



# SCHOOLS TO BELIEVE IN

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## NPSC & First Nations Communities Alive in Spirit Together

The spirit of community was in the air this Spring, as many NPSC schools joined together with aboriginal partners for a number of celebrations and activities.

St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Catholic Secondary School hosted its second annual Pow Wow in May, which, despite the rain, brought together students and staff from across NPSC in song and dance with local and regional First Nations communities and many other local aboriginal partners. Vibrant colours, energetic dancers and captivating singers and drummers engaged the hundreds of students and staff who attended the event in the school's gymnasium.

Our communities came together again in June for a Grade 5/6 Aboriginal Retreat at Nbisiing Secondary School. NPSC students rotated between workshops that included healthy eating, Native language, exploring aboriginal artifacts, and jewelry-making.

This month also saw St. Victor students celebrate National Aboriginal Day at Explorer's Point in Mattawa, where they experienced native story telling and learned about the natural components in birch bark canoes.

"We extend our many thanks to our friends in the aboriginal community for their ongoing participation and support in these engagement efforts," said Paula Mann, Superintendent of Education. "We look forward to future activities and celebrations that will continue to foster relationships and awareness of traditional aboriginal culture in all Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic schools."





**PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Come Holy Spirit!  
Be our Life and our Guide.

You are the secret of God.  
You are the grace of God.  
You are the love of God.  
Be with us, be in us, be our guide.

You are the whisper of silence.  
You are the source of creation.  
You are the wind of power  
Be with us, be in us, be our guide.

You are the breath of life.

You are the dove of peace.  
You are the fire of love.  
Be with us, be in us, be our guide.

Remove our fear.  
Remove our sadness.  
Remove our guilt.  
Be with us, be in us, be our guide.

Give us faith.  
Give us truth.  
Give us freedom.  
Be with us, be in us, be our guide.

Give us courage.  
Give us wisdom.

Give us serenity.  
Be with us, be in us, be our guide.

Give us your life.  
Give us your love.  
Give us your joy.  
Be with us, be in us, be our guide.

Fill us with wonder.  
Fill us with gratitude.  
Fill us with praise.

Come Holy Spirit!  
Be our Life and our Guide.

**Financial Literacy Introduced Earlier at NPSC**

Dara MacGregor is only in senior kindergarten but she already knows how rewarding it can be to save money. "It took me a long time to save enough to buy Squishy Elliott," she said of her new purchase. "But I like saving because you can buy what you really want, more than just a little sticker or a pencil." JK to Grade 3 students at St. Theresa School took part in FLIQ, "Financial Literacy I.Q.", this year, a project led by teachers Alethea Doucet, Josee Charland and Heather Klein, and funded by the Ministry of Education's Teacher Learning Leadership Project. The three teachers agreed there was a need for primary financial literacy after the Ministry introduced it in the Grade 4-12 curriculum. Weekly

lessons on saving, counting, exchanging, and earning money were introduced, students earned faux money for contributing to small jobs around the classroom and school, and they were given the opportunity to spend their money at the school store or choose to save in order to make a larger purchase later in the year. Klein said she was impressed with how quickly the concept of delayed purchase gratification was adopted. "You're happy even though you didn't buy anything today," she said to students who opted not to make a purchase right away. "Sometimes it feels good to save." The team will present its findings at a learning fair in Toronto this November and hopes to see early financial literacy introduced in more NPSC schools next year.



**Message from the Chair  
Barbara McCool**

Each year the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board makes it a priority to connect with its public ownership to ensure that reflection on its ultimate purpose, goals and overall Ends is ongoing. This is one of the key responsibilities of the Board of Trustees – to serve as the link between the operating organization and its ownership community. As part of our commitment this year, we planned an event in order to have a focused discussion with members of a post-secondary education board about the values and priorities that our system is or should be pursuing, specifically in relation to preparing our students for the future.

Being a Catholic School Trustee requires commitment not only to the Board, but to the Catholic

community and the Church. As Trustees we ask ourselves if we are doing our best to cultivate and promote spiritual growth within each of our Catholic schools. We look at how we can best nurture the relationship between our schools, parents and parishes.

We are committed to the continued success of Catholic Education. We look forward to attending school events, celebrations, visits to the schools, where we have the opportunity to meet staff, students and parents. We meet students who truly inspire and amaze us.

The education of students remains a great challenge for parents, administrators, teachers and Trustees, as our society experiences rapid changes that continually question the values that we cherish. Catholic School Trustees work closely with Board administration to help this

generation of students by assisting in sorting out the emerging complexities of life that buffet our value system. This work calls for inspiration, dedication and determination in steering a steady course. The Board of Trustees works diligently with senior administration and our schools to focus on faith-based, student-centered academic excellence for all.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to extend our congratulations to all of our graduates. We wish them continued success, joy, peace and happiness in all of their future endeavors. Our prayerful best wishes are also extended to the St. Luke School community for a successful and exciting start in the new school facility this September.

*Photo: Barbara McCool (right), with Linda Jaimeson, Trustee, during mass in the St. Lawrence Chapel at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall CSS.*



## Teachers Toss Ideas Around at In-Service

Diversity in the French Immersion classroom, second language strategies, and creating cultural awareness were the topics of conversation at a teacher in-service held at St. Joseph's Motherhouse on June 20. Early French Immersion, Core French, Extended French and Special Assignment Teachers discussed strategies to engage FSL students in JK to Grade 8. Ideas literally flew across the room as participants wrote them down on paper, crumpled the paper up, tossed it into a pile for another teacher to pick up and resume the brainstorming. Now that's team work!



## Spirit of Song Lives On Despite Rain

*Songs by the Water Choir Festival*, scheduled to take place at the North Bay Waterfront on June 22, was perhaps without water when rain forced it into the St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Auditorium, but it was not without heart. Students sang on for a full capacity audience. Thank you Corpus Christi, John XXIII, Mother St. Bride, St. Alexander, St. Francis, St. Gregory, St. Hubert, St. Luke, and St. Theresa Schools for singing your hearts out during this first annual event.

Pictured choir: John XXIII School



## OFSAA Gold Tradition Continues for SJSH Archery

The Bears Archery team competed in the OFSAA Sanctioned Ontario High School Archery Tournament on May 18. The winning tradition continued with each member of the team bringing home a medal. The girls compound limited team led by Julia Zhou (who finished 2nd overall) won gold. The boys compound limited team led by Marshall Johnston (who finished 6th overall) also won gold. The boys compound unlimited team led by Cole Couchesne (who placed 6th overall) won the silver medal. Coaches Mr. Perreault and Mr. King wish to thank the ongoing commitment of volunteers Barry Descheno, Ming Fong, Joey Pigeon, and Helen Brooks.



## Trees Adopted During Earth Week

A large batch of white pine seedlings have new homes thanks to the Corpus Christi School Green Team. The group of young environmentalists and lead teacher, Eileen Boulet, collected the trees from Toyota during the company's tree giveaway and distributed one to every student in the school to plant at home.

# 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Hoop Camp

For students  
in grades JK-12

St. Joseph - Scollard Hall Gymnasium



**Camp 1: Grade JK-4**

July 4-8, 2011

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Camp 2: Grade JK-6**

July 11-15, 2011

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Camp 3: Grade 7-12**

July 11-15, 2011

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information contact Jim Davidson at **705.497.9505**  
or visit [www.summerhoopcamp.com](http://www.summerhoopcamp.com)

## Congratulations, Mr. Fiorino!

NPSC teacher, Marco Fiorino, was awarded a certificate of recognition by the Canadian Mental Health Association during Mental Health Week last month for his contributions to children's mental health. A fine example of NPSC staff firmly rooted in the belief that all students can and deserve to reach their highest potential academically, spiritually and socially.



## Congratulations all 2011 SJSH graduates and to the following academic & athletic award recipients:

**Academic** - Student of the Year: Laura Paige. Honour letters: John Kapitanchuk, Kelly Hebert, Kyle Berthiaume, Laura Paige. Highest academic Grade 9: Brooke Mathias. Grade 10: Gina Parnell. Grade 11: Andrew Butti. Grade 12: Laura Paige. Vice Principal Award: Amanda Cloutier, Elizabeth Osbourne. Distinguished Catholic Graduate Award: Kyle Berthiaume. Bishop Carter Christian Leadership Award: Kelly Hebert, Mitchell Lauzon.

**Athletic** - Female Academic Athlete of the year: Laura Paige. Male Academic Athlete of the year: Zac Dubeau. Female Athlete of the year: Bridget Tancredi. Male Athlete of the year: Jonathan Kapitanchuk. Award of Perseverance: Jenna Davidson. John Alkins Contribution to Sport Awards: Johncy Matheson. Melanie Savord "Live Out Loud" Award: Carter Conlon. OFSAA Colin Hood Award: Bridget Tancredi, Johnatan Kapitanchuk., Jim Davidson

## COMING UP...

### Summer Challenge Production of *Beauty and the Beast*

Production Nights: July 20, 21, 22, 23  
St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Bishop Carter Auditorium  
For more info, call Micheline Pride at 705-494-8600

### Summer Programs for Teachers

Financial Literacy I.Q. : August 23-24  
Planning for Effective Math Instruction: August 25-26  
Register online using PD Place or call 472-1201 ext. 2228

### French Language Summer Encore Camp for EFI Students

Session 1: July 4-15 Session 2: July 18-29  
Enhancing French oral communication skills through authentic experiences. For more info, call 472-1201 ext. 2213

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WAY TO GO  
BEARS!

