



Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

## MEDIA ADVISORY



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### **ROSARIES FOR HAITI ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST STUDENTS RAISE FAITH AND FUNDS FOR HAITI SURVIVORS**

It's been just over a week since Haiti was struck by a devastating magnitude 7 earthquake, the country's most severe earthquake in more than 200 years. The numbers are staggering. The Haitian government estimates the death toll at 200,000, with 80,000 buried in mass graves. It's believed that there are 2 million people who are now homeless and 250,000 people injured. The rescue and relief efforts can be seen on nightly newscasts. As soon as news of the earthquake began hitting the airwaves, students throughout the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board began approaching principals and teachers about raising funds. Thousands of dollars are being raised in our schools through a variety of methods. The staff and students at St. John the Evangelist in Woodslee wanted to do something that, in addition to raising money, helped bring a sense of faith and hope to a truly tragic situation. The kids have purchased beads in the colours of the Haitian flag and are making rosaries to raise funds for the relief effort. All that is being asked is a donation of a toonie. The staff and students of St. John the Evangelist invite you to come out to the school to see how the rosaries are created. An update will also be provided on what all of our schools are doing to help with the fundraising effort.

**DATE: Friday, January 22, 2010**

**TIME: 11:00 - 12:00 p.m.**

**LOCATION: St. John the Evangelist, 1757 Oriole Park Dr. , Woodslee**

**All media are invited to attend this event.**

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