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EcoSchools Program Shows Waterloo Region's Catholic Students It's Easy Being Green!!

Sixteen schools receive Gold, Silver & Bronze certifications

Waterloo Region, ON – Students and staff at sixteen of Waterloo Region's Catholic Schools have gone green in a big way, achieving certification as "**Ontario EcoSchools**". The following schools have received the following certifications:

GOLD

Monsignor Doyle CSS (Cambridge)
Saint John Paul II CES (Kitchener)
St. Benedict CSS (Cambridge)
St. Clement CES (St. Clements)
St. Margaret of Scotland CES (Cambridge)
St. Peter CES (Cambridge)

SILVER

Blessed Mother Teresa CES (Cambridge)
Holy Family CES (New Hamburg)
Holy Spirit CES (Cambridge)
Monsignor Haller CES (Kitchener)
St. Ambrose CES (Cambridge)
St. Anne CES (Kitchener)
St. Brigid CES (Ayr)
St. David CSS (Waterloo)
St. Nicholas CES (Waterloo)

BRONZE

Holy Rosary CES (Waterloo)

QuickFacts

- ✓ **Ontario EcoSchools** is an environmental education program for grades 1-12 that helps students develop ecological literacy while engaging in practices to become environmentally responsible citizens. This is a perfect fit with the philosophy in Waterloo Region's Catholic Schools that sustainable development means "*meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.*"
- ✓ **Holy Rosary CES, Blessed Mother Teresa CES, Holy Spirit CES** and **Monsignor Haller CES** are first-time EcoSchools.
- ✓ The Board's first certified EcoSchool -- **St. Nicholas CES** in Waterloo -- is receiving a special "5 Year" citation this year.
- ✓ WCDSB is proud to once again be hosting a regional EcoSchools workshop on October 29, 2014 at the Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre.

Quotes

“We are so proud of the efforts our students have put into living greener lives at their schools and at home. The **Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations** call on all students to -- among other things -- be “collaborative contributors” and “responsible citizens” and their success in the EcoSchools program shows just how much they take their responsibilities to the environment seriously. Of course, without the dedicated leadership of our outstanding school staffs, being “green” would be a much bigger challenge”

-- John Shewchuk, Chief Managing Officer

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