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NEW POLICY CONFORMS WITH ONTARIO LAW TO BAN HAND HELD DEVICES WHILE DRIVING MOTOR VEHICLES

Trustees for the St. Clair Catholic District School Board have approved a new policy, which mirrors legislation passed recently by the Ontario government. Policy 4.24 – *Use of Hand Held Devices While Driving* prohibits the use of cell phones and blackberries by Board employees while driving on Board business or by volunteers transporting students in motor vehicles.

“We support this important legislation which will result in fewer distracted drivers on the roads and we have backed it up with policy,” says Paul Wubben, Director of Education. “Safety of our staff and our students is always our number one priority.”

Only hands-free communication devices are permitted for use while driving. In situations where students are being transported, either by staff or volunteers, no communication devices are to be used – including hands-free technology, except in a case of emergency.

All employees were notified by memorandum last week that Bill 118, the *Countering Distracted Driving and Promoting Green Transportation Highway Traffic Act* would come into effect on October 26, 2009.

Policy 4.24 takes effect on October 28th.



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**41 ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC STUDENTS NAMED WINNERS IN
ANNUAL QUEEN ELIZABETH II SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

41 students from St. Clair Catholic’s three high schools have been named recipients of the Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded by the Ontario government to students who graduate from secondary school with high marks and who plan to continue their studies at a college or university in Ontario. The scholarships are intended both to recognize academic achievement and to provide financial support.

Each scholarship is worth a maximum of \$3,500 per year, for up to four years, as long as the student maintains an 80 per cent average in their post secondary studies.

“We are proud of our students’ accomplishments and are pleased that they are being recognized in this way,” says Paul Wubben, Director of Education. “We wish them the very best in their post secondary careers.”

The 2009 Queen Elizabeth II *Aiming For The Top* Scholarship winners are:

Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School

Gregory Burns	Kayla Buston	Nico Cariati
Michael Chalcraft	Lee Coke	Marlena Dzieciol
Elaine Eagen	Danielle Emms	Kylie Holden
Kerilyn Holmes	Robert Jones	Bonnie McCharles
Olivia Meriano	Morgan Purdy	Hayley Reaume
Megan Smith	Samantha Thai	Brittany Van Der Paelt
Lisa Wheeler	Meredith Wolting	

St. Christopher Catholic Secondary School

Keenan Bourke	Jaaron-Alyn Collins	Katherine Engelhardt
John Evers	Allyson Fuller	Deanna Lammers
Jeffrey Parr	Stephanie Vanos	

St. Patrick’s Catholic High School

Michelle Berkvens	Selina Blais	Loren Boccanfuso
Michelle Burman	Paige Ethridge	Alicia Filion
Alex Irwin	Danielle Kuindersma	Krystyna Lachance
Brittany O’Neill	Samantha Spencer	Christopher Toulouse
Tiana Vollrath		