



NEWS NEWS NEWS

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Halton Catholic Board to Celebrate Almost 1,125 Years of Dedication and Service

The Halton Catholic District School Board takes great pleasure in honouring the 16 staff members who have served the Board for 25 years and the 33 who are retiring from the service of the Board this year. Collectively, these staff members have contributed almost 1,125 years of service to the students and supporters of the Board. The names and schools/departments of these staff members are outlined on the attached list.

“It is always a pleasure to recognize the achievements and excellence demonstrated by our staff, and especially those individuals who are celebrating milestone events,” notes Michael W. Pautler, Director of Education. “It is the strong commitment and dedication of each of our employees in their respective roles that enables our system to continue to deliver the highest quality and experience of Catholic education to the communities we serve.”

They will be honoured on Friday, June 12, 2009 at a special Eucharistic Celebration, officiated by Bishop A. Tonnos, Bishop of Hamilton and Rev. T. Hingston, Associate Pastor, St. Matthew Church, Oakville. The twenty-third annual Board Staff Recognition Night – “*A Celebration of Staff*” – will also include a reception for the honourees and dinner at The Oakville Conference and Banquet Centre in south Oakville. These staff members will be recognized for their significant contribution, enthusiasm and commitment to Catholic education in Halton. Their efforts and dedication have enriched the lives of many. Members of the Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School Jazz Band, under the direction of Mr. Kevin Harkin, will perform at this special Board celebration.

This year, the longest serving staff member, who is retiring with 36 years of service, is Irene Visser, a Secondary teacher at the Board’s Adult Learning Centre/Thomas Merton Secondary School in Oakville. In addition, one staff member is celebrating both 25 Years of Service and is retiring from the Board this year - John Picone, a Music teacher at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School in Oakville. As well, a wife and husband are both celebrating 25 Years of Service with the Board this year – Connie Rowles, an itinerant SERT (Special Education Resource Teacher) with the Transition Support Program, Special Education Services and James Rowles, Superintendent of Education (School Effectiveness Initiatives) at the Catholic Education Centre in Burlington. And another wife and husband team are joining fellow retirees this year - Gail Kennedy - Special Education Services, at the Catholic Education Centre in Burlington and John Kennedy - St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School in Oakville.

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About the Halton Catholic District School Board

The Halton Catholic District School Board, a provincial leader in student achievement in literacy and numeracy, as well as in Special Education, provides the best of Catholic education to over 29,000 students of all ages at 49 faith-centred learning communities in Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville. Committed to servant leadership, continuous school improvement planning and the preservation of the enduring gift of Catholic education, the Board is an exciting and dynamic system in which to learn, grow and work.

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STAFF RECOGNITION NIGHT - June 12, 2009

The Oakville Conference & Banquet Centre, Oakville

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF BOARD SERVICE STAFF

John Crisci - St. Peter School, Milton

Anne Marie Galea - Ascension School, Burlington

Pierre Galipeau - St. Brigid School, Georgetown

Donna Lynn Galloway - Curriculum Services, Catholic Education Centre, Burlington

Michael Jenny - Curriculum Services, Catholic Education Centre, Burlington

Oksana Krawczyniuk - St. Dominic School, Oakville

Denise Oakie - St. Timothy School, Burlington

Margot Olivieri - Assumption Catholic Secondary School, Burlington

Clara Pecora - Holy Rosary School, Burlington

Mary Ellen Petrarca - St. Timothy School, Burlington

John Picone - St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, Oakville

Paul Quinn - Accounting Services, Catholic Education Centre, Burlington

Connie Rowles - Transition Support Team, Special Education Services, Burlington

James Rowles - Superintendent of Education (School Effectiveness Initiatives), Catholic Education Centre, Burlington

John Vacca - Bishop Reding Catholic Secondary School, Milton

Elizabeth (Betty) Vrooman - St. Elizabeth Seton School, Burlington



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RETIRING STAFF MEMBERS

Americo Antunes - St. James School, Oakville
 Patricia Arch - St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Secondary School, Oakville
 Elizabeth Bauer - St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Secondary School, Oakville
 Brigitte Burgard - St. Gabriel School, Burlington
 Rita Burnes - Mother Teresa School, Oakville
 Susan Ciarlo - Adult Learning Centre/Thomas Merton Catholic Secondary School, Oakville
 Frank Crouchman - Purchasing Services, Catholic Education Centre, Burlington
 Joanne Cunningham - St. Peter School, Milton
 Darlene Davis MacLean - Mother Teresa School, Oakville
 Ann Drudge - Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School, Burlington
 Elaine Hine - Superintendent of Education on Secondment
 Kathleen Hodson - St. John School, Burlington
 Susan Holloway - Special Education Services, Catholic Education Centre, Burlington
 Judy Jewitt - St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, Oakville
 Dorian Joncas - St. Andrew School, Oakville
 Jill Kelterborn - St. Gabriel School, Burlington
 Gail Kennedy - Special Education Services, Catholic Education Centre, Burlington
 John Kennedy - St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, Oakville
 Mary Jane Lee - St. Brigid School, Georgetown
 John Lowicki - Assumption Catholic Secondary School, Burlington
 Marilynn Mitchell - Bishop Reding Catholic Secondary School, Milton
 Tina Morandin - Our Lady of Victory School, Milton
 Anna Pentesco - Sacred Heart of Jesus School, Burlington
 Carmela Picchi - Our Lady of Peace School, Oakville
 John Picone - St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, Oakville
 Frances Prisniak - Our Lady of Victory School, Milton

(Board Celebrates Almost 1,125 Years of Dedication and Service cont'd)



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RETIRING STAFF MEMBERS (cont'd)

Kelly Rowe - Holy Cross School, Georgetown

Deannie Sargent - Our Lady of Victory School, Milton

Linda Scherer - Holy Cross School, Georgetown

Suzanne Siddall - St. Luke School, Oakville

Jane Taylor - St. Bernadette School, Oakville

Peter Uremovich - Assumption Catholic Secondary School, Burlington

Irene Visser - Adult Learning Centre/Thomas Merton Catholic Secondary School, Oakville