

St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic High School Advisory Council
Mission and Vision Statements, Values and Goals for 2008-2009

On September 30, 2008, the Catholic School Advisory Council unanimously re-adopted the Mission Statement of St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic High School and adopted the modified Vision Statement, Values and Goals as outlined below.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are inspired by the spiritual beliefs and “Little Way” of St. Theresa of Lisieux to strive for personal excellence as life-long learners within our Christ-centred Catholic School Community.

VISION STATEMENTS

The following Vision Statements are supported by an active Catholic School Advisory Council:

- 1) A Christ-centred Catholic Community.
- 2) Focuses on Catholic Graduate expectations.
- 3) A Community School PRIDE in the Richmond Hill community through Christian Service, Social Justice Activities, etc.
- 4) Focuses on academic excellence.
- 5) Emphasizes life-long Learning.
- 6) Provides opportunities for each student to reach their potential (challenged / supported).
- 7) Supports a variety of programs to meet needs of all students.
- 8) Operates on the philosophy of stewardship – All partners in educational community working together.
- 9) Staff / Students and Catholic School Council are empowered in the decision making process, always keeping in mind their advisory role.
- 10) Supports a variety of Co-Instructional Programs (Athletics / Clubs).
- 11) Committed to student leadership in supporting an extensive Student Government Program.
- 12) Supports discipline with care, in a consistent, firm and fair way, focusing on students as Young Christian Adults.
- 13) Encourage parental involvement in all appropriate aspects of the school community.

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VALUES

On September 30, 2008 the Catholic School Advisory Council adopted the following Values and Goals as their guiding principles for the 2008-2009 School Year.

Value No. 1

We will be models of the life-long Catholic learning and commitment to high quality work that we hope to develop in our students.

Value No. 2

We will work collaboratively with the staff, students and parents in providing resources to advance the vision of the school.

Value No. 3

We will involve the community at large in the learning process by continuing to develop community partnerships.

Value No. 4

We will monitor our efforts and use evidence of results to guide our processes of continuous improvement.

Value No. 5

Members of the Catholic School Advisory Council will do their best effort to attend workshops and other conferences provided by our School, Board or outside agencies/associations and as approved by the Catholic School Advisory Council.

Value No. 6

We will continue to re-visit our Values, Goals, Visions and Mission Statement by performing an annual Review Workshop no later than April each year and producing a Professional Learning Community document for the Catholic School Advisory Council the following year.

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GOALS

Goal No. 1

To increase the success rate of all STL students on the OSSLT from 94% to 100%, we will contribute to the cost of the OSSLT Preparation Booklets to be distributed in the 2008-2009 School Year for all students participating in this year's OSSLT.

Goal No. 2

To increase the number of students achieving level 3 or higher in the
a) Grade 9 Academic Mathematics Assessment from 89% to 91%; and
b) Grade 9 Applied Mathematics Assessment from 71% to 73%,
we will assist financially and in the organization of the Math projects for the School Year 2008-2009 as needed.

Goal No. 3

To increase student access to books and resources we will donate 20% of funds raised by the Catholic School Council for library resources in the 2008-2009 school year.

Goal No. 4

To provide opportunities for our students to complete Christian community service hours, experience cooperative education placements (as needed) and enrich the curriculum we will continue to develop partnerships with local businesses and associations for the school year 2008-2009.

Goal No. 5

To support school spirit and student involvement, we will actively participate by providing resources in at least one student government initiative per year.

Goal No. 6

The Catholic School Advisory Council, together with our Faith Committee, shall work together with St. Theresa's Faith Summit as partners to develop faith related initiatives and activities for the 2008-2009 School Year.

Goal No. 7

We will research and support initiatives, presentations and workshops for students, staff and parents that foster respect and community, on such topics as *bullying prevention and confidence for our young people*.

Goal No. 8

To support and promote student communication and school spirit, we will financially support the Student Newspaper each year.

Goal No. 9

To support our Student Government, our student leaders and the mentoring of our younger students, we shall financially support the Leadership Retreat held each year. (e.g. Camp YLCC)

Goal No. 10

To support our students in the celebration of their Graduation from St. Theresa of Lisieux, we will financially support the Graduation Ceremony and Celebration at the end of each School Year.