

NEW LEADERSHIP IN PLACE FOR THE ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL COMMUNITY

'Twas the month before September and all through the school, not a student was present, no one to rule ... except for new principal, Roslyn Gauthier!

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Roslyn Gauthier as principal of St. Joseph School, effective September 2005. She will replace Ted Weltz who will take over the principalship of Sacred Heart School in Timmins.

Mrs. Gauthier brings with her fourteen years of teaching experience in the primary, junior and intermediate grades. During her career, she has served in several leadership capacities, and has recently achieved full principal qualifications. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Western Ontario and her Bachelor of Education from Lakehead University. Since then, she has completed additional qualifications as a Specialist in Religious Education and in Special Education.



New Principal Roslyn Gauthier prepares for the new school year as her children Keegan and Emily proudly look on.

Her philosophy of education is founded on her belief that open communication and positive rapport with students, parents, staff and the community are key to a child's academic and faith formation. "The administrator of the school must be able to communicate effectively to ensure that the students' educational needs are successfully met," explained Gauthier. "In this role, one must be open-minded, fair, knowledgeable, and supportive towards all the people involved in the life of the school. Being able to foster growth in teachers, support staff and students is another key component of this position. We must remember that the focus of the education system is the child regardless of their academic ability, personal disposition and socioeconomic background. The principal must ensure that meeting the children's needs supercedes all other issues or concerns."

As a devout Catholic, Mrs. Gauthier understands the value of a faith dimension within the school community. She will make it her responsibility to integrate our Christian values to daily school life to help students build and live a personal relationship with Christ. She will promote this Catholic vision and keep it alive to ensure opportunities for students and staff to grow in their faith.

Director of Education Paul Toffanello is confident that Mrs. Gauthier will provide sound guidance to the St. Joseph School community. "Roslyn has acquired extensive pedagogical knowledge during the course of her career, and she has demonstrated her ability to take on a greater administrative role," stated Toffanello. "She is an enthusiastic individual who makes it her mission to improve the school experience for all students to encourage them to fulfil their potential. She has keen insight into the individual needs of her pupils and takes the time to meet these needs."

Mrs. Gauthier looks forward to meeting her new students at the Home of Cougars on September 6th.

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