

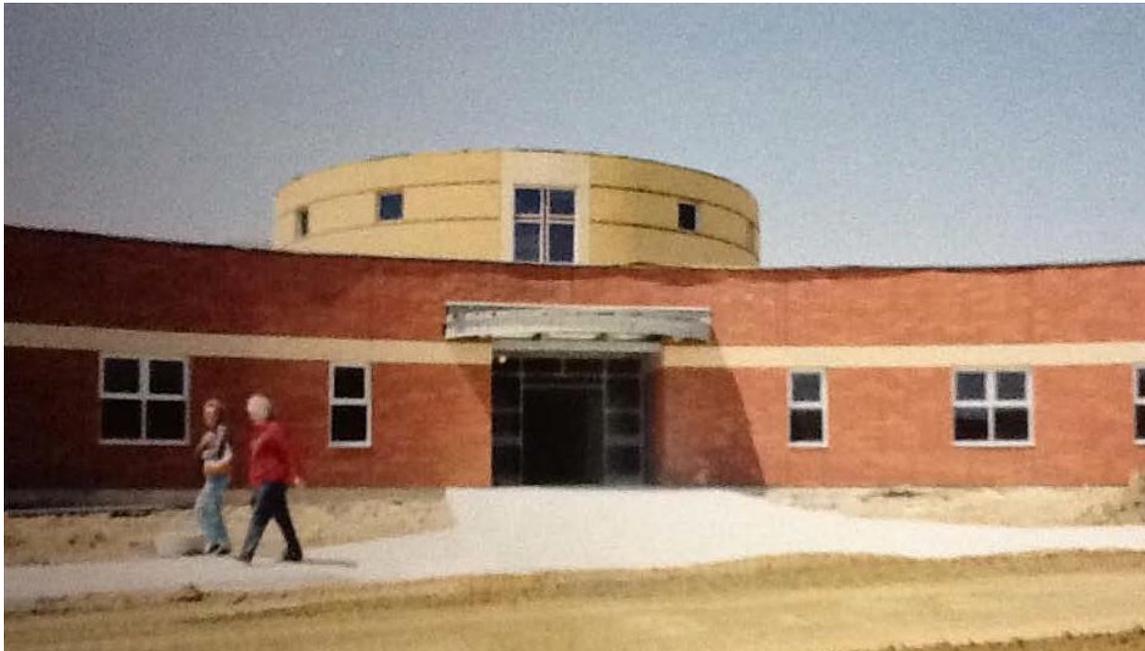


Durham Catholic District School Board

St. Bridget Catholic School



Motto: "A Journey of Faith, Friendship and Learning"



In the Beginning

St. Bridget Catholic School was established as part of the St. Leo the Great Catholic Church community. The school was designed by The Ventin Group and was constructed by Percon Construction. Nikole Perreault was our founding principal and our founding pastor was Father Philip Jones. Patricia Manson was the Director of the Durham Catholic District School Board at the time. The school's founding staff consisted of 25 teachers and support staff. Our school doors opened to students for the first time in September 2004.



St. Bridget Catholic School under construction

St. Bridget Catholic School's Official Opening

The blessing and official opening of St. Bridget Catholic School was celebrated on September 14, 2005. The blessing was officiated by Father Philip Jones. The altar, constructed by the school community in honour of the official school opening, still stands in our front foyer as a reminder of the community's faith. Each class contributed a word on a brick that would set the foundation and act as a reminder of the school community's core values.

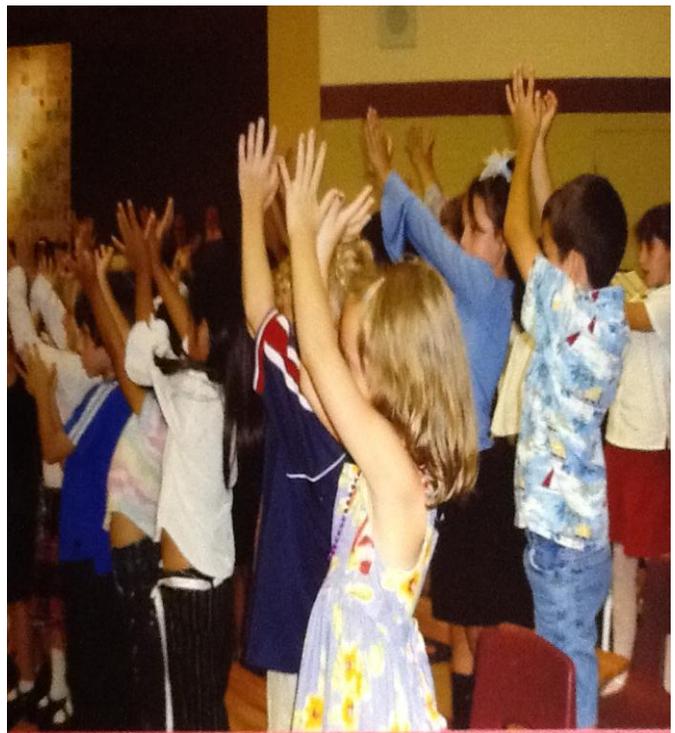


Founding principal Nikole Perreault lights a candle at the official opening of the school in September 2005.



School bricks still stand in the school's front foyer today.

Students played an important part in the official blessing of the school. A quilt was created to represent the spirit of love, creativity and togetherness that lives at St. Bridget Catholic School. Each square was created by students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8, and then carefully sewn together by a group of school moms. The whole school community had a role in creating a beautiful quilt to commemorate the blessing of St. Bridget Catholic School.



The quilt created by the students and parents of St. Bridget Catholic School

Leadership

The St. Bridget Catholic School community has been created through the leadership of principals Nikole Perreault and Lenore O’Rahilly, and spiritually guided by Father Phillip Jones and Father Charles Forget. The school motto, “A journey of faith, friendship and learning,” is represented on the interior wall of the school’s front foyer, and acts as a guiding reminder for all to follow.



Past principal Lenore O’Rahilly and Vice-Principal Jaye Charette carry founding principal Nikole Perreault’s torch in leading parents, staff and students on a journey of faith, friendship and learning.



The school motto, “A journey of faith, friendship and learning,” marks the front of the school.



St. Bridget: a place of faith



St. Bridget: a place of friendship

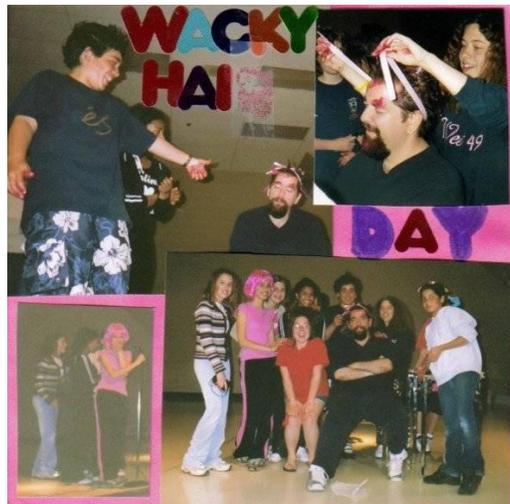


St. Bridget: a place of learning

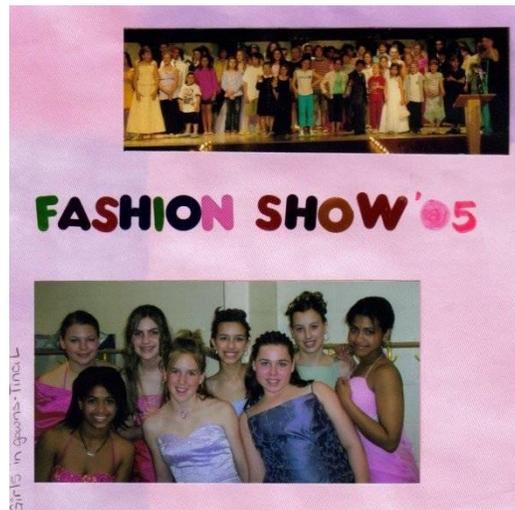
Parental Involvement

The St. Bridget Catholic School Council was instrumental in efforts to develop a strong sense of community where all members work together to provide meaningful learning opportunities and school spirit for students. Parents' contributions and dedication have been a key ingredient in making the school a

success. From funding SmartBoards, to flipping pancakes, to deejaying dance-a-thons and organizing fashion shows, the parent council has contributed to making St. Bridget Catholic School a wonderful place where students flourish and want to be.



St. Bridget Wacky Hair Day



Fashion Show 2005, organized by St. Bridget Catholic School Council

Making a Difference

Our school community has supported a variety of local and worldwide charities. Following in the example of Jesus and St. Bridget, who showed great generosity to those in need, staff and students have sent Christmas shoeboxes to Third World countries, gifts to soldiers in Afghanistan, and funds to charities such as the Red Cross, Sick Kids Hospital, ShareLife and the Rose of Durham.



Staff and students of St. Bridget Catholic School, 2007–2008

Extra-curricular Activities

Many extra-curricular opportunities have been made available to students at St. Bridget Catholic School. Sports teams, school-wide drama productions, social justice teams, clubs, academic teams, musical choirs, literacy clubs, and eco-club are just a few examples of the fun students integrate into their school life.



St. Bridget students rehearse for the production of Annie Jr. in 2012



Fashion show 2004

Our Future

A beautiful “Kinder Garden,” created in the spring of 2005, graces the front and side entrances of the school building. This garden serves as a wonderful reminder that students are the future and will flourish and learn in the light of Christ.



Beautiful daffodils growing in the Kinder Garden, 2011

St. Bridget Today

Today, St. Bridget Catholic School continues to root itself in its founding principles. Although it is still growing, and staff and students change, St. Bridget C.S. continue to be a community of faith, charity, learning and friendship.



J. Cranston and P. Morrison, 2012



Grade 2s celebrate Earth Day, 2012



L. O'Rahilly and K. Boyden, 2012



L. MacDonell, 2012



D. Elliott, Grade 1, 2012



Mr. Edwards and V. MacKinnon, 2012



Mrs. Bokovay's Grade 5 gym class, 2012 Mrs. Beatty decorates the stage, 2012

Our Patron Saint

The school was named in honour of St. Bridget of Sweden. She had the gift of prophecy and worked many marvellous cures. She was known for her kindness and charitable acts. We have tried to follow in St. Bridget's footsteps by continuing to model acts of kindness and charity.



St. Bridget of Sweden

School Prayer

St. Bridget,

Help us to love, to forgive
and to bring peace to our lives.
Give us the courage to stand up for what is right.
We pray that the Holy Spirit surrounds us
and guides us to be dedicated students.
We, as children of God, all make mistakes
and look for forgiveness from you and God.
Help us to accept the differences of others
as well as our own.
Keep us safe.
Show us the way to everlasting life.
Amen.



Current Principal: Mr. David Brown

Principals

Nikole Perreault (2004-2008)

Lenore O'Rahilly (2008-2012)

David Brown (2012-present)

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