Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board

Faith and Learning...Celebrating the Journey

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Huron-Perth Catholic Supporting Outdoor Learning Pavilions

The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board supports the construction of outdoor learning pavilions on school grounds. Outdoor Learning Pavilions provide outdoor learning spaces for our students, protection from the elements, and encourage staff and students to enjoy nature and all of God’s creation.

Huron-Perth Catholic schools participate in the Ontario EcoSchools program which also promotes school-ground greening projects and outdoor learning.

Outdoor Learning Pavilions have, or are in the process, of being installed at the following schools in Huron-Perth Catholic:

- St. Patrick’s, Kinkora
- St. Ambrose, Stratford
- St. Joseph’s, Clinton
- St. Mary’s, Goderich
- Holy Name of Mary, St. Marys
- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- St. Boniface, Zurich
- Sacred Heart, Wingham
- St. Aloysius, Stratford
- St. James, Seaforth
- St. Mary’s, Listowel
- St. Anne’s CSS, Clinton

Pictured left: the completed Outdoor Learning Pavilion project at Holy Name of Mary School in St. Marys.

Pictured on next page: the playground equipment in the background was built using fundraising dollars, donations and grants.
The Holy Name of Mary playground was funded through a fantastic effort by the Catholic School Advisory Council. Parents, grandparents and community members made donations, while CSAC and students ran events to support this venture. We also appreciated donations from the town of St. Marys, the River Road Run and a grant from the Stratford and Perth County Community Foundation. Thanks to all, the students and community are enjoying an active, accessible playground.

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