



Board Appoints Student Trustees for 2022-2023 Term

March 29, 2022

The St. Clair Catholic District School Board has appointed two students to the position of Student Trustee for the 2022-2023 term. They are:

- Samantha Lozon – a Grade 11 student at Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School
- Annabelle Rayson – a Grade 11 student at St. Patrick’s Catholic High School, Sarnia

Samantha Lozon

Samantha is a well-respected, articulate and intelligent Grade 11 student, who is passionate about learning. She places a high priority on academics, which has earned her a spot on the Honour Roll, as well as Proficiency Award recognition in Grade 9 and Grade 10. She enjoys math and science and is hoping to pursue a career in the medical field post-secondary. Samantha is also a keen competitor and has played numerous sports, both as a Lancer and within the community, including tennis, badminton, golf and, her favourite, basketball. Both in her studies and on the court, she has learned the importance of perseverance, hard work, dedication and leadership.

She balances her school life with family and friends. She is devoted to her faith and understands the power and importance of God in her life. She plans to honour her fellow peers in the role of Catholic Student Trustee, while living through God’s wisdom and modeling Christ-like love.

[Click here for a video introduction to Samantha Lozon.](#)

Annabelle Rayson

Annabelle is a determined and effervescent Grade 11 student, who is passionate about problem-solving, helping people and improving the world around her. She finds great joy in working on initiatives to create a more just society and support vulnerable members of the local and global communities. She is a member of the Irish Miracle and Cyclone Aid planning committees and is founder of the school’s Social Justice Club, where she works to create opportunities for the St. Patrick’s community to answer God’s call for us to love one another and support the less fortunate. In addition, she has been Chair of the Sarnia Shoebox Project for four years.

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She is also an annual participant in the Lambton County Science Fair, focusing on projects for environmental protection and sustainability, receiving two medals at the Canada-Wide Science Fair. She is a member of the local MP's Non-Partisan Youth Advisory Board and the Ontario Youth Environmental Council. Annabelle also loves music and plays violin, viola, ukulele and saxophone and is a member of the school's Concert Band. Other extracurriculars include Math Club, Debate Team, LINK Crew and senior Reach For the Top Team.

[Click here for a video introduction to Annabelle Rayson.](#)

The Board of Trustees affirmed the elections of both Samantha Lozon and Annabelle Rayson at the Tuesday, March 29, 2022 Regular Board Meeting and appointed them to serve as Catholic student trustees for the term which runs from August 2022 to June 2023.

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De-streaming of Additional Grade 9 Courses to Begin in September 2022

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The Ontario Ministry of Education is committed to addressing systemic discrimination and helping to break down barriers for Indigenous, Black and racialized students, students from low-income households and students with disabilities and other special education needs. The purpose is to ensure that all students have an equal opportunity to succeed, thrive and reach their full potential.

As part of this commitment, the ministry has developed a comprehensive plan to remove Academic and Applied courses (de-streaming) in Grade 9 and issue a revised curriculum policy with de-streamed courses that meet the needs of all students and support all future education pathway options.

“St. Clair Catholic supports the Ontario Ministry of Education as it works to provide equal opportunities for all students,” says Scott Johnson, Director of Education. “These actions will better support all students to achieve their pathway goals to post-secondary destinations, including co-operative education, colleges, universities and the world of work.”

De-streaming, which began with a new math course for Grade 9 in September 2021, will now be expanded to include a new de-streamed curriculum in science. Geography, English and French as a second language courses will be offered as single stream academic courses.

Streaming is still in place in Grade 10; however, to support the continuum of learning in mathematics, the ministry will be releasing an addendum for each of the Grade 10 Academic and Applied mathematics courses, to be implemented in the 2022-2023 school year. The addendum will outline additional learning expectations for math instruction in Grade 10, which support students in their transition from the de-streamed Grade 9 mathematics course to the current Grade 10 math courses.

Information regarding the new de-streamed courses have been shared with Grade 8 students and families. The Board of Trustees received a report on de-streaming at the Regular Board Meeting of Tuesday, March 29, 2022.

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