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Second annual Film Festival to be held in June

By Matthew Luppino
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The well respected and graduated students K.J. Proulx, Cody Macdonald, Korey Lalonde, and Troy Faubert will be hosting the second annual Ste. Anne Film Festival in June.

Last year's festival was very successful and all the participants did an amazing job showing off the professional works of film and video.

All films must be no longer than 10 minutes. There is no cost for any films entered.

Student organizers encourage students to start now. So write a script, gather your friends and have a blast!

All students who are interested in participating in the film festival are asked to see Shaelyn Whiston or Mr. Nehmetallah for more details.

Cans, Cans, Cans

The Ste. Anne annual can drive was a huge success, collecting 5,600 cans, 600 more than last year!

All of the cans were donated to food banks to feed the less fortunate.

Since the students went above and beyond the goal, they had the opportunity to vote on what colour staff members Mr. Idone, Mr. Fuerth, Mrs. Colley-Vegh, Mr. Rossassen, and Mr. Hughes should dye their hair.

Mrs. Vespa enthusiastically took her students out to gather more cans.

A big congratulations goes out to our Saints who always selflessly help those in need and surpass what is contemplate.

Giving Tree

Mrs. Gratton's 1st period class devoted their heart and souls to organize the fourth annual Ste. Anne Giving Tree, a campaign to gather gifts for less fortunate families in our community.

Ste. Anne proudly sponsored 50 families in the region, with \$40 going to each family for a Christmas dinner.

The Saints are proud to announce that every family received a gift for Christmas.

"I learned so much about our fellow classmates, and about helping the less fortunate. It was our time to give back to our community," said Sam Bitonti, student leader in Mrs. Gratton's 1st period class.

This year's giving tree was a huge success! We Saints have made a miracle happen for these families.

Everyone should have presents on Christmas, and the Saints have made this statement true by truly caring for others on Christmas.

Mrs. Gratton and her 1st period class are very proud of our Ste. Anne community.



ABOVE: Ste. Anne students are pictured, collecting cans for the area's needy.



LEFT: Vice-principal Mrs. Colley-Vegh shows off the students' efforts for the Giving Tree.

Lakeshore News photos: Courtesy Jim Nehmetallah

Choir performs



Choir members perform for parents, staff, and students during Ste. Anne's Christmas concert last month.

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St. Peter students help needy

Can goods collected for Essex Area Food Bank; monetary donations to Downtown Mission



St. Peter Catholic School students collected can goods for the Essex Area Food Bank last month.

Shoreline Week photo: Courtesy David D'hondt

The students at St. Peter Catholic School take the meaning of giving very seriously.

This year, as in past years, students gathered a combination of cash donations as well as boxes of non-perishable items.

The can goods were picked up and brought to the Essex Area Food Bank.

The monetary donation was brought to the Downtown Mission, where some of our St. Peter staff served a luncheon, which we participate in annually.

For the past four years, our school has "adopted" one of our fellow WECDSD schools.

To promote the joy of giving this season, our students brought in breakfast foods, snack goods, and clothing for our friends in the west end.

This is a great time for our students to observe the Christmas spirit by sharing with those less fortunate.

This theme is certainly in keeping with the message of Jesus that "what you do to the least of my brethren, you do unto me."

St. Gregory students bring cheer to long-term care residents!



St. Gregory Catholic School Grade 8 students rehearsed a dozen Christmas songs and went to Brouillette Manor and Banwell Gardens long-term care facilities, as well as Essex Community Living, over two days and shared all the exuberance that 49 13-year-old souls can summon in song and cheer. This moving experience was a wonderful act of giving that these students will forever remember.

Shoreline Week photo: Courtesy Stephanie Hage

Spreading the holiday cheer



On December 19, Mrs. Ferrarelli's Grade 1-2 class, at St. Bernard Catholic School, visited Richmond Terrace Nursing Home. The students enjoyed chorally reciting a poem and singing many carols in anticipation of Christmas. It was wonderful to see the residents enjoying the performance. The students also proudly presented the residents with colourful Christmas pictures. They wished the residents and staff a joyous Christmas holiday.

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Gr. 8 Open House bursts with school spirit

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Grade 8 students and their parents filled the halls for the Ste. Anne Open House last week.

Many Ste. Anne students and staff stayed after hours and worked diligently to show their school spirit and pride.

The goal was to introduce future students and their parents in the Saints atmosphere.

Grade 8 students and parents went on tours through the school, meeting Ste. Anne

staff and students along the way.

The band entertained, while the choir sang in the atrium.

Refreshments ranged from donuts and coffee to vegetable platters and sweets.

Potential students

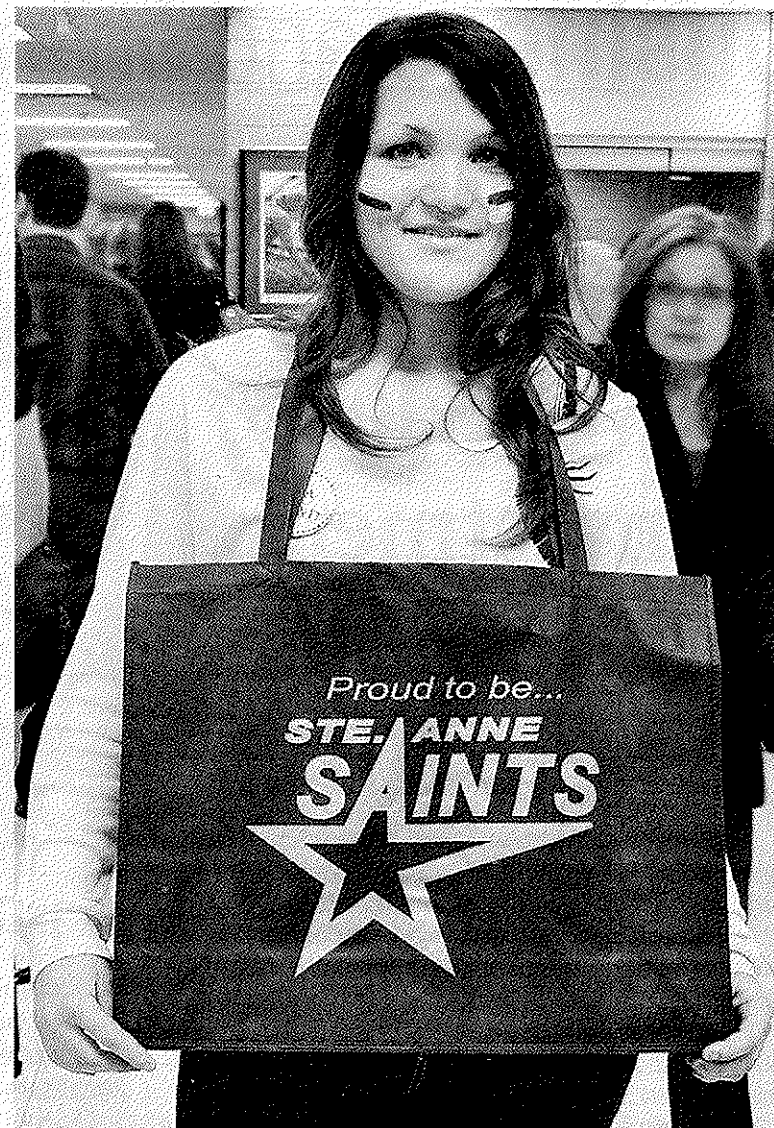
Ste. Anne got the opportunity to show potential students how fun and exciting it is to be a Saint.

The Grade 8 Open House was successful and well attended and many students and staff helped support this event.

"The students and staff really pulled it off and were able to give the parents a sense of what Ste. Anne has to offer," said Mrs. Hogan, head of student services who helped organize the event.

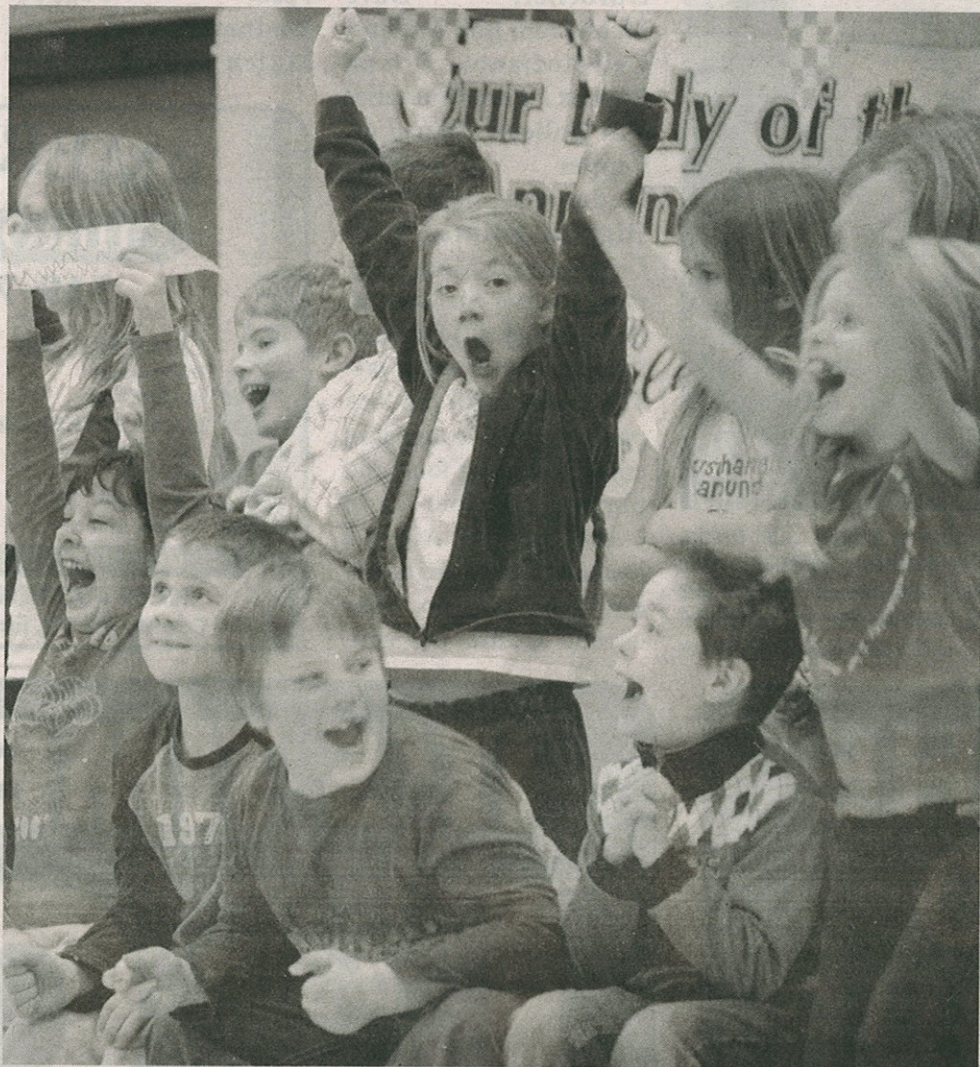
"A big thank you goes out to all of our students and staff that offered their support and showed their school spirit."

If anyone did not get a chance to come out for the Open House last week, please call the school at 519-727-8908 to arrange a personal tour



Shoreline Week photo: Courtesy Jim Nehmetallah
Cassidy Chiarotti displays shows off her school spirit during a Grade 8 Open House at Ste-Anne Catholic High School recently.

Drag races thrill Annunciation students



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Excited spectators

Eavenly Williams, Lola Cazabon and Stevie Lynn Lemire were on the edge of their seats with anticipation as the students at Our Lady of Annunciation School in Stoney Point spectated a thrilling contest in the school gymnasium last week. To see what had the girls and their classmates so excited, see the photos on page 7