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Northeastern Catholic District School Board provides new Laptops and Technology in 21st Century Classrooms for all Students

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NEWS RELEASE

21st Century Learning... have FAITH in it!

The **Northeastern Catholic District School Board** is proud to announce that each school within the Board, at every grade level with receive new laptops and access to technology for the 2011-2012 school year.

Each Kindergarten classroom through Grade 5 classroom will have access to upgraded computer labs; including existing SMART board improvements. Grade 6, 7, and 8 classrooms will be equipped with a laptop cart per class (each cart has 12 to 17 laptops per cart) and a sign out process is being finalized so students may take the laptops home. At the high school level, each Grade 9 student will receive a laptop. Furthermore, all existing computer labs will be upgraded to provide the latest in technology for all students.



O'Gorman High School, along with all NCDSB schools, will provide 100% wireless connectivity for the 2011-2012 school year. This move to modernize and bring our schools into the 21st century will also benefit the teaching staff; each teacher will also be given the option to work with a desktop or laptop workstation for the 2011-12 school year.

The NCDSB Strategic Plan, yet to be finalized by the Board of Trustees, highlights the need for upgraded access to technology within our schools for all students. Rick Brassard, Chair of the Board stated "We are very happy to be able to provide new technology and computers to our students and staff in the 21st century learning environments within our schools."



Glenn Sheculski, Director of Education, commented, "This move will greatly enhance how our students learn. By providing our students with leading edge technology in the classroom, we know that they will develop the skills that they need to prosper in the 21st century."

Please visit our web site at <u>www.ncdsb.on.ca</u> to learn more about this exciting new program and to register your child online to attend O'Gorman High School or any NCDSB school throughout Northeastern Ontario.

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