

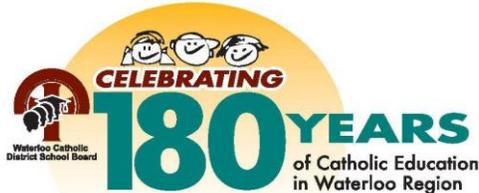


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## News Release



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# Catholic Board Designates “Friends of Ft. McMurray Day”

Special fundraiser set for Friday, May 13  
in all WCDSB schools and admin facilities

**Waterloo Region, ON** – Friday, May 13, 2016 has been designated “*Friends of Ft. McMurray Day*” in each of Waterloo Region’s Catholic schools and WCDSB administrative sites.

All WCDSB staff and students are encouraged to bring a Loonie to work / school that day to assist the people of Ft. McMurray and area in rebuilding their lives, following the recent devastating northern Alberta wildfires. Members of the community are invited to stop by any WCDSB school to assist by making a cash donation. Schools may also consider other local fundraising initiatives to assist our friends in Ft. McMurray. All donated funds will be immediately forwarded to the **Canadian Red Cross** where they will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the **Government of Canada**.

### QuickFacts

- ✓ Since 1998, Waterloo Region’s Catholic Schools have raised more than **\$5 million** for various charitable causes. Major fundraising drives have been undertaken in the past to assist the victims of tragedies ranging from the tsunami in Southeast Asia to Hurricane Katrina to the massive earthquake that devastated Haiti to the human tragedy currently unfolding in Syria.

### Quotes

“Waterloo Region’s Catholic schools have had a long history of stepping up and offering support when major natural and humanitarian disasters have struck around the world. This time, the tragedy is right here at home in Canada -- and it is our fellow Canadians in northern Alberta who need our help. We’ve all seen the horrifying and heartbreaking images of devastation from Fort McMurray and area. We trust God will ensure our prayers and the funds collected on ‘*Friends of Fort McMurray Day*’ will bring some small measure of comfort to our brothers and sisters in Alberta as they begin rebuilding their lives”.

-- **Loretta Notten, Director of Education, WCDSB**

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board, representing more than 96,000 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 180-year tradition of quality, inclusive, faith-based education. Follow us on Twitter: **@WCDSBNewsWire - #WCDSBAwesome**.

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