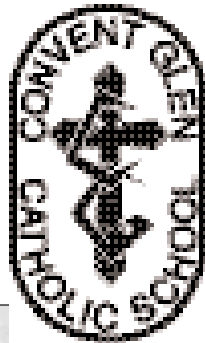


The construction of Convent Glen Catholic School in Orléans not only provided a much needed home for students, but also provided the first location for the new church community called Divine Infant, the forerunner of Divine Infant Parish.

Growing enrolment at Our Lady of Wisdom School resulted in Convent Glen Catholic School opening in 1977 in a port-a-pak complex on Grey Nuns Drive. It consisted of five classrooms in total, with only one washroom that was shared by both students and teachers. There was also a staff room that doubled as a storage and meeting room. For the 1978-79 school year, a second stand-alone port-a-pak was added at the site to accommodate the increasing enrolment. For gym and library sessions, students were bused to Our Lady of Wisdom School.

The new Convent Glen Catholic School on Jeanne d'Arc Boulevard was finally occupied in September 1979, with the official opening held later, on May 25, 1980. The name of the school is derived from the name of the community in which it is located. The opening of the new school not only provided a home for the students and staff but also became the first home of the newly-established Divine Infant Church community, which had been established in September 1979, under the leadership of Father Michael Hurtubise; to provide English-speaking Catholics in Orléans with their own church, thus relieving the overcrowded, bilingual St. Joseph's Parish. Masses were held at Convent Glen Catholic School until September 1981 when the location was changed to St. Matthew Junior High School, near the future site of Divine Infant Church. The Divine Infant Church community became a parish in 1983, and the new church was completed and blessed in 1987.

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Meanwhile, Convent Glen Catholic School was developing its own traditions and character.

A shaggy brown dog named "Copper," christened by Mrs. Cotes' grade 1 class, was the school's mascot and attended all of its sporting events. Grey and burgundy became the school's colours.

A strong sense of community has pervaded Convent Glen Catholic School since it began. Two former students, Romina Lombardi and Krista St. John, are now teachers at the school. Ken Vowles, a veteran and former parent, still makes

Remembrance Day presentations at the school. Parents with students no longer at the school return to volunteer. School secretary Barb Foley's children attended the school.

Convent Glen Catholic School has a myriad of extracurricular activities such as the Grade 6 Leadership Program, and Peacemakers. There are other clubs for chess, dance, bridge, and primary and junior choirs, and there is a milk program. Quality daily physical education is emphasized and students play intramural team sports daily. Interscholastic teams include cross-country running, volleyball, basketball, ultimate Frisbee, touch football, handball and track and field. Advent and Lenten projects, liturgical services, the Arts, a spring concert, Education Week activities, winter and spring play days, Remembrance Day services, a volunteer appreciation event, and support for UNICEF and the United Way are some of the other activities which define Convent Glen Catholic School as a hive of living and learning. Over the years, special events at the school have included ski trips, camping trips, a harvest moon family dance, Winterlude activities, a spring fun fair, Christmas concerts and musicals. Since 2002, Convent Glen Catholic School has hosted one of the two Robodome classrooms in the Board. Robodome is a program in which grade 5 students build Lego robots to develop their problem-solving and thinking skills.

Convent Glen Catholic School today also hosts primary and junior learning disabilities classes.

Present Principal

Patricia Morden-Kelly

Past Principals

Robert Laplante
Joanne LaPlante
Dr. Margaret McGrath
Joan Gravel
Robert Benning
Paul Wubben

First Teaching and Support Staff

Robert Laplante
Susan Rheaume
Rosina Davis
Colleen Plante
Norma Menard
Georges Lajeunesse
Martine Bealne
Faye Powell
Betty Sharland
Dan Charbonneau

School Colours

Burgundy and grey

Logo

The oval logo features a cross overlaid with the letters “C” and “G” representing Convent Glen, surrounded by the school name “Convent Glen Catholic School.” The cross represents Our Lord. The logo was the result of a contest held at the school.