, and **MR. SELIHAR** organized a staff liturgy and social. It is extremely heartening to see the increased use of the Chapel space, especially as it becomes a hub for community-building and formation. Thanks to **MS. LEWIS, MS. RODRICKS, MS PALLOTTA** and the social committee for all their hard work. Our next staff event will be our staff retreat in February at St. Elias church.

Our student community continues to show forth their compassion and spirit of giving. Two successful outreach projects highlighted the Advent calendar. 'Operation Christmas Child' once again collected supplies for needy children overseas. Closer to home, our increased numbers allowed us to collect great amounts of food and presents for our annual 'Advent Hamper Drive.' Our drive started with the pie-throwing contest, which helped to raise money for the plastic hampers. And it continued into classrooms where staff and students gave to complete a Christmas wish list for a needy family. The St. Vincent De Paul Society at St. Leonard's Church was overwhelmed with the generosity of our contribution. Great work **MS. DOBSON-EFPATRIDIS, MS. PEARL, MS. KALYMON, CAMPION CARES, YOUTH FOR CHRIST**, all pie-throwing victims, all homeroom and third period teachers, and indeed all students who gave so generously.

Our first Grade 11 retreat program began and ended in December. By all accounts, it was a great success. Students were extremely reverent and well-behaved as they went with their World Religions classes to visit and experience three different places of worship. Beginning in our own chapel, students then traveled to a Buddhist Temple, a Jewish Synagogue, and a Muslim Mosque. It is important to note how warmly we were received in all three locations. Interfaith dialogue and understanding are certainly tools for achieving peace. Many thanks to the Religion Department for making the trip possible and for preparing the students so well.

As the season of Christmas ends and exams come and go, a new semester unfolds here at St. Edmund Campion. It is with regret that I say farewell to a good friend and colleague. Our Department Head of Religion, **MS. JOHNS** has been a wonderful friend and colleague here at St. Edmund Campion. From our earliest days, Ms. Johns has been a voice for compassion and justice here at school. She is kind, genuine and a true example of what it means to live a life of faith and authenticity. She will be sorely missed. For her and for all of you, May God Bless you in this time of new beginnings. May God strengthen you and your families so that you may develop your gifts and live life fully. Best of luck and God Bless in the New Year.

Mr. M. Harrison, Chaplain

Coming soon to a theatre near us!!...

Join us for Campion's first ever MUSICAL production of the 50's Broadway hit **Guys and Dolls**. This play tells the story of a group of small-time gamblers and the ladies in their lives. The cast and crew, a dedicated group of staff and students, have been working very hard over the past few months preparing for this event. Students have been dedicated and determined to make this show a hit..... cancelling plans, rescheduling work, and buckling down to learn their lines. Many staff members have become involved behind the scenes, coaching students to learn their lines, choreography, and set design; a group of hard working dedicated volunteers motivating the cast and crew of this production.

Cast and Crew

- Main characters
 - Phil Rego and Anthony DiGiovanni as Nathan Detroit
 - Liya Joseph and Rochelle Watt as Miss Adelaide
 - Arlando Dunn and Jonathan Xavier as Sky Masterson
 - Nakita Parkins and Sunethra as Sarah Brown
 - Cody Jamieson and Anthony Burch as Nicely Nicely Johnson
 - Marlon Marie as Benny Southstreet
 - Grace Valera as Lieutenant Brannigan
 - Abbey Rodrigues and Kamara Wyatt as Arvide Abernathy

Other members of the cast and crew include:

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| Jamie-Lynne Scott, Student Director | | |
| Jeran Rajaratnam | Anna Kay Steele | Mario Brandoa |
| Niroshan Jeyarajah | Ashley Naraine | Tysian Francis |
| Sean Rowe | Mike Morgado | Daniela Carere |

Many thanks to our dedicated Director, Ms. McInnes, for putting this production together and making it a reality. She couldn't have done it without Mr. Selihar's unequivocal support, and the assistance of all the staff members who responded to her calls for help including:

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| Ms. Pallotta | Ms. Cerminara | Mr. Bruzzese |
| Mr. Clarke | Ms. Pearl | Mr. Bisante |
| Ms. Rodricks | Ms. Melo | Ms. Nardilli |
| Ms. Bamford | Ms. Macri | Mr. Kirec |
| Ms. Collins | Ms. Jones | Ms. Pasquini |
| Ms. Joanes | Mr. Cascioli | |

Plot Summary:

Our story starts with Nathan Detroit and his dilemma. He has been running a floating poker game ever since he was young. But since Lt. Brannigan is breathing down his neck, he cannot find a spot for the next game. The supplier is asking for \$1000 in advance at the only place he can do it. Since he doesn't have that kind of money, he must bet Sky Masterson, the most daring gambler in town, \$1000 to take a certain "doll" to Havana. Sarah Brown is a mission doll in search of sinners. She is also the object in Sky and Nathan's little game. While Sky lures Sarah to Havana, Nathan also has another dilemma; he has been engaged to his fiancé, Adelaide for fourteen years and she finally wants to get married. Throw in a few gamblers, Hot Box dancers, catchy music, and a deck of cards, and then you've got one heck of a musical.

Dates:

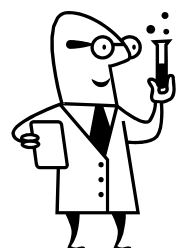
March 30, March 31, & April 1
(one evening will be a dinner theatre!!)



Place:

St. Edmund Campion Secondary School

Stay tuned for more information regarding tickets and show times!



Science Department News

The Science Department showed their Christmas spirit at the Christmas Concert with their own renditions of Silent Labs (Silent Night), Chemistry Wonderland (Winter Wonderland) and Deck the Labs (Deck the Halls). Decked out in our freshly washed lab coats and recently sterilized safety glasses, we proved that we are better teachers than singers. *(Lyrics are found on the back page for your enjoyment!)*

It has been a busy time for teachers and students alike. Right before Christmas the chemistry students were seen carrying and hanging up lots of odd looking ornaments. Upon closer inspection one would see that these ornaments are actually scale models of some common organic molecules. Funny, but TNT does not look that dangerous hanging from the ceiling!

The biology students were using their fine motor skills to dissect fetal pigs. Mr. Burchill, Ms Pellegrino and Ms Sheihk were very impressed with the quality of the dissections. We believe we may have some potential surgeons and veterinarians here at Campion! OK, maybe undertakers and butchers (yuk yuk). Many students have vowed never to eat bacon again.

The Science faculty will see some changes in the second semester. We welcome Ms Lasch to the Science Department. In trying to get closer to God, she is leaving the second floor Religion Department to join the Geek Squad on the third floor. Also, Ms Mazzone will be missed as she becomes the Credit Recovery Teacher for semester two.

As we end the first semester and begin semester two we will continue to try to achieve a dynamic equilibrium. Hopefully, the forces that drive this equilibrium push it in a favorable direction.



From Your Vice Principals...

Parents, we appreciate your support of these reminders to students:

Time to Tune Up Your Uniform...

Did you know that **McCarthy's** offers a long sleeved version of the St. Edmund Campion golf shirt? Keep in mind, particularly as the weather has become colder, that long sleeved shirts worn

UNDER a short sleeved shirt is a violation of the school uniform policy. Avoid being sent home... consult your Agenda and remember that sleeves and body of your undershirt must not be visible.

Mr. Selihar and your Admin Team appeal to students to be leaders in the care of our building. As a proud and respectful student body, you must be diligent in ensuring that we keep walls and lockers clean, including scuffs and dents from footwear. Please use hands to close lockers and keep feet on the ground.

Possession of cell phones, music devices and ear phones continues to be a problem between the hours of 8:05 and 2:25. Remember, these items, as well as accessories such as scarves and hats, must remain inside your locker all day. Bandanas are not permitted at any time.

The challenge of leaving the building for lunch is that you **MUST** make the trip to your locker for coats and hats during the 5 minute break between bells, to avoid disturbing classes in progress. You may not wear these items inside the building at any other time.

Although we are incredibly proud of the way that the vast majority of our students continue to demonstrate responsibility and dedication to do their best, we are disturbed by the number of students who consistently arrive at school too late to be in their home room class, ready for work by 8:12. We remind everyone to refer again to page 24 of your school Agenda and to be prepared for the consequences of habitual neglect of duty.

Lay the groundwork for a successful future!

Library News

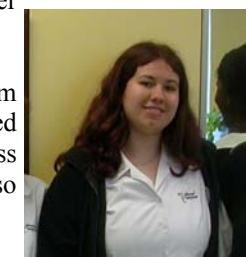


With a wall of windows that looks out onto a park, the library here at our new facility is a bright and welcoming area for students to read, work, and use computers. We are open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., so students have a place to do their homework before and after school. We also offer students the opportunity to earn Community Service hours after school to fulfill their graduation requirement. If you would like to gain valuable work experience, sign up in the Library.

The Library department has grown. In September, Mrs. Coyle joined our team as Library Secretary in charge of Circulation and Accelerated Reader Testing. She came to Campion from John Cabot Secondary School, and brings us several years of library experience.

We were very fortunate this year to have almost 50 boxes of quality books donated from the estate of Charlie Lewis, which we have just finished shelving. Mr. Lewis taught at St. Michael's College School, as well as the Religion course for teachers. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne, and children, Kathleen, Emily, and Brendan. If you have any relevant books that you would like to donate to the library, please contact Ms Conway. Perhaps we can give them a wider readership than they get in your basement! We are particularly interested in books written in French.

Our Accelerated Reader program has expanded into Grade 11 this year, and we have a steady stream of students coming to earn their points. On Awards Night, Alicia Greco and Jaden Pato received prizes for earning the highest number of AR points in Grades 9 and 10 last year. We are in the process of expanding our collection of AR books in order to give students plenty of choice. Students are also encouraged to request the purchase of specific books that they would like to read.



Department News

The Religion Department

The Religion Department was been busy praying, as usual. Our prayers were answered in the form of two new additions to the department for the semester, Elizabeth Wojt and Courtney Lasch. Deo Gratias!

The religion halls were alive with projects such as declaring the religion corridors the "Peace Wing" of our school, promoting non-violence via good language and respectful behaviour. Thanks to all the students who practiced this timely WWJD way of life.

Retreats were completed for all semester one students, including enlightening trips to the Buddhist temple, a Jewish synagogue, and an Islamic mosque for the grade eleven students.

Mr. Marcolla arranged for a guest speaker from Birthright to address the grade 10 students, and earlier in the year, he arranged for Sam George and author Peter Edwards to address the students regarding Ipperwash. Mr. Edwards'



book *One Dead Indian* has been made into a movie for television, shown in January.

All classes were vibrantly alive during the Christmas season, with caroling in the halls, window decorations, and classrooms lit up with festive displays. However, we all knew the reason for the season. As we approach the end of semester one and 2006 is upon us, we look forward to our faith being loved and lived.

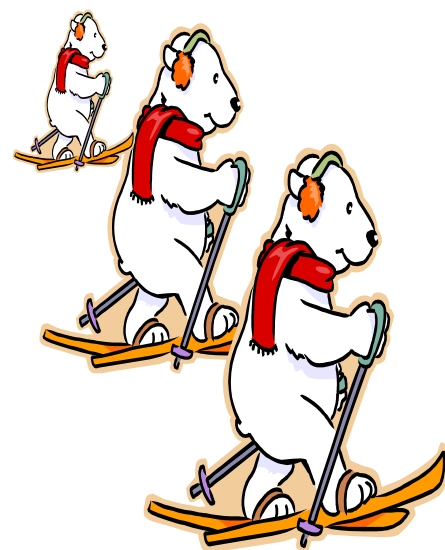


French Department News

Bonjour et Bonne Année à tous! The French Department at Campion is gearing up for a busy spring! This year, students interested in expanding their knowledge of the French language will have the opportunity to join the first ever "Cercle français de Campion."

After exams, we will be starting a French club for all interested students (even if they are not presently taking French!) Activities will include: movie afternoons, cooking classes, guest speakers, craft classes, and even a trip to a French restaurant to sample the cuisine – all *en français!* Listen to announcements in the upcoming weeks to join this exciting new club!

On the same note, the annual French Speech Contest will be held at the School Board Office in April, 2006. Students interested in participating should see their French teacher for an entry form. All students are invited to enter and to represent Campion at this contest.



Academic Resource Department News

During the month of December, we held interviews for teaching positions for the 2006-2007 school year. We are proud to announce that we hired Rose Baechler, currently the Special Education Consultant for Secondary Schools at the Board level, who will be teaching in our Career Path Program next year. We also hired Elaine Kussmann, currently teaching in the Academic Resource Department at St. Francis Xavier Secondary School, who will be teaching with us in the Academic Resource Department.



Leaving us at the end of the first semester is Mrs. Bamford who is having her second child. We will miss her and we wish her family all the best with the new baby during the next year. Mrs. Bamford returns to Campion in second semester of 2007.

As we approach our second semester, we encourage all parents/guardians to review their child's course selections and levels of difficulty (essential, applied, academic, workplace, college, university) in order to ensure that they are taking courses at an appropriate level of difficulty. Parents/guardians can address concerns related to courses and levels of difficulty with their child's Guidance Counsellor. Individual Education Plans, IEPs, will be sent home at the end of February. Parents/guardians should review the IEP in order to ensure that their child is seeking the accommodations he/she needs in order to experience academic success. Included with the IEP are the following documents: the Contact form, the IEP feedback form, and the Waive form. Parents/guardians are asked to sign and return these documents to their child's Resource teacher by the given date. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's Resource teacher if you have any questions or concerns about their progress to date.

Thank you very much for your attention regarding extra time for writing exams. I think students felt comfortable with this important process. We look forward to working with them in second semester.

Ms R. Ariganello-Head of Academic Resource Department

Student Council News



The St. Edmund Campion Student Council has been busy trying to make the 2005/2006 school year a memorable and enjoyable one for the student body. With elections that took place in early June, the Council was ready to have an early start into the next school year. After our grade 9 reps were elected in September the Council quickly jumped into Halloween and Fall activities.

For Halloween, traditional Halloween Candy Grams were sold at 25 cents each and were, as usual, a huge success with students dressing up in traditional Halloween colors of black and orange. Many students however chose to wear school appropriate costumes to participate in our Halloween Costume Contest. Three winners were selected and rewarded with cafeteria money.

In November, the student council worked hard to organize a fall dance for the student body. Tickets sold for \$5.00 each and many students attended with high school guests they had invited. Also in attendance that night were gracious teachers who were kind enough to volunteer their own time and two uniformed police officers. The dance was a success and Student Council hopes to have another one this year if possible.

December was a busy time for Student Council putting together a Christmas spirit Week for the last two weeks of school before leaving for the break. The activities included games such as BINGO, karaoke, pictures with Santa, Christmas Stockings and a bake sale. All of the events were a success and the winning class for the BINGO game was Ms Mazzone! Congratulations and enjoy the hot chocolate and Tim Bits! We would also like to thank all the students and teachers who took part in these activities and because of their generous contributions, we were able to donate to Toys for Tots with our goal being \$1000.00. During the last week before Christmas stockings were sold for \$3.00 and these decorative stockings were filled with a bag of chips, a package of hot chocolate, chocolate, and candy. These funds were also donated to Toys for Tots. On the last day of school, the student council hosted a Campion Christmas concert filled with Campion talent.

The Student Council would like to thank all the students, teachers, parents, and Principals and all other staff members for their continued support and we look forward to an action filled 2006!

Happy New Year & God Bless!

Rochelle Watt -Student Council Prime Minister

Guidance Department News



Semester one has flown by, students have completed their semester one final exams and semester two has started. On top of all this, you have to make decisions about course selections for next year. Our pioneer grade nines will be staring their graduating year. Imagine, our first graduating class!

As you receive this document we will have started our classroom visits to inform students about registration for next year. The Guidance Department will visit every homeroom class and inform the students about the course selection process for next year. They will receive an **option form**, **Scantron card** and a **course calendar** at this time. It is very important for parents to assist their child with this process to ensure that wise decisions are made. Students in grades 9, 10 and 11 must take eight courses a year. Grade 12 students should take eight courses.

It's an exciting time for St. Edmund Campion students and the community at large. We are expanding our courses so please examine the course calendar to see what new courses we are offering at each grade level. One such course is **Co-operative Education**; it is an amazing opportunity to earn credits while gaining hands on experience in the job market. Students are encouraged to take advantage of an opportunity to experience the future before it happens. Co-op packages are offered in both two and four credit courses.

We are pleased to present two **Career Exploration Weeks**. During these two weeks we will offer career information that is relevant to our students. We believe our students will learn a lot about career choices because they will have a direct say as to what careers we will focus on. Guest speakers will be invited to our school. Every student will complete a survey and the most requested careers will be selected. **If there are any parents willing to provide their expertise, please drop us a line at 905 846-7124 and select the option for Student Services.**

This promises to be a fun week with student prizes being awarded for contests both in school and web based. The second week will be a follow up with Universities, Colleges and Apprenticeships which will give the students vehicles in which to obtain their future career. Look for this in late April and early May.

When registration packages are returned we must have: **a completed and signed option form, a completed (in pencil) Scantron Card and a \$60 activity fee. This activity fee must be cash, certified cheque or money order only.** We date stamp the option forms when they are received and if there is a problem with an elective course filling up, priority will be given by date received.

Once the courses have been processed we will be printing up verification sheets that will be given to your son/daughter to bring home. At this time, you will be given a final opportunity to make any changes to your child's course selections. A handout explaining the procedure will be given out at that time.

I think it is always important to mention the **40 hours of community/volunteer service**. This is a necessary requirement for graduation and must be completed by the end of grade twelve. Don't wait or hesitate, get started this year.

Some important dates:

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| Friday, February 10th | Last day for course changes |
| Friday, February 17th | Last day for course <u>level</u> changes |
| Wednesday, February 22nd | 2006-2007 Registration Packages Due |
| Friday, April 21st | Mid-term report cards for semester two sent home |
| Thursday, April 27th | Parent/Teacher Interviews |

Dave Kowaluk
Head of Guidance

TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION/COMPUTER STUDIES DEPARTMENT

The Technological Education/Computer Studies programs at St. Edmund Campion have finally begun to take shape into very positive and exciting courses for our students. This reflects the extra time and efforts of our staff who worked in the summer and many late hours to allow students to meet the curriculum initiatives, requirements and challenges of the new school. Students, parents and industry are welcomed to be part of the ongoing process in student development and the curriculum for their future; in industry and post secondary education.

New Staff/New School

Our department is new to the school this year and so are some of our teachers in the department to education. We wish all teachers (Mr. Novia Department Head, Mr. Bulhao Computer Studies, Mr. Bisante Cosmetology, Ms. De Santis Hospitality, Mr. Stavrinou Hospitality, Mr. Kirec, Construction/Integrated Technology, Mr. Cascioli Transportation/Integrated Technology, Mr. Bruzzese Career Path, the best success in their future at St. Edmund Campion. **Welcome!!!**

TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY

The Senior transportation program focuses on student-centred practical projects, selected expectations and activities for the Broad-based Technology Curriculum. We are looking to develop new relationships with the automotive industry in Brampton for future years and welcome any support and contributions to this venture. It is through these developmental relationships that we can together build a strong school-industry community, committed to our students education and future.

The students passion for cars will be the focus in the curriculum area of study this year. Students will continually develop their automotive skills in electronics, diagnostics, mechanical aptitude, computer applications and engine management systems.

In the Transportation Technology program, we are able to repair and service all types of vehicles. The repairs and services we offer will meet and/or exceed manufacturer's specifications. In no way will any repairs and services completed by the school program void any manufacturer's warranty (this includes new vehicles). You are not responsible to bring your vehicle into the dealer for repairs, but rather maintain your vehicle to manufacturer's recommendations. The **live shop** is fully equipped and licensed by a factory trained professional to provide a high degree of quality servicing and repairs. We also have the latest high tech equipment to service your vehicle to manufacturers specifications (OEM).

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| Some of the services we provide are: | Tire Purchasing/Repairs
(Manufacturer warranty-Tech Repair System) |
| Computerized Tune up
(including On-Board-Computer Diagnosis) | Front End Servicing and Maintenance |
| Pre Emission Testing and Servicing (Drive Clean) | Suspension Servicing and Repairs (McPherson Strut) |
| Computer Link/Interfacing Diagnosis and Repairs | Cooling System Servicing |
| Electronic Fuel Injection Service | Exhaust Repairs and Servicing |
| Electronic/Electrical Repairs/Servicing | Transmission servicing and Repairs |
| Computerized Wheel Balancing/Rotation | Lube, Oil & Filter |
| Complete Brake servicing and Repairs | All general repairs and Servicing |



There is **"NO LABOUR FEE"**. You are only responsible for the parts, which will be estimated (written form) and ordered for you. The service is provided at no charge (except for parts and materials).

If you would like to have your vehicle's scheduled service taken care of at the school and during the school day, you are asked to contact **Mr. L. Novia at 905-846-1724** for further information and assistance.

We are here to service the needs of the St. Edmund Campion school community, come in and visit our labs and be part of the excitement of technology in action, call and visit soon.

Happy Motoring!

English Department News

The English Department extends best wishes to everyone for a Happy New Year! As we settle into our new home at the Brampton facility, we should take a moment to reflect on all the things we have achieved in the past year, and anticipate great things to come in the new one.

- A new year brings with it new opportunities for students beginning English classes in second semester. Your English teachers want you to do well in your course and will provide all the tools necessary for you to succeed. But success begins with you. Please make sure of a couple of things at the beginning of this course:
 1. Are you in the level best suited to your abilities and focus? If not, talk to your teacher as soon as possible.
 2. Have you passed the pre-requisite English course from last year or over summer school? If not, see your Guidance Counsellor to look over your schedule with you.

Students are reminded of the following expectations for all assignments (as taken from the student agenda):

ASSIGNMENTS

Deadlines

Due dates for written assignments will be clearly established when the task is assigned. If the student does not submit the assignment by that deadline, it may still be handed in within the next 2 school days, and will receive a mark reduction of 10% from the total value of the assignment. If the student does not submit the assignment after those two days, a mark of ZERO will be given. If a test is missed due to illness, it will be written the day the student returns from that illness. Presentations will only be done the day they are scheduled. If a student is away the day of a presentation, they will receive a mark of ZERO on that presentation, at the discretion of his/her teacher, unless otherwise arranged previously with the teacher.

Plagiarism

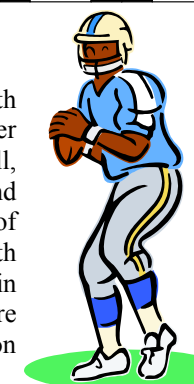
Students must acknowledge their source of information when using the words or ideas of any other person or group of persons for any assignment or project. *Cheating on class work, quizzes, tests, assignments, and exams is also considered plagiarism.* Wilful participation in any of these actions will result in a mark of ZERO with the possibility of suspension from school.

- Students are encouraged to keep up with their assigned work, ask their teachers for assistance when they find terms and concepts confusing, and get an early start on the Accelerated Reader program, which is worth 10% of the overall mark. Experience has taught us that leaving these things until the last minute causes a lot of stress and can result in a drastically lower mark. Below you will see the forms an English teacher will send home if your child has not been completing his or her work in class or for his or her Accelerated Reader points.
- In the New Year we are also going to be preparing our grade 10 students to write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test on March 29th. On that day all of our grade 10 students will be writing this test, while our grade 9 students will be writing a practice test. Specific details will follow, but for any students who would like extra help in preparing for this test, an after-school program will be offered to assist students and review materials slated to be on the test. More details on this Remedial Literacy course will be made available as soon as possible. Students who have just finished their English course in first semester should talk with their teachers to see if this after-school program would be of assistance to them.
- There are also a number of writing competitions available for students to enter this year. The *OECTA Young Writers Award* accepts poetry, essays, and short stories by Junior and Senior students for consideration. The *Turning Points Essay* competition is one where Champion students have had much success, and is an opportunity for students to show off their skills in writing a narrative essay about the principles that guide their lives, about their fundamental values and the turning point in a person's life where these principles and values may be tested and realised. Interested students should consult their teacher for more information on these contests.
- Parents/guardians of grade 9 students who will be taking English for the first time in second semester are reminded of our Grammar and Literacy Initiative, which provides students with a dictionary/thesaurus, Grammar workbook and Literacy Skills workbook. These items are given out to students at a cost of \$25, collected at the beginning of the course.
- In this new semester we are saying goodbye to Ms Galati, who will be moving into a new position as Department Head of Religious Studies here at Champion. Ms. Galati is one of the original staff who opened the school in Streetsville and has been instrumental in building the English and Drama courses you all enjoy so much. We all wish Ms Galati the best on this new chapter in her career!
- We also bid farewell to Ms Lorkovic who will be leaving us for the next year to care for her new baby (when he or she decides to arrive). All the best to Ms Lorkovic and her growing family!
- Finally, we welcome two new additions to the English Department. Ms Oulette and Ms Scapicchio will both be joining the teaching staff at St. Edmund Champion beginning in February. We wish them the best as they begin their teaching careers.

The English Department wishes all students the best in the coming semester!

Christopher Clarke

St. Edmund Champion Football-“News from the Grid Iron”



The St. Edmund Champion Bears football program kicked off their inaugural season early last May with camps for interested players and athletes, many of whom never played the game before, or ever touched a football in their life. Under the guidance and leadership of Coaches Venier, Burchill, Ruscica, Cini, Schroder and Ocampo, the school selected and fielded teams in both the Junior and Senior Tier II divisions and started official tryouts and training camp during the last weekend of August, before school had even officially started. After selecting the teams, players were outfitted with equipment and shown how to dress and put on their shoulder pads and helmets which was a task in itself for many newcomers to the game. Both respective teams were quick learners though and before they knew it, were thrust into their first league games after respectable showings at the pre-season Football Jamboree held at Robert Hall.

The Senior Team had to fight an uphill battle all season long due to the fact that our grade 11s were playing against teams that were more established and who had rosters made up of grade 12 and returning 5th year students. Despite this, the team showed a lot of heart and the season proved to be an excellent learning experience for both players and coaches alike.

The Juniors were able to experience more success finishing the season with a .500 record and making it to the quarter finals before being eliminated by the eventual ROPSSAA semi-finalists.

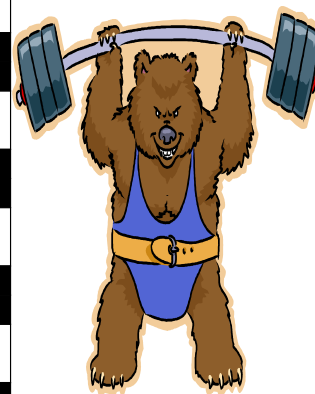
Both Senior and Junior teams celebrated their seasons with a Football Program Banquet at Wong's Chinese Buffet in Brampton where an excellent time was had by all and the team members certainly proved that football players have big appetites! It was an invigorating day, filled with laughter and jokes, which helped ease the tension of a tough and long season.

Both teams made vast improvements from day one and the coaches witnessed first hand a number of positive changes over the course of the program's grueling first year. The players improved by leaps and bounds which should bode well for the upcoming season.

Many of the players have taken on off-season training and have been working out with the Football Strength and Conditioning Club in order to prepare for the demands of Champion's sophomore season. Next year, the program should get a big boost after getting a season of experience under its belt and the coaches have extremely high expectations for even greater success. Gooooooooooooo Bears! St. Edmund High School Football Rules!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Football Strength and Conditioning Program-“Pump it Up!!!!”

With Champion's inaugural football season now officially over, off-season training has now begun in earnest. Since mid-November, members of both the Senior and Junior Football teams have been introduced to the wonderful world of weight training, and under the ever-watchful eyes of Coaches Ocampo and Tambureno, the boys have been working hard at sculpting their bodies into powerhouses for next year. As part of the intensive program, the players have been charting their progress, oriented in proper weight lifting technique and have been shown sport specific exercises in order to help them become better football players. As we begin the new year, players will also be instructed on proper nutrition, flexibility and stretching seminars and eventually, conditioning exercises that will lead into the much anticipated spring camp. On any given day during the week, between 3:30-4:30pm, your Champion football players can be seen grunting and groaning and literally sweating blood and tears as they move through their designed work out plans. If they're not in the weight room pumping iron, they can be seen in the surrounding hallways either skipping rope to improve their footwork or performing walking lunges to help build up their hip and thigh strength. In the few short weeks the program has been in operation, players have already seen improvements in physique and strength levels and are excited about working out. Players who are part of the program have also been diligently participating in a voluntary drop in Study Hall everyday prior to entering the weight room and have been receiving extra help and are given time to work on class projects and assignments. With the participation of so many team members from both junior and senior squads, expectations among the coaching staff is definitely running high and next season should result in even further success.



Bantam/Junior Basketball

“Champion Basketball continues to Shine”

The success of Champion Basketball in the short three years of the school’s existence is a well documented fact (3 ROPSSAA Championships in only two years). This success has done two things for the vaunted Basketball program: 1) Established Champion as a basketball powerhouse in Peel and 2) Made the team a target for all other schools who want to prove themselves.

That being said, both bantam and junior programs have a lot to live up to this season and will have to work hard in order to maintain a reputation that was established over the previous two years.

The Bantam team, under the guidance of Head Coach, Mr. Malhotra and recent addition, Coach Weatherbee, has been wreaking havoc among the Bantam division, and has got their team off to a strong start by going 5-0 as they entered the Christmas break. During bantam try outs, Coach Malhotra had to choose among over 80 potential athletes, which truly is a testimony to the fact that Champion is a very deep basketball community and one that is rich in talent and skill. The team currently is carrying a whopping 16-players, who have all seen playing time over the course of the early season and have touched the floor in several routs. In pre-season action, the Bears finished a respectable 3rd place at the Aquinas tournament and have improved steadily since.

The current team roster is:

Adam Strecke	6’1 Centre	# 14
Mark Asirifi	5’9 SG/SF	# 15
Adrian Grey	5’7 PG/SG	# 22
Josh Osmond	6’1 PF	# 4
Nicholas Dawson	5’7 PG/SG	# 11
Justin Ambersley	5’2 PG	# 3
Corey Sherwood	6’2 PF	# 5
Andre Stewart	6’0 PF	# 25
Tristan Walters	5’11 SG/SF	# 20
Phillip Hayle	5’6 SG/SF	# 12
Andy Beniako	5’7 SG/SF	# 24
Dylan Ennis	5’2 PG	# 23
Jordan Clennon	6’0 SF	# 10
Shane Wallace	6’0 SG	# 1
Kojo Hayward	5’7 SG/SF	# 21
Courtney Bernard	6’1 PF/C	#00
Nikita Parkins	Team Manager	
Devon McClean	Team Manager	

The boys are looking forward to further success and are looking to make a strong appearance once again in this year’s ROPSSAA finals and have proven that they are without a doubt, a force to be reckoned with.

The Junior team has picked up where they left off last year and are dominating the junior division with their only league loss to cross town rivals, D’Youville. The boys got off to a slow start of the season but were still able to perform well in several tournaments in early December. The team traveled to Hamilton to participate in the Bishop Ryan Tournament which they won and where team captains, Rohan Samuels was recognized as one of the tournament All-Stars and Davelle McKenzie was awarded the tournament MVP. The team then traveled to Welland through a snowstorm to play in the Blue and Gold Notre Dame Tournament where the boys made it to the finals going 2-1 in tournament play. Again, Rohan Samuels was recognized by the other teams’ coaches and was given Tournament All-Star honours. Currently, the team stands at a very respectable record of 10 and 4 for the season (tournaments + regular season play) and are 3 and 1 in league play. The team has for the most part, remained intact, and is virtually the same group that won the Bantam championship last year with a few additions.



The current team roster is:

Davelle McKenzie	5’6 PG	#3
Andre Wisdom	5’6 PG	#4
George Labib	5’6 PG	#5
Kris Delutis	5’11 SF	#10
Graydon Fernandes	5’11 SF/PF	#11
Shane Felix	5’8 SG/PF	#12
Samuel Walters	5’10 PF	#15
Kiran Sridhar	5’10 SF	#20
Jordan McCallum	5’6 PG/SG	#21
Ryan Jones	6’4 C/PF	#22
Rohan Samuels	5’10 SF/PF	#23
Neil Riley-Grant	6’1 PF	#24
Lawrence Adjei-Okyere	6’3 C/PF	#25

Coach Spagnoli and new community coach, Doug Gilson, are both looking forward to the rest of the season and are anxious to defend Champion’s title. Gooooooo Bears!

The teams will both continue to build on the success and philosophy built over the last two years. In the works, the coaching staff has planned to help with team building and creating a further sense of family with team trips to college and university games, team movies and team dinners. St. Edmund Champion will also play host to the 32 team Junior Rimrocker Tournament in early January. This is one of the premier tournaments in the province and will have the participation of the top teams across the GTA, Ottawa, Hamilton and the Tri-City area.

INCOMPLETE ASSIGNMENT NOTICE

Your child has chosen not to complete his/her homework that was due today. Homework is an important part of his/her learning process and it is equally as important for your child to keep up to date on all homework assignments. The following is an explanation as to the nature of their incomplete assignment. Your help is appreciated in ensuring the work is complete. Thank you for your cooperation.

The assignment I chose not to complete was _____

It was assigned on _____

It was to be completed on _____

My mark so far is 0 out of _____

The reason why my assignment is not done is because _____

My assignment will be done on _____

What I am going to do next time to ensure that my assignments are completed on time is _____

Student Signature _____ Teacher Signature _____ Parent Signature _____

The assignment I chose not to complete was _____

Student Signature _____ Teacher Signature _____

INCOMPLETE ACCELERATED READER PROGRAM NOTICE

As of this date your child has chosen not to participate in a part of the English curriculum here at St. Edmund Champion Secondary School. The Accelerated Reading program is worth 10% of the overall English mark and thus is an important part of the evaluation process. As it is equally important for your child to keep up to date on all aspects of the curriculum (including the completion of homework, and all assignments), not completing this program will have an adverse effect on his/her overall mark. Your help is appreciated in ensuring all work is complete. Thank you for your cooperation.

The following is an explanation as to the nature of this program.

- Accelerated Reader (AR) is a program that encourages your child to read.
- Time is allotted in class for students to complete some of this reading, though reading at home is also necessary.
- Your child is rewarded for his/her reading by earning points.
- These points will count as 10% of his/her mark in English.
- Each book is assigned a certain number of points from 1 to over 50.
- The points depend on the length of the book, and the difficulty of the book.
- Students will not be allowed to take a quiz unless their English teacher has seen them read their book in class and can verify that they have read it.
- Quizzes for each book may be attempted only once.
- Partial points are only given if your child achieves a pass, which varies from 60 to 70%, depending on the book.

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

of AR Points Achieved to date: _____

My signature below acknowledges receipt of this letter. This letter will be kept on file along with your child’s profile sheet.

Parent Signature _____ Teacher Signature _____

Canada & World Studies News

What a semester it has been!! As the Canada & World Studies Department sees the end to the first semester there is no end to the highlights that have been created. The members of the department have been hard at work ensuring that our students will leave St. Edmund Champion with an experience they will never forget. Here are but a few:

On November 11th, Ms. Landriault, Mr. Weatherbee, Ms. Fournier and others organized a moving Remembrance Day assembly. The focus of this year’s assembly was The Year of the Veteran. Our students participated as cadets, prepared a power point presentation, presented Prayers of the Faithful and Ms. McInnes’s drama class put on a moving performance. A bagpiper was brought in to play “The Last Post” and make our guest of honour feel at home. Our guest of honour was Jerry Crowe, a 92 year old World War II Ferry Command veteran, who spoke to the students at length about his experiences. Our students were so attentive that Mr. Crowe himself said that it was “The best Remembrance Day he ever had”. Thank you Jerry, and thank you to our great students.

In the photo (left to right): Shaun Miranda, Jacob Aureus, Jerry Crowe.



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Mr. Ocampo and Ms. Landriault's Ancient Civilization classes have successfully mummified a duck. In October, 2 ducks were donated by Ms. Landriault's father and they were dehydrated using rock salt donated by Sifto Salt Canada. After 8 weeks in the salt (with one change) the ducks were uncovered and rubbed with oil and fragrant spices as was the process in Ancient Egypt. The ducks were wrapped in gauze and placed in their sarcophagi, made by the students, and placed ceremonially in the display case in the Matrix.

Ms. Lindsay's parenting classes gained great insight into what parents go through with newborn babies. Four simulated babies were purchased that simulate the behaviour of newborns. They can be set from the easiest of babies to a colicky one. For 4 days and 3 nights, each student-parent was required to care for the child ensuring that they are well fed, changed and held. Software included keeps track of the student-parent's ability to care for the child. Students were more than happy to return the babies after their time was up.

Our grade 9 geography classes celebrated the diversity of Canada with Cultural Fairs in their classes. Students were asked to research their cultural backgrounds and present them to their classmates with sample recipes, song and costume. It is great to see our community be able to share in the wonder of our multicultural identity.

At the end of December, the Theatre was transformed into a courtroom as Mr. Cini's law classes presented their Mock Trials. The students acted as lawyers and witnesses to put to trial an accused in a series of criminal cases. Teams of Crown and Defence lawyers prepared arguments, questions and objections to ensure that the accused is found either guilty or innocent. Witnesses prepared for questioning. The students did a great job as they presented in front of a packed theatre and did excellent presentations. It is evident we have many future lawyers here at St. Edmund Campion.



The countdown to Europe is on- 3 months to departure. Students attending the trip are reminded to bring in their passports as soon as possible. It still is not too late to join the trip if you are interested. Please see Ms. Landriault or Mr. Cini if you have any questions!

CAMPION CHOIR
presents

The Feast of Life
Stories from the Gospel of Luke

Friday, April 28 &
Wednesday, May 3
7:00 p.m.
at St. Edmund Campion
Ticket Information to follow

Please join us!

**Ministry claims a smokescreen
Ministry refuses to consider the real issue - chronic, historic underfunding**

MISSISSAUGA - Talks between the Ministry of Education and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, aimed at resolving the board's \$15.1 million budget deficit, have been discontinued. Dufferin-Peel trustees had recently accepted an offer from the Minister of Education to form a joint working group to explore the issues related to the board's funding-related deficit. "We are extremely disappointed by the authenticity of the Minister's approach," said board chair, Peter Ferreira. "There was clearly no interest on the Minister's part in achieving genuine resolution of the real issue - chronic and historic underfunding."

During recent meetings and in previous communications with the Ministry over the past several years, the board provided a massive trail of evidence that it strongly believes leads clearly to the real culprit behind our deficit - chronic and historic underfunding. The Minister refuses to even entertain the notion that underfunding is an issue.

"The Minister would have us believe that our problem is a management issue, rather than a funding issue," said Ferreira. "We totally reject this notion. In fact, we feel so strongly about this that we had Deloitte and Touche conduct a review of our accounting and management practices. The results of the review confirm that from management, governance, and accounting perspectives, we have met all standards of good practice." Ferreira added, "The Minister reminded us several times of his options, under the Education Act, to send in an investigator or an auditor. The board would welcome an investigation, or an independent auditor, familiar with the Catholic school system, to examine its operation. But, any audit must take into consideration the cumulative, chronic underfunding that has put serious pressures on this board for years. Anything less would be a sham, with an obviously pre-determined outcome."

Said Ferreira, "The Minister has indicated to us that we are one of only two school boards in the province with a deficit issue. This is contrary to what we hear from other boards across the province and from reports we read in the media. We know that there are others, including large GTA boards that are facing greater deficit issues than we are. Underfunding is not just a Dufferin-Peel issue. It is a province-wide issue. We are simply the tip of the iceberg."

Dufferin-Peel, which has long maintained that chronic underfunding by the province has led to its deficit position, had launched a public information campaign in November to advise parents and guardians of its dilemma. The campaign's message to parents and guardians focused on the prospects that unless the province corrected funding deficiencies and moved toward realistic and sustainable funding levels in a number of key operating areas, trustees may be forced to make major cuts to programs and staff. Such cuts would have a detrimental impact on students.

The board urged parents and guardians to share their concerns about the situation with their local MPP or to contact the Minister or the Premier directly. A postcard component of the campaign, carrying the theme, Mr. Premier...Help Us, Don't Hurt Our Schools, saw parents/guardians, students, staff and others in the community return more than 31,000 signed and electronically submitted postcards to the board in support of its position. In his proposal to form a joint working group, the Minister requested that the board suspend the public information campaign, a gesture to which the board agreed as a sign of good faith. "Said Ferreira, We have reactivated the campaign and will be asking our parents and guardians to challenge the Ministry to look at this issue from an underfunding perspective."

Peter Ferreira noted, "Now, in spite of the valid information we continue to present, the Minister continues to focus on the reasons for our deficit our position, and has made it clear that his views on the reasons for our deficit situation are diametrically opposed to ours That is disservice to our trustees and staff who have worked hard to do more with less, and to the parents/guardians and other supporters in our local Catholic community."

"We did not anticipate that this would be an easy road," said Peter Ferreira. "We did not arrive at a deficit overnight, but rather through years of chronic underfunding, during which time, we deprived other areas to cover the shortfalls in the funding-deprived areas. We finally got the Minister to sit down with us with a hope that there would be some acknowledgement of our concerns, aside from the obvious fact that we are in a deficit. Inexplicably, the Minister is seeking an explanation for our deficit exclusive of any historical context. It is simply not possible to look at our situation this way. The issue is historical, chronic underfunding."

Ferreira added, "My trustee colleagues around the board table are committed in our resolve to ensure that Dufferin-Peel students are provided with all to which they are entitled and to which they deserve."

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is one of the largest school boards in Ontario with approximately 88,000 students in 139 schools located throughout Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon and Orangeville.

*Bruce E. Campbell
Manager, Community Relations
Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board*

Our school gym was transformed as the St. Edmund Campion Community Celebrated Advent Mass! We were honoured to have our superintendent, Mr. J. Geiser, and past chairman of the board of trustees, Mr. K. Adamson, shown here together with our principal Wally Selihar, celebrate with us!

