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Gr. 2 class donates nearly \$500 to World Vision Canada

Congratulations to Mrs. Vossen's Grade 2 class at St. William Catholic School, who donated \$485 to World Vision Canada to help support children and families in developing countries.

With the donations the students brought in, World Vision Canada was able to purchase six hens, three roosters, and a goat for two families in either Africa, Afghanistan, Haiti, Asia, Brazil, or Guatemala.

One hundred dollars equaled \$1,500 in classroom supplies for children in Haiti, Africa, Lebanon, and Romania.

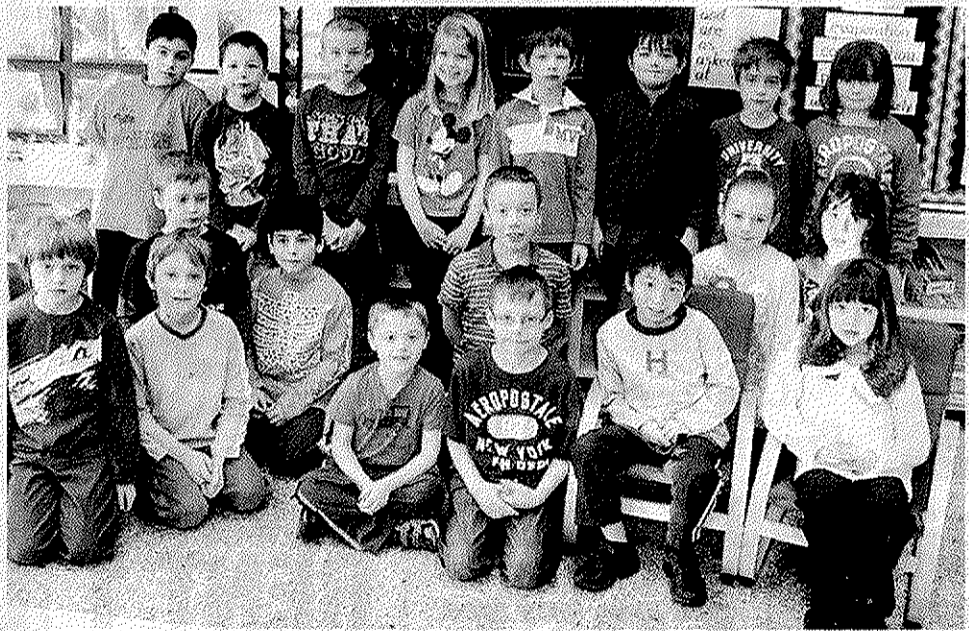
The organization was also able to

purchase warm clothes for children in Armenia, Swaziland, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Valuable

This was a great opportunity for the students to know that they made a valuable difference in the lives of many children and their families around our world.

Thank you to Mrs. Vossen for leading the students in this powerful lesson, and allowing them to learn that any person can truly make a difference in the world, if they open their hearts.



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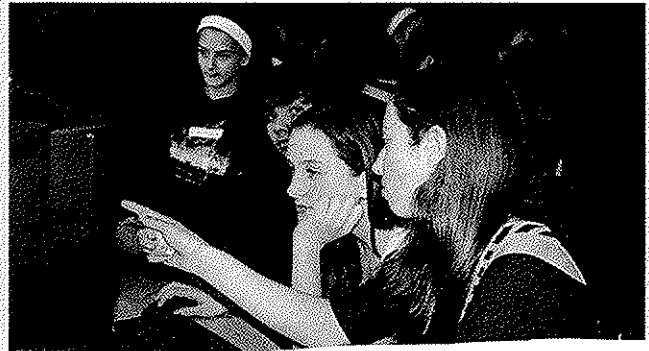
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St. Maria Goretti visits St. Pius X



TOP: St. Pius X student Siena Mitchell and St. Maria Goretti student Claudio Chiarot are pictured during the latter school's recent visit to the computer lab at St. Pius X.

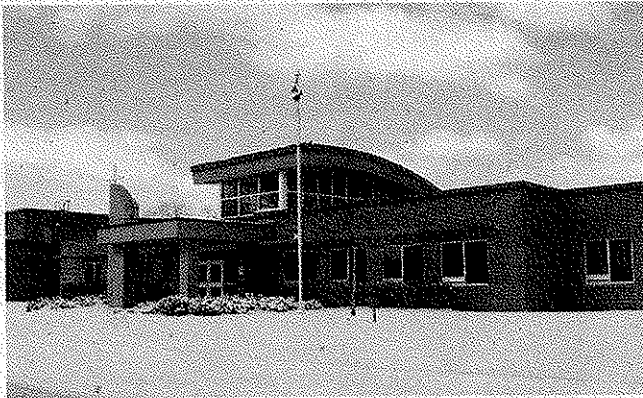
RIGHT: Lauren Kalbol (St. Pius) and Taylor Pottle (St. Maria Goretti) discuss their work.



Shoreline Week photos:
Courtesy Dean Favero

St. Anthony Catholic School prepares to welcome new kindergartners

Kindergarten Open House scheduled for February 15



St. Anthony Catholic School in Harrow will be hosting their Kindergarten Open House on Wednesday, February 15, welcoming incoming students and their families with tours, staff meetings, activities and more.

by Heather Marentette

Staff at St. Anthony Catholic School in Harrow are getting ready to welcome their newest group of students for September 2012 by hosting a Kindergarten Open House on Wednesday, February 15 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Every year, the school hosts the introductory event, welcoming in both incoming students and their families with guided tours, informational packages, staff meet and greets, and special take-home goodie bags. Parents can also register their children for kindergarten that night.

School principal, Carl Bull, said that it is important for new students as well as parents to get the chance to see the facility before beginning the school year.

"It's such a big and important step for the parents to begin the educational journey with their children," said Bull. "We want to be

academics and programs.

"Parents can expect a school that has embraced the most modern curriculum, and offers a diverse range of activities... a close Catholic connection to the parish, and a group of truly committed staff members," said Bull.

able to quell their fears, make them feel comfortable and engage them in the education process...and show them that we offer a quality Catholic education process starting in J.K."

The kindergarten facilities at St. Anthony include two adjoining instructional rooms, modern washroom facilities that are sized appropriately for kindergartners, cubby space for students' personal belongings, and a separate outdoor play area.

"We are so fortunate that the kindergarten facilities here were constructed with the most modern and accessible set-up possible for kids," said Bull. "They'll get a chance to see it all...we're very proud of our school and our beautiful kindergarten area."

Maintaining a high level of community engagement with the students is one of the school's high priorities, said Bull, as is excellence in

St. Anthony's students to bring Helen's Hugs to Harrowood



Students from St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School in Harrow created special gifts to be delivered to Harrowood residents on February 14. The gifts were created as part of Helen's Hugs, a local initiative that encourages small acts of kindness in recognition of Helen Wigle of Amherstburg.

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A group of thoughtful and caring students from St. Anthony Elementary School in Harrow will be showing residents of Harrowood just how special they are next week as they drop off 87 candy-filled "hugs" on Valentine's Day.

Last week, the 28-student class, led by teacher, Mr. Lee, created the special surprises after the school was contacted by Dorrie Cullen, a grandmother of one of the

students and a direct relation to Helen Wigle of Helen's Hugs.

Founded just recently in 2012, Helen's Hugs is dedicated to Helen Wigle of Amherstburg and her "caring and loving personality." According to Helen's Hugs, Wigle is "known for her hugs and encouragement. She continuously goes out of her way to remind people that they are special."

St. Anthony's School principal, Carl Bull, said that

getting the students involved in Helen's Hugs was a great opportunity to teach the students empathy and to get them involved in their community.

"We're very keen on engaging the students with endeavours that allow them to serve the community in a broader sense," said Bull. "It's a great way to get involved and perhaps there will even be some personal connections for the students at Harrowood."

A "hug" from Helen can come in many shapes and sizes from a bow-wrapped candy bar, a teddy bear, or a simple hug to show someone that they are special. Helen's Hugs encourages that these special gifts and acknowledgements can be given to anyone at any time, including hospital patients, nursing home residents, neighbours, or anyone else that deserves a small act of kindness.

The candy-filled gifts created by St. Anthony's students, which also feature special notes and beautiful hand-tied ribbon bows, will be delivered to Harrowood residents the morning of February 14, Valentine's Day, by the students themselves.

"It will be really nice to see the kids personally delivering the gifts that they made for the people of Harrowood," said Bull. "St. Anthony's wants to serve the community and really let the people of Harrow know that we're here...we want to get involved and really show that we care."

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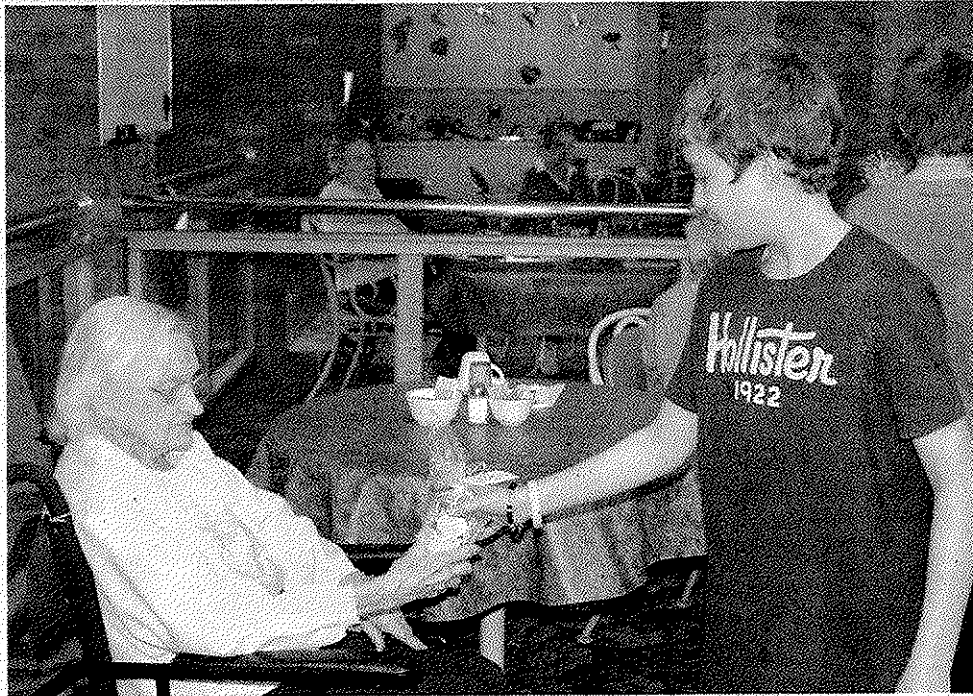
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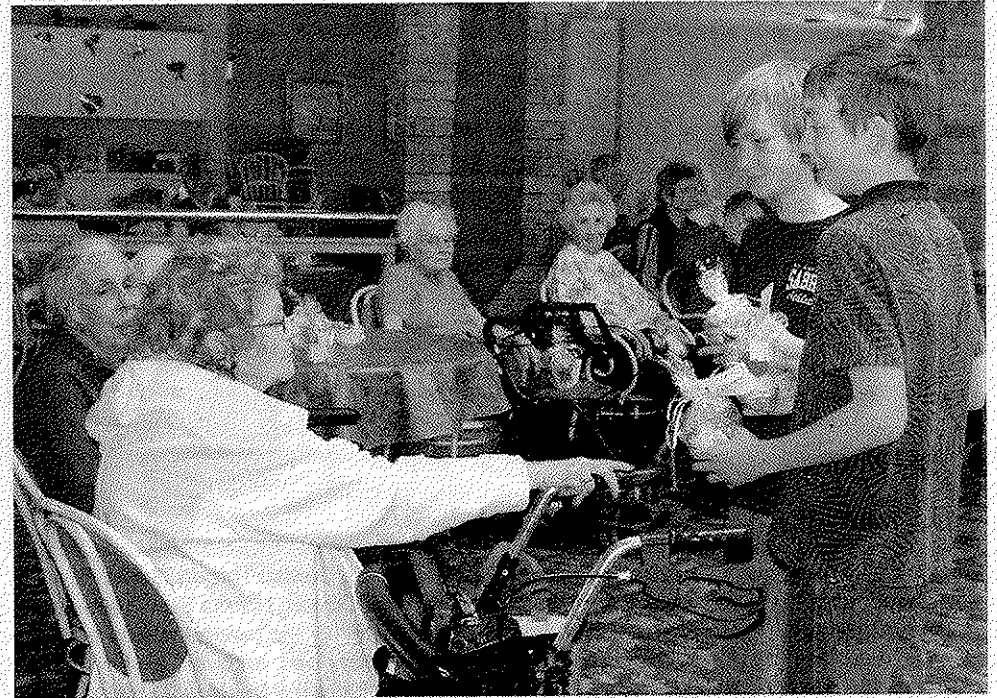


The junior and senior kindergarten classes at St. William's used Valentine's Day to help students practice writing their names, used hearts to make patterns, and even made great Play-doh sculptures. The students enjoyed a fun-filled day full of activities around this special occasion. They had fun giving and receiving valentines and special treats too! The Grade One classes of Mrs. Innocente, Mrs. Boccioletti, and Mrs. Rinaldi-Ross celebrated the 100th day of school on Monday. Students participated in many activities, such as numeracy, literacy, and visual arts activities that helped to celebrate this achievement. A reminder that registration for Junior and Senior Kindergarten has begun at the school. Parents are encouraged to come to the school to register their little one and take a tour of our facilities. We can't wait to see you!

Hugs for Harrowood on Valentine's Day



Students from St. Anthony Catholic School in Harrow delivered 87 candy-filled treats to residents at Harrowood on Valentines Day. The students created the gifts as part of the Helen's Hugs initiative.



Harrowood residents got a special Valentines Day surprise as students from St. Anthony Catholic School in Harrow delivered candy-filled "hugs" last week. Helen's Hugs was founded in January 2012 and is dedicated to Helen Wigle of Amherstburg.

Preparing for Kindergarten



Future kindergartners and their families stopped by St. Anthony Catholic School in Harrow last Wednesday, February 15 for the school's annual Kindergarten Open House and Registration event where they met teachers and familiarized themselves with the school's facilities.

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Hats off to St. Pius X!

Boys Reading Club established for Grades 2-6

By Patrick McNamara
Special to Shoreline Week

St. Pius X students are working hard as usual! Taking place last Tuesday was our school's Hat Day to support the Windsor Regional Hospital. Students donated a toonie to don their favourite head-gear for the day.

It was also St. Pius X's annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day. With the help of many generous parent volunteers, all students from JK to Grade 8 enjoyed some delicious flapjacks.

Last Wednesday, Catholics around the world marked the season of Lent as they received ashes on their foreheads. Lent is a time for us to recall our sins and work towards strengthening our relationship with God.

On February 23, Grade 8 students Alex Payne and Riley Pellerito represented our school at the eighth annual Social Justice Forum at the University of Windsor.

Alex and Riley learned about social justice topics such as poverty, mental health, the environment and lessons learned from the Holocaust.

Congratulations to all students who made it to the divisional finals of the St. Pius speech competition held on February 15.

The winners – Finley Booth, Allison Collins, Faith Kameka, Maeve George, Sarah Hagarty, and Lisa Teno – represented St. Pius X at the Legion Contest held February 18 (see page B5).

Basketball

The senior boys and girls basketball teams continue their quest for a WECDSSB title as they enter the 'sweet 16' round of playoff action.

The players would like to thank their coaches, Mrs. Hastings-Thomson, Mr. Perrin, and Mrs. Coughlin, for teaching them the finer points of the game and for the countless hours of time logged in the school gym.

Not to be outdone, the junior teams are beginning their exhibition seasons.



Shoreline Week photo: Courtesy Dean Favero

HATS FOR WRH: Students pose with their favourite hats as a show of support for the Windsor Regional Hospital.

The teams have played some friendly games and will take part in a few tournaments later in March including our own Pacer Classic on March 26.

The junior boys' coaches are Mr. Kennedy and Mrs. Coughlin and the girls' coach is Mrs. Gilman.

Everyone at St. Pius X School would like to thank all of the future Pacer students who came for a visit on our JK/SK Open House.

Registration packages continue to be available at the main office.

Reading Club

Mrs. Peck, our Learning Common specialist, has recently started a Boys Reading Club for students in Grades 2-6. They meet during their lunch recess and enjoy literature from a variety of different genres. They are also using eReaders to read their favourite stories digitally.

Mr. Spurdza and the Pacer chess team headed out to the Ciociaro Club last weekend to take part in the annual Windsor Chess Challenge.

Patrick McNamara is a Grade 8 student at St. Pius X Catholic School



CONGRATULATIONS:
First, second and third place winners: Maeve G., Emma P., Finley B., Allison C., Ally S., Lisa T., Sarah H. and Adrian I. together with judges Jackie St. Louis, Cheryl Hardcastle, Lynn Fitzsimmons, Jim McMahon, Mika (seeing eye dog), and organizers Lynn Hayes and Dean Favero.

Shoreline Week photo: Courtesy Jeanne George

St. Thomas of Villanova Art Department

Grease is the Word - Villanova stages classic musical

Maranda Grant
Special/The Echo

LASALLE — Excitement buzzes through the Villanova auditorium where the cast of "Grease" is rehearsing.

They are practising "Beauty School Dropout"; their voices and dancing lights up the stage. The 40 cast members have been preparing since October, and it's almost time to show off their hard work.

At the end of this month, the St. Thomas of Villanova arts department will be presenting their production of "Grease."

The show is the first play at Villanova for drama teacher Mary-Jo Grado, who had previous taught at Holy Names High School in Windsor. She is thrilled to be a part of the Villanova arts community.

Many people have contributed to the production. The elaborate sets were donated by St. Clair College. Roger Wellington choreographed the exciting and intricate dance numbers.

Kaitlin Mackie is the assistant choreographer; she is an aspiring drama teacher and notes that working on Grease has been an amazing experience for her.

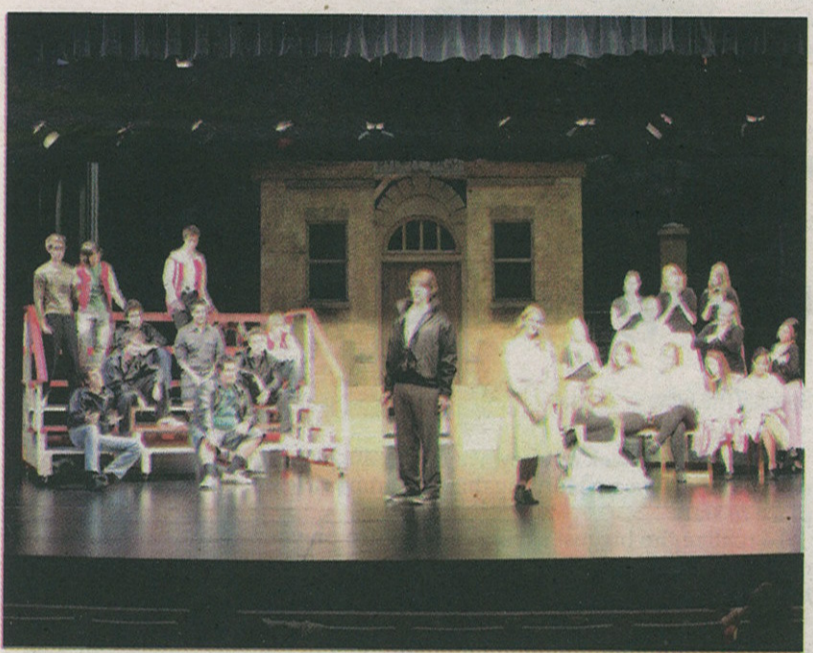
The actors are getting excited as opening day approaches.

The dedication of the students to the play and the quality of the production are sure to impress the audience.

Opening night for the production is Feb. 24 at 7 p.m.

Other show times are Feb. 25 at 7 p.m., Feb. 26 at 1 p.m., and March 1 to 3 at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the performances Feb. 26 and March 1 are \$5 for everyone. For the other dates, adults are \$10, seniors and children under 12 are \$5, and children 6 and under are free.



Paige Aalbers Special to the Echo

Performers in the upcoming production of "Grease" rehearse on stage at St. Thomas of Villanova Secondary School in this undated photo. The first of six public performances is Feb. 24 at 7 p.m.

\$10,000 for Catholic Central

BY SHARON HILL, THE WINDSOR STAR FEBRUARY 16, 2012



Catholic Central High School in Windsor, Ont. on Friday Dec. 9, 2011.

Photograph by: Dax Melmer, The Windsor Star

WINDSOR, Ont. -- Catholic Central High School has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from The Future Shop.

The funds will be used to restructure the school's computer lab.

"This really does give us a heads up in terms of exposing our students to some of the latest things, the newest things in technology as well as giving them more opportunities to work on computers and the latest technologies," school principal Amy Lo Faso said Thursday.

She said the school hasn't decided exactly what to buy because staff just heard about the funding but it will give the school an additional computer lab.

"We are so happy that we got it."

The Future Shop has given more than \$500,000 in grants to schools across Canada through its FutureGeneration program.

