

## HISTORY OF OUR SCHOOL

When St. Joseph's School was officially opened in August, 1978, it became the third Catholic school in Yellowknife. It was the result of many years of negotiations and planning by a group of dedicated School Board members. Mr. Jack Keenan, Board Chairman at that time, deserves special mention for his perseverance and leadership.

As the community rapidly expanded, additions to the school became necessary and were completed in 1983, 1985 and 1992.

On August 3, 2006, the school experienced a fire which led to the 2006-2007 school year to be held in three separate school sites.

In 2007-2008 all classes were back on the main site thanks to the addition of some modular classrooms.

In 2008-2009 and 2009-2010, the school underwent a retrofit process. The school was restructured substantially and the space lost as a result of the fire was rebuilt. To allow for this construction, a new 'school' was created in a second site (St. Joseph's Middle School) for 2 school years.

In May of 2010, the 'new and improved' ESJS was back in business - with all staff and students back in our new space! We welcome all to come and visit our beautiful building!