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**ST-BRUNO-DE-MONTARVILLE**  
**OUR SCHOOLS - SOME HISTORICAL INFO OF INTEREST**

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Over the years, I have documented some information concerning our local schools, as follows:

1960 - Don Bosco School (Roberval Street) built to accommodate English Catholic students.

*Henceforth, Mass for our English Catholic population was held in the gym of Don Bosco School every Sunday until the Church complex was built in 1967.*

1960 - Roberta Machnik of our parish, appointed *first woman School Commissioner in the Catholic System*, Province of Quebec, on the Saint-Bruno School Board. She was subsequently elected and served until 1972. Roberta was awarded the Order of Merit of the Federation of Catholic School Commissions in 1967.

March 19, 1961 - Benediction and Inauguration of Don Bosco by His Excellency Gerard-Marie Coderre, Bishop of Saint-Jean (as our Diocese was then called).

January 9, 1967 - Albert Schweitzer School opens its doors for English Catholic Education.

1979 - Albert Schweitzer School taken over by French Catholic School Board. Our English Catholic students move to Don Bosco School on Roberval Street.

1992 - Don Bosco School building closes for English Catholic Education. Fifty-six (56) English students transferred to a section of Albert Schweitzer School; this section retains the name of "Don Bosco School".

June 16, 1995 - Don Bosco School (located in Albert Schweitzer School building) closes its doors permanently. English students now attend Cedar Street School in Beloeil until Confessional School Boards become Linguistic School Boards.

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