

CHAPEL HILL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Chapel Hill Catholic School bears its community's name, which is very appropriate since the school prides itself on community involvement.

The Chapel Hill School community is involved in outreach programs such as Christmas hampers, an annual clothing drive and a Christmas angel tree program. Each year the school community raises funds for the Canadian Hunger Foundation, contributing anywhere from \$4,500 to \$7,500 annually to this global outreach initiative. Other fundraisers throughout the year at Chapel Hill Catholic School include donations to the United Way as well as to worldwide relief efforts. The school's parent community contributes to school life through involvement with such programs as early literacy, the school library and a hot lunch program.

Chapel Hill Catholic School is an active place, with a focus on fitness through quality daily physical education. Its intramural and school team programs are designed to allow maximum participation and to follow the school motto, "Be the best you can be."

Chapel Hill Catholic School shares the community's name because it was the first school built in the area. A neighbouring public school was built a short time after Chapel Hill Catholic opened in 1987. It was named Chapel Hill Public School. Confusion was inevitable. What added to the confusion was that both schools were on the same street, Forest Valley Drive in Orléans, separated only by a park. This led to numerous mix-ups in mail delivery and visitors so it was decided that one of the schools should change its name. Since Chapel Hill Catholic School was built first, it retained its name while the public school was renamed Forest Valley Public School.



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The construction and opening of Chapel Hill Catholic School resulted from the continuing residential growth in the area. First, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic School was created, branching off from Our Lady of Wisdom. Its official opening was in April 1987. Chapel Hill Catholic School was the next one constructed, branching off in turn from Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. The official opening took place in April 1988, just one year after the inauguration of Blessed Kateri. Indeed, several teachers and a significant number of students went through both of these school changes before ending up among the original staff members and

students at Chapel Hill Catholic School. The students and staff of Chapel Hill were housed at Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha for a while beginning in September 1987, until their new facility was ready for occupancy.

Several memorable events have occurred at Chapel Hill Catholic School. In 2001, the Canadian Hunger Foundation celebrated its 40th anniversary. To mark the occasion, a celebration was planned and held at the school due to the school's annual fundraising for the organization. In attendance at this celebration was the Honourable Mitchell Sharp in his capacity as founder. In 2005, Chapel Hill Catholic School received a visit from Prime Minister Paul Martin, accompanied by Ottawa-Orléans Member of Parliament Marc Godbout. They were at the school to attend celebrations and activities relating to Earth Day. Their visit drew considerable media attention, providing both local and national exposure for the school.

Present Principal

Katie Kenny

Past Principals

Floriana Albi
Judy Sarginson
Grace Kenny-Castonguay
Basil Tomlinson
Diane Jackson
Paul Lahey

First Teaching and Support Staff

Lynn Charette
Jane Scott
Kathleen Kenny
Carol Polnick
Chris Brady
Debbie Quail
Suzette Nadon
Carole Parent
Diane Jackson
Rosemary Schouten
Lou Massey
Lorraine Hubbs

Former Students

Stephanie Poon graduated as a heart surgeon in April 2006.

Katherine Poon is scheduled to graduate as a brain surgeon in April 2007.

School Colours

Red, white and black

Logo

The logo is an elongated shield featuring a cross, a star and the school name.

Motto

“Be the best you can be!”

Mascot

The school mascot is a panda bear named “Chappy.”