

St. Clair Catholic District School Board

# Chatham Elementary Schools Construction Projects

## *A First Exciting Look at the New North Chatham Elementary School!*



It may not be the final draft, but project architect Alison Hannay presented the Board of Trustees with a first visual rendering of what the new north Chatham elementary school could look like. It is an exciting next step in the process!

The two-storey building on McNaughton Avenue, W. will feature a large atrium in the main foyer, which is open to the second floor. Designed to flood with natural light and displaying symbols of our faith, the atrium will be the main gathering space for school liturgies and celebrations. School offices, a double gym and a two-storey learning commons are all

immediately adjacent to the main foyer.

A child care centre, which features infant, toddler and pre-school rooms with kitchen space is also located on the main floor, along with an autism classroom, five FDK classrooms and four Grade 1-2 classrooms.

All other classrooms are located on the second floor, along with specially designed art and science rooms, with shared storage rooms.

Student lockers will also be located on the second floor, along with breakout spaces for out-of-the-classroom work space for students.

“We haven’t yet looked at building materials or a colour scheme yet, as these drawings are still preliminary,” says Alison Hannay, project architect from Cornerstone Architecture Incorporated. “But I can promise you, it definitely won’t be gray!”

Next steps will be for Board facilities staff to meet with a cost consultant to ensure the design falls within Ministry funding limits.



## *A Celebration — Blessing of the Ground on McNaughton Ave., W.*

*Then the Lord said to him, ‘Take the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.’*  
*Acts 7:33*

We are planning a very special ceremony to ask for God’s blessing of the ground at the site of the north Chatham elementary school, at 801 McNaughton Avenue, W. Student and staff representatives of Our Lady of Fatima, St. Agnes and St. Vincent Catholic school communities will be attending, along with parents, parish members and local dignitaries. Following a brief ceremony at the site, we will move to the warmth of the St. Clair College campus for a reception with hot chocolate, coffee, tea and cake!

The blessing ceremony will be held at **11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2018**. If you would like to join us, please RSVP to your principal. Parking is available at St. Clair College.

In the meantime, work continues to secure a location for the south Chatham elementary school. An announcement is expected early in the New Year. Stay tuned for more exciting details!