



- The Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board provides Catholic faith-based learning and quality education to approximately 22,000 students at 52 schools (43 elementary and nine secondary) across the County of Simcoe and District of Muskoka.
- Our Board's 43 elementary schools are located in the following communities:

Brechin Midland Alliston Angus Colgan New Lowell Barrie Collingwood Orillia Beeton Elmvale Penetanguishene Borden Tottenham Huntsville Honey Harbour Bracebridge Innisfil Wasaga Beach Victoria Harbour **Bradford West Gwillimbury** 

• Our nine secondary schools are located in the following communities:

Barrie Collingwood Tottenham Midland Orillia Bracebridge

Bradford West Gwillimbury

- According to the 2007 Urban Aboriginal Task Force Report, urban centres in our area with the highest Aboriginal population are Barrie, Midland and Orillia with approximately 1,300 students under the age of 15 and 1,700 under 25.
- In 2007, the Ministry of Education introduced the Ontario First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Policy Framework, which has identified three educational goals to benefit Aboriginal students:
  - -High Level of Student Achievement
  - -Reduce gaps in Student Achievement
  - -High Level of Public Confidence
- Ensuring that First Nation(s), Métis, and Inuit students receive the highest quality of education is a key goal for our Board.
- Through Making Good Tracks, we will work together with the Aboriginal community to promote awareness and appreciation for First Nation, Métis and Inuit history, culture, language and perspectives as well as provide support to Aboriginal students in our elementary and secondary schools.
- You can find out more about the Ontario First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Policy Framework by visiting www.edu.gov.on.ca. More information about our Board's programs and services can be found at www.smcdsb.on.ca

