



## **Celebrating Safe Positive Schools: Pope John Paul II School**

**Our school project focuses on recognizing students for making good choices (WWJD Program).**

### **How did you do it?**

Part of our Safe Positive School focus is recognizing good choices that students make. To do this we created a program called What Would Jesus Do? (WWJD). When a staff member sees a student doing something Jesus would do (making a good choice) they write that action down on the slip of paper, sign it and give it to the student. The paper has a fish symbol on it. (See photo below.) Early Christians used this symbol to identify themselves as followers of Jesus.

Students then put their name on the paper and place it in a fish bowl at the front entrance of the school. Each month slips of paper from the fish bowl are put on our "What Would Jesus Do?" bulletin board. At the end of each month we take all the slips from the bulletin board and draw the names of 10 students, who receive a pizza lunch at school. Domino's Pizza sponsors the program by providing 10 free pizzas each month.

The process starts all over at the beginning of the next month. At the end of the year, we draw from all the names that have been accumulated throughout the year. The School Community Council provides prizes for the draw at our year-end assembly.

Also, at the beginning of each month and at various assemblies we play the "WWJD" song by Big Tent Revival, which students enjoy singing.

### **Who was involved?**

All students and staff are involved.

### **What was the impact for students, staff, or your community?**

Our students receive positive feedback and recognition for doing good deeds at school. The WWJD motto has permeated many situations, whether in a religion class, a social skills class, or a discussion with a student(s) who has challenging

behaviors. Our staff members are more aware of focusing on the 90% of behaviour that is positive rather focusing their time and energy on the 10% that is negative. Our parents are very supportive of the program based on their children's feedback.

**It looked like this . . .**

