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DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL AND VICE PRINCIPAL ASSIGNMENTS

Due to an additional retirement among St. Clair Catholic's principal ranks, Director of Education Dan Parr has tonight announced additional changes to the principal and vice principal assignments for September 2016.

They are:

1. Adrien Gagnier, currently Vice Principal at St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim is appointed to Principal of St. Agnes Catholic School, Chatham.
2. Joanne McCreery, currently Vice Principal of Sacred Heart Catholic School, Sarnia will be appointed Principal of Sacred Heart Catholic School, Port Lambton.
3. Tamara Johnson, currently in the Vice Principal Pool, will be appointed as Vice Principal at Sacred Heart Catholic School, Sarnia.

These changes come as the result of the announced retirement of Tom Baker, Principal of St. Agnes Catholic School, Chatham.

"I want to congratulate Adrien, Joanne and Tamara on their appointments," says Dan Parr, Director of Education. "I know our entire staff joins with me in wishing these excellent Catholic leaders much continued success in their new roles."

Mr. Parr also thanked Tom Baker for his 30 years of devoted service to the students, families and staff of the St. Clair Catholic District School Board.

"Tom's exceptional leadership abilities will be greatly missed," says Mr. Parr. "He leaves with our prayers for a long, happy and healthy retirement filled with God's many blessings."



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Two St. Clair Catholic students have been elected to serve as Student Trustees for the 2016-2017 school year. The students – one from Ursuline College, Chatham and the other from St. Patrick’s Catholic High School in Sarnia – will represent the students of Chatham-Kent and Sarnia-Lambton at the Board table and will provide regular reports at monthly Board meetings on the important activities of their high schools.

“On behalf of the Board of Trustees and senior administration, I want to welcome these students to our Board table,” says Dan Parr, Director of Education. “The monthly reports from our student leaders are an important addition to our meetings and serve to help keep us connected to the life of our schools from the perspective of our students.”

Victoria Stepnowski is a Grade 11 student at St. Patrick’s Catholic High School. She is passionate about many social justice issues, including the environment, mental health, bullying and all other issues facing teens and adults today. She has strong leadership skills and has served on the chaplaincy team of student council. This year, as chaplaincy lead, she has helped to organize many events and uses her leadership role to help students facing challenges grow closer to God. She says her chaplaincy position has also helped her grow in her own walk of faith. Victoria is very much looking forward to serving her school community and the Board in this new role.

Maxx McGlynn is a Grade 11 student at Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School. Maxx is friendly, outgoing and enjoys learning. He participates in extracurricular activities and is a strong supporter of Catholic education. He loves classical music and plays piano, guitar, bass guitar and the saxophone. Maxx demonstrates his commitment to his faith and leads by example. At the St. Joseph Parish, he has shared what it means to be a part of Catholic education and served as a confirmation teacher. He is excited to serve in this new role of Student Trustee and plans to be a strong voice for the students of UCC.

The term of office for both Victoria and Maxx runs from August 2016 through June 2017.