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## News Release

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

## **Fourteen schools receive Gold, Silver & Bronze certifications**

**Waterloo Region, ON** – Students and staff at 14 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

Holy Rosary CES (Cambridge)  
Monsignor Doyle CSS (Cambridge)  
Saint John Paul II CES (Kitchener)  
St. Anne CES (Kitchener)  
St. Clement CES (St. Clements)  
St. Daniel CES (Kitchener)  
St. Margaret of Scotland CES (Cambridge)

### SILVER

Blessed Mother Teresa CES (Cambridge)  
Holy Family CES (New Hamburg)  
Holy Spirit CES (Cambridge)  
St. Brigid CES (Ayr)  
St. Nicholas CES (Waterloo)

### BRONZE

St. Luke CES (Waterloo)  
St. Vincent de Paul CES (Cambridge)

## **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.*"
- ✓ **St. Daniel CES, St. Luke CES** and **St. Vincent de Paul CES** are first-time EcoSchools.
- ✓ **Holy Family CES, Saint John Paul II CES, St. Anne CES** and **St. Margaret of Scotland CES** are all receiving a special "5 Year" citation this year.
- ✓ WCDSB is proud to once again be hosting a regional EcoSchools workshop on October 28, 2015 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 Ontario EcoSchools program shows just how much they take their responsibilities

to the environment seriously. Of course, without the dedicated leadership of our outstanding school and facilities management staffs being “green” would be a much bigger challenge.”

*-- John Shewchuk, Chief Managing Officer*

## Related Links

[Ontario EcoSchools](#)

[WCDSB Energy Management & Environmental Plan](#)

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board, representing more than 96,000 Catholic school supporters, operates 52 schools and four adult education facilities serving more than 40,000 elementary, secondary and continuing education students in Waterloo Region – continuing a 179-year tradition of quality, inclusive, faith-based education. Follow us on Twitter: [@WCDSBNewsWire](#) - [#WCDSBAwesome](#).

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