Halton Catholic District School Board honours Oakville students

In April, the Halton Catholic District School Board held its 22nd annual Sharing the Spirit, a special evening that recognized one student from each of the board’s elementary and secondary schools as a Catholic leader and learner.

The honourees this year were: Tara Zimmerman—Holy Family School; Candice Lee Kit—Holy Trinity School; Sara Syer—Mother Teresa School; Sarah Syer—Mother Teresa School; Julie Cannata—St. Andrew School; Lisa Freeze—St. Bernadette School; Colleen Hennessy—St. Dominic School; Emilie Desloges—St. Ignatius of Loyola Secondary School; Daniela Da Silva—St. James School; Ryan Song—St. Joan of Arc School; Amanda Perrotta—St. John School; Lianne Girard—St. Joseph School; and Lisa Freeze—St. Bernadette School.

The awardees were selected from among nominees who demonstrated exceptional qualities in at least two of the following areas: Catholic leadership, family commitment, involvement in school affairs, involvement in community activities and dedication to a difficult situation or task. The following are the Oakville recipients.

- Tara Zimmerman — Holy Family School — Tara is a hard-working, dedicated, respectful, kind student who demonstrates her Catholicity on a daily basis in her dealings with peer, staff, younger students and adults. She has very strong family ties, is an active member of her parish community, volunteers at school in various clubs and activities and at a religious youth camp in the summer.
- Candice Lee Kit — Holy Trinity Secondary School — Holy Trinity is honoured to have Candice Lee Kit as this year’s award recipient. Candice is an outstanding individual who is especially recognized for her leadership, dedication and service to her school, peers and community. This has been most evident through her involvement in the Justice and Peace Organization, Think Fast and Peer Ministry.
- Sara Syer — Mother Teresa School — Sarah is a responsible student who shows a high regard for the Catholic faith and Catholic education. She is respectful to all members of the community and is consistently involved in many activities, events and teams at Mother Teresa School.
- Jessica Maltar — Our Lady of Peace School — Jessica has continually displayed a commitment toward Christian values through her involvement in church and school community. An active leader within the school community, Jessica exemplifies the Gospel values of kindness, dignity, compassion, understanding and patience in her roles as lunch time monitor, Peer Helper, bus helper and peer mediator.
- Julie Cannata — St. Andrew School — Julie Cannata is a respectful and courteous student who is strong in academics, while being actively involved in many aspects of both school and community life. Julie exemplifies Christian values through her words and actions, and is an exemplary role model to her peers.
- Lisa Freeze — St. Bernadette School — Lisa exhibits strong Catholic leadership qualities and exemplifies the Catholic faith on a consistent basis. We’re proud of you, Lisa!
- Colleen Hennessy — St. Dominic School — Colleen is a caring young lady who is actively involved in the school community. She shares her beautiful gifts with staff and students alike, modeling compassion, respectful, responsible behaviours as a Catholic leader and learner.
- Emilie Desloges — St. Ignatius of Loyola Secondary School — Emilie is an outstanding young lady who has a positive influence on our school community through her daily witness to our faith. Her interactions with her peers and our staff reflect our Gospel values.
- Daniela Da Silva — St. James School — Daniela consistently demonstrates an effective attitude with herself, her peers, the staff at St. James and in her relationship with God. She willingly works and relates with all students to build success for herself, the Grade 8 class and the St. James community.
- Ryan Song — St. Joan of Arc School — Ryan Song has been honoured this year with the Sharing the Spirit award because of the exemplary Catholic values he exhibits in his school and community life. His Christianity is evident in his daily decision making regarding his peers and his work. He demonstrates personal integrity and a deep sense of justice and compassion for others, and is admired and respected by both students and school staff.
- Amanda Perrotta — St. John School — Amanda Perrotta is a Grade 8 student at St. John’s (Oakville) who demonstrates outstanding leadership skills on school teams and in the classroom. She Shares The Spirit, of Christ by showing compassion and respect for all those in our school community.
- Lianne Girard — St. Joseph School — Lianne Girard is an outstanding student who exemplifies the values and teachings of our Catholic School. She demonstrates true Christian values in her daily actions.

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