

SACRED HEART SCHOOL LAUNCHES TECHNOLOGICAL STUDIES AND FAMILY STUDIES PROGRAMS

Grade 7 and 8 students at Sacred Heart School in Kirkland Lake are honing new skills this year thanks to a sizeable Board investment. Over the summer, a technological studies workshop as well as a family studies room featuring the latest in equipment were constructed as part of a \$250 000 project to enhance learning opportunities.



During the course of the school year, the students will be introduced to construction principles, including the design, planning and production of various projects. Since September, they have reviewed correct safety practices in the workshop, and received instruction on the safe operation of each piece of machinery and power equipment as they were introduced to them. The workshop features the latest in woodworking equipment, including a table saw, a thickness planer, a jointer planer, a band saw, a belt/disc sander, a lathe, a mitre saw, a drill press, a scroll saw, a router, an oscillating spindle sander and several jig saws, drills and palm sanders. Under the guidance of teacher Robert Breen, the students will work on projects including cutouts, stepping stools, tool boxes/baskets, calendar holders, bird houses and mailboxes.

The family studies program consists of four components, including nutrition to familiarize them with health eating practices and cooking techniques. They will also focus on clothing and textiles, drug awareness and healthy living skills. The new facilities include a teaching area, fifteen sewing machines, two full kitchens and laundering machines. Teacher Florence Eno will enable the students to strengthen fundamental skills, including mathematics through measuring, psychomotor skills, cooperation, time management, team work, decision making, planning and organizing, critical thinking as well as reading and the interpretation of directions.



Director of Education Paul Toffanello is pleased that the Board has further strengthened the programming available to intermediate students in Kirkland Lake. "Last year, we underwent a major change in structure which brought together a greater number of junior and intermediate students under one roof," stated Toffanello. "This progressive transition has made it viable for us to commit the financial resources to renovate the rooms and purchase the specialized machinery needed for these programs. The knowledge and skills that our Catholic students will acquire in these classes will better prepare them as they pursue their studies at the secondary level."

Both programs, which were developed in consultation with O'Gorman Intermediate Catholic School in Timmins, will be offered to all students at the school.

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