

REPORT

TO: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL PROFILE
ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

DATE: June 6, 2023

ORIGIN

Director of Education

BACKGROUND

A School Profile program was established in January 2019 to recognize and celebrate school excellence. Each month, one school in the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board is highlighted at the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

This month's report highlights St. Matthew Catholic Elementary School.

COMMENT



St. Matthew Catholic Elementary School opened on Windwood Drive in Binbrook on May 3, 2010 with an inaugural enrolment of 276 students. A Blessing and Official Opening officiated by The Most Reverend Anthony F. Tonnos, Bishop of Hamilton took place on June 13, 2010.



St. Matthew Catholic Elementary was the first elementary school in Hamilton – and one of the first in the province of Ontario – to employ a Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED). The school was awarded silver LEED certification in September 2014.

Address

200 Windwood Dr.
Binbrook, ON L0R 1C0

Trustee

Mr. L. Agro

School Administration

Principal: Mr. M. Trotta
Vice-Principal: Mr. M. Golden
Superintendent: Mr. M. Hucal

Grades

K – Grade 8

Enrolment

of students: 618 (as of October 31, 2022)

Family of Schools

Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School

About St. Matthew CES

The groundwork for St. Matthew Catholic Elementary School was laid in September 2008 and involved months of pre-planning before the first shovel was struck in April 2009. Built at a cost of \$12-million, St. Matthew CES employed a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) design, making it the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board's first 'eco' facility. The two-storey, 68,000 sq. ft. school opened on May 3, 2010 with an initial enrolment of 276 students. An Official Opening and Blessing, officiated by The Most Reverend Anthony F. Tonnos, Bishop of Hamilton, was held on June 13, 2010.

St. Matthew CES was designed by Lintack Architects Inc., a firm that specializes in green construction (LEED designs). LEED is a green-building ranking system that takes a whole-building approach to sustainability by improving performance in five key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development; water efficiency; energy efficiency; materials selection; and indoor environmental quality. LEED features at St. Matthew include an outdoor classroom, substantially more windows resulting in more natural light, a rainwater harvesting system, light shelves and solar louvers, solar panels, a white roof, light sensors, low consumption plumbing features, increased wall and roof insulation, high efficiency mechanical system and electrical systems with classroom energy monitoring and light-harvesting, and non-toxic VOC products and paints.

In September 2014, St. Matthew CES was awarded silver level LEED certification by the Canada Green Building Council. The school is also the recipient of the 2011 City of Hamilton Urban Design and Architecture Award of Merit in Architecture & Sustainability and the 2011 Illuminating Engineering Society of North America Toronto Section Award for Interior Lighting. Many of the building standards used in St. Matthew's construction have since become standard practice in new school construction projects at the board.

As residential development continued to grow in the Binbrook community, so too did enrolment at St. Matthew, and by 2015, 885 students were enrolled at the school, including nine FDK classes. Two classrooms were retrofitted to add washroom facilities for the younger students, and portables were installed in the playground to address the school's accommodation needs. By 2018, St. Matthew's utilization rate was 173% – 448 pupil places above the school's Ministry rated capacity of 617 students. In June 2018, the HWCDSB was awarded funds from the Ministry of Education for a new Binbrook Catholic Elementary School to address enrolment pressures and eliminate the oversubscription problem at St. Matthew. Enrolment at St. Matthew is currently 618 students.

School Motto

"Believing ... Celebrating ... Learning"

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