

ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

School Opening & General Information

- What year did the school open?

Tuesday, September 8, 1998

- Was there a grand opening?

Official “Opening and Blessing” took place October 29, 1998.

- How many students when it first opened?

258 who comprised the first student body, arrived from more than 15 different elementary schools and all from the Waterloo Village catchment area.

- What/Who is the school named after?

Marguerite Bourgeoys, C.N.D. (17 April 1620–12 January 1700), was a French nun and founder of the Congregation of Notre Dame of Montreal in the colony of New France, now part of Québec, Canada. Born in Troyes, she traveled to Fort Ville-Marie (now Montreal) by 1653, where she developed the convent and educated young girls, the poor, and children of First Nations until shortly before her death at the turn of the 18th century. She is also significant for developing one of the first uncloistered religious communities in the Catholic Church.^[3] Declared "venerable" by the pope in 1878, she was canonized in 1982 and declared a saint by the Catholic Church.

- Where is the school located?

355 Waterloo Dr., Kingston, Ontario K7M8P5

- Any significance of the school opening?

The school is unique in that it was commissioned by the Frontenac-Lennox and Addington County Roman Catholic Separate School Board and was completed following an amalgamation by the newly formed Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board

- Blessings from a priest?

Archbishop Francis J. Spense

- Who was there – Superintendents, principals, Trustees, distinguished guests?

John Gerresten, MPP, Kingston and the Islands; George Stoparczyk, Councillor, City of Kingston; Sister Mary Meagher, Superior, Congregation of Notre Dame; Brian Evoy, School Council Chair; Leona Dombrowsky, Chair of the Board and Gregory Cosgrove, Director of Education. Principal, Len Dzierniejko.

- What Grades is the school?

Kindergarten to grade 8

- Has it always been the same grades?

Yes

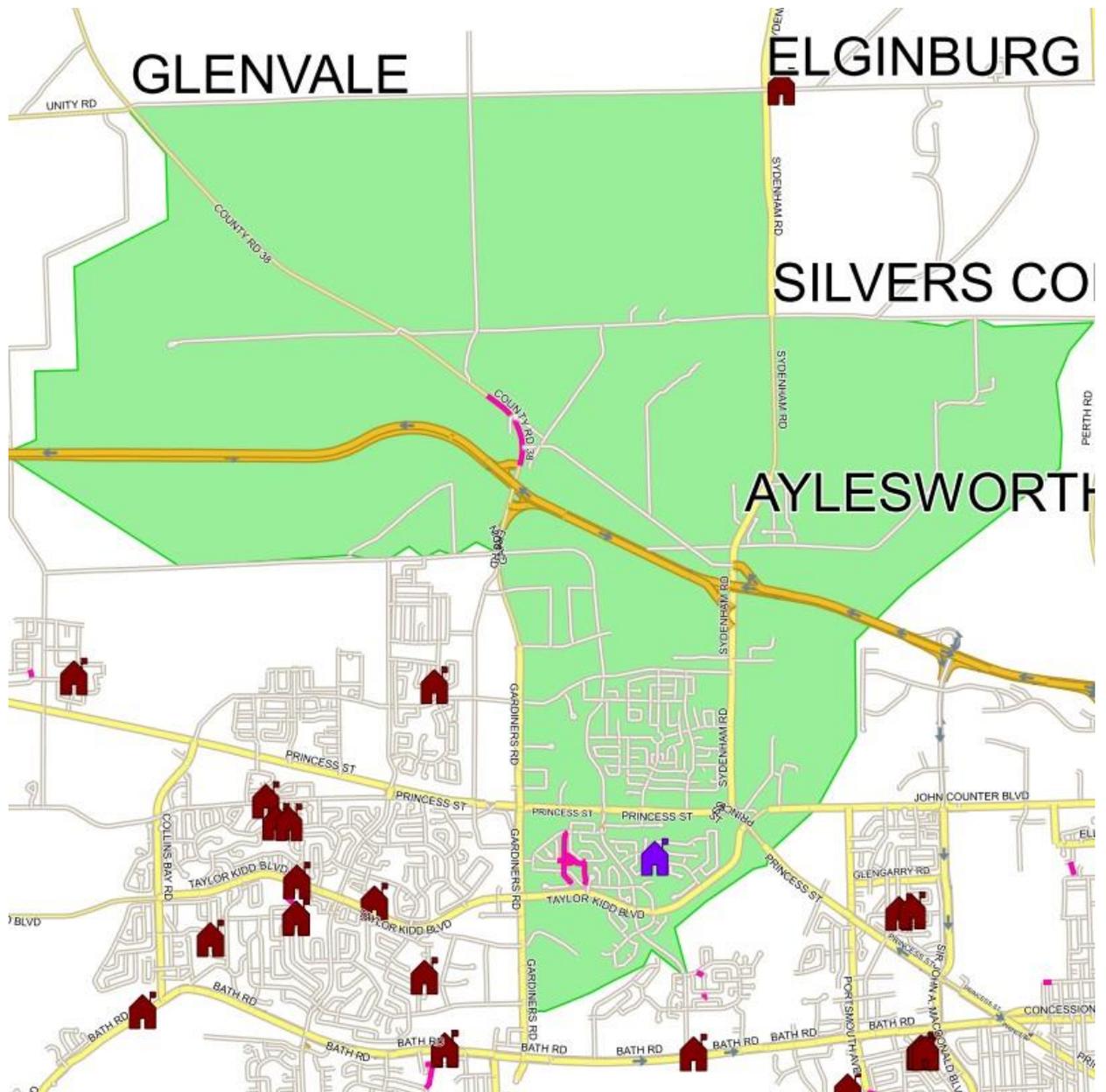
- Where do students go for secondary school?

Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School

- What are the feeder schools?

N/A

- Where do students come from to attend school?



- Are students mostly bussed?
Most of our students walk to school, but approximately 150 students take the bus.
- Or do most students walk?
Most of our students walk to school (approximately 275 students are 'walkers').
- What is the community like?



- What parish is associated with the school?

St. Paul The Apostle Roman Catholic Parish

- What is the relationship with the parish?

We support strong community ties to our parishes. There is a vital link between home, school and parish in our teachings, and we strive to ensure that our students understand and value the teachings that contribute to their growth into caring Catholic community members.

St. Marguerite Bourgeois Catholic School is closely tied to their community parish and their parish priest, participating the Mass and prayer, and learning how to live their lives like Jesus every day.



2019 Gr 8 students who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation today at St Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. [#SMBdiscipleship](#)

- Where is the parish?

St. Paul The Apostle Roman Catholic Parish
1111 Taylor-Kidd Blvd.
Kingston, ON
K7M 8G8
613.389.8222
Email: stpaulrc@cogeco.ca

- Who is the parish priest?
FATHER SEBASTIAN AMATO
- Does the school go for Mass or does the priest come to the school?

School is bussed to St. Paul the Apostle Parish once a month.

- What is the school's mission statement?

- **School Mission Statement**



- **We, the community of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School, in keeping with our namesake's mission of living a life of prayer and service, will work in harmony to provide all students with the opportunity to develop to their fullest potential by promoting spiritual growth, academic excellence, and a life-long love of learning.**
- Has it always been the same one?
Yes, it has always been the same.
- School themes or pastoral themes over the years?
-“I, by my actions, will show you my faith” – James 2:48
-“Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly” – Micah 6:8
- Faith in Action
-“I offered myself with all my heart to do God’s will.” – St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

Programs at the School

- Is your school an Eco School?
YES
- If so, what are the major Eco School initiatives and when did you become an Eco School?
-We were the first EcoSchool in our board (2006-2007)
-We were the first Gold Certified EcoSchool in our board (2007-2008)
-We were the first Platinum Certified EcoSchool in Eastern Ontario (2014-2015)
-We became the Northern Terminus of the Butterfly Trail Project (2018)
- **EcoSchools**



- We will continue to build on our successes as a Platinum Certified EcoSchool. Our school community will continue the good work that has been done with respect to waste reduction, energy conservation, school yard greening, and an environmentally conscious curriculum focus. Some special projects that will continue this year include continuing our focus on endangered species, rejuvenating our Peace Garden, and raising awareness regarding Climate Change.
- At ALCDSB we embrace our call to be stewards of God's Gift of Creation. In the context of student success, stewardship takes on a holistic meaning encompassing stewardship of the environment, self and those around us. With this in mind, Outdoor and Environmental Education programming within the ALCDSB seeks to engage our students, Kindergarten through Grade 12, in authentic, integrated learning experiences within the natural environment and within the school community. Engagement levels are high at our Outdoor Centres as students are physically active while exploring the interconnectedness of living things.
- Within the school community, our students continue to participate in Ontario EcoSchools, a rigorous, province-wide certification program which is the vehicle for the Ministry of Education's Policy Framework for Environmental Education in Ontario Schools. The Ontario EcoSchools program places eco-action directly within the sphere of student influence leading to a sense of empowerment and meaningful participation in the local community.
- For more information on Ontario EcoSchools, please visit: www.ontarioecoschools.org





- Is your school a PeaceQuest school?

NO

- **School Flag**







- Is your school French Immersion?

NO

- What social justice initiatives has your school been apart of?

-Advent Food Drive (St. Vincent De Paul/Joseph Street Shelter)/Jingle Bell Walk

-Terry Fox Walk

-Helping Haiti

-Support the Mari Family from Syria through our Parish

-Quebec City Mosque Shooting Support

-Trillium Ridge/The Waterfront Activities (visits, Christmas packages)

-Sock It To Us Campaign

-See You At the Pole Prayer Service

-Northern Terminus – Butterfly Trail

-#Jakestrong

-Pink Shirt Day

-Jump Rope For Heart

-Three Sisters Garden

- Orange Shirt Day
- Purple Shirt Day
- Pitch-in Kingston
- School-Spirited Support Group
- Social Justice



- One of the most distinctive features of our Roman Catholic faith is our Church's rich tradition of social teaching. It is critical to the unique profile of Catholic education that this teaching be

explicitly integrated not only into the curriculum but also into the overall life of our school communities.

- Our students, staff, parents, trustees, and pastors have traditionally involved themselves in a wide range of social action activities. Whether it is a food or clothing drive, a class discussion about poverty in our world, or participation in a public demonstration, our Catholic school demonstrates consistent leadership in these areas.
- Today, we need to both preserve and build on these practices in order to continue to participate meaningfully in the mission of the Church to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world.
- At St. Marguerite Bourgeoy's Catholic School, our Social Justice Committee consists of staff and students. The goals of the Committee are to promote and support the integration of Catholic Social
- Teaching into the curriculum and broader life of the school around a three-fold structure of service, education, and action. Our team showcases their commitment to social justice by participating in the Terry Fox Walk, Orange Shirt Day, Jingle Bell Walk, Food Drives, and so much more!

Food Drives



Pajama Day





Roots of Empathy



- How have staff and students showcased their Faith in Action?

Faith in Action

- We are a Catholic School system, called to work in partnership with home, parish and community, on our journey to understand and live the way of Jesus Christ. We are committed to excellence in Catholic education and to lifelong learning, so that those with whom we journey may become caring and contributing citizens in a world of constant challenge.
- Our Catholic faith is made visible in all subject areas through the infusion of Catholic Social Teachings, virtues and gospel values into daily learning experiences. The Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations guide the learning journey for all students.
- [Curriculum Policy Documents in Religious Education and Family Life Education Fully Alive \(Elementary Family Life Education\)](#)
[Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations](#)
- At St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School we put our Faith into Action every day by support the Terry Fox Run, Joseph Street Shelter, Food Drives and various initiatives throughout our community.



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- When did your school get a learning commons?
2014

[Specific to Secondary Schools:]

- Any Specialist High Skills Major Programs?
- Any Dual Credit opportunities?
- What are offered for skilled trades?
- What is offered for extra curricular? Clubs? Sports?
- International Baccalaureate programs?
- Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Programs?
- French Immersion or Extended French?
- International education?

Over the Years

- Has there been any physical additions to the school building?

Play structure

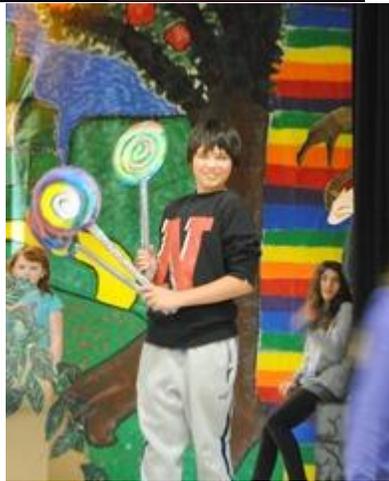


Trees

- Any significant anniversaries or celebrations?
-10th Anniversary Celebration at our Open House and BBQ in Sept.
- Any significant milestones?
-First Eco school to attain Platinum status in Eastern Ontario.
-Northern Terminus Butterfly School
-First Musical – Jungle Book
-First Fun Fair
- What are major initiatives that the school has been involved in? (I.e. Terry Fox, Mission trips, etc.)
-Food Drive
-Lenten Project
-Annual Book Exchange
-Mari Family Donation
-Mosque Visit



PLAYS



- Any parent council initiatives?

Open House

School Painting

Annual Fun Fair





Chapters Night



Poinsettia Fundraiser



Paint Projects





- Sports Championships?
 - This year (2020) we won the Sr. Boys' Basketball Championship.

"A" Champions Soccer

YEAR	Junior Boys	Junior Girls	Senior Girls	Senior Boys
2017 "A" Champions				St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

2016 "A" Champions			St. Marguerite Bourgeoys	
Oct. 2015 "A" Champions	St. Marguerite Bourgeoys			
2014 "A" Champions		St. Marguerite Bourgeoys		
2013 "A" Champions			St. Marguerite Bourgeoys	
2011 "A" Champions	St. Marguerite Bourgeoys			

"A" Champions Volleyball

YEAR	Junior Girls	Junior Boys	Senior Girls	Senior Boys
2012 "A" Champions			St. Marguerite Bourgeoys	
2011 "A" Champions	St. Marguerite Bourgeoys			
2009 "A" Champions	St. Marguerite Bourgeoys	St. Marguerite Bourgeoys		
2001 "A" Champions	St. Marguerite Bourgeoys			

"A" Championship Winners Basketball

YEAR	Junior Girls	Junior Boys	Senior Girls	Senior Boys
2018 "A" Champions				St. Marguerite Bourgeoys
2017 "A" Champions				St. Marguerite Bourgeoys
2015 "A" Champions		St. Marguerite Bourgeoys		

2009 "A" Champions		St. Marguerite Bourgeois		
2003 "A" Champions		St. Marguerite Bourgeois		