

*Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.*

St. Catherine of Sienna

I had the pleasure of welcoming St. Dominic student Anna Szumska to the SMCDSB Board table as our Student Trustee-elect. She joins our current Student Trustee, McKenna McCoy, another St. Dom's student, to bring the voice of our 21,000 students to our decisions.

As I reflected on the fact that 3 of our last 6 student trustees have come from St. Dominic, I thought about all of the opportunities DOMS students have to explore their leadership potential. In a small school, youth have the chance to take risks in a really safe environment. I know my children benefitted from being Peer Support Workers and taking leadership roles on Student Council, when they may not have taken those chances in a larger school.

Parents have a lot of difficult decisions to make during their children's teen years. I know that we didn't always make the right ones, but we never regretted the decision to send our children to St. Dom's. They formed lasting friendships and bonds with staff and students that have helped them to find success at university and in the careers they followed after post-secondary. The amazing staff, small class sizes, leadership opportunities and Catholic curriculum helped them develop into caring adults.

I look forward to hearing more great ideas from our Student Trustees as they represent the SMCDSB student voice!

God Bless,  
Carol Corriveau-Truchon