



Name: Suzanne Langois

Award: Director's Award of Excellence for Leadership (SUPPORT STAFF)

This person is a valued member of the École Ste-Marguerite Bourgeoys community. She takes great personal pride in assisting students with their French reading abilities and supports student literacy throughout the school. She is like a proud parent when a student reaches their milestone, as she excitedly tells staff about the student's reading achievements. Her passion for reading is passed along to the students she works with, and they love to work with her. She's so good at her job that parents will call to ask if their child can be referred to work with her.

Her leadership is far-reaching within the school and extends beyond her day to day responsibilities. She is a valued member of the School Improvement Team and has been a key player in supporting the Leader in Me program right from the start. She is the chief photographer at the school and organizes class folders for special events. She builds the community by organizing staff t-shirt orders as well as assisting with creating our staff motto 'Je suis un leader, je vois le potential dans chacun de nous'.

This person is a true leader in the school and a true team player.

This person is..... **Suzanne Langois** and she is receiving the 2018 – 2019 Director's Award of Excellence for Leadership.



Name: Theresa Clark

Award: Director's Award of Excellence for Leadership (TEACHING)

This person has the qualities of many outstanding leaders, including passion, integrity, dedication and commitment. More importantly, she has the qualities that are unique to her nature: gentleness, humility, grace and deep and abiding faith. She is consistent in her professionalism, highly supportive of her colleagues and is an exemplary classroom teacher. She was instrumental to the school's playground revitalization project and a long-standing member of the Catholic Parent Council. She also offers her own time for clubs such as the Social Justice Club and the Lego Club and consistently supports volunteers for all the school events.

She is a very strong advocate for children and works to ensure they have the very best opportunities. While she has taught for many years, her work is dynamic and changing as she embraces her own learning and is not afraid to implement new ideas and methods. If the school takes on a new project, this person is a champion in getting behind the work, even when the ideas are not her own.

This person is a beautiful spirit and is often seen smiling, bending down to listen to a child's special story, or singing with joy at mass.

This person is..... **Theresa Clarke** and she is receiving the 2018 – 2019 Director's Award of Excellence for Leadership.



Name: Kellee Spendlow

Award: Director's Award of Excellence in Catholic Education (SUPPORT STAFF)

This person works with our hardest to serve children, and she does it with compassion, endless patience, kindness and love. She gives children a fresh start and a positive attitude every day. She is the caring adult that many of her students need.

You can give her an idea to try, and she always goes above and beyond to make a situation successful for a child.

She is patient, supportive and very hard working. She is able to see the positive in each child and truly understands that it is not a lack of skill or will for our students who struggle most. She has spent time educating herself outside of work on the impacts that our early experiences can have on our developing brain. She does professional reading, and she also learns best practices in working with our most vulnerable children.

This person always seeks to understand the children she is supporting and sees beyond their behaviours. She sees their strengths, talents and God-given gifts, and she helps the children to see these things and celebrate them in themselves.

Above all, she does not give up.

This person is..... **Kellee Spendlow** and she is receiving the 2018 – 2019 Director's Award of Excellence in Catholic Education.



Name: Tracey Bernie

Award: Director's Award of Excellence in Catholic Education (TEACHING)

We received an overwhelming amount of nominations for this person. The most that we've ever seen for a single person - this speaks to how cherished, respected and admired she is by her colleagues.

She is noted as an unsung hero, and many of the people who nominated her wrote that this nomination is a **long time coming**.

This recipient is passionate, caring, humble, authentic, intelligent, and hard-working.

She is deeply committed to her students. She always puts student learning first and provides an environment of hope and encouragement for her students. She believes that every student can learn and nurtures an authentic relationship, so her students know she believes in them and wants them to succeed. She works tirelessly, over lunch periods and breaks with her students to improve their understanding and skill set. Her students speak fondly of her as a teacher. They often talk about how much they learned in her classroom and more often about how much she cares about her students.

She is a life-long learner, often reading the most recent English or classroom strategy books and sharing her findings with great enthusiasm with her colleagues. She offers professional development and mentorship to new teachers or student teachers. She is the first to volunteer and the first to ask how she can be of service in any capacity for school events or initiatives. She has been a driving force behind the English department's initiative to develop reading and writing skills for our most vulnerable students. She participates on the OSSLT pre-test, marking and prep courses and she's on the Sunshine Committee helping to keep the love and kindness pouring out.

One of the nominations wrote. "my idea of this person at our school is similar to that of Jesus' opinion of Saint Peter. This person exemplifies the rock that I think Catholic Education is formed around."

This person is..... **Tracey Bernie** and she is receiving the 2018 – 2019 Director's Award of Excellence in Catholic Education.