

REPORT

TO: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL PROFILE
ST. JEAN DE BRÉBEUF CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL**

DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2019

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. Jean de Brébeuf Catholic Secondary School.

COMMENT



The original St. Jean de Brébeuf Catholic Secondary School, opened in 1975, was located on Lisgar Court in the facility now occupied by École Monseigneur de Laval. The school relocated to the former Southmount Secondary School on Acadia Drive (pictured above) in 1988.



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Address

200 Acadia Drive
Hamilton, ON L8W 1B8

Trustee

Mr. P. Daly

School Administration

Principal: Mr. P. Di Ianni
Vice-Principal: Mr. R. Lombardi
Vice-Principal: Ms. R. Valeri
Vice-Principal: Ms. L. Marconato
Superintendent: Mrs. S. Pizzuti

Grades

Grade 9-12

Enrolment

of students: 1,483 (as of September 11, 2019)

Family of Schools

St. Jean de Brébeuf Catholic Secondary School

Feeder Schools

Blessed Sacrament
Our Lady of Lourdes

Sacred Heart of Jesus
St. Anthony Daniel
St. Kateri Tekakwitha
St. Margaret Mary
St. Marguerite d'Youville
St. John Paul II
St. Teresa of Calcutta

About St. Jean de Brébeuf CSS

Following an official sod turning ceremony on October 11, 1974, St. Jean de Brébeuf Comprehensive School opened on Hamilton's east mountain in 1975 with an inaugural population of 450 Grade 9 and 10 students. The official blessing ceremony was officiated by Bishop Paul F. Reding and Rev. Kyran D. Kennedy on November 16, 1975. Within a few years, the school had outgrown its facility on Lisgar Court and in 1988, following the Burkett hearings which transferred surplus public schools to the Catholic school system, St. Jean de Brébeuf moved into the former Southmount Secondary School on Acadia Drive. In 2000, the school was renovated to include a new library named after "The Founding Fathers of Brébeuf" and the Bishop Reding Chapel. In September 2004, St. Jean de Brébeuf Catholic Secondary School unveiled a new addition which included a new fitness centre, a new regulation-sized gymnasium with expanded change rooms, stands, a new scoreboard and wooden floors, a dance studio, and a renovated Special Education area. A Blessing and Dedication of the new additions was celebrated by Rev. Msgr. Harvey E. Roach, the Episcopal Vicar for Education for the Diocese of Hamilton and Rev. Edward Hampson on November 1, 2004. In 2012, a new athletic track facility was installed which included a rubberized 6-lane running track, a permanent shotput throwing circle, rubberized long/triple jump ramp and high jump pad. In 2013, the installation of a new 110,000 ft.² artificial turf artificial field completed the sports upgrades. Other improvements over the years have included air conditioning in various areas of the school, new lockers, windows and doors, and an upgraded electrical system. In November 2015, the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board was awarded \$2.8 million in capital funding for a five-classroom addition. The addition – which included a new main entrance, foyer and common space, new administrative offices, five additional classrooms, a universal washroom, and major theatre and music room upgrades – has added 7,804 ft.² to the formerly overcrowded east mountain secondary school. Another 5,382 ft.² from former administrative offices was repurposed into ESL/ELL classrooms and an eco-room. The new facilities were blessed by Rev. Mark Gatto at a Dedication Ceremony on November 16, 2018.

School Motto

"Anima, Mens, Corpus" ("Soul, Mind, Body")

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