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Teacher Resources for New Board Theme

Every second year, the CDSBEO introduces a new Board-wide theme which helps bring a common Catholic focus to our community. For 2009-11 the theme, *We walk in good company!* allows us to consider Jesus as the Good Shepherd. His example of leadership, compassion and concern for the most marginalized provide learners with many opportunities to reflect on their call to bring about changes in our world.

The theme will also allow our students to reflect on those that journey with us now - our Clergy and religious leaders, teachers, family members and those that help us to become the best we can be.

The Board is pleased to have provided a new resource binder to all schools which focuses on bringing our new theme to life in the classroom. Created by the Religious and Family Life Education Department, in consultation with a team of teachers, the resource is filled with ideas and activities which focus on The Good Shepherd, Saints and Heroes, Companions on the Journey, and Walking as People of Virtue.

We walk in



good company!

Response to H1N1

Specific key areas have been identified by the Ministry of Health to aid in teaching about prevention of the spread of H1N1, with individual responsibility as the focus. Most important for prevention is hand hygiene and cough etiquette. The CDSBEO is working closely with local Medical Health Officers to stay informed. For more information, please visit the board website at www.cdsbeo.on.ca and follow the H1N1 link from the main page.

Board Meeting Dates: October 6th @ 7:00 p.m., Kemptville Board Office, and October 20th @ 7:00 p.m., J.L. Jordan Catholic School, Brockville
Thanksgiving Day: Monday, October 12, 2009

Visit our website at www.cdsbeo.on.ca for information, news on school events, bus cancellation updates, Board Meeting Highlights, or to visit our Trustee section under *Board Information*.

Celebrating World Teachers' Day

Every year, our Board celebrates the United Nations' World Teachers' Day on October 5. It gives us a wonderful opportunity to thank our dedicated teachers for all they do for our students, and our Board. We are so very fortunate to have dedicated professionals helping to deliver a quality Catholic education to our students.

Our teachers are a vital part of our system. We see the inspiration that they provide our learners as they work side by side with them. Thanks to their immense contribution, our students are receiving an educational experience that is academic as well as spiritual.

*"Doing one's daily work in the Spirit of Christ."
Pope Benedict XVI*

Voluntary Self-Identification

The Board is currently collecting information from First Nation, Métis and Inuit students wishing to voluntarily self-identify. Introduced by the Ministry of Education, the Voluntary Self-Identification Program supports student achievement through improved curriculum, and helps educators learn more about the unique strengths and needs of First Nation, Métis and Inuit students. The program provides an opportunity for First Nation, Métis and Inuit students to identify their ancestry, and will allow for the collection of data to show how students are progressing, to pinpoint areas of high achievement, and to identify gaps in programs and services.

Consultation and communication with Aboriginal communities and stakeholders have been vital components in the development of the program. Information packages have been sent home to parents throughout the Board outlining the self-identification process.