

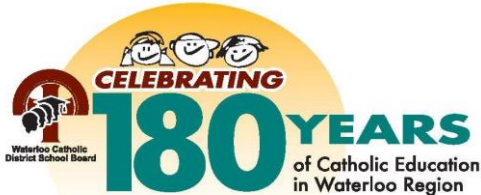


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## News Release



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

## **Nineteen schools receive GOLD, SILVER & BRONZE certifications**

**Waterloo Region, ON** – Students and staff at nineteen of Waterloo Region's Catholic Schools have gone green in a big way, achieving certification as "**Ontario EcoSchools**". The board joined the program in 2011, with seven certified EcoSchools. The following schools have received the following EcoSchools certifications:

### **GOLD**

Holy Family CES (New Hamburg)  
Holy Rosary CES (Waterloo)  
Monsignor Doyle CSS (Cambridge)  
Saint John Paul II CES (Kitchener)  
St. Agatha CES (St. Agatha)  
St. Anne CES (Kitchener)  
St. Clement CES (St. Clements)  
St. Daniel CES (Kitchener)  
St. Joseph CES (Cambridge)  
St. Margaret of Scotland CES (Cambridge)

### **SILVER**

Holy Spirit CES (Cambridge)  
Sir Edgar Bauer CES (Waterloo)  
St. Anne CES (Cambridge)  
St. Brigid CES (Ayr)  
St. Luke CES (Waterloo)

### **BRONZE**

St. Nicholas CES (Waterloo)  
St. Augustine CES (Cambridge)  
St. Bernadette CES (Kitchener)  
Our Lady of Lourdes 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.*"

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- ✓ The **Waterloo Catholic District School Board** has set an ambitious goal of having all schools certified by 2018.
- ✓ **Our Lady of Lourdes CES, Sir Edgar Bauer CES, St. Agatha CES, St. Anne (Cambridge) CES, St. Augustine CES, St. Bernadette CES** and **St. Joseph CES** are first-time EcoSchools. St. Joseph and St. Agatha both achieved GOLD in their first tries at certification.
- ✓ **Saint John Paul II CES** and **St. Clement CES** have both achieved their fifth consecutive GOLD certifications -- while **St. Margaret of Scotland CES** has reached GOLD for the fourth straight year.
- ✓ **Monsignor Doyle CSS** and **St. Brigid CES** are both receiving a special seal commemorating their 5<sup>th</sup> year as certified EcoSchools.

## 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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[Ontario EcoSchools](#)

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