

## Community garden getting TLC at House of Shalom

### United Way, Heart Defects Society of Windsor-Essex County amongst groups helping

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AMHERSTBURG — The House of Shalom Youth Centre is working with several organizations this year to take care of the 12 raised bed community garden that is on site.

Work on the garden began Monday morning with approximately 30 students from St. Thomas of Villanova Secondary School coming in to help out.

The House of Shalom's newest community partner is Heart Defects Society of Windsor and Essex County with the Heart Defect Society having contributed financially to the project for its upkeep and maintenance.

"We are grateful to their generosity and look forward to helping them spread the word about the invaluable services they provide to families in our community who have a loved one living with a heart defect," said House of Shalom program director Holly Kirk McLean. "Approximately one in 50 newborns in Windsor and Essex County are born with a heart defect. These numbers are staggering. Together through creative partnerships such as this Heart Defect hopes to help educate residents of Windsor and Essex and raise awareness."

Warren Hayes, a board member with the Heart Defect Society, said the society helps children born with heart defects. He saw the community garden at the House of Shalom as a good way to get the society's name to be more visible.

"We just wanted to get a little exposure in a positive way to get our name out there," said Hayes. "It was a good fit."

Kirk McLean said produce will be used in cooking classes offered at the House of Shalom. Donations will also be made to various causes in the community such as local food banks, Meals on Wheels and Society de St. Vincent de Paul. The donations to the community garden make the cost to the House of Shalom "minimal."

The 30 students from Villanova were recruited by the United Way. Students put in a special growing medium into the planters that was provided by Policella Farms in Kingsville.

"They're committed to promoting a healthy lifestyle and eating habits to youth and we are thankful that they chose to assist our community garden," said Kirk McLean.

Maria Hamilton, manager of the United Way's volunteer centre, said they are one of 25 volunteer centres competing in an Ontario Volunteer Centre Network challenge that tries to get youth involved. She said there are 375 volunteers and 1,125 volunteer hours committed locally but noted they want to assist in getting youth involved in community activities in an extended period of time and not just for the challenge.

Lynn Ridgewell, manager of workplace engagement with United Way, said every community garden in Windsor-Essex County is run by volunteers. She said more students are needed to keep community gardens, such as the one in Amherstburg, going and that it gives students a way to get 40 hours of community service they need to graduate high school.



The House of Shalom has partnered with the Heart Defects Society of Windsor and Essex County, United Way, St. Thomas of Villanova Secondary School among others to present this year's community garden. Work began on the garden Monday, April 30.

## Grade 7 students bring War of 1812 to life through animation at Stella Maris School

### Projects to be put on You Tube and displayed at Fort Malden

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AMHERSTBURG — It's not just your average diorama project going on at Stella Maris School.

Grade 7 students are taking the dioramas they built and are now creating short animated films about their creations. Those animations will not just be seen in school, but they will also be seen at Fort Malden National Historic Site of Canada and the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board (WECDSB) channel on You Tube.

"They created dioramas about the War of 1812. They each picked a story," said Elaine Carr, arts and social science consultant with WECDSB.

The dioramas were created with the help of artist Suzanne Konya and Carr believed the dioramas were done so well that they should be part of animations. They will be part of the "Paths to Peace" project that is being done in conjunctions with schools in Michigan and Ohio.

"I looked tat those and they were so cool," Carr said of the animations. "I brought iPads to see if we could animate them as sets. They all look like sets you'd see in an animation studio."

The students are using a free animation app offered through the National Film Board, she added. The animations will be at Fort Malden May 17-24.

"It just a really neat project for the students at Stella Maris to be involved in," said Carr. "It's just a great experience."

Carr added that stories about soldiers, Aboriginal people and pioneers to name a few. She said the exercise allows students to learn more than just from books.

"It's one of the ways to learns about the War of 1812 and the Canada-U.S. connection in a less dry and more engaging method," said Carr.

The animation project also provides a method to link arts and history together, she continued.

"It's fun," said student Hayden Dunbar, who worked on his project with Mitchell Bernier. "We've been working on it for about a month."

Both students said it was a good way to learn and that they enjoyed working with animation.

"We're learning about what happened during the War of 1812," said Bernier.

Teacher Mark DeThomasis said when the iPads first arrived, the students were so engrossed in them that they didn't hear the recess bell. He said this method of learning will be beneficial to the students rather than only learning through books and standard classroom lessons.

"It's very neat. It's hands-on," said DeThomasis. "They love it. Because of this, (the lessons) will stay with them longer and they will remember what they did."



Mitchell Bernier (left) and Hayden Dunbar work on their animation project Thursday, May 3. Stella Maris students are working on animating their diorama projects about the War of 1812.

## Free the Children staff members offer inspiration to Stella Maris School children

### Presentation followed by workshop at local Catholic elementary school

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AMHERSTBURG — Students at Stella Maris School received inspirational messages last Wednesday thanks to Free the Children (FTC).

Free the Children staff members Jennie McDougall and Chris Tse made Stella Maris one of the schools on their nationwide tour. They shared their stories about what made them get involved with FTC but also urged the students to get involved with whatever the students believe in.

Tse said people are “a piece of the puzzle” and that “you never quite see the complete picture until you’ve got all the pieces.” He challenged the students to find their inspirations and said one person can make a difference.

“Our world does not change overnight but it does change when like-minded people join together,” said Tse. “I am challenging you to find what your piece of the puzzle actually means.”

“You are all pieces of the puzzle too,” added McDougall. “No one else can play your part.”

“No one is more important or less important in society than anyone else. We’re all trying to fit into the bigger picture,” said Tse. “We’re all trying to fit into the bigger picture.”

McDougall said people should get involved and pick a cause to start rallying behind. The world has the resources to make change, McDougall added.

“Take a vow for change,” said Tse. “It’s the small changes right now that leads to big changes.”

McDougall and Tse have visited 35 schools across Canada since January. McDougall said their sponsor, Investors Group, gives them the funding to travel and that a parent at Stella Maris School works there and that led to the invitation.

Following the assembly, Tse and McDougall worked with 19 senior students in a workshop where such things as leadership skills, issues awareness and action planning were discussed and worked on.

Principal Bridget Russo was appreciative of the FTC visit.

“You’ve empowered us and opened our eyes,” Russo told Tse and McDougall.



Chris Tse speaks to Stella Maris School students following a presentation Wednesday, May 2. Tse and fellow Free the Children member Jennie McDougall also held a workshop with students.

# Villanova Students Prepare Community Garden in Amherstburg

by Heather Marentette

A group of students from Villanova High School braved the pouring rain and cold last week, but it didn't dampen their spirits as they worked to create a special community garden at The House of Shalom Youth Centre.

Located in Amherstburg, the House of Shalom offers youth in the community a place to go for cultural, educational, recreational and social activities. On an annual basis, said Holly Kirk McLean, program director of House of Shalom, around 400 to 500 youth pass through the youth centre's halls. This is the first year that the Youth Centre has taken on the task of leading the community garden project.

"The more the youth get involved in the project, the more they learn to appreciate what it's all about," said McLean.

A large variety of items are being grown in the 12 raised bed garden this year from assorted vegetables, some fruit and even flowers and herbs. The House of Shalom will utilize some of the garden's items in their



A number of students from Villanova High School worked together last week to prepare a 12-raised bed community garden at the House of Shalom Youth Centre in Amherstburg. The project is sponsored by the Heart Defects Society of Windsor and Essex County and the United Way.

cooking and nutrition program, and the rest will be distributed to local agencies like the Amherstburg Salvation Army and Meals on Wheels.

To assist in the project, House of Shalom partnered with two community agencies this year, The Heart Defects Society of Windsor and Essex County as well as the United Way. This is the first time that the Heart

Defects Society has come on board to assist with and sponsor the program.

"It's a very fitting partnership. The Heart Defects Society works with people who were born with heart defects and here at the Youth Centre we often see kids who have had their hearts broken by something in their lives...it's done in two completely different ways, but we both deal with broken hearts," said Kirk McLean.

Warren Hedges, a member of the Heart Defects Society board of directors, attended the community gardening planting to lend a hand and his support for the project. He said that the society is always looking for new ways to get involved in the community and to gain new exposure in the local area.

Some members of the local chapter of the United Way also attended the planting to encourage the youth volunteers. This community garden project is part of the United Way's Ontario Youth Volunteer Challenge, a program that encourages high school students to commit to volunteer activities during a designated three-week period. According to Lynn Ridgewell, manager of workplace engagement for the United Way, they have set a goal of engaging 375 Windsor and Essex County

students in the challenge, and a total of 25,000 students province-wide. The students from Villanova High School who participated in preparing the community garden were a part of that challenge.



Preparation for a community garden in Amherstburg was started last week thanks to the help of some students from Villanova High School and funding from the United Way and the Heart Defects Society of Windsor and Essex County.

"It's important for people to have access to fresh food like fruit and vegetables, and these community gardens are a great catalyst for that," said Ridgewell. "This is a great project for us to get the students involved in."

Ridgewell said that it was important for the project to

go ahead, even in the rain.

"I think that it's a great message for the students," said Ridgewell. "Some jobs aren't the most fun to do, but if you want to reap the benefits and help others, sometimes you just have to move forward and work in the rain."

## **Ste. Anne places eighth in Ontario-wide fundraiser for Terry Fox Foundation**

Staff and students of Ste. Anne Catholic High School discovered how substantial their fundraising efforts for the Terry Fox Foundation were recently.

The school, which raised a grand total of \$24,362, placed eighth out of the Foundation's top 50 secondary school fundraisers across Ontario for 2011.

The Ste. Anne community is incredibly proud of this achievement and will continue to work together in the future to raise money for cancer research.

## Queen of Peace celebrates 50

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Leamington's Queen of Peace Elementary School celebrated their 50-year anniversary last Friday in grand fashion.

At 12:30 the students and teachers walked in procession from the school to St. Joseph's Church on Sherk Street for a mass and blessing of the school.

Later in the day on Friday evening, about 360 people attended the 50th anniversary dinner and dance at the Roma Club.

"We are thrilled to be able to celebrate with past colleagues, alumni, family and friends of the Queen of Peace Family," said teacher Rima Mastronardi, a member of the organizing committee.

Queen of Peace was built in time for the 1961-62 school year, to accommodate pupils from Mersea Township.

Originally four rooms, two offices and a gymnasium, the school grew in 1964 with the addition of four more rooms.

In 1967, six more rooms were added, plus a kindergarten room and staff room.

In 1982, a double gym, home economics and technical rooms were added.

Over the years, porta-pack classrooms were added and then taken away.

The school today houses 360 students and the principal is Steve Bellaire.

The first principal of the school was Mrs. Lucille Kir.

Friday's celebrations capped off 50 years of Catholic education in Leamington.



Staff and students from Queen of Peace Catholic Elementary School in Leamington walk in procession to St. Joseph's Church on May 4 as part of the school's 50th anniversary celebration

## Students take classroom lesson and run with it

Posted 10 hours ago

By Pat Bailey

It was more than a fitness lesson for students at Cardinal Carter Secondary School on April 29 — it was a lesson on goal setting, perseverance and determination.

And 19 of Mark Ficon's fitness class students passed with flying colors.

Ficon said he challenged his students to train for, and then compete in, the recent Southern Footprints five-kilometre run.

The teacher said very few of his students had ever participated in a distance run before and he thought it would be an excellent opportunity for his students to set a goal and put a plan in place to accomplish that goal.

Ficon though was not waiting at the finish line to congratulate each of his runners — although he wished he could've been.

He (along with fellow teacher Chris Mazar) joined the students in the training exercise, and admitted, a few of his students crossed the finish line before he did.

"I wish I could've been there (at the finish line) to see each of them cross," he said.

But he did get a chance to see student Diane Khoury cross the line.

He said Khoury, who considers herself a non-athlete, was ecstatic when she crossed the finish line.

"She screamed like she had just won a million dollars," he said. "She was so proud of herself."

One of his students, Amber Ulch, was actually the winner in her age group.

Ficon said more than half of those who completed the Southern Footprints, have committed to running another three or four similar charity runs — and he will be joining them.

Kayla Salive, Brandon Byrne and Shane Currie, all 17, are continuing to train for upcoming races in May and June.

Byrne has already set a goal of beating his time from the April 29 run. In fact, Byrne said he's shooting for a finish in the 20-minute range.

For Currie it's not about a specific time — it's more about bragging rights over his teacher.

"I just want to try and beat Mr. Ficon," he laughed.

Salive, who ran a charity run for cancer last summer, said she will continue her training regimen because she discovered — "I like running a lot."

So for the next few months, Ficon said his students will be learning another lesson — one of commitment to training.

Their dedication and commitment, he said, will be obvious when they pound the pavement in the 'Path to a Better Heart' run May 11 — a fundraiser for Windsor Regional Hospital.

But more importantly, said Ficon, the students got a chance to see firsthand how important it is to support their classmates and cheer them on to the finish.

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# Heart Hero visits St. John school



*A special visitor stopped by St. John de Brebeuf last Thursday to recognize the inspired efforts of the students. 'Heart Hero' made her way through the crowd after the students collected an incredible \$8,000 for the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Other incentives for*

*the students included breakfast with Principal Mrs. Sarkis and Vice-Principal Mrs. Sorge, and a pizza party. The original goal for the campaign was \$1,000. Pictured, Heart Hero is greeted by many admirers as she navigates the crowd.*

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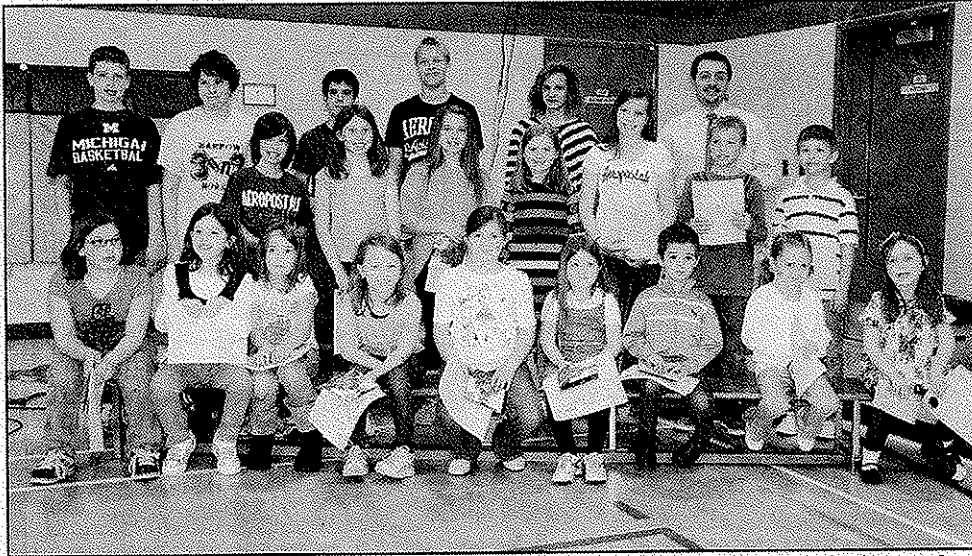
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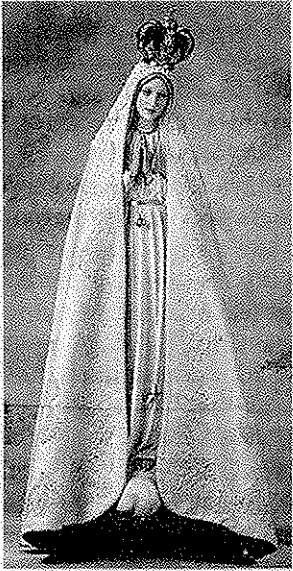
# Mayor presents awards at St. John de Brebeuf



*Kingsville Mayor Nelson Santos last week presented the 'Difference Maker' awards to students at St. John de Brebeuf. The awards were presented in conjunction with the 25th Anniversary of the Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion relay. Pictured above, recipients included Addison Pollitt, Taya Hutchison, Ethan Rodrigues, Reese James, Zoey Kungel, Amy Woodham, Rylee Strohm, Claudia St. Pierre, Emma Stravato, Serafina Ciancio, Darren Gates, Colin Lefebvre, Emily Bacon, Emma Slater, Ally Sands, Kaylin McHardy, Carter Janisse, Colin Fratarcangeli, Kendra Bosse, Nathan Leili, Zachary Booth and Alex Anzovino.*

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Steve I'Anson*

## International Pilgrim Virgin Statue comes to St. Pius X Catholic School



Shoreline Week photo:  
Courtesy PilgrimVirginStatue.com

St. Pius X Catholic School welcomed the famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue (IPVS) of Our Lady of Fatima on Tuesday.

Each class had scheduled time to visit with the statue and hear this message through Carl Malberg and Charles Urban, the two custodians of the statue.

The students also had an opportunity to ask questions and pray together for peace.

Ever since the IPVS was blessed by the Bishop of Fatima on October 13, 1947, it has been travelling with a full-time custodian to spread the message of Fatima. Along the way, there have been many recorded miracles and graces granted.

In 1951, Pope Pius XII remarked: "In 1946, we crowned Our Lady of Fatima as Queen of the World and the next year, through Her Pilgrim Statue, She set forth as though to claim Her dominion, and the favours She performs along the way are such that we can hardly believe what we are seeing with our eyes."

Pope Pius XII personally blessed the IPVS in 1952.

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# St. William celebrates Catholic Education Week

Lots of exciting things are taking place at St. William Catholic School in Emeryville!

May 7-11 marked Catholic Education Week. This year's theme is *Walking in the Light of Christ*.

Students and staff have focused this week on what this theme means, and how to follow in Christ's footsteps.

The school, along with parish staff from Good Shepherd, have planned a Living Rosary, to take place next Friday, May 18 in the gymnasium. More information will be available soon.

## 'Big Bad Musical'

Students practiced for several months for the school's production of

'Big Bad Musical'. Performances were given on Wednesday and Thursday for fellow students, parents, and friends. Thank you to everyone who came and supported our aspiring thespians!

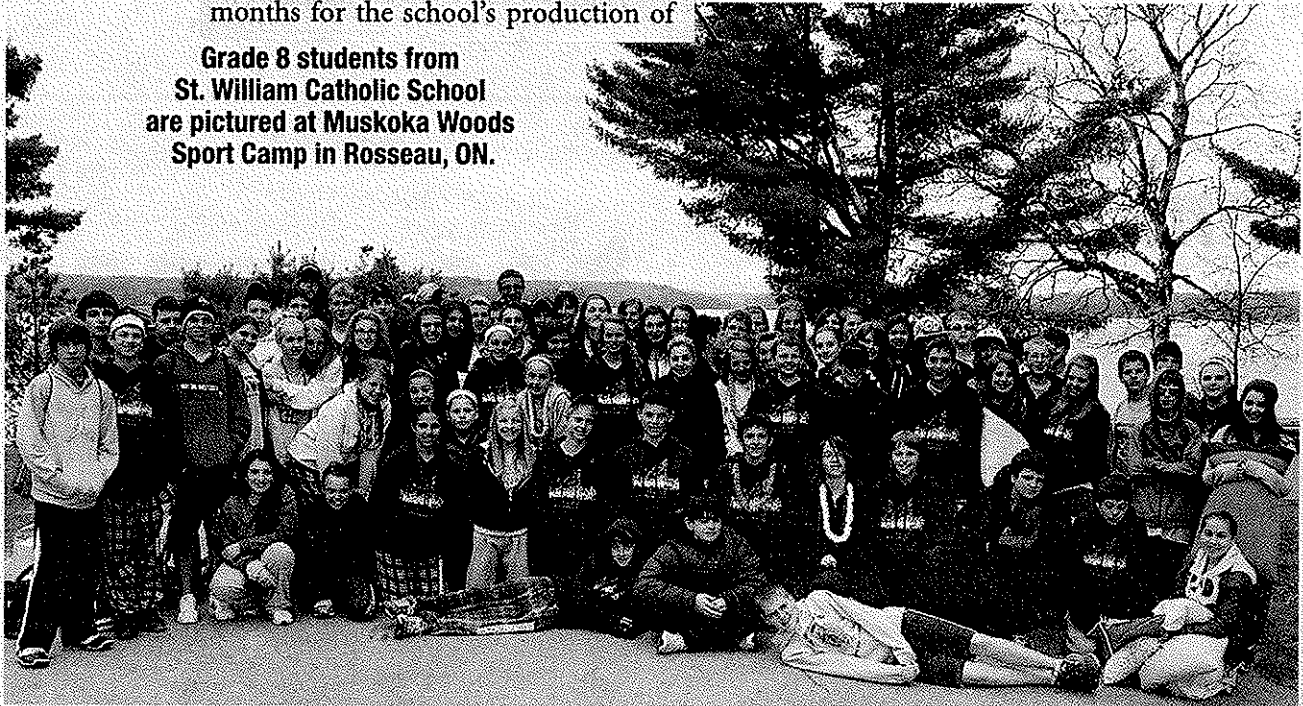
## Grade 8s return from Muskoka Woods trip

The Grade 8 students and teachers have returned from the annual Muskoka Woods trip.

Many lifelong memories were made over the weekend!

The students attended the Christian camp, located in Rosseau ON, from April 28 to May 1.

Grade 8 students from  
St. William Catholic School  
are pictured at Muskoka Woods  
Sport Camp in Rosseau, ON.



## Grade 8s develop leadership skills during Muskoka Woods trip

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The students partook in various activities such as canoeing, high ropes, mountain biking, and a long hike.

They worked on developing leadership skills and building strong relationships with their peers.

Many thanks to the Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board personnel who spent many hours organizing the adventures, to the leadership

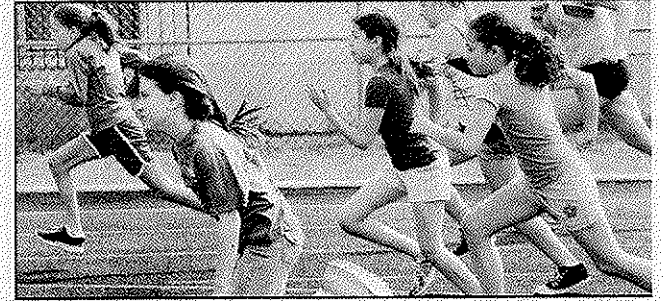
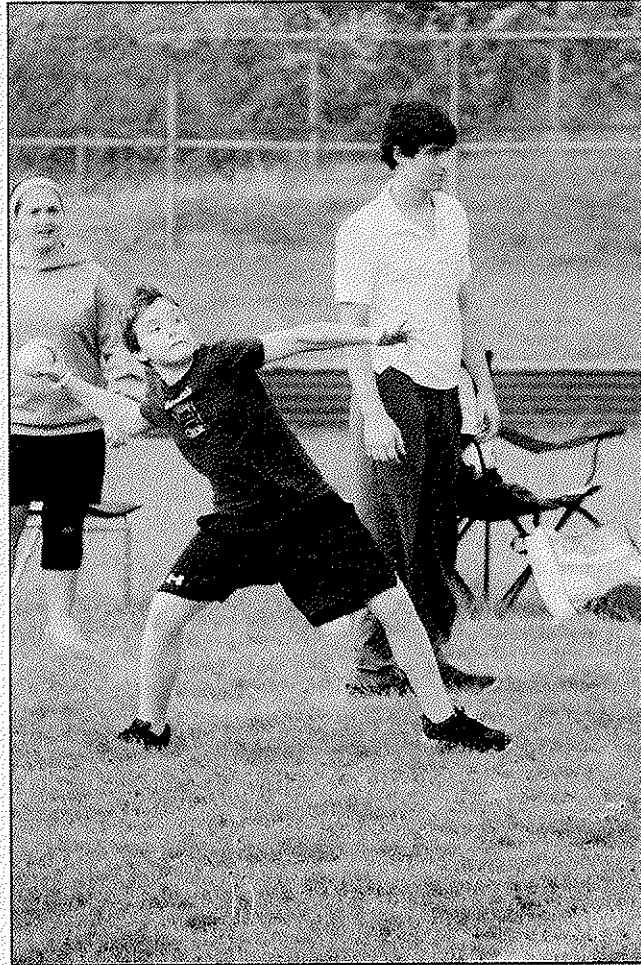
students from the various high schools, and the parents who allowed their children to attend.

Thank you to our volunteer teachers, Mr. Ryan Renaud and Ms. Jennifer O'Phee – you made a difference in the lives of the students. Thanks for all the help!

Stay tuned for more exciting news from St. William Catholic School.

A reminder that any parent of a JK or SK aged child can still register at the school.

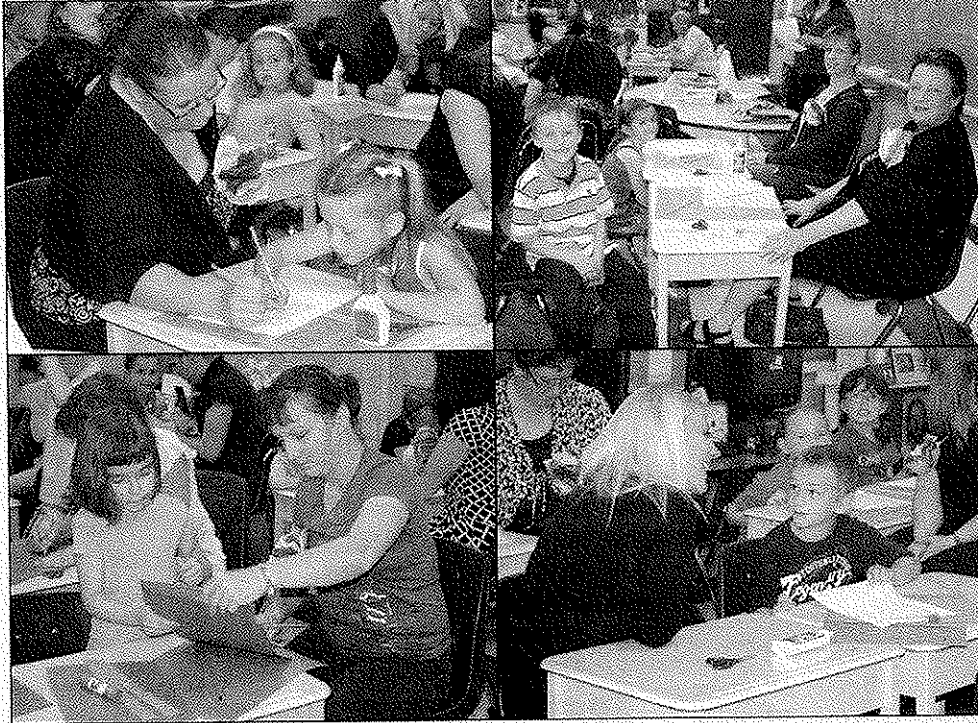
# Eagles take flight at Track & Field Day



*St. John de Brebeuf students excelled last Tuesday during the school's annual Track & Field meet. Held at Cardinal Carter Secondary School, events included running long jump, baseball throw, obstacle course and various distance races. Pictured above, Andrew Omstead competes in Running Long Jump and Carter Mastronardi competes in the baseball throw.*

*Photos by Steve F'Anson*

# Mothers Day Celebration at St. Anthony's



Students of Maria Muolo's grade one class at St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School invited their mothers and grandmothers to class last week for a Mothers Day celebration where they took part in activities, arts and crafts and hosted a special lunch.

# St. Anthony students depict Jesus' teachings during Catholic Education Week

by Heather Marentette

Students from St. Anthony Elementary School in Harrow found themselves interpreting the teachings of Jesus last week in a colourful way as they worked together to create a series of chalk murals around the school in celebration of Catholic Education Week.

Despite rainy weather conditions early in the week, the students had sunny skies and dry pavement last Thursday which allowed them to create the colourful murals, each one depicting a Parable or one of the eight Beatitudes of Jesus.

"We really wanted them to think about the messages in some of these great stories," said school principal, Carl Bull. "Their



To celebrate Catholic Education Week, students at St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School in Harrow participated in an outdoor activity that had them interpreting and depicting Parables and Beatitudes with colourful chalk drawings around the school building. Nicole Gyorgy, grade 4, and Riley Marques, grade 3, are pictured above creating their own chalk mural.

task was to reflect on and interpret the messages from those stories and then create images from them...because



Colourful chalk murals were created by students of St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School last week all around the school building depicting Parables and Beatitudes in celebration of Catholic Education Week. Pictured above are grade 7 students in front of their mural, Brianna Yaciuk, Gesselle Leggate and Marissa Azzopardi.

Catholic education is not a spectator sport."

Every student in the school participated in the activity, from kindergartners to senior students, each working on a separate piece of pavement surrounding the school.

According to Kate Marentette, the teacher who spearheaded the project, the murals were designed to surround the school, reflecting a "circle of love" with no parameters and acting as an extension from the school to the local faith

community.

"This was a way for us to expand outside the perimeters of our school walls and to show the local community that we follow God's messages," said Marentette.

Parables are a key part of the teachings of Jesus, and are represented by short stories, each conveying a message or a lesson. Many of Jesus' parables refer to simple, everyday things like a woman baking bread, a man knocking on a neighbour's door at night, or

the aftermath of a roadside robbery, but each Parable deals with a major religious theme such as the growth of the Kingdom of Heaven, the importance of prayer, or the meaning of love.

In the bible, the Beatitudes were given to us by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount and each one encourages a particular way of life. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven; Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God; and Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy, are just three of the eight Beatitudes outlined in the bible.

"This activity is a celebration and a way of the students visually showing God how we listen and understand the Parable teachings, the Beatitudes and the messages of love in a way that everyone can enjoy it," said Marentette. "The kids just absolutely love this

activity and they were so excited to begin creating."

# St. Theresa School steps up to support St. John the Baptist Church

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Father Brian Jane from St. John the Baptist Church accepts a cheque for \$1,328 from St. Theresa School principal Mike Pannunzio Thursday, May 17 as some of the students gather around. Proceeds will benefit flooring repairs under a section of pews at the parish.

AMHERSTBURG — St. Theresa School has done its part to help with St. John the Baptist Church restorations.

The local Catholic elementary school, led by principal Mike Pannunzio, donated \$1,328 to Father Brian Jane last Thursday afternoon. The money, much like proceeds donated recently by Stella Maris School, will go towards repairing flooring under a group of pews that have been closed off in the church.

St. John the Baptist Church was built in 1844.

Pannunzio said the school raised roughly \$1,000 during a recent Friday night fish fry at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Amherstburg. The school received 50 per cent of the proceeds from that evening and featured students helping parents as they worked to present the event.

The remaining \$328 was raised through a penny drive held over the Lent season.

"We called it Pennies for Pews," said Pannunzio. "It was very successful."

Father Jane said he was pleased the students not only raised the funds, but got personally involved in the efforts.

"Not only were the funds raised, but the children got involved in the parish through hands-on activities," said Father Jane.

He added that the work to repair the flooring under the pews will be tendered out shortly to ascertain an exact figure on what the repairs will cost.

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# 'Incredible Hulks'



Shoreline Week photo: Courtesy Bob Garbula

St. Pius X Catholic School teacher Rob Murphy, vice-principal Dean Favero, and principal Dave Lozinsky show off their green hair as they pose like the Incredible Hulk. They dyed their hair green and yellow – the school's colours – as part of fulfilling a promise to the students if they reached their goal in the Parent Council Lottery. The students raised \$8,000. For more St. Pius X news, please see page B4.



# St. Pius X welcomes Fatima statue

Not only is the sun shining in May, but so are the Pacers of St. Pius X Catholic School.

Education Week featured many activities including a visit from the International Pilgrimage of the Virgin Statue arranged by Grade 6 teacher Mrs. Kameka.

On May 8, the statue's custodians, Mr. Malburg and Mr. Urban, displayed the Our Lady of Fatima statue for the student body and taught the story behind the statue.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, appeared six times to three shepherd children; Lucy, age 10, Francisco, age 9, and Jacinta, age 7; between May 13 and October 13, 1917.

She came to the little village of Fatima which had remained faithful to the Catholic Church during the recent persecutions by the government.

Mary came with a message from God to every man, woman and child of our century. Our Lady of Fatima promised that the whole world would be in peace, and that many souls would go to Heaven if Her requests were listened to and obeyed.

One request is that we pray five decades of the rosary every day.

Later in the week, the students honoured Mary again when the Grade 1 students and their teachers prepared a beautiful Marian Celebration.



St. Pius X vice-principal Dean Favero and 'Dr. Negative' (a.k.a. teacher Rob Murphy) raced on tricycles as part of a bonus reward to the students for raising \$8,000 in the recent Parent Council Lottery. Shoreline Week photo: Courtesy Bob Garbula

Fr. Festus prayed with the children and spoke of her positive attitude towards God – saying "Yes, I will" in accepting the tremendously important role as the Mother of God.

### Band tuning up

The Pacer All-Star band performed for the school on May 9.

Mrs. D'Agnolo, the music teacher, is getting the musicians tuned up for a trip to Canada's Wonderland in Toronto at the end of the month where they will display their musical talents at the Band Festival.

### Lottery raises \$8,000

In the annual St. Pius Parent Council Lottery, the students raised a whopping \$8,000.

As a reward the students earned a "no

homework day", a "fun-afternoon", and keeping their promise, Mr. Lozinsky, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Favero dyed their hair the school colours –green and yellow at the school Spirit Assembly.

Since the students exceeded the original goal an extra bonus was added – Mr. Favero and

Dr. Negative (a.k.a. Mr. Murphy) took to the school track for a tricycle race. It was a tight race, but Mr. Favero edged Dr. Negative at the finish line for the victory.

### 'A Hairy Tale'

The Drama Club, under the direction of Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Bardwell, Mrs. Bachetti,

Mr. Garbula, and Mrs. Dufour have worked hard rehearsing with the cast and building backdrops for last Thursday's play, "A Hairy Tale".

The cast was amazing and delivered an outstanding performance. A standing ovation to all involved!



Shoreline Week photo: Courtesy Bob Garbula

St. Pius X teacher Ann Kameka is pictured with the International Pilgrimage of the Virgin Statue and one of its custodians, Carl Malburg, during last week's visit.

## Pacers warming up for June 4 track and field meet

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Good luck to our Grade 3 and 6 students as they will write the annual EQAO test.

Their teachers have been working diligently to prepare them since September and are con-

fidant they will all do very well.

### Track and field

Track and field head coach Mrs. Hastings-Thomson and her team of coaches are getting our athletes ready for this

year's Division A WECD SB track and field meet.

The athletes from Grades 3-8 are warming up for the big meet to be held on June 4 at the University of Windsor. Good luck to all!

# St. William's 'Big Bad Musical' a howling success!

Bravo! Congratulations goes out to all the students involved in St. William Catholic School's production of 'Big Bad Musical', a job well done!

Over the last few months, the students have been rehearsing their lines, learning musical numbers, and spending time after school perfecting their performances.

The musical was presented to the school on both Wednesday and Thursday of last week, and the students loved the play.

The concept of the play was to decide whether the Big Bad Wolf (played by Destiny B.) was guilty of terrorizing the characters of Fairy Tale Land.

The Wolf was represented by defense lawyer, Evil Step Mother (played by Lauren D.), and was being prosecuted by the Fairy Godmother (Mackenzie K.).

The Judge, (played by Alex Q.) kept the audience laughing with his funny antics, and the numerous witnesses (the Three Little Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood and her grandmother, and the boy who cried wolf) gave thrilling testimonies through song and dance!

The jury was made up of many dif-

ferent 'animals' who shared their opinions through amusing ways.

Was the Wolf guilty? It depended on which performance you attended, as the audience helped the Judge make his decision.

Kudos to the actors, the chorus members, stage crew members, and the dedicated teacher volunteers, who all spent countless hours bringing the show together.

A special thank you to the Parent Council, Mr. Bachetti and Mrs. Wismer for their support in this endeavour.

## Track and Field Fun Day

On May 8, St. William held its first annual Track and Field Fun Day at St. Anne High School.

Students in Grades 3-8 competed in various running and field events throughout the day.

A huge thank you goes to Mr. Burke and his students from St. Anne's, who were a huge part of the event that day. The high school students assisted with timing, measuring, playing music, and keeping the elementary students entertained. Thank goodness for the beautiful weather that day!



Mackenzie K. is pictured as the Fairy Godmother in St. William Catholic School's production of 'Big Bad Musical'.

Shoreline Week photo: Courtesy Jennifer Breaute

## St. Joseph School students take ownership of 35 new trees



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Keith Berdusco, John Eid and Tyler Somr pack dirt around their newly planted tree Friday, May 18. Students at St. Joseph School planted 35 new trees.

RIVER CANARD — St. Joseph School is the proud owner of 35 new trees.

Students from the elementary school were joined by older colleagues from nearby St. Thomas of Villanova as well as ERCA's Friends of Canard River group in planting trees around the school playground. Many of the hackberry, honey locust, sycamore, red oak, burr oak, basswood and autumn blaze were planted in the northeast corner of the playground.

Villanova horticulture and construction students also assisted with providing stakes to hold up the young trees as well as benches for the students to sit on.

Caroline Biribauer, Friends of Canard River co-ordinator, said two members of the group have a child going to St. Joseph and things progressed from there. She said she has had plantings at a number of schoolyards and doing one at St. Joseph "sort of seemed like a natural progression.

"This is phase one of a multi-phase plan," she added.

Trees were paid for through funds raised in the school's "music-a-thon" as well as donations from the town of LaSalle and the Detroit River Canadian Cleanup.

Principal Doris Baggio said the playground had little shade for students. The school also wanted to create an outdoor classroom so that students could learn about nature. Each class will adopt a tree and asked to help maintain it.

"We want them to keep ownership of the project," said Baggio. "The key thing is, they have to own this."

Lisa Tomac, a member of Friends of Canard River with husband Ed, said when they started bringing son Anthony to St. Joseph School three years ago they noticed a lack of shade on the playground. She was pleased Friends of Canard River was able to help with the tree planting.

"It's great education for the kids," she said. "There's going to have to be a lot of care and ownership for the kids."

Tomac added the variety of trees and the fact they were fairly tall were also benefits as was the co-operation between both St. Joseph and Villanova.

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# St. Bernard School offers its aid to St. John the Baptist Church



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Father Brian Jane (back row, centre) accepts a cheque for \$650 from students at St. Bernard School and principal LeeAnn Poisson Thursday, May 24. The money will help repair flooring underneath a section of closed off pews.

AMHERSTBURG — It was St. Bernard School's turn to help St. John the Baptist Church.

In the local Roman Catholic church's ongoing campaign to have flooring repairs done underneath a section of pews, a donation of \$650 was received from St. Bernard School last Thursday morning.

Donations had already been made by Stella Maris School and St. Theresa School.

During the recent Catholic Education Week, the students of St. Bernard participated in a "License for Loonie Day" to raise funds for our local parish to help with the restoration of some church pews, said principal LeeAnn Poisson.

A group of students made the cheque presentation to Father Brian Jane.

"Our local parish plays an active role in our Catholic school. Fr. Jane is in our school frequently visiting with our students," said Poisson. "St. Bernard's is blessed to be in walking distance for our students to be active, regular participants in the parish. Four of our classes attend weekday mass every Friday morning and the community is excited about our presence there."

Poisson added that one of the school's teachers has been bringing her class to the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the students "have expressed an eagerness to attend and have shown a sense of joy over sharing this experience with Jesus."

When the restoration is complete, a name plate will honor St. Bernard's involvement in the project, she added.

"We thought that this project was a great outreach opportunity for our students and parents to connect more actively to our parish. What a wonderful legacy for our students to leave behind!" said Poisson.

Fr. Jane said the church wants to reopen the pews as quickly as possible.

"You've helped us in a good way," he told the students. "The parishioners appreciated it."

The project is out for tender right now, Fr. Jane added, and he expects to get the results in the next three weeks.

"We'll know in three weeks how much we have to spend," he said

St. Anne's bats on fire

WINDSOR THIS WEEK - MAY 24/12



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A slopitch player from St. Anne's Catholic High School swings at the ball in a game against Vincent Massey Secondary School at Curry Park on May 17. St. Anne's bats were on fire beating Massey 17-5 Thursday afternoon. Shannon Deehan went 3-3 with two runs, and Hannah O'Neal 2-2 with two runs as well.

# World famous International Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima comes to Stella Maris



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Alfreda Welsh stands near the International Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima when the statue was at Stella Maris School Wednesday, May 23. The statue was at St. Clement's Church in McGregor in 1953 when Welsh married her husband Douglas.

AMHERSTBURG — A world famous statue found its way to Stella Maris School last Wednesday.

However, it was a visitor to the school that may have found it the most special

The International Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima made its way to the school and was viewed by the students in three separate groups. Alfreda Welsh visited the school from Essex and noted she had seen the statue once before.

Welsh and husband Douglas were married at St. Clement's Church in McGregor in 1953 and enjoyed 57 years of marriage before his death in Dec. 2010.

"The Our Lady of Fatima statue was at the church the day I was married," she said. "It all started with Our Lady of Fatima."

The 40 lbs. wooden statue was brought to Stella Maris by custodian/director Carl Malburg and helper Charles Urban.

"This statue is a world traveler," said Malburg. "It goes everywhere."

Malburg noted the story goes back to Fatima, Portugal where he said the Virgin Mary appeared to three children May 13, 1917. As the story goes, the Virgin Mary appeared on the 13th of each month afterward until Oct. 13, 1917 when as many as 100,000 people gathered in a field near Fatima where a "great miracle of the sun" was witnessed.

"The Catholic church is very cautious about mysteries like that," he said.

The statue was sculpted in 1947 by Jose Thedim and has since traveled the world. At one point, the home base of the statue was Toronto but it has since been moved around the globe and has now returned to North America where it is based in the United States.



# 'Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk'

*Mock collision instills powerful message on St. Anne students*

By Emily Zakoor  
Special to Shoreline Week

The Grade 11 and 12 students of St. Anne's High School were given a valuable lesson that will hopefully last a lifetime.

With the St. Anne prom on May 18, Maria McCann, head of the Parent Council, and principal Sherrilynn Colley-Vegh thought it was very important to instill the message of being safe and not driving while impaired.

Under the direction of Mrs. McCann, the police department, fire department, and emergency response department all came to the school to give a presentation on the dangers of impaired driving.

Every minute in North America, one person is injured from an alcohol-related crash.

## First-hand experience

Mrs. Colley-Vegh, sadly enough, can relate to this statistic because of her first-hand experience. Both of her sisters were involved in alcohol related crashes.



Shoreline Week photo: Courtesy Jim Nehmetallah

St. Anne High School student Justine Anderson, covered in blue blanket, portrays a victim in a mock fatal collision last week.

One of her sisters was hit by three impaired teens. Her life was brought to a standstill for the next year while she endured many surgeries.

The other was in a car with an impaired driver, and like the picture above, ended up through the windshield. She sustained devastating injuries that required numerous corrective facial and stomach surgeries.

Their lives will never be the same.

"The students know that drinking and driving is dangerous," Mrs. Colley-Vegh said.

"What they need to know is how to help those around them. They need to prevent other people from driving while impaired to avoid these accidents."

The presentation was very emotional and inspiring. With the collaboration of the OPP, fire department, and EMS, drama teacher Mrs. Livermore

put together the demonstration of a car crash with her students.

"The kids auditioned for the roles and really got into character to make the demonstration as meaningful as possible," said Mrs. Livermore.

Everyone helping to run the presentation tried to make it as realistic as possible. They went as far as cutting the roof off a car using the jaws of life to "rescue" one of the trapped students.

"I think the demonstration was a lot more effective than just hearing it from teachers and guest speakers," Grade 12 student Arielle Desamito said.

"It gave us a glimpse of what a car crash would really be like."

The organizers hope that the message students take away from the presentation is to be safe, especially on prom night, and to help prevent others from getting behind the wheel while under the influence.

# Living Rosary Celebration at St. William

On May 18, St. William Catholic School students participated in a Living Rosary Celebration.

With the support of Good Shepherd Church, especially Deacon Roy Brothers and Fr. David Butler, the Honour Guard from the Knights of Columbus, and Grade 5 teacher Denise Masse, the students honoured and prayed to our Blessed Mother Mary.

The purpose of the Rosary is to help keep in memory certain principal events or mysteries in the history of our salvation, and to thank and praise God for them. Grade 8 students read the mysteries and led the school in prayer while their Grade 2 partners held a ball, meant to symbolize the beads of the rosary.

These grades were chosen as pivotal leaders in the celebration due to the fact that the Grade 8 students have been Confirmed this year, while our Grade 2 students have participated in their First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation.

A special thank you to Deacon Brothers who, throughout the year, has lead all the grades in reciting and praying the rosary.

### Congratulations Mrs. Pearce!

A special congratulations to Mrs. Pearce, who gave birth to a beautiful little girl, Taliah Kimberly Pearce on Thursday May 17.

### Upcoming events

Grade 3 and 6 students will be taking the EQAO tests over the week. Good luck students!

On May 29, WECDSB's Elementary Day of Champions at Villanova High School is taking place.

Members of the school's All-Star Band head to Canada's Wonderland for a performance on May 30.

June 4 is the WECDSB's A Division Track and Field Meet at the University of Windsor.



St. William Catholic School students from Grades 2 and 8 are pictured at the Living Rosary Celebration.

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Courtesy Jennifer Breault

# Cardinal Carter student chefs win top prize

BY JULIE KOTSIS, THE WINDSOR STAR MAY 30, 2012



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Cardinal Carter students Diane Khoury, left, Jaclyn Iversen, Brandon LeGroulx and Natercia Morais won the Iron Gryphon Culinary Competition at St. Clair College. Apples were the secret ingredient they had to include in the team's recipes.

Four budding high school chefs cooked their way to the Iron Gryphon Culinary Competition title at St. Clair College, winning for their apple walnut cake.

Cardinal Carter students Diane Khoury, Natercia Morais, Jaclyn Iversen and Brandon LeGroulx beat the public school board's Herman team with three dishes, apple walnut cake with maple cream cheese icing; shrimp and apple curry; and kahlua apple empanadas.

Khoury, 17, Morais, 18, Iversen, 17, and LeGroulx, 16, used the secret ingredient - apples - in all three of their recipes. They had one hour to prepare three servings of each for the judges - St. Clair chefs Leo Grado and David Cantin.

Under the guidance of hospitality and tourism teacher Ann-Marie Brush, and with the advance help of manager and fellow student Chris Barraco, 16, the students prepared their culinary creations in the Chez Talbot kitchen at St. Clair with Brush's Grade 10-11 hospitality classes looking on.

They learned only one week earlier what the secret ingredient was. The students tested recipes supplied by Brush and made the final decision on what to enter.

Brush said the team's apple walnut cake was the judges' favourite, scoring 81 out of a possible 90 points.

"The kids do it all," Brush said. "The team really surprised me with how well they performed together."

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