



# InTouch

## Christmas Card Winners

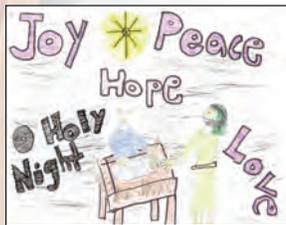
For the past 7 years, students in Grades 1 through 12 have been invited to submit artwork for our Board's annual Christmas card contest.

Schools were notified of this year's event early in November and asked to submit artwork that reflected the theme of 'keeping Christ in Christmas'.

The response from our schools was tremendous, with 427 entries received. Staff in the Director's Office selected four winning submissions, one from each of the four contest categories: Primary, Junior, Senior Elementary, and High School.

Prizes this year were \$150 gift cards from Intercity Shopping Centre.

And the winners are:



Kali Bragnalo ~ Gr. 3,  
Our Lady of Charity School



Ria Slomke ~ G.r 4,  
St. Martin School



Tyrell Moonias ~ Gr. 7,  
Bishop E. Q. Jennings School



Christina Provenzano ~ Gr. 12,  
St. Ignatius High School

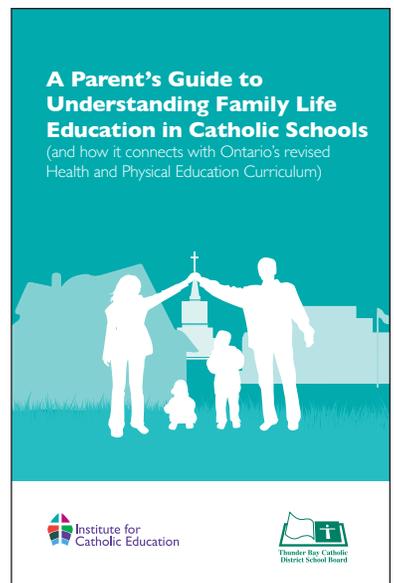
## New Health and Physical Education Curriculum

Recently appointed Secondary School Consultant, Tony Colistro, and Faith Leader, Ciarán Donnelly unveiled support documents around the new Health and Physical Education curriculum.

There had been some controversy surrounding the new curriculum, especially around sex education, but both men assured Trustees that the new program is filled with meaningful lessons developed through the Catholic doctrine.

"Working very close with the Institute of Catholic Education, the Ontario Bishops and many other stakeholders, this new curriculum is as thorough as it is thoughtful," said Mr. Colistro.

"In addition to these resources, ICE has also provided us with a theological document that explains, in religious terms, the intended pedagogical outcomes. So we're really covered with this new curriculum," said Father Donnelly.



## Director's Annual Report Released

The Education Act requires school boards to submit a report on the actions that have been taken during the preceding twelve months.

Authored by the Director of Education, the Ministry of Education specifies a number of compulsory items of information to be included in the annual report, such as EQAO results.

In addition, the Annual Report is to be posted on each board's website not later than January 31st in order to share progress with the community.

Director Pino Tassone presented this year's report to Trustees at Monday night's meeting.

"I'm certain that the Board will find this document rather extensive and extremely optimistic based on our EQAO scores and incredibly successful pedagogical initiatives," he said.



*This year's edition for the Director's Annual Report*

## Anti-Bullying Week

Superintendent of Education, Omer Belisle, provided Trustees with an extensive list of the anti-bullying events that occurred throughout our schools during the week of November 16-20.

"All schools developed and executed daily activities in every classroom," he said.

"It's all part of their school improvement plans in which we focus on student well-being and academic success."

The activities range from ribbon days to cyber-bullying seminars to junior leadership programs.



*Wishing you and your family a very  
Merry Christmas and Joyous New Year*

on behalf of the Board of Trustees and Senior Team