



Board meeting report from Catholic Student Trustee, Andrew D'Alessio

Student Trustee Report - November 7, 2017

Halloween is over and as students get off their sugar high from all the candy, we all face the cold of old man winter on our door steps.

In the spirit of Halloween, some student councils gave out candy or helped organize other Halloween themed activities such as, dances, black and orange day, and so on. From the feedback received, everyone really enjoyed it all and I hope our students will continue to enjoy the hard work of our school leaders.

Most student councils will be hosting school dances in the next little while, to help raise funds for various causes. Students are working hard to try and promote the dances. Some schools participated in purple day to help raise awareness about child abuse and the students who participated had their photo taken to post on their school website. In participating in activities like these, you can really see how much our students care about their community by raising awareness.

In sports news, the SD&G cross country run was held at Holy Trinity CSS, and football finals were amazing to watch. Congratulations to the St. Joseph's "Panthers" for making it into the next level and good luck in Almonte in the next game. Also, over at St. Thomas Aquinas, the senior girls' soccer team is going to EOSSA! Congratulations to one and all.

Our schools are busy planning their Remembrance Day presentations; please take a minute to thank a veteran for their service. Mission teams continue to fundraise for the upcoming Mission trips, and many had great successes in their school community BBQ's.

These have been busy weeks for our students and I am sure they will continue to be as our school councils prepare for winter activities.

Student Trustee Report - November 21, 2017

The last week was extremely busy and exciting for students and Catholic educators alike. The team from CDSBEO recently attended the ICE "Renewing the Promise" Symposium and the knowledge shared was just amazing! Learning about the future of Catholic education was truly something to witness. It was also great meeting so many fellow board representatives and learning the many activity's that their boards and schools are doing.

It was an immense pleasure to witness the celebration Mass as the conference wrapped up. Bishops, priests, and other Catholic leaders came together to practice our faith.

Schools across the board attended WE Day in Ottawa on November 15. This day always inspires students to make a difference in their communities! On November 28, Grade 10 students are invited to join other grade 10 students in the Board at the Just Us Youth Day in Kemptville. The theme is social justice, with a keynote speaker and workshops.

In sports news, a Holy Trinity student placed first in the cross-country run in SD&G and now is on their way to EOSSA! Holy Trinity junior girls' basketball also went to EOSSA recently, along with their junior and senior girls' volleyball teams. Over at St. Francis Xavier CHS in Hammond, the senior girls' basketball team earned a third-place finish at EOSSAA.

Remembrance Day ceremonies were held in all CDSBEO schools. It was truly inspiring to see firsthand the veterans sharing their stories and how the students listened intently to their presentations. The pride our Veterans' display is truly inspiring.

Some schools have also started planning for their Christmas events and I can't wait to hear what they are doing because Christmas is my favorite time of the year! More dances and formal activities are starting up, such as winter formal dances, dress down days for charity and the list goes on.

As the snow continues to fall, I hope everyone continues to have a wonderful few weeks ahead!