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## Peer mentoring leads to success



St Theresa Catholic School Teachers Allie Barrett, Peer Mentor Facilitator, and Jen Smith recently took part in the Teacher Leadership and Learning Program Summit. The summit was a presentation of leadership and transition initiatives to move Grade 8 students into Grade 9. Grade 8 students who are exposed to positive transition experiences are more likely to be successful, and belonging to a peer group helps teens work on their identity and individuality. When students feel like they 'fit in' with a group that promotes their likes and social values, they can become stronger in their attitudes and convictions. The goals of this project are to

create links with home and school, involve parents in their children's education and pair Grade 8 students with peer mentors.