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HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL CHALLENGES STUDENTS ACROSS THE BOARD IN ‘NATIONAL SWEATER DAY’ COMPETITION

Students at Holy Rosary Catholic School in Wyoming are challenging schools across the St. Clair district to take the *National Sweater Day* challenge!

“National Sweater Day is a chance to take on climate change,” says Margaret DeGurse, Principal of Holy Rosary Catholic School. “Since 2010, more than a million Canadians have participated in this event to raise awareness about this important issue at school, in the workplace and at home.”

National Sweater Day, an event organized annually by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), encourages people around the world to dress warmer and turn down the heat as a way to fight climate change. According to the WWF, residential heating is a major contributor to the changing climate. If every Canadian turned down the thermostat by two degrees Celsius each winter, carbon dioxide emissions could be reduced by 2.2 megatonnes – the equivalent of taking 350,000 cars off the road.

The *National Sweater Day* challenge takes place on Thursday, February 7, 2019.

“This event is a fun way for our students to learn more about climate change and how to use energy wisely – not wastefully,” says Mrs. DeGurse.

As an incentive, the school that has the highest percentage of participation in the *National Sweater Day* challenge will receive a copy of the Dr. Seuss book, *The Lorax*, a fable that chronicles the plight of the environment.

Last June, Holy Rosary Catholic School became certified with the Ontario EcoSchools program, joining a growing movement of more than 1,900 schools across the province. Ontario EcoSchools works with school boards in Ontario to nurture student leadership and foster environmental learning and action in schools.