

Holy Redeemer Catholic School opened on McCurdy Drive in Kanata in January 1988. The students and staff had been housed at Georges Vanier Catholic School since September 1987, awaiting the completion of their new school facility. Holy Redeemer School shares its name with Holy Redeemer Parish in Kanata, a fact which partly explains the close partnership which exists between school and church. But the relationship between the school and the parish goes far beyond just sharing a name.

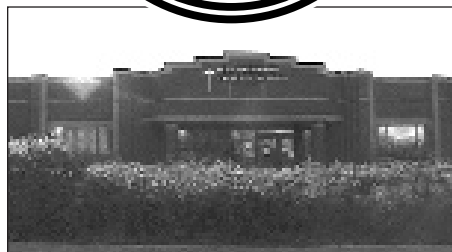
In recent years, the school has enjoyed weekly visits from Father Oliver Rich of Holy Redeemer Parish, who delights the students with his stories. In addition, the school currently benefits from regular visits by Ted Hurley, the youth coordinator of the parish, who charms the students with his religious songs. This has led to a strong faith component at the school, as evidenced by the grade two sacramental preparation and the faith-filled liturgies and prayer services, enriched by student involvement as readers, choir members and altar servers.

Besides a strong parish relationship, the school has also benefited over the years from a vital academic, extracurricular and athletic focus, and from a supportive school council. Here is a glimpse of the Holy Redeemer School of today; the product of nearly two decades of student achievement and growth, assisted by an engaged and proficient staff.

Holy Redeemer students actively participate in choral activities, in an active intramural program, in Board athletic meets and in clubs such as rope skipping and chess. An ambassador program for grade 6 students develops their leadership skills through training, followed by active involvement in school functions as librarians and bus helpers, and by serving as introducers at school events. A social skills program that

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deals with students' needs has been implemented. Monthly assemblies celebrate student success by awarding certificates to two students in each class who exemplify values such as peacemaking, friendship, trust and citizenship. A "Be a Buddy; Be a Friend" school-wide, anti-bullying program, implemented in partnership with the Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre, allows students to make the right choices and emphasizes respect for each other. The school choir, which has been active since the school was formed, has participated in school board musicals and arts celebrations and has sung at an Ottawa 67's junior hockey game.

The students actively participate in athletic events of all kinds, both at the Board and intramural levels. The school has received four Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (CAHPERD) gold awards for its physical activity programs. There has been an annual sing-along at Christmas time, with a brass quartet. Donations have been made to the Canadian Hunger Foundation for many years. Annual ski days for grades 5 and 6 classes are held, along with end-of-year trips for grade 6 graduates. A volunteer tea, an Education Week community breakfast, a "Read with All Your Hearts Day" featuring guest readers in the classrooms, and a "Buddy Readers" program where older students share stories with younger ones, also add to the excellence of the learning and community environment at the school.

The recent outpouring of support for the victims of the tsunami in Southeast Asia in December 2004, and for the victims of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 are examples of how Holy Redeemer lives the Gospel message of helping one's neighbour. Holy Redeemer School raised \$680 through a "Toonies for Katrina" campaign and also provided eight boxes of books for victims of Hurricane Katrina. The school raised \$1,200 for tsunami victims.

A supportive school council has been instrumental in helping Holy Redeemer Catholic School grow into the school that it is today. This council has supported the school's literacy initiatives through fundraising activities. It has hosted an annual Halloween community night, a Christmas craft fair, a pizza and Mass evening and a year-end barbecue. It also sponsors an annual walk-a-thon at the school.

Present Principal

Linda Mosley

Past Principals

John Delorme
 Greg Peddie
 Judi Sarginson
 Gloria Sterling
 Sam Coletti

First Teaching and Support Staff

Tom Winterbottom
 Marie Smith
 Joanne Kennedy
 Susan Wilgress
 Guylaine Labelle
 Pam Morel
 Pat Scrim
 Elizabeth Valiquette
 Kathryn Golob
 Mary Whitar
 Mike Moran
 Roxanne McCaffrey
 Sylvia Jennings
 Ann-Louise Revells
 Anne Lamont
 Rita Charbonneau
 Lois Rouble
 Gina Bakonyi
 Gayle Sadler
 Dale Brownlee
 Italo Graziani
 John Panagakos

Staff Recognition

Teacher Anne Lamont was the first recipient of the Bernadette MacNeil Award.

Former Students

Sean Langdon played with the Sudbury Wolves and the Kingston Frontenacs of the Ontario Junior A Hockey League.

Jim Kehoe played with the Sudbury Wolves of the Ontario Junior A Hockey League.

Daniel Weaver is studying for his doctorate in astrophysics.

Logo

The letters “H R” in the middle of the circular logo stand for Holy Redeemer, printed over a Canadian maple leaf. The school colours of red, white and blue are reflected in the logo. The word “Catholic” in the school’s name on the logo provides the faith element.

First School Council

Louise Harding
 Chris Jurewicz
 Diane Ryan
 Monica Rosales
 Sheryl Bell
 Sharron Quinn
 Kita Jussup
 Linda Scrivens
 Joanne McSheffrey

