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It's Time to Sign Up For School!!

WATERLOO REGION'S CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WELCOME NEW KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 9 STUDENTS TO A "QUALITY, INCLUSIVE, FAITH-BASED EDUCATION"

Waterloo Region, ON – Kindergarten registration for the 2012-2013 school year kicks off Wednesday, February 1, 2012 in Waterloo Region's 46 Catholic elementary schools -- providing the Region's youngest citizens with a chance to benefit from a 176 year tradition of education excellence.

Children born in 2008 are eligible for Junior Kindergarten. **Children born in 2007** are eligible for Kindergarten. Registration runs until Wednesday, February 29, 2012.

Parents are invited to contact their local Catholic school directly for individual registration dates and times.

Registrations are also being accepted for students entering Grade nine in Waterloo Region's five Catholic secondary schools.

When registering your child to attend a Catholic elementary school you must be prepared to provide proof of the child's date of birth and either the child's Catholic baptismal certificate or the Catholic baptismal certificate of at least one parent or guardian.

Catholic secondary schools are open to students from all religious denominations.

A special section has been established on the Board's web site providing all the information needed to register for school. The web address is: www.wcdsb.ca/register

This year marks the third year for Ontario's Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program. A complete list of schools providing the program is available at: www.wcdsb.ca/extendedday

Extended day programs (before school and/or after school) will be offered at all "early learning" schools where sufficient demand exists. The Board is currently providing extended day programs at the following schools:

- √ Sir Edgar Bauer CES
- √ St. Anne (Kitchener) CES
- √ St. Teresa (Kitchener) CES

Please call your school directly for information about the extended day program.

"Our school system is a community of communities in the truest sense, where each of our schools is by itself a vibrant, exciting, faith-filled part of a larger whole," said Education Director Roger Lawler.

"What do our school communities offer? We offer:

- √ **Highly-qualified, caring teachers and staff;**
- √ **Excellent academic results;**
- √ **Innovative, challenging, provincially-respected learning programs;**
- √ **Leading edge information technology;**
- √ **A safe, inclusive, socially responsible learning environment.**

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Best of all, our whole educational package is based on the solid foundation of the Catholic faith. Be sure to visit your local Catholic school. Come and see the difference a quality, inclusive, faith-based education can make for your children and your family.”

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board, representing more than 100,000 Catholic school supporters, operates 52 schools and five adult education facilities serving more than 40,000 elementary, secondary and continuing education students in Waterloo Region – continuing a 176-year tradition of quality, inclusive, faith-based education. Follow us on Twitter: **@WCDSBNewsWire**.

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