

## **St. Stephen Secondary School, Bowmanville School Council Highlighted Projects for 2008/2009**

- Trustees, Maureen Day and Granville Anderson presented to Council their role in the Board and their goal of supporting Catholic Education in Clarington.
- Council arranged for a couple guest speakers. At the beginning of the year we had Laurene Livesy-Park, a professional organizer, who spoke on ways to help students be organized in completing their homework & assignments. In April, we had Dick O'Brien talk on "Raising Resilient Kids", This presentation was advertised in all our feeder schools in Clarington and in our Church bulletins.
- Presentations on Safe SCQools by Vice-Principals, Stephen Smith and Marie Charette and on Student Success by teachers, Michelle Heffernan and Tanya Berezuk.. The Social Justice trip to Dominica -Chaplain, Jan Ethier and two of the students who participated in this showed the Council a slide show of their trip and spoke to Council on the values and lessons they learned from such a trip.
  
- Presentation by Father Paul on his concerns about disconnectedness with our youth and the church. Father Paul discussed the importance of Catholic Education and the three tiered system between school, home and parish. He introduced the idea of starting a youth group in Bowmanville and welcomes any input on this.
  
- Council request all graduating students to consider donating their uniforms to Council who will sell them and the money received from the sale of those uniforms go directly back into St. Stephens.