



Kenora Catholic District School Board

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Board Meeting Agenda



By order of the Chair, Teresa Gallik, the regular meeting of the Kenora Catholic District School Board will be held **Tuesday, January 16, 2024**, at the Catholic Education Centre and virtually via Microsoft Teams. The Committee of the Whole meeting will commence at 6:00 p.m. **The public meeting will commence at 7:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

1. **OPENING PRAYER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

THAT the Board resolve into Committee of the Whole and the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions of Section 207 (2) of the Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.2.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

5. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Recommendation:

THAT the agenda be approved as presented/amended.

6. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Recommendation: (P. 1)

THAT the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Kenora Catholic District School Board of December 19, 2023, be approved as circulated/amended.

7. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

8. **DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

8.1 Education Services: Early Literacy & Numeracy Intervention Lead - **Leanne Chisholm**

8.2 School Presentation for St. Thomas Aquinas High School – **Kylie Hughes**

8.3 Student Trustee Report – **Joshua Pitt, Jesse Peterson, and Benjamin Favreau**



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9. POLICY GOVERNANCE

9.1 Approval of Minutes

9.2 Policy

9.3 Personnel

9.4 Property

9.5 Finance

9.6 Program

9.6.1 2023 Director's Annual Report – **N. Kurtz and T. Henley (P. 7)**

Recommendation:

THAT the Board accept the 2023 Director's Annual Report as presented.

9.6.2 2024 – 2025 School Year Calendar – **N. Kurtz**

9.7 Negotiations

9.8 Other

10. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Recommendation:

THAT the Board accept the report of the Committee of the Whole and all recommendations contained therein.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. INFORMATION

14. FUTURE MEETINGS

POLICY GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

February 6, 2024 (Chair: Marie Lundin)

March 5, 2024 (Chair: Angela Bishop)

SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

NIL



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REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

- Tuesday, February 20
- Tuesday, March 26
- Tuesday, April 16

CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

- Wednesday, February 7, at 11:30 AM
- Wednesday, May 15, at 11:30 AM
- Tuesday, June 4 School Council & Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Report at 5:00 PM

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Friday, January 12 at 1:30 PM
- Friday, February 16 at 1:30 PM

INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

- École Ste-Marguerite Bourgeoys – January 10 at 5:00 PM
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TRUSTEE TRAVEL / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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16. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation:

THAT the meeting adjourn at _____ p.m.



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REGULAR BOARD MEETING¹ Meeting Report December 19, 2023



MEETING DATE:	December 19, 2023
LOCATION OF MEETING:	Catholic Education Centre
SUBJECT OF MEETING:	Regular Board Meeting
CHAIR:	Teresa Gallik
TRANSCRIBER:	Trina Henley
TIME OF MEETING:	7:00 p.m. – 8:02 p.m.

ATTENDED BY:

	INIT	ATTENDANCE	PERSON	TITLE
1.	AS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alison Smith	Superintendent of Business, Facilities, and Planning Services
2.	AB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Angela Bishop	Trustee
3.	BF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Benjamim Favreau	Student Trustee
4.	DF	<input type="checkbox"/>	Derek Favreau	Trustee
5.	JR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jamey Robertson	Superintendent of Education
6.	JW	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeffrey White	Trustee
7.	JP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jesse Peterson	Student Trustee
8.	JP	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joshua Pitt	Student Trustee
9.	LT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lorne Temple	Trustee
10.	ML	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marie Lundin	Trustee
11.	NK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nicole Kurtz	Director of Education
12.	PL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paul Landry	Vice Chair
13.	TG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Teresa Gallik	Chair

AGENDA

- OPENING PRAYER**
- ROLL CALL** – Jeffrey White, Derek Favreau and Joshua Pitt were noted as absent with regret.
- COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Motion #048 Moved by Paul Landry

Seconded by Marie Lundin

THAT the Board resolve into Committee of the Whole and the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions of Section 207 (2) of the Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.2.

Carried.



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4. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - NIL

5. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion #049 Moved by Paul Landry
Seconded by Lorne Temple
Recommendation:
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Motion #050 Moved by Marie Lundin
Seconded Angela Bishop
Recommendation:
THAT the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Kenora Catholic District School Board of November 15, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Carried.

Motion #051 Moved by Lorne Temple
Seconded by Marie Lundin
Recommendation:
THAT the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the Kenora Catholic District School Board of December 5, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Carried.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

8. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Education Services: Northern Studies – **Dean Demers**

Dean Demers presented the Northern Studies Program, highlighting its focus on experiential learning through traditional skills, community engagement, and seasonal activities. Tailored for Grade 4-5 students across the KCDSB, the program includes hands-on opportunities like dog sledding, wood crafting, and cultural events, integrating survival skills and elder wisdom to enrich student learning.



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8.2 Education Services: Leader of Experiential Learning – **Cindy Melenchenko**

Cindy Melenchenko presented the Experiential Learning Program, emphasizing its role in guiding students in Grades 6-12 through personal and career pathways using a software program called Xello.

8.3 Student Trustee Report – **Joshua Pitt, Jesse Peterson, and Benjamin Favreau**

The student trustees reported on academic preparations for exams with commendable teacher support and the successful implementation of the Lexia reading program. Sports achievements included basketball and volleyball victories and notable swim team performances. The music department showcased talent at the Christmas Concert, while religious activities included a transitional prayer service and a virtual reconciliation ceremony, with the impactful Prayer Labs concluding soon.

9. **POLICY GOVERNANCE**

9.1 **Approval of Minutes**

Motion #052 Moved by Lorne Temple
Seconded by Paul Landry

Recommendation:

THAT the report of the Policy Governance Committee meeting of December 5, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Carried.

9.2 **Policy**

9.2.1 Policy #22 – Finance, Consulting, and Capital – **N. Kurtz**

Motion #053 Moved by Marie Lundin
Seconded by Angela Bishop

Recommendation:

THAT the Board approve the revisions to Policy #22 – Finance, Consulting and Capital effective immediately.

Carried.

9.3 **Personnel**

9.4 **Property**



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9.5 Finance

9.5.1 2022 – 2023 Internal Audit Committee Report – Alison Smith

Superintendent Alison Smith delivered the 2022-2023 Internal Audit Committee Report, summarizing the past fiscal year's activities and achievements, including completed audits in areas of maintenance, school-generated funds, and performance appraisal. The report, approved in December, is set to be submitted to the Ministry of Education in compliance with Regulation 361/10.

Motion #054 Moved by Lorne Temple
Seconded by Paul Landry

Recommendation:

THAT the Board accept the 2022 – 2023 Internal Audit Committee Report as presented.

Carried.

9.5.2 2023 – 2024 Revised Estimates – Alison Smith

Alison Smith, Superintendent of Business, Facilities, and Planning Services provided a review of the 2023 – 2024 Revised Estimates based on the October 31, 2023, enrolment report. The board's projected enrolment was 1,260 students, and the actual enrolment as of October 31 is 1,284 students, which is an increase of 24 students. The annual deficit is projected to be \$336,661 which is compliant with legislation. Smith reported that the majority of the deficit is attributed to inflation, utilities, and increases in benefit costs.

Motion #055 Moved by Marie Lundin
Seconded by Paul Landry

Recommendation:

That the Board approve the 2023 – 2024 Revised Estimates as presented.

Carried.

9.6 Program

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9.8 Other



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10. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion #056 Moved by Marie Lundin
Seconded by Angela Bishop

Recommendation:

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Carried.

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16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #057 Moved by Marie Lundin
 Seconded by Lorne Temple
Recommendation:
THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary / Treasurer



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2023 ANNUAL

Director's Report



Director's message 2023

Chair's message 2023



Nicole Kurtz | Director of Education

As the Director of Education for the Kenora Catholic District School Board, it is my honour to present the 2022-2023 annual report, reflecting on the milestones and achievements that have shaped our journey over the past year.

Our commitment to providing quality education has been unwavering, thanks to the dedication and hard work of our exceptional staff, the support of families, and the trust families place in us by sending your children to our faith-filled learning spaces.

As we navigate the ever-changing landscape of

education, our multi-year strategic plan serves as our guiding compass. The three pillars of Growing, Investing, and Engaging have been instrumental in shaping our initiatives and fostering an environment where each student can flourish academically, spiritually, and socially. The Multi-Year plan has been extended to 2027 which will align a new plan with the four-year cycle of elections going forward.

Growing:

We see innovative programs, and experiences to encourage each person to reach their full potential. We create learning opportunities that allow students to find success, inspire their curiosity, and encourage their originality.

Investing:

To achieve our vision, we understand the importance of strategic investments in education. This involves not only financial resources but also the time, talents, and expertise of our educators along with ongoing learning for all.

Engaging:

Education is a collaborative effort, involving students, educators, families, and the broader community. This extends beyond the classroom to encompass partnerships with parents, community organizations, and other stakeholders. By fostering strong relationships, we create a supportive network that enhances the educational journey of each student.

Aligned with our strategic plan are the three provincial priorities set by the Ministry of Education. These priorities serve as a framework for our efforts, ensuring that our goals are in harmony with the broader educational landscape.

1. Achievement of Learning Outcomes in Core Academic Skills
2. Preparation of Students for Future Success
3. Student Engagement & Well-Being

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff for their continued commitment and hard work. Your passion and devotion to the mission of Catholic education are the driving force behind our success. I also extend my sincere thanks to our families and students for your unwavering support. Your trust in our schools is the cornerstone of our shared journey toward educational excellence and spiritual growth.

As we look ahead, let us continue to work together to create an educational environment where students not only learn but also thrive – academically, spiritually, and socially. May God's grace continue to guide us in our mission to provide a foundation for lifelong learning and service.

Yours in Catholic education,
Nicole Kurtz | Director of Education



Teresa Gallik | Chair

As Chair, it is my honour and joy to share the Director's Annual Report for 2023. Reflecting on the swift passage of another year, I am filled with gratitude for our team of trustees who are passionate about Catholic education - Angela Bishop, Marie Lundin, Lorne Temple, Derek Favreau, Paul Landry, and Jeffrey White, alongside our outstanding student trustees Ben Favreau, Joshua Pitt, and Jesse Peterson.

Under the guidance of Director Nicole Kurtz and her executive team, we have made significant strides in promoting equity, inclusion, and diversity, marking yet another year of achievement.

I extend my deepest appreciation to our remarkable students, teachers, educators, support staff, families, and Catholic School Councils. Your dedication makes me proud to be a part of this extraordinary Catholic School Board. Your actions embody Christ's teachings, reflecting a commitment to serve with kindness and love.

This year's Catholic Education Week theme, *"We are called to love"*, resonates profoundly with our ongoing efforts in Truth and Reconciliation. Through prayer and a commitment to love, we are forging stronger bonds and paving new paths forward.

Catholic Education Week coincides with Mental Health Awareness Week, reminding us of the importance of supporting each other's well-being through love and compassion. In God's love, we find our calling to live out this love every day.

As we continue our journey towards greater equity and inclusion in our Catholic schools, our focus reaffirms the unconditional love for all of God's children.

With hearts open to love, we nurture the flame of hope, aspiring for a bright future.

God bless,
Teresa Gallik | Chair

"If we love one another, God lives in us"
(1 John 4:12)



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Our Mission

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IN FAITH,

WE LEARN

WITH FAITH,

WE GROW

Multi-Year Plan Set to **soar** Through 2027

Get ready for an extended journey of educational excellence as the Multi-Year Strategic Plan is set to span from 2020 to 2027, perfectly aligning with the Board's term of office.

This extension empowers the current Board of Trustees to lead the charge in shaping, implementing, and monitoring a brand-new Strategic Plan covering 2027 to 2031. It's a strategic move that ensures seamless continuity, stability, and governance within the organization.



Strategic Plan

2020 - 2027

At the heart of the Strategic Plan stand three foundational pillars: Growing, Investing, and Engaging. These pillars ignite inspiration among all staff, fostering a collaborative spirit to serve together, ensuring that students flourish through faith and reach their utmost potential.



“It grew and became a tree.” – Luke 13:19

We want our students to grow to their greatest potential and benefit our community. We want them to contribute to the Glory of God in doing that. We live our Catholic faith by growing student potential.

CALL TO ACTION: Every staff member is asked to consider the seeds they are planting and will continue to plant that will grow into something big and pleasing to our Creator. This pillar is about growing a student’s sense of self and their sense of inclusion in a supportive community.



“Build a house, dig deeply and lay the foundation on rock.”
– Luke 6:48

God is our foundation. God is our rock. We are living our Catholic faith by investing in our future. We are cultivating Shepherd Leadership as Jesus is our Shepherd. We are building a culture of trust. We want everyone to trust that our schools are safe places to be.

CALL TO ACTION: Every staff member is asked to identify the big rocks onto which their vocation is built upon. This pillar reflects the Catholic Graduate Expectations, particularly the one about being a discerning believer.



“Therefore encourage one another and build up each other as indeed you are doing.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:11

We cannot do this alone and we certainly cannot do this without God. We want to energize our students and light them on fire with the light and love of the Holy Spirit. We have God’s Grace and Mercy, and we have each other, as imperfect as we are, to lean on. We encourage one another, we build each other up and together we serve our students.

CALL TO ACTION: Every staff member is asked to ponder how they are encouraging everyone around them, especially our students, to build each other up. This pillar is about engaging all partners to benefit all students. It truly takes a village to raise a child.

N. Kurtz

Nicole Kurtz
Director of Education

Director's Awards of Excellence in

Catholic Education

The students honoured with the Director's Award of Excellence for 2023 serve as bright beacons in their school communities.

Their achievements not only reflect a commitment to excelling in academics, the arts, and athletics but also demonstrate a profound dedication to embodying the values inherent in the teachings of the Catholic Graduate Expectations.

Congratulations to these outstanding students for their remarkable accomplishments, embodying the essence of excellence in Catholic education.



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KENZIE RICHARDS



COLBY WALLACE



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growing Our leadership Group

FNMI Leadership Group

The new First Nation, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) Youth Council at St. Thomas Aquinas High School exemplifies the role of student-led initiatives in raising cultural awareness and driving change, emphasizing collective learning and active listening and engagement as key to striving towards reconciliation and acceptance for all.



St. Thomas Aquinas High School's FNMI Youth Council organized a Stop 4 Truth Flash Mob in downtown Kenora on September 29th to commemorate the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Participants, including citizens and business owners, dressed in orange, pausing their activities at the intersection of Matheson Street South and First Street South, symbolizing unity and healing in the journey towards Truth and Reconciliation.

kindergarten

Where Learning Finds a Joyful Home

Discover the pure magic of Kindergarten at the Kenora Catholic District School Board! Picture vibrant and enthusiastic children, eagerly delving into the world of learning with boundless creativity. Hear the delightful echoes of laughter and the inquisitive buzz of questions as students embark on the exciting journey of discovery. Our play-based program offers a glimpse into the wonder and excitement that fills each classroom. This nurturing setting sprouts the seeds of learning through wonder and joy. For our students, Kindergarten feels like a second home, where our early years educators nurture a profound joy in learning and curiosity that sets the foundation for inspired learning that carries through to graduation.



Growing in faith & rejoicing Together



Inspiring growth & Connection

Renowned hip-hop artist Connor Flanagan and distinguished faculty member Kevin Lamoureux significantly contributed to the Kenora Catholic District School Board's Professional Development Day, providing transformative sessions on faith, personal growth, reconciliation, and the impact of trauma on students. Their insights and inspirational approaches deeply impacted the staff, fostering an environment of continuous learning and spiritual exploration.



In the spirit of the 2023 Catholic Education Week Theme: **"We Are Many, We Are One,"** Kenora Catholic students not only embraced the theme but also chose to sing it out loud, especially the little ones. The week served as a testament to the power of faith, community, and the unwavering belief that, despite our differences, we are united in our journey of learning, growing, and celebrating the Catholic education that brings us together.





Students are Shooting for Success

Students in Kenora Catholic's Hockey Skills Development Program are shooting for success and building confidence and skills on and off the ice. The program wrapped up its season, leaving students with new-found hockey skills, friendships, and memories to last until the ice sets again next season.

Big Smiles and Rosey Cheeks at Our Ski School



Nothing but blue skies, rosy cheeks and big smiles at Kenora Catholic's Ski and Snowboard Program. The program offers students in Grades 4 – 8 an opportunity to learn downhill skiing or snowboarding focusing on a student's physical abilities, confidence, social skills, and enjoyment. It's an opportunity that not only enhances their physical capabilities but also boosts their confidence, fosters social interactions, and amplifies their overall love for sports. Amidst the snowy slopes, students are thoroughly enjoying their time, learning new skills, and cherishing moments with friends at the ski club, experiences they might not have had outside of this program.





investing

Advancing Numeracy Across the System:

An Update on the Math Achievement Action Plan

KCDSB's Math Achievement Action Plan establishes consistent Math instruction, with a 65% adoption of a board-wide digital tool in Grade 3, 6, and 9 classrooms. Alongside professional learning and partnerships, the plan ensures meaningful support for students and educators emphasizing inclusivity and accessibility in numeracy and a strong commitment to ongoing progress.



Empowering Early Literacy for Future Success

KCDSB is well under way with implementing Acadience Reading, a comprehensive reading assessment tool to identify and support students with reading, and we've completed beginning-of-the-year literacy screenings in English and French for all students from Senior Kindergarten to Grade 2. This initiative, aligned with the Ontario Language curriculum, is focused on early detection and tailored interventions to equip all students with the skills and opportunities to become proficient readers. We're not just teaching reading; we're unlocking a world of possibilities for our students, one word at a time.



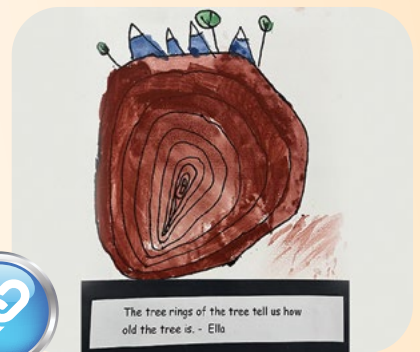
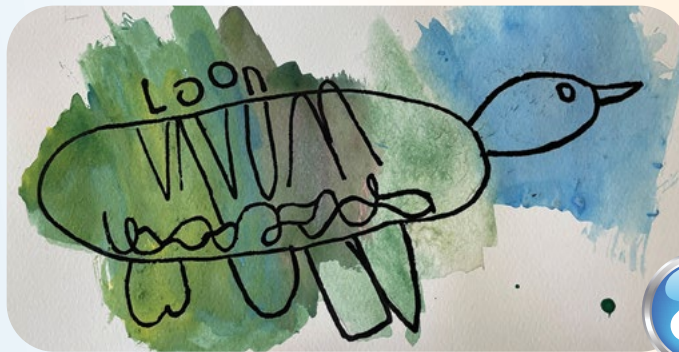
Advancing Mental Health Priorities Through Strategic Programing and Student Advisors

The Kenora Catholic District School Board consistently places student mental health and well-being at the forefront of its key priorities, establishing itself as one of the select boards in the Province of Ontario with at least one dedicated mental health worker assigned to each school. This strategic investment empowers the board to deliver high-quality, evidence-informed, and culturally responsive mental health promotion, prevention, and early intervention support to every student. Learn more about the initiatives and strategies that are advancing student mental health across the KCDSB in our update.



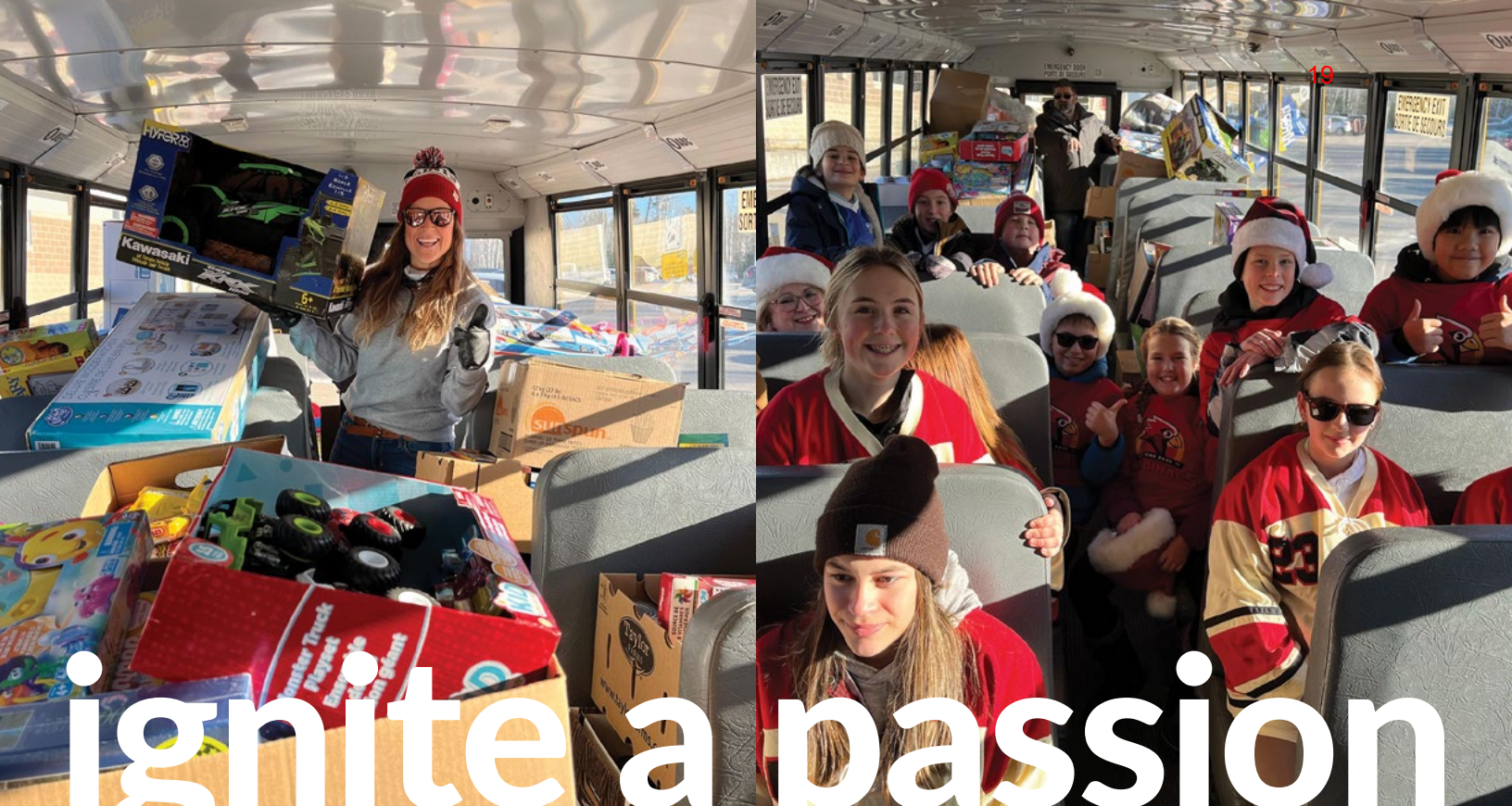
A Walk in the Wilderness Exhibit

invests in & celebrates Children's Potential



The tree rings of the tree tell us how old the tree is. - Ella

In June, the exhibition titled "A Walk in the Wilderness" by the Early Years Community Initiative saw an impressive turnout, attracting over a thousand visitors in just three days. The event was a vibrant celebration of children's thoughts, abilities, joy, the beauty of nature, and the importance of community and relationships.



ignite a passion

to Make
the World
a Better
Place for
Everyone



The community spirit was incredible! Our schools set out together to fill a bus for the Miracle Marathon, nearly overflowing with donated items. It was so packed that students almost didn't fit in the bus. Special thanks to all donors, school staff, and the Grade 11 Leadership Class for leading the charge. This reflects how KCDSB prioritizes spirituality, faith community, and compassion as central to everything we do, and teaches students that there is so much joy in service. Academic success is important, but what is just as important is that our students grow up to be good people, who help to make the world around them better for everyone.



Grade 6 Students Thrive at B'nai Brith Camp, Preparing for High School Transition

Through our Experiential Learning Program at B'nai Brith Camp, the Grade 6 students brought together from all our Kenora elementary schools are not just camping; they are crafting memories, building character, and actively preparing for the exciting journey that lies ahead in high school. It's more than a camp; it's a transformative experience that leaves an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of these young adventurers, setting the stage for a successful transition to the challenges and opportunities that high school will bring at St. Thomas Aquinas High School. This educational opportunity is mixed with exploration and friendships that are forged under the vast canopy of the great outdoors.



Students are Cracking the Code



The future is looking bright for a group of tech-savvy students in grades 4-6, at Kenora Catholic, thanks to a new pilot program that's teaching them the basics of coding in a fun and engaging way. The pilot program was carried out in partnership with FSET Inc., a local Information Technology Service provider based out of Kenora.

Casting Lessons: Fishing Adventures with Cultural Ties



At St. Thomas Aquinas High School, students take part in Guided Fishing trips that transcend mere fish-catching. This program recognizes the significance of cultural awareness, offering an experiential learning experience that cultivates respect for the land, water, guides, and one another, creating an environment where cultural teachings take center stage.



engaging

thriving together:

Nurturing Partnerships and Investing in Families!



At Kenora Catholic, students and families are at the heart of everything we do. Our commitment goes beyond investing in student and educator growth to actively engaging families and fostering collaborations that shape both school culture and curriculum. Explore our family-centric philosophy and learn how we prioritize partnerships with families, creating school communities where thriving isn't just possible but a shared reality.

embracing Diversity and Celebrating families

Stories of Belonging and Joy in Our School Community

At our schools, we celebrate the uniqueness of every family, and that's why we extend a warm invitation to a family each year to become an ambassador family for their school community. We take immense joy in listening to the diverse stories our families share about the reasons behind choosing our school community and what they cherish most about their experiences. The resounding sentiment we continually hear is that our schools are more than just educational institutions—they feel like a close-knit family where everyone experiences a sense of welcome and belonging.

Discover the heartwarming testimonials from our families by watching these videos and join us in celebrating the wonderful tapestry of our school community:



St. John Paul II
SCHOOL



Numbers Tell the Story:

A Look at the Success of the

Early Years

arts&design

Festival

120²³

MINUTES OF MESSY CHAOS
AND PURE JOY

25

ARTS STATIONS TO EXPLORE

300+

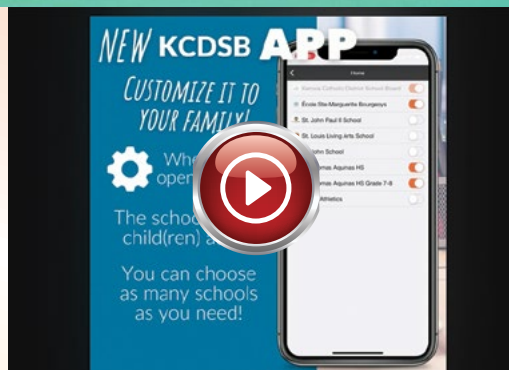
FAMILIES AND LITTLE EXPLORERS
HAVING A FANTASTIC TIME



The whole community is warmly welcomed to join in the celebration and discovery of art at the Early Years Arts and Design Festival. The magic of the festival lies in its spontaneous and unstructured exploration. Here children are encouraged to wander freely, letting their hearts and feet guide them through an entire school filled with every imaginable artistic medium and creative wonder. And the cherry on top? All the creative chaos and mess is ours to handle, guaranteeing a fantastic and carefree adventure for our young explorers and their families!

Tap Into Your School Community by Downloading the KCDSB App

Experience our schools effortlessly in the palm of your hand with the KCDSB app, your ultimate hub for school information. With a thriving community of 2000+ active users, the app caters to families, students, and staff. A one-stop resource for school activities and news. If you have a smartphone, it's a tool you want. Don't just stay informed; stay ahead with the KCDSB App - where connectivity meets education. Explore the video and download the app!



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Welcoming²⁴ a fresh Perspective

The Kenora Catholic District School Board was buzzing with energy as our St. Thomas Aquinas High School student trustees received their prestigious Rite of Commissioning, marking a significant step in their educational and student leadership journey.



Trustees engage in Retreat with OCSTA

KCDSB Trustees were grateful for the transformative retreat with the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association, recognizing and celebrating their vital role in the stewardship of Catholic education. A heartfelt thank you to Pat Daly, Nick Milanetti, and Anne O'Brien for leading this enriching retreat!

2023-2024 Board of Trustees



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Effective and thoughtful decision-making by committed Catholic leaders is crucial for the academic achievement of students. The Trustees of the Kenora Catholic District School Board, who operate under a policy governance framework, play a pivotal role in steering the board. They serve as an essential connection linking the community, parish, and school board.

Their duties encompass not only setting policies but also ensuring high standards of educational excellence at the Kenora Catholic District School Board.

Board Meetings Open to the Public:

The public is welcome to attend our Board meetings, which take place on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., except in July and August. These meetings are held both at the Catholic Education Centre, 1292 Heenan Place, and virtually through Microsoft Teams.

The trustees are crucial in guiding the board, seamlessly integrating faith into key aspects like the school's mission, vision, strategic plans, policy development, and governance oversight.

Trustees, chosen by taxpayers in municipal elections, are responsible to their communities in Kenora, neighbouring First Nations, and Red Lake. Their term spans from November 15, 2022, to November 14, 2026, with the next municipal election scheduled for October 26, 2026.





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