

**B**lessed Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic School in the Orléans South area of Gloucester had its beginnings due to overcrowding at Our Lady of Wisdom School. This overcrowding, along with increased population growth in the Chapel Hill and Chateaufort areas, made it necessary for the Carleton Roman Catholic School Board to open the “annex of Our Lady of Wisdom” in September 1984, housed in the former Ecole Saint François School on Innes Road. This annex operated for two and a half years until the new Blessed Kateri Tekawitha School was established on Beausejour Drive in Orléans. The official opening ceremony for the school was held on April 29, 1987.

The school is named after Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, an aboriginal Canadian who was elevated from venerated to blessed status in June 1980, by Pope John Paul II.

Blessed Kateri Tekawitha School has three kindergarten classes, five junior classes, six primary classes, a computer lab, a library and a gymnasium. Student enrolment in the fall of 2005 was over 300 students.



# BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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## Present Principal

Marilyn Hanley

## Past Principals

Kevin Mullins (oversaw the school as an annex to Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic School)  
Robert Laplante  
Greg Peddie  
John Delorme  
Jim O'Connor  
Patricia Morden-Kelly  
Ben Vallati

## First Teaching and Support Staff

Carolyn Bordeleau  
Tracy Crowe  
Darlene Danis  
Line Douglas  
Jodie Ingels  
Luce Mercier-Coburn  
Chuck Orifici  
Marie Lafrenière, Secretary  
Marcel Dubeau, Custodian

## School Colours

Red and gold

## Logo

Cross with flowers draped across it

## Other Features

A carved wooden statue of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha is in the school lobby.

A painted banner depicting Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha hangs in the school lobby.

