



Board meeting reports from Catholic Student Trustee, Thomas Mooney

Student Trustee Report - February 2, 2016

The new term as arrived, along with winter and all of the enjoyable outdoor pursuits that this brings. This report will showcase some of the activities that have taken place in our schools within the Lanark County area.

In the later part of last term, students at St. Luke Catholic High School, Smith Falls were involved with a number of sporting activities including a flag football tournament held at St. John Catholic High School, and all grade 7-9 students were able to participate in the free school skating program.

With regard to social justice issues, students were able to attend November's WE Day in Ottawa, where they were addressed by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, in his first speech since being sworn in as Prime Minister.

Also attending WE Day were students from St John Catholic High School, Perth. This is just one of the social justice activities the students were involved with. They also raised funds to support Syrian refugee families through a student-staff baseball game and dress down day, and in addition were involved in collecting non-perishable food, accumulating over 3,000 items.

Students from Notre Dame Catholic High School, Carleton Place, were also involved in a food drive in support of the Carleton Place Food Bank. Further support for social justice initiatives was shown in the school's first coffee house, organised by student Erin Hubert, showcasing the many talents of students within the school whilst at the same time raising over \$1,500 to support Syrian refugee charities. Students from the religion class were able to attend WE Day in Ottawa, whilst the Catholic Student Council travelled to Niagara Falls for the Ontario Student Leadership Conference (OSLC).

On the sporting front, the junior girls basketball team won the Lanark County Championships.

Holy Name of Mary Catholic School, Almonte, spent time remembering the service of others while also thinking about how they could serve each other. The whole school took part in a circle of prayer and remembrance as part of their Remembrance Day ceremony with the grade 7/8 students showing their leadership skills throughout. Meanwhile junior students are volunteering to become PALS – Playground Activity Leaders in School.

