

# A great start at St. William!

Welcome back to all of our wonderful students as we begin a fresh new school year, full of opportunities for academic, spiritual, and social growth.

Although the first day began with a little rain, it did little to dampen the spirits of St. William Catholic School staff and students as they began a new journey together.

Excited little faces, and some tired adolescent faces, greeted the staff in the gymnasium last Tuesday as students discovered who their new teacher would be.

As the day went on, the nerves settled down as the children settled into their new classrooms and routines.

As our school community continues to grow, St. William's would like to send a special welcome to all of the new students that



St. William Catholic School students, from left, Everett P., Kade B., Andrew S., and Alex L. are pictured on the first day of school.

Photo courtesy of Jennifer Breault

enrolled over the summer and their families, welcome to our school community.

New enrollments are still being accepted for any families that are new to the area.

The new school year also brought some new staff to our school to share their love of learning: Mr. Michael Pio

(vice-principal), Marion Phaneuf (secretary), Joe Fata (FSL), Lynn Kummer (LSST), Ed Raposo (instrumental music), Lori Briand, Susan Johns, and Stephanie Pavao (educational assistants).

Our custodians spent endless hours this summer cleaning the school to prepare it for the new

year, and it looks fabulous.

Thanks gentlemen for all your hard work, the school looks great!

## Meet the Teacher night

The first week was a busy one!

Last Thursday was the annual Meet the Teacher night. It was a huge success and numerous families came out to the school yard to meet their child(ren)'s teacher and enjoy a serving of delicious ice cream.

A special thank you to the Parent Council for volunteering their time to serve the ice cream, and run the raffle.

Spirit wear was also available for sizing that evening. Remember to send in your clothing orders to the school!

Also in the first week, boys and girls soccer try-outs have begun.

Good luck Wildcats, it's going to be a great year!

# Harrow schools kick off 2012-2013 school year

by Heather Marentette

The streets of Harrow have been bustling with activity these past two weeks as students of all ages headed back to the classroom for another year of learning beginning on Tuesday, September 4.

Over the past year, many changes have gone on in Harrow schools from building closures, school mergers and the welcoming of new faces, making this a year of firsts for many students and staff members.

Over at St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School, Principal Carl Bull said that he's excited for the upcoming school year which will bring with it many changes and new experiences. Launching this year at the school will be a new technological initiative which includes the use of 10 new Apple iPads for students. Bull and other staff members are currently in the process of integrating the iPads across all grade levels in the areas of literacy, numeracy, sciences, special education and more. This new initiative also coincides with the launching of the school's new Student Media Club for students in grades 3 to 8 which will take place at the end of this month.

"The goal of these new initiatives is to ensure that students are up to date on the latest technologies out there and able to utilize it to enhance the things that they do," said Bull. "These days, it's so important for a young person to be on top of technology, which is ever changing...we want to make sure that they are media savvy and can apply critical

thinking skills when it comes to using technology."

In addition to these changes, Bull said that he's particularly proud of the fact that the school added on one additional classroom this year to accommodate an increase in the student population, especially at a time when other schools are facing closure due to low enrolment numbers.

"We're very excited to be doing so well and were more than happy to add on another classroom."



**Angela Beneteau**

Two new staff members also joined the ranks at St. Anthony's this year including Angela Beneteau. Beneteau has been working in the field since 1998 and comes to St. Anthony's this year as the school's new music teacher. Prior to coming to the Harrow school, she taught for 10 years at St. Theresa School. Beneteau said that she has a passion for music and loves sharing that passion with students.

"It's a really fun subject and the kids just love it, said Beneteau.

Lorraine Roy, a Learning Support Services Teacher (L.S.S.T), came to St. Anthony's this year from St. Theresa School. Roy has been working in the field for



**Lorraine Roy**

around 20 years and also has experience working at St. Bernard Catholic Elementary School.

## Cougars beat Massey; improve to 2-0



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The Cardinal Carter Cougars improved their record to 2-0, following Friday's 39-22 win over the Massey Mustangs. Matt Gayer once again led the squad, scoring four touchdowns, making that eight touchdowns in just two games. Matteo DelBrocco added two and Mike Dos Santos added three extra points. Above, Carter's Austin Bento and Matteo Del Brocco go up for the interception.

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# BBQ at St. Anthony School



St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School in Harrow held a meet the teacher barbecue last Tuesday, September 18 to welcome former and new students along with their families to another school year. Despite the cloudy skies overhead and rain, the event was a big success, attracting large crowds of students and their families to the school.



# Annual Terry Fox Walk at St. Joseph's High School

About 350 students from St. Joseph's Catholic High School in Windsor took part in the annual Terry Fox Walk last week.

The walk took place along the Ganatchio Trail, stopping at Sand Point Beach and then back to the school.

The event has been going on at the school for over 15 years and has raised well over \$100,000.

**(Right photo)** Artwork of Terry Fox, designed by Matthew Bhanks with help from several other students.

**(Left photo)** St. Joseph's students participate in the annual Terry Fox Walk.

Shoreline Week photos: Matt Weingarden



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Senior Kindergarten student Jack F. goes on a 'technology hunt' in the new computer lab at St. William Catholic School.

## New technology centre for St. William students

This year at St. William Catholic School, all students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 will be spending time in the new technology centre.

Under the direction of technology teacher Mrs. Spencer, students will be using iPads, iPods, Smartboards, laptops, and desktops to supplement their learning in different subjects such as literacy, numeracy and science.

Over the past two weeks, Mrs. Spencer has helped the older students gain access to Tools to Go (Google Docs) so that they can work on group projects in their own home, sharing information and piecing together completed work.

The junior grades have been creating their own avatars on bitstrips-forschools.com, where they will be able to create comic strips on different subjects.

The primary students have been exploring the different types of technology available.

Mrs. Spencer even created a fun "Technology Hunt" for the Junior and Senior Kindergartners, where they used their magic magnifying glasses to locate where they could find things such as the iPads.

### Activities

Both the girls' and boys' soccer teams are up and running, practicing daily to hone their skills.

Games are starting, and under the direction

of Mr. Janisse and Mr. Pio, the teams will do great!

The Recycling team is already in full swing, making sure that all the paper, plastic, glass, and tetra paks are properly recycled and sent to the curb for pickup.

Way to help the environment Wildcats! Many clubs and cross country will be starting soon.

# St. Bernard School holds its Terry Fox Run for both fundraising and awareness



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St. Bernard School students walk around the track as part of their Terry Fox Run Friday, October 5. The event raised over \$ but also gave students knowledge of the heroism of Terry Fox.

AMHERSTBURG — The school-wide Terry Fox Run held by St. Bernard School Friday afternoon was more than just about fundraising.

Vice principal John Mazlounian organized the event and said while they have been fundraising for several weeks, it was the awareness aspect he is trying to hammer home with the students.

"We wanted to raise awareness for cancer research," Mazlounian explained.

Mazlounian also pointed out several students were unaware of Terry Fox and the contributions he made to the fight against cancer during his lifetime.

"A lot of kids didn't know who Terry Fox was so we wanted to let them know what a Canadian hero he was," said Mazlounian.

Fox was a hero to Mazlounian growing up and he said he wanted to pass that along to the students. The awareness portion, plus the fundraising, were "two positives" that came out of the event.

"So far we've raised just over \$200 with money still coming in," added Mazlounian.

Students from JK through Grade 8 participated and Mazlounian said he liked seeing all the students, teachers and parents come together.

"We like to have a family atmosphere here at school," he said. "It builds the community. We have parents here today. It's great."

# Schools hold can drives for St. Vincent de Paul



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Stella Maris School raised 1,586 cans and non-perishable items for the St. Vincent de Paul in Amherstburg. The drive was over two weeks and concluded Friday, September 28.

AMHERSTBURG — A pair of local Catholic elementary schools have stepped up to the plate with can drives for the local chapter of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

The Amherstburg St. Vincent de Paul chapter will receive approximately 4,300 cans and other non-perishable goods from St. Bernard School and Stella Maris School. Both schools concluded their can drives last Friday.

St. Bernard School collected approximately 2,700 cans and non-perishable items in a one-week time period. Grade 8 teacher Renee St. Pierre oversaw the can drive and came away with the school's performance.

"There's only a population of 205 students," said St. Pierre. "That's unreal. They've got something to be proud of."

Some students went door-to-door searching for cans and non-perishable items while others went shopping with their parents for them, she pointed out.

"For them to bring this many cans in, that's crazy. We're very proud," said St. Pierre.

Stella Maris School's two-week can drive resulted in 1,586 cans and non-perishable items. Principal Bridget Russo said the can drive coincides with the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul which was Sept. 27.

"Every year, we like to help," said Russo. "We do a two-week drive for cans and non-perishable items. It goes back into the community. I think it's a beautiful thing."



# St. Joseph School raises \$1,000 in Terry Fox Run



By Ron Giofu, Amherstburg Echo  
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Grade 8 teacher Angela Knapp (far right) leads a group of students and teachers through the St. Joseph School playground a Terry Fox Run held at the school Thursday, September 27. This group, and many others, helped raise \$1,000.

RIVER CANARD — The Terry Fox Run made its return to St. Joseph School and raised \$1,000 in the process.

The school held its Terry Fox Run last Thursday afternoon with the entire school doing laps of the playground and neighboring park. Grade 8 teacher and event organizer Angela Knapp said the intermediate students were going to try and do a 5K run.

"We did this about four or five years ago," said Knapp, who noted it fell off with a can drive run its place.

The school still did a can drive this year, with proceeds going to the Downtown Mission in Windsor, but revived the Terry Fox Run after a similar run was held in LaSalle Sept. 15.

"I ran and some of my kids ran Sunday the 16th," said Knapp. "I thought we'd try and do it."

Knapp said they tried to keep things simple and did a "Toonies for Terry" drive.

"I think most kids know someone who has had cancer," said Knapp, adding that a teacher in the school also recovered from cancer.

"I'm really proud of them," added principal Doris Baggio.

Baggio said additional funding was raised at a recent ice cream social the students put on.

"This is what we do as Catholics," she said. "We give back and we try to do our best."

Grade 8 students Joey Corio and Raenah Barbarossa were pleased to be able to participate.

"It's great," said Corio. "We get to run for charity. We all know people who have died from cancer so it's great to be able to run for them."

"I'm honored to run because I know a lot of people who have died of cancer," added Barbarossa.

Barbarossa thought the Terry Fox Run was a great thing for the school to be doing.

"If we can help find a cure for cancer, then it's a good idea," she said.

# Drive One 4 UR School raises \$1,300 for St. Joseph School



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Joe Meloche Ford Sales presented a \$1,300 cheque to the Catholic school council at St. Joseph School Wednesday, September 26. The funds were raised at a Drive One 4 UR School fundraiser held at the dealership in the spring. From left: vice-chair Susan Gillis, Shirley Meloche of Joe Meloche Ford Sales, grade rep Lisa Tomac and chair Rose DeLuca. Absent is event organizer John Chittaro.

RIVER CANARD — The dividends from a fundraiser held in the spring are starting to pay off for St. Joseph School.

The school held a Drive One 4 UR School fundraiser in conjunction with Joe Meloche Ford May 28-June 2 at the Amherstburg dealership but the official cheque presentation was made at the school last Wednesday evening.

St. Joseph School received a \$1,300 cheque from Shirley Meloche.

"It's an awesome way of fundraising," said Lisa Tomac, grade rep with the school's Catholic school council.

Tomac said people that participated could take a test drive with \$20 being donated to the school per ride.

Vice-chair Susan Gillis said the proceeds will go to the "educational enrichment of the children."

"A large portion is going to the music program we've been fundraising for," added Tomac.

Through this and other fundraisers, approximately \$14,000 has been raised for new instruments and related materials needed for the music program. Thus far, St. Joseph School has raised about \$14,000.

The fundraiser was also organized by Catholic school council member John Chittaro and supported by principal Doris Baggio.

Meloche noted the dealership also gave free car washes to participants. The Drive One 4 UR School program is presented by Ford Motor Company.

"The staff at Joe Meloche Ford guided the test drivers and together raised \$1,300 for the school," said Meloche. "Thank you to the staff and parents who came out to support their school. Special thanks to parents John Chittaro and Lisa Tomac for their hard work."

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# St. Anne holds annual Terry Fox Walk



St. Anne High School students held their annual Terry Fox Walk yesterday with a 7K route in the nearby community, followed by a BBQ lunch in the courtyard. Pictured at left are students from last year's event, for which St. Anne ranked eighth in Ontario for fundraising totals with \$24,600. They have raised \$106,700 in the past five years.

Photo courtesy of Sherrilynn Colley-Vegh

# Books of Life launched

## St. Gregory among participating schools

The Ontario Teachers' Federation held a launch of the works of Ontario's students from Books of Life last weekend at The Word on the Street Festival, Toronto at Queen's Park Circle.

The Books from all participating schools, including St. Gregory in Tecumseh, were on display at a booth in KidStreet section of the festival.

Books of Life is an Aboriginal education awareness and literacy initiative of

the OTF, funded by the Ontario government.

Supported by their teachers, students from diverse school populations created books about their lives.

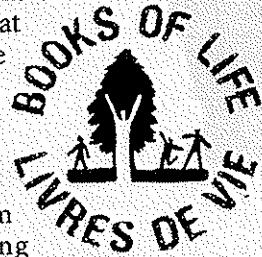
They exchanged their books with students in other schools, enhancing understanding of each other.

Large schools were linked with small; rural with urban; northern with southern.

Each class chose the theme and form of its Books of Life, which were exchanged with its matched school.

Annually attracting more than 200,000 visitors to its Queen's Park Circle location, The Word on the Street Toronto is the largest book and magazine festival in Canada.

Source: Ontario Teachers' Federation



# St. Anthony School students honour Terry Fox legacy



Students from St. Anthony School marched around the school block and down the streets of Harrow last week during their annual Terry Fox Walk, carrying hand-made signs and banners.



St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School in Harrow held their annual Terry Fox Walk last Friday, September 28. The school's students raised around \$200 in support of the local chapter of the Canadian Cancer Society.

by Heather Marentette  
 Students of St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School in Harrow honoured the legacy of Terry Fox last week during their annual walk and fundraiser in support of the local chapter of the Canadian Cancer Society.

On Friday, September 28, staff and students from JK to grade 8 participated in the event, walking around the school and into town carrying posters and banners proclaiming "We Are Terry Fox." The school has been hosting the Terry Fox Walk for a number of years under the leadership of teacher, Beth Marontate. According to St. Anthony School principal, Carl Bull, the students were successful in

raising more funds than last year, coming in around \$200.

"The kids are always very committed to this fundraiser and Mrs. Marontate does an incredible job motivating them and putting this whole thing together," said Bull.

In July of 1980, after having one leg amputated due to cancer, Terry Fox embarked on his Marathon of Hope across Canada, starting in St. John's, Newfoundland. With the goal of raising \$24 million for cancer research, one dollar for every Canadian citizen, Fox ran the equivalent of a full marathon every day. One hundred and forty-three days into his journey, Fox was forced to end his run just outside of Thunder Bay when the

cancer spread to his lungs.

"It's important for the students to have knowledge of Canadian heroes and appreciate the legacies they leave behind...they learn that a legacy is something that endures and that any one person can do great things and leave a legacy behind."

Prior to taking off on their walk, Bull addressed the students and showed a short video highlighting Terry Fox's journey. He explained that Fox was an average man just like everyone else who chose to do incredible things with his life.

"We're all average people, just like Terry Fox and we all have the opportunity to do great things."

Documenting the event every step of the way on Friday were members of the school's newly formed Media Club, made up of students from grades 5 to 8. New to the school this year, the students will have the opportunity to develop electronic content for the school's newly launched blog, conduct interviews with staff and students about things going on around the school, and much more.

Armed with their new Apple iPads, groups of students set out on Friday, filming the Terry Fox Walk - the first official assignment for members of the Media Club.

"Everyone will take turns contributing content to the blog," said Bull. "Through this we're hoping that they'll learn some really neat technical skills as well as leadership skills."

To view footage from the Terry Fox Walk and other contributions to the school's blog, visit [www.stanthonyharrow.blogspot.com](http://www.stanthonyharrow.blogspot.com).