

REPORT

TO: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL PROFILE
CANADIAN MARTYRS CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

DATE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020

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 Canadian Martyrs Catholic Elementary School.

COMMENT



Canadian Martyrs Catholic Elementary School opened at the corner of Main St. W. and Emerson St. in 1930. Additions were added in 1965, 1972 and 2003.

Address

1355 Main Street West
Hamilton, ON L8S 4M7

Trustee

Mr. M. Valvasori

School Administration

Principal: Mr. D. Fletcher
Superintendent: Mr. M. Hucal

Grades

Grade K – Grade 8

Enrolment

of students: 186 (as of October 29, 2019)

Family of Schools

St. Mary Catholic Secondary School

About Canadian Martyrs CES

Canadian Martyrs Catholic Elementary School is located in West Hamilton, across the street from McMaster University and McMaster Children's Hospital. The school was built in 1930 during a building boom that resulted in the construction of five new Catholic elementary schools in the span of just four years. Canadian Martyrs was named after the eight Jesuit missionaries from Sainte-Marie among the Hurons who died as martyrs in the mid 17th century and whose lives inspired the school's motto, "Courage to do the right thing." Additions were added in 1965 and 1972 to accommodate the school's growing population. In 2003, Canadian Martyrs was renovated and a new library resource centre – named after Special Education teacher Mary Griffin – was added following the school's amalgamation with Christ the King Catholic Elementary School. A blessing and dedication ceremony was officiated by Rev. Msgr. Harvey E. Roach, Episcopal Vicar for Education for the Diocese of Hamilton on April 30, 2003. Today the school, at 3,591 m², serves 186 students, K to Grade 8. In 2016, Canadian Martyrs Catholic Elementary School entered into a community partnership with McMaster University to lease the school's west wing for testing and exams. In the summer of 2017, the school was awarded a \$205,000 grant from the City of Hamilton for the construction of a natural playground to add greenspace to the community.

School Motto

"Courage to do the right thing"

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