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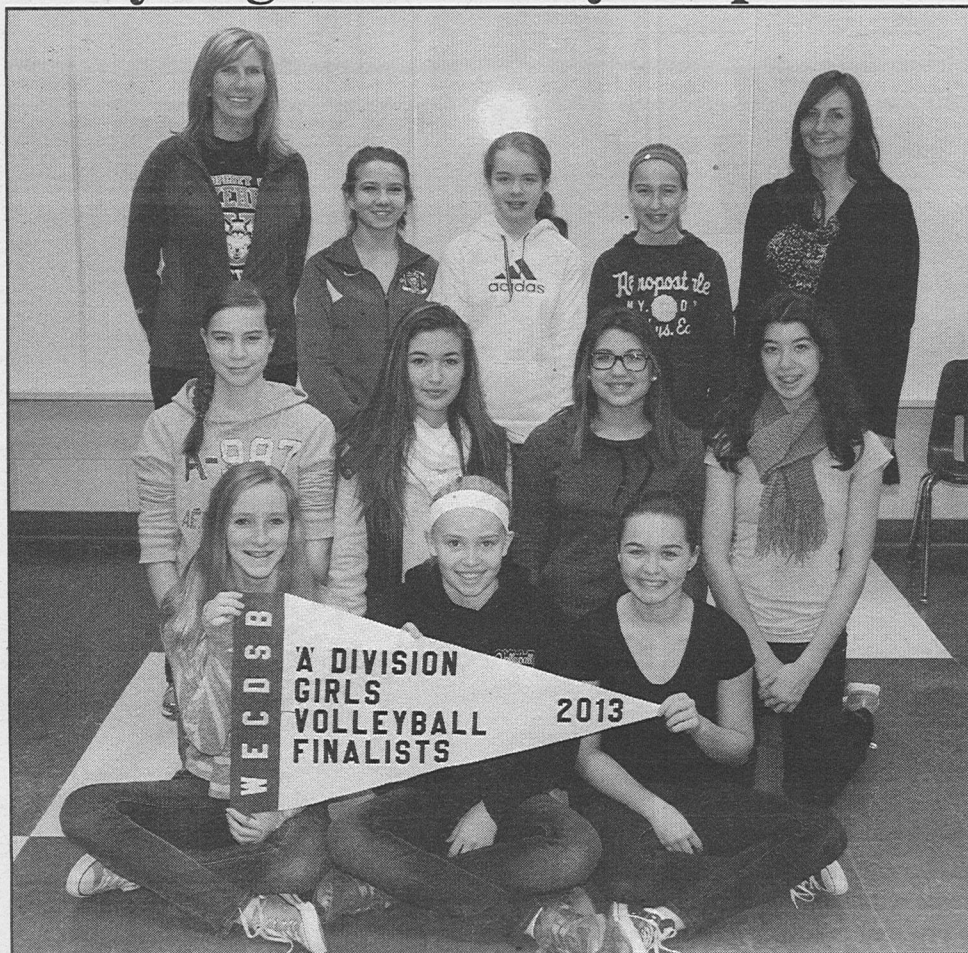
St. John Eagles collect for Toys4Tots



Students at St. John de Brebeuf have been busy assisting the Toys4Tots campaign. Toys have been donated and will be picked-up this week to be given out as Christmas gifts. The students also recently held a food drive to assist The St. Vincent de Paul Society. These are some of the many endeavours the students embark on during the school year. Pictured, members of Student Council show off some of the donated items.

Photo by Steve l'Anson

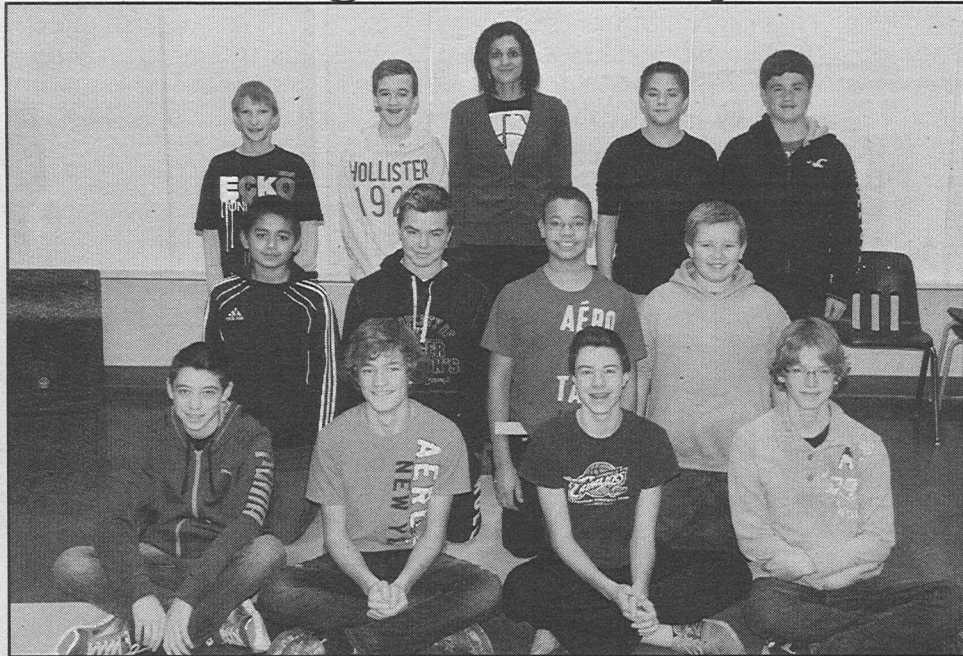
Lady Eagles win volleyball pennant



The St. John de Brebeuf Lady Eagles won the KDHS Feeder School volleyball tournament this season. They also finished in second place in the board-wide tournament after enjoying an outstanding season on the hardcourt. Pictured above, team members include (back row, left to right) Coach Mrs. Debergh, Ally Sands, Emily Leili, Carson Dickinson, Coach Mrs. Lariviere, (middle row) Emily Bacon, Juliana Hernandez, Kylie Pavao, Alessia Quenneville, (front row) Kayleigh Debergh, Ayden Ryan and Hannah Nicholson. Absent are Lauren Brown and Maddy Borland.

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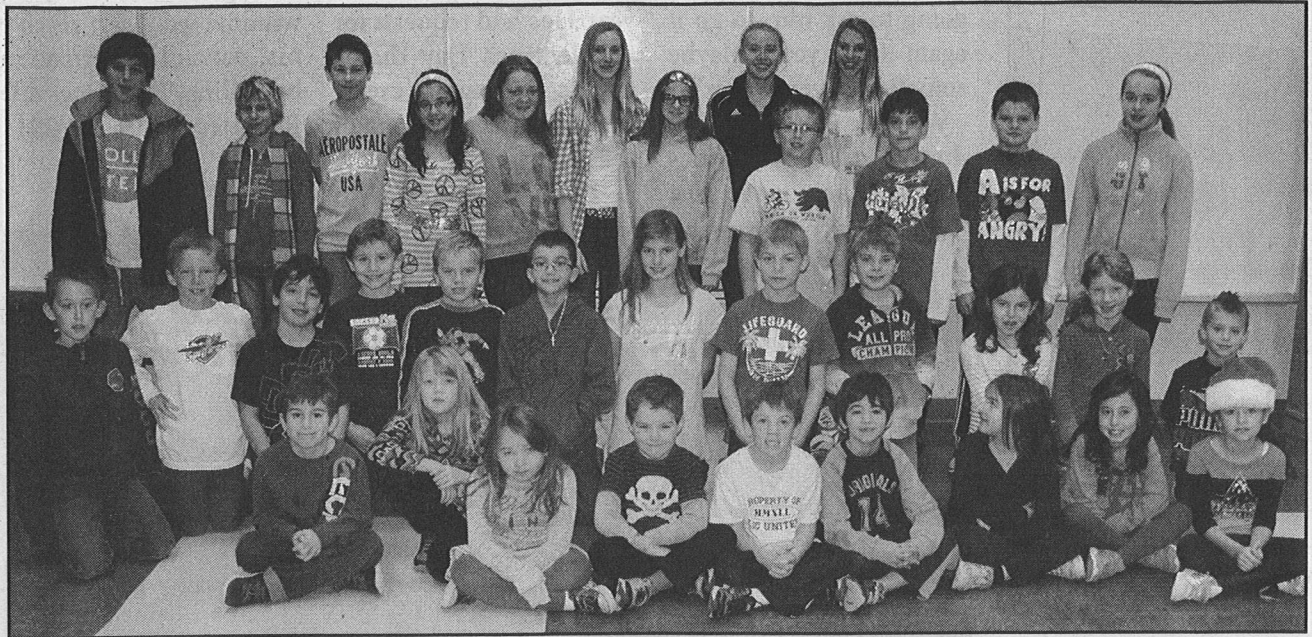
St. John Eagles take volleyball title



Pictured are the members of the St. John de Brebeuf boys' volleyball team who won the KDHS Feeder School tournament. They include (back row, left to right) Aaron Leili, Austin Marr, Coach Mrs. Janisse, Luke Soulliere, Sawyer Desmarais, (middle row) Joshua Hernandez, Carter Mastronardi, Dawson Lovell, Matthew Hicks, (front row) Matthew McGregor, Jordyn Lewis, Carter Janisse and Brayden Dufour.

Photo by Steve l'Anson

St. John Students of the Month recognized for problem solving



Pictured are the St. John de Brebeuf Students of the Month for November. The theme was 'Problem Solving'. The group includes Lincoln Rodrigues, Shyla Rocha, Ethan Baker, Emma Marentette, Ethan Rodrigues, Matteo Vilardi, Rayne Everaert, Haley Mastronardi, Zachary Tinus, Autumn Pavao, Nico Shaften, Michael Hicks, Matthew Reekie, Sage Stapleton, Owen Barnes, Kiara Mastronardi, Bart van Paassen, Emma Stravato, Neville Ryan, Sarah Legg, Garret Coppola, Gideon Spevak, Emily Bacon, Austin Severino, Emily Leili, Eryn Lewis, Tyler Gates, Sebastian Del Brocco, Shayla Coppola, Spencer Rebkowec, Ayden Ryan, Kayleigh Debergh, Julia Pearce, Brooke Pare, Hannah Derbyshire,

Luca Quenneville, Calum Brennan and Angelo Coppola.

Photo by Steve l'Anson

Santa's elves are ready for Christmas



Santa's elves are ready for Christmas after assisting at the St. John de Brebeuf School Carnival last Tuesday.

Photo by Steve l'Anson

Grade six student initiates toy drive at local school

Luca Quenneville wanted to make a difference in the lives of others this holiday season. The grade six student at St. John de Brebeuf did just that when he organized a school-wide toy drive.

Luca initially approached a couple of teachers, asking them if they would help him carry forth his idea to get the entire school involved in the Toys 4 Tots drive.

His idea to "give to the less fortunate" really didn't surprise staff or students at St. John.

"Luca is a student that

everyone recognizes to be a leader and a difference maker," said Principal Mr. Chambers. "He is part of Student Council at school and is always leading with a kind heart."

One idea, from one boy, led to hundreds of new toys to Toys 4 Tots, as well as over \$500 to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

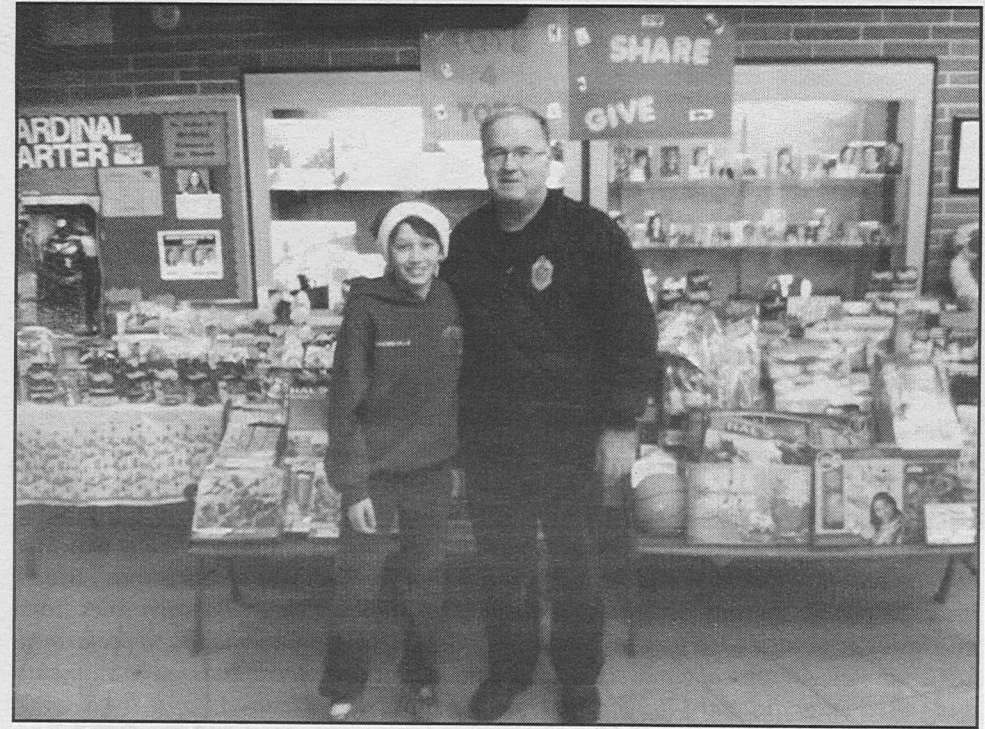
"Getting kids to recognize that Christmas is about giving and not receiving is sometimes a tough message to send home," Chambers. "We are truly blessed at St. John de Brebeuf to have staff,

students and parents who continually step up when there are opportunities to give."

For Luca, the entire experience has been something special.

"I wanted to make sure nobody went without," said Luca, son of Gary Quenneville and Dr. Lisa Di Gioia. "I hoped to collect one-hundred toys but ended up with over three-hundred. People really helped out and I couldn't have done it without them."

Luca admits that he feels really good about what's



Grade six student Luca Quenneville initiated a toy drive for Toys4Tots at St. John de Brebeuf School which, was an overwhelming success. Pictured, Luca is seen beside an impressed Fire Chief, Bob Kissner Jr.

been accomplished.

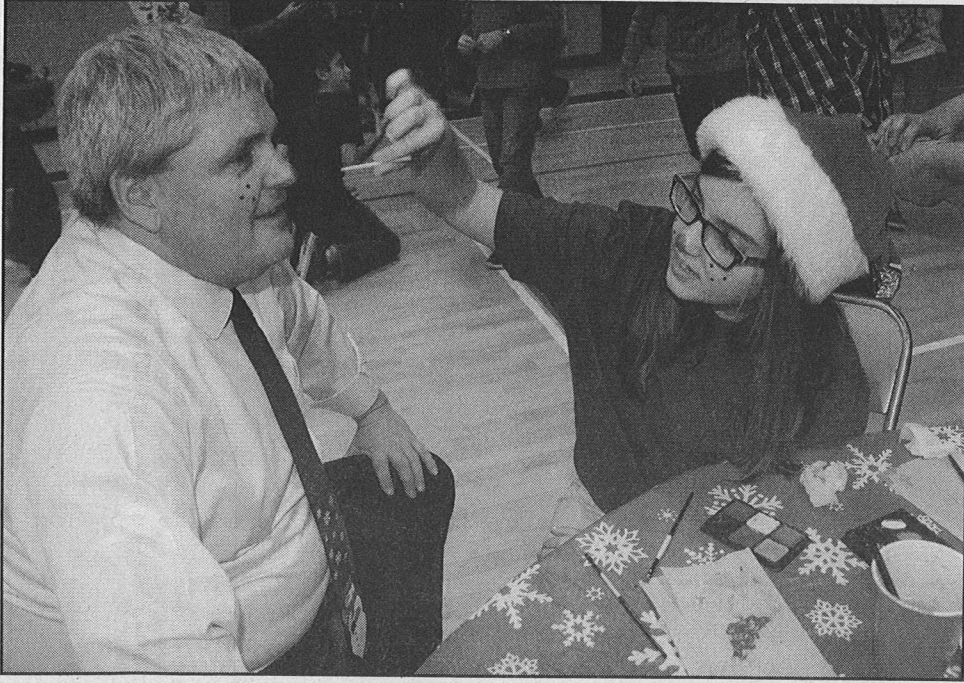
"I've never felt this way before," he stated. "I'll probably do it again next year and hopefully others

will follow in my footsteps and do something."

Luca admitted that he loves playing with toys and said of those receiving

toys this Christmas, "I hope they are happy and know what people care about them."

Photo of the week



Brooke Gable has the honour of painting the face of St. John de Brebeuf Principal Jeff Chambers at the school's annual Christmas Carnival.

World Champion boxer Mary Spencer comes to Essex

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by Fred Groves

A positive outlook will take you far in life.

That is the message three-time World Boxing Champion Mary Spencer delivered to the students at Holy Name Elementary School in Essex on Monday afternoon.

Speaking to students in Grade 4 to 8, Spencer said that she learned early in her career that there are many obstacles in life's journey, but staying positive will have its rewards. She said that she has learned that how we react to a situation makes us stronger.

Spencer told the story of how, when she was training for her first World Championship in Russia, it was canceled at the last minute.

"We kept on training and we got a call from Boxing Canada and got some good news that it was back on. The bad news was that three of my teammates weren't ready."

The result of her eventual trip to Russia was that she won the gold medal, was named the event's top boxer and eventually went on to win two more world titles, became an eight-time Canadian champion and a five-time Pan-Am Games gold medalist.

Asked by one student what she felt was the benefits of boxing, Spencer answered, "I think of how fortunate I am to do something I love. I get to train and speak to amazing students like you and travel around the world."

The 28-year-old, who now lives in Windsor, is originally from Warton, Ontario. She had aspirations to box when she was 11, but it was when she was 17 and actually doing cross training for basketball that she took on the sport full-time.



When she first began, her coach told her that there were three types of athletes, including those rare individuals who are the first at the gym, the last to leave, and give it their all every day to achieve their goals.

"I thought about that and I said I wanted to be a champion and see how far I can go in this sport," said Spencer.

She has had a total of 150 fights since she first climbed into the ring in 2002. Of those, she has won a remarkable 137. Perhaps the biggest loss came in the 2012 Olympics in London where she was eliminated in the quarterfinals. Spencer, a national-carded and funded athlete, now has her sights on the 2016 Olympics in Brazil.

With no aspirations to fight in the MMA or turn professional, the left-handed boxer said, "When I am ready to hang up my gloves, it will be as an Olympian."

Following her visit to Holy Name, where she was presented with a Hawks' shirt and a medallion, Spencer took time to pose for photos with the students. Later, she did a training session at Fitness Fury that included several Essex Councillors.

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St. Joseph's H.S. receives \$25,000 grant

St. Joseph's Catholic High School is one of only 100 schools in North America to receive a grant through State Farm's Celebrate My Drive program.

Students learned of the news on Wednesday when State Farm community relations representative Zac Stevenson surprised them with the announcement.

St. Joseph's was presented with a \$25,000 grant, which will focus on safe driving habits and emphasize the benefits of safe choices as teens celebrate the freedom that comes with getting a driver's license.

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St. Gregory choir, rock band perform at WFCU Centre



ROCK BAND: Pictured, from left, are Kegan Morkin, Christian Notte, and Nicholas Bolton with Drew St. Amour in the background on the keyboard.

Students enjoy watching Windsor Express basketball game

The St. Gregory School choir and rock band as they performed at a Windsor Express basketball game at the WFCU Centre recently.

Well over 60 choir members sang the national anthem with pride and the rock band performed to an enthusiastic audience throughout the game.

Prior to the game, students met the Express mascot 'Coal Train.' They also had courtside seats and watched the talented Windsor Express players warm up.

This was a very memorable event for the students and the Windsor Express basketball organization are proud to work with the St. Gregory students and community in making this an annual tradition.

Safe driving and pig kissing share St. Joe's stage

The Windsor Star

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St. Joseph's Catholic High School principal Tish Hedderson gets up close with a pig after her students raised more than \$7,000 in their annual Terry Fox Walkathon. Hedderson promised to kiss a pig if they made the goal. (JASON KRYK/ The Windsor Star)

Kissing a pig and then announcing her school has won \$25,000 — St. Joseph high school principal Tish Hedderson sure knows how to hold an assembly.

There was gymnasium pandemonium Wednesday afternoon as students at the east end Catholic school received that one-two punch. The pig kissing was the payoff promised if students raised at least \$5,000 for their Terry Fox walk earlier this fall. They raised \$6,252.55. A squirming Hamlet the mini-pig was paraded out in front of the screaming and hooting student body, so Hedderson could grab hold and plant a nice smack on its pink snout.



"That was a lot of work!" the principal told the cheering crowd. Then she hit them with the surprise news that an Oct. 16 to 26 safe driving campaign to have students make the online commitment to not text and drive had won the school \$25,000.



St. Joseph's Catholic High School staff and students are all smiles they are presented with a \$25,000 cheque by State Farm Insurance after they won the Celebrate My Drive safe teen driving campaign. (JASON KRYK/ The Windsor Star)

About 3,500 high schools across North America participated in the State Farm Insurance Celebrate my Drive program, and St. Joe's is one of 100 schools winning grants based on the number of students making a safe driving commitment.

Students were asked to go online once a day to make the commitment. Student council prime minister Noah Pickering said St. Joe's students made more than 11,000 commitments. He said the campaign wasn't just a way to make some cash; students came away better informed about safe driving.

"We promoted it a lot throughout that week, so I guess those things stuck in their heads," said Pickering.

Student council could have chosen any driving safety issue to commit to but chose texting and driving because "it's a big problem nowadays," said deputy prime minister Taiana Krikella.

And it's not just students who are guilty, Pickering said. "If you come up to a red light, you see people texting and driving."

About 13 per cent of drivers are teenagers, and yet teen drivers account for about one-quarter of all injuries and fatalities on the road, according to Canadian statistics.

"So they're getting hurt and killed at disproportionate numbers, relative to the number of them who are licensed," says Alex Kelly, co-ordinator of Project Gearshift, a national campaign started this year to try to bring those numbers down.

Traffic accidents are the leading cause of death for young people in Canada. In 2008, the most recent year in which statistics are available, 266 teens between the ages of 15 and 19 were killed. The rate of 11.8 per 100,000 is about double the fatality rate for people aged 40 to 64.

A big reason for the high number of teen driving fatalities is simple inexperience, said Kelly. But another factor is developmental. Young people's brains are still forming up to age 25, making important neural connections that allow them to approach risk in a different way, she said.

"When addition to inexperience, it's also distractions related to friends (including text messaging while driving), high emotions and also the idea that the car is becoming an extension of their social setting," said Kelly.

Hedderson said the school hopes to use its \$25,000 for bleachers on its outdoor sports field and electronic equipment for inside the school, and will devote 10 per cent toward making a video about safe teen driving.



St. Joseph's Catholic High School principal Tish Hedderson reacts to kissing a pig after her students raised more than \$7,000 in their annual Terry Fox Walkathon. (JASON KRYK/ The Windsor Star)

Cardinal Carter celebrates 10th year of Dance-o-logy



The evening also included performances by students attending CC's feeder schools, Queen of Peace, St. Louis, St. John de Brabeuf and Holy Name. Above St. John's students perform 'Hey Mickey'.

Dance-o-logy X

Special to The Southpoint Sun by Pat Bailey

What started as a mini recital 10 years ago, has turned into a major dance showcase at Cardinal Carter Secondary School.

And last week, after months of hard work, director and dance teacher Maggie Sonoski took to the stage with more than 150 other students, alumni and members of the community, to present 'Dance-o-logy X' in three sold-out evening performances Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, November 27, 28 and 29.

Sonoski credits former vice-principal Theresa Georges as the driving force behind expanding the recital into a full fledged major production. Sonoski said Georges was so impressed with the quality of the original recital, she encouraged and inspired her to share it with the entire community.

The performances showcased the dance skills of the Cardinal Carter dance class students, dance club members, dance team members, the exploring the arts class students, and adult members of Sonoski's adult community dance program.

One highlight of the performances was a feature on the tremendous success of former student Andrew Banar.



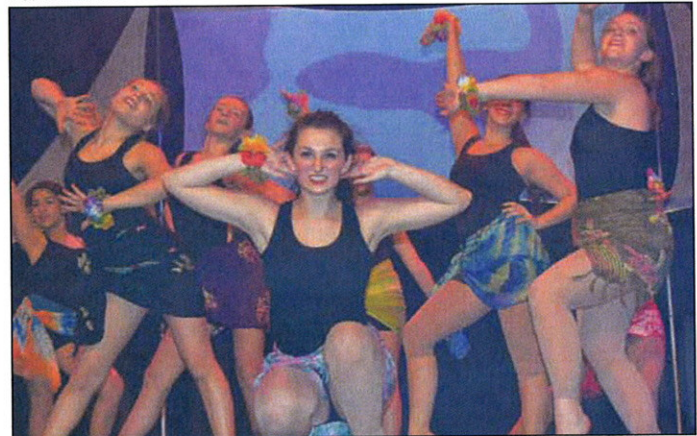
There were plenty of colorful costumes and outstanding performances at 'Dance-o-logy X' last week at Cardinal Carter.



The 'Exploring the Arts Group' teamed up with another group of CC dancers to perform to 'The Hockey Song'.



The CC dance team was monstrous in this number.



Cardinal Carter dancers were very expressive during the evening's performance.



Andrew Banar, an alumnus of Cardinal Carter's special education program, was featured in a special number highlighting his tremendous success and community support with 'Group Hug Apparel', and a performance to Katy Perry's 'Roar'.

Music therapy at St. William



Grade 1 student Matthew Bolehradski listens with glee as principal Joe Bachetti serenades him with the accordion.

St. William Catholic School prides itself in the inclusionary model whereas all students learn together to reach their potential.

Having received the recent 2013 Rotary Peace School designation, staff and students have compiled their School Improvement Plan this year that not only addresses literacy and numeracy to increase student achievement but also a Catholic community, culture and caring environment where it promotes a safe and healthy learning atmosphere using the visual arts and physical education spectrum.

Students with special needs receive the care and attention from their teachers and peers so they feel like a valued member of the school community and society.

A big thanks to our educational assistants and learning services support teachers who make the lives of these wonderful children so special on a daily basis!

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St. Pius hosts anti-bullying presentations

St. Pius X Catholic School is all about Peace. Anti-Bullying Week was full of fantastic and informative presentations for students of all ages.

We were happy to host anti-bullying presentations from the following organizations:

1. *Beyond Bullying* from the Youth Diversion Program
2. *Hands Are Not For Hurting* - Children's Aid Society
3. *Kids are Kids - Diversity Presentation* - John McGivney Centre
4. *Lancers Against Bullying* - University of Windsor's hockey team



Photo courtesy of Tania Sorge

The St. Pius X Pacers also celebrated our faith by coming together as a school family to celebrate a Peace Mass. We were happy to have many parents from our school community join us in this celebration.

We ended our week by wearing pink to honour and highlight the Anti-Bullying/Peace message.

Cougars capture SWOSSAA football title

By Bryan Jessop

Cardinal Carter's senior football team has earned its first-ever SWOSSAA 'AA' championship.

The Cougars made good on a shot at redemption against the Wallaceburg Tartans, engaging in yet another defensive battle that ended 14-3 favouring this year's WECSSAA 'AA' winners. Cardinal Carter faced the same team last year, losing the season finale in Wallaceburg.

"Going into my year, I felt like there was some unfinished business to take care of," said Cougars quarterback Andrew Valle. "It was nice to get it in Windsor. Our defense really stepped up again and there aren't many teams that can run with us."

This year's SWOSSAA title game was hosted by the University of Windsor on Thursday, Nov. 21. Valle admitted that there was an element of nervousness present prior to the title game.

"Under the lights, on (artificial) turf for a huge game... you could feel it in your nerves," he explained. "I've been dreaming of this for a long time now."

Cardinal Carter didn't let a case of the butterflies get to them in the opening stages of the game, as the winning play came on their first offensive possession. Utilizing the sweep, Austin Bento made a three-yard dash into the end zone, followed by a successful Chris Dias extra point kick.

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Cardinal Carter senior football coaches Chris Church and Mark Ficon celebrate as they hoist the SWOSSAA 'AA' championship plaque at University of Windsor Stadium following their team's 14-3 win over the two-time defending champion Wallaceburg Tartans.



Austin Bento of the Cougars is tackled by multiple Wallaceburg players during the SWOSSAA 'AA' senior football championship game Thursday, Nov. 21 at University of Windsor Stadium. The Cougars won 14-3 to avenge last year's SWOSSAA title loss to Wallaceburg.

(SUN photos)



The 2013 Cardinal Carter Cougars senior football team poses with the SWOSSAA 'AA' championship plaque following their 14-3 championship-game win against the Wallaceburg Tartans at University of Windsor Stadium Thursday, Nov. 21.



Matteo Del Barrocco grabs hold of the Wallaceburg quarterback's jersey during the SWOSSAA 'AA' senior football title game at University of Windsor Stadium Thursday, Nov. 21. The Cougars won 14-3 to avenge last year's SWOSSAA title loss to Wallaceburg.

Cougars capture SWOSSAA football title

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The Tartans stepped up their defensive game from there, but couldn't find holes in or get around the Cougars' defensive wall.

"Defense told the story again," said Cardinal Carter coach Chris Church, who led the team along with co-coach Mark Ficon. "The whole season long, defense has never been a concern for us. This was their best game of the year."

Aside from a bad punt and allowing one intercepted pass, the Cougars rarely offered promising field position to Wallaceburg. With the Lambton-Kent champs committing three bad snaps, their offense wracked up negative yardage over the course of the game.

Cardinal Carter's final scoring play of the season came during the second quarter, when Valle completed a 15-yard pass into the Wallaceburg end zone, caught by Jordan Aguiar.

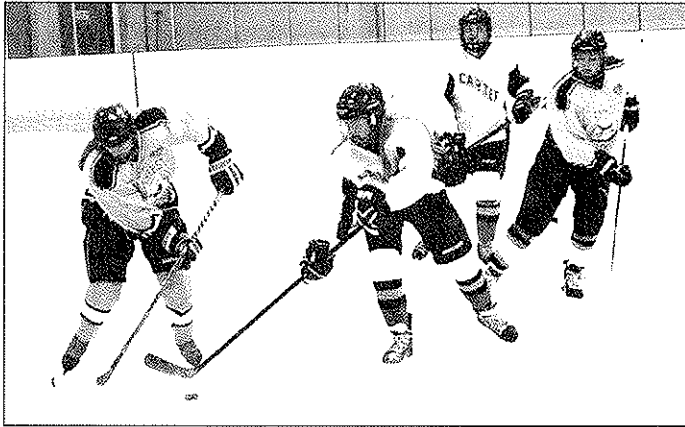
Early in the third quarter, the Tartans advanced as far as the Cougars' 12-yard line, but were pushed back later in the drive and eventually settled for a 35-yard field goal that was nearly blocked.

Although Cardinal Carter's offense began relying more heavily on passing as the season progressed, most of yards gained in the SWOSSAA title match were earned on the ground. Although Wallaceburg didn't surrender any scoring plays to the Cougars in the second half, they allowed the home team to make several low-risk third down attempts or punt the ball deep into Tartan territory.

In 2005, quarterback Kyle Quinlan and the Cougars captured a WECSSAA title but as a Tier II team, were not permitted a shot at the SWOSSAA title. The Herman Green Griffins were this year's most successful 'AA' team in the WECSSAA loop, but once again opted to take a shot at the SWOSSAA 'AAAA' title. They were successful, posting a 32-0 victory against Sarnia Northern following the Cardinal Carter/Wallaceburg game.

The Nov. 21 loss was the first for Wallaceburg in the past three seasons, including playoffs. The Tartans' head coach Rob MacLachlan is the uncle and former coach of Pittsburgh Steelers kicker Shaun Suisham.

Church estimates that about 50 per cent of this year's senior Cougars team will be eligible to return for the 2014 season. The 2013 squad was made up mostly of Grade 11 and fifth year students, the later which will include the loss of key players like Valle, Matteo Del Barrocco, Adam Slikboer and Aguiar. Losses will include four offensive linemen and three linebackers, although key additions from this year's junior squad will be Daniel Metcalfe, CJ Church and Kyle Jennings. Austin Bento may return for another year of Cougars senior football.



Maddie Pardo of the Cougars tries to stop a General Amherst player from crossing the blue line with the puck during a WECSSAA 'A-AA' division girls hockey game at Unico Arena Tuesday, Nov. 19. The game was the first ever for the Cougars girls hockey program. The Cougars, with only seven skaters fell 9-1 in the season opener. (SUN Photo)

Cougars launch girls hockey

By Bryan Jessop

Girls hockey at Cardinal Carter has officially begun.

Although the team lost its first-ever game 9-1 to the quick and more experienced General Amherst Bulldogs, the new team is enthusiastic about its opening season. The program began Tuesday, Nov. 20 at Unico Arena with Cardinal Carter icing seven skaters compared to General Amherst's 13. The Bulldogs, who first assembled a girls hockey team nine years ago, scored four times in the first period and added three more in the second to take a 7-0 advantage into the third frame.

Sydney Dries did the honours of scoring the first-ever Cougars girls goal. The play began when Kayla Collison raced toward the General Amherst net while struggling to keep a pursuing Bulldog's defender away from the puck. Collison managed a shot that was stopped by the visiting goaltender, but Christina Pearce managed to send the rebound back toward the Bulldogs' net. The puck hit a stick, but during the ensuing scramble, Dries tapped an ice-level shot over the goal line before the General Amherst netminder could recover.

The assist was the first-ever point for Pearce, who took to the ice for her first game of organized hockey. Pearce and one other player are playing the game for the first time. The rest of the team plays girls house league hockey, most representing Southpoint minor hockey while two play for the Essex Ravens. Only one player, Kiera Murraccas, plays travel girls hockey. The team is composed of two Grade 12s and two Grade 11s while the remainder are in Grades 9 or 10. Three others are expected to join the team soon, allowing the Cougars to form an even two lines.

"We're still recruiting," said head coach Frank Rodrigues. "Hopefully, we can get the word out there that we're looking for more players."

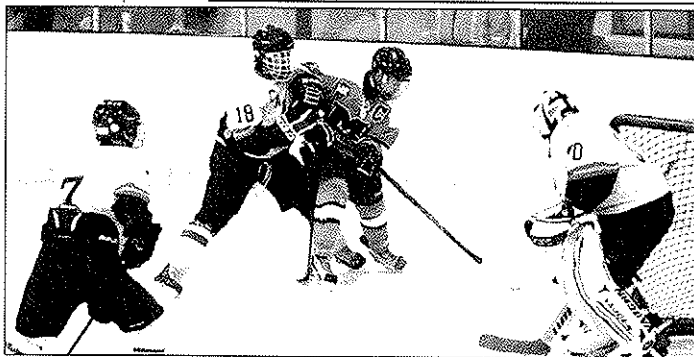
Additional bench staff include assistant coach Chris Lapain, trainer Laurie Lapain and manager Chris Church. After the game, the Cougars team was approached by a General Amherst coach who congratulated them on their efforts while encouraging them to stick with the program.

"I thought we did really well," said Chris Lapain. "I was very happy with the effort. We stressed commitment and everyone is willing to do it. It's a short roster, but they're very dedicated."

The team met for the first time on ice with a pair of practices during the previous week. The idea to form a girl's hockey team at Cardinal Carter was started by Rick Frias, one of last season's coaches with the Cougars boys team.

The Cardinal Carter girls will play their second game against the Lajeunesse Lions Tuesday, Nov. 26 at Unico Arena with a 3 p.m. opening faceoff.

The WECSSAA girls 'A-AA' division also includes teams representing Essex, Tecumseh Vista Academy and L'Essor. The Nov. 19 game in Leamington was the second of the season for General Amherst, who opened the season with an identical 9-1 victory against L'Essor.



The Cougars' Colin Harris puts pressure on a Massey forward carrying the puck behind the home team's net during Cardinal Carter's WECSAA boys hockey season opener at Unico Arena Monday, Nov. 18. The Cougars lost 6-3. (SUN Photo)

Cougars boys hockey season begins

By Bryan Jessop

They only took two minor penalties, but the Cardinal Carter boys hockey team played its season opener shorthanded.

The Cougars dropped a 6-3 decision against the visiting Massey Mustangs to start the 2013-14 campaign, but what spectators and the visiting saw Monday, Nov. 18 is not what they'll get later in the season. Awaiting the completion of both the junior and senior football seasons, the Cougars were significantly outnumbered 18 skaters to 11 for the season's inaugural game at Unico Arena.

Cardinal Carter started the scoring when Gerrid LaSala chipped the puck into the Massey net from in front of the crease after less than four minutes of play. An assist went to Anthony Tannous. The Mustangs tied the match just over a minute later during a two-on-one rush. Brandon Lavadan made the initial save, but couldn't come up with the rebound.

The second period was all Massey, as the guests scored on both of their two power plays, the first with an ice-level shot after about three-and-a-half minutes of play. The visitors made it 3-1 when a rushing forward grabbed his own rebound and backhanded the puck past Lavadan for an even-strength tally. The game-winner, also scored during a Mustangs' five-on-four advantage, came on a blast from the point with just under five minutes remaining.

The Cougars were able to temporarily catch their breath during the second-intermission break and pulled to within a pair when LaSala stormed in on the Mustangs net with a defenseman in close pursuit. The returning forward sent the puck over the goal line after 41 seconds of play and then brought his team to within a goal by completing his hat trick 38 seconds later. Colin Harris assisted on the first goal while Charles Impens and Tannous provided helpers on the second.

Fatigue soon resurfaced however, allowing Massey to put the game away with two more 39 seconds apart. The curfew buzzer sounded with 5:07 showing on the clock.

"By the time we finish putting the team together, we should be okay," said Ted Wigfield, who is coaching the Cougar boys along with Cardinal Carter vice principal Jim Kittl. "Our newer, younger players did well. They stepped up to the plate for us. We just need more bodies."

The team is awaiting Dan Metcalfe, Conner Ribble and Nick Perrone from the junior football team and Andrew Valle, Matteo Del Barrocco and Noah Nassif from the seniors. The team will play the 2013-14 season without last year's top scorers Scott Florence and Austin Thompson, who are now playing for the Great Lakes Junior 'C' Wheatley Sharks.

"We're glad to see them moving forward," said Wigfield. "We wouldn't want to hold them back."

The next game for the Cougars will be played at Unico Arena Monday, Nov. 25 against Tecumseh Vista Academy with a 3 p.m. start.



Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School's annual Cougar Lottery raised \$23,000 in support of all Cardinal Carter academic and extracurricular activities. The grand prize winner was Eugenie Molzan won \$4,000 and her granddaughter Kelsea Molzan earned \$100 for being the luck ticket seller. Pictured here are the winners and top sellers, in front, from left are Tom Sasseville (\$500), Kelsea Molzan, Eugenie Molzan and Renee Soulliere (\$500). Next row: Greg Stubbert (\$500), Laura Youssef (\$1,000), Samantha Derrig (\$100, Gr. 11 top seller), Sarah Vezina (\$100, Gr. 12 top seller) and Alyssa Orlando (\$100, Gr. 9 top seller). Back row: Kiefer Simpson (\$100, Gr. 10 top seller) and Jordan Eagle (\$100, Gr. 10 top seller). (SUN Photo)

Blazer runners



Cross country runners from around Essex County, including those pictured above from St. John the Baptist in Belle River, took part recently in the WECDSB cross country meet at Malden Park in Windsor.

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Acts of kindness at St. William School



Random Acts of Kindness Day brought to a close two initiatives by St. William Catholic Elementary School's Mission Team. The students of St. William brought in 465 boxes of cereal that will be donated to St. James Elementary School's Breakfast program. In addition, over 200 coats and hundreds of canned goods were also donated by the student of St. William for the Essex Food Bank.

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St. William offers voluntary after school program



AFTER SCHOOL: St. William Catholic School principal Joe Bachetti and teacher Rose Giachini assist students with their numeracy skills.

Photo courtesy of Joe Fata

St. William Catholic School offers its Grade 3 and 4 students an opportunity to practice their numeracy skills after school – for free!

The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board, in conjunction with the Ontario Ministry of Education, have made this initiative possible.

Leslie Furlan, a graduate of the University of Windsor's Faculty of Education, leads these sessions along with various staff of St. William School.

This voluntary program accents St. William School's focus on student achievement.

St. Gregory students get rare look at organs

St. Anne teachers visit for special biology lesson

St. Anne Catholic High School Science Department Head Ms. Dawn Herdman and Student Success Teacher Mr. Michael Ballay visited St. Gregory Catholic School last week and engaged

Grade 5 students to the amazing study of biology and exploration of science.

Students had an opportunity to learn and touch various organs from a cow's eyeball to a sheep's brain, liver, and heart, and to learn about the many organs in the human body.

Students also worked on various research assignments using microscopes and slides.

"I thought the eyeball was going to squirt at me when I touched it," said Grade 5 student Madisyn Sloboda.



PUPILS: St. Anne Catholic High School Science Department Head Dawn Herdman handles a cow's eyeball as St. Gregory Grade 5 students, from left, Brooke Wilburn, Jocelyn Tapak, and Max Maybee look on.

Photo courtesy of Dino Vilella

St. Gregory School remembers

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Grade 8 students take turns with living memorial to veterans

Grade 8 students arrived at St. Gregory Catholic School at 7 a.m. on Monday to pay homage and respect to those who have and continue to fight for our country.

In teams of three, the students commemorated Remembrance Day by standing at attention as a living memorial to the veterans that have served us.

Their tribute took place in front of the school in the outdoor classroom.

This annual tradition of keeping a living memorial vigil in honour of our veteran and fallen soldiers on Remembrance Day was initiated by students at École secondaire l'Essor, under the guidance of teacher David Tremblay.

At 11 a.m., the entire school community assembled in the school's gymnasium for a beautiful Liturgy reflecting on the meaning of Remembrance Day.

St. Gregory students took pride on this day to give thanks to those who have sacrificed their lives for us.



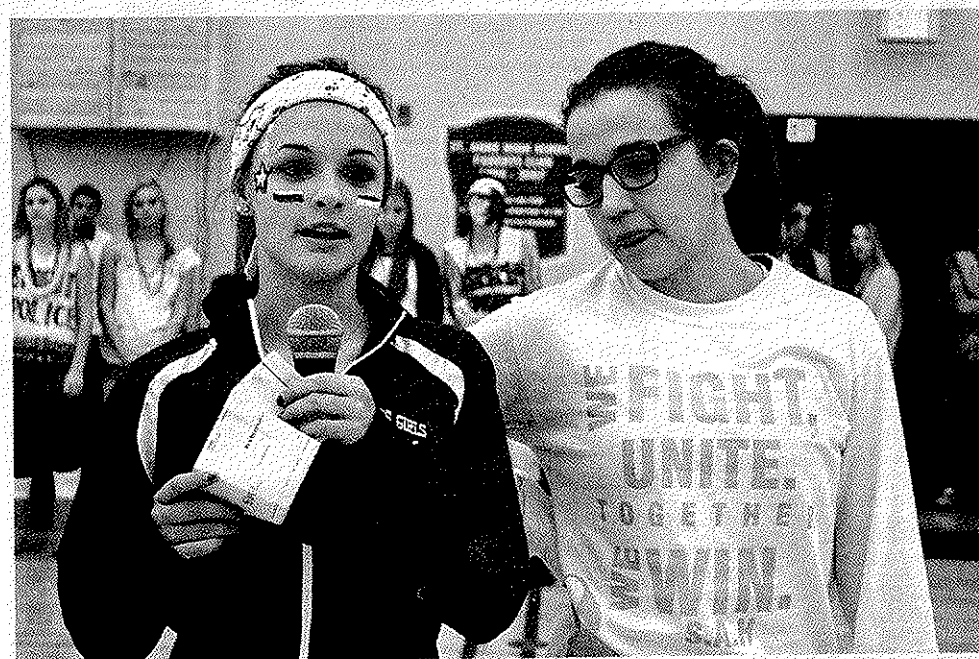
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AT ATTENTION: From left, St. Gregory Grade 8 students Hailey Schincariol, Sierra Filiault, and Evelyn Dutkowski take their turn in a living memorial to veterans in their outdoor classroom in front of the school.

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Donations made at Ste. Anne pep rally

Tina Gatt, right, Manager, Community Development, Prevention & Volunteer Services at Windsor-Essex Children's Aid receives a \$1255 cheque from St. Anne's students Gabby Delaurier and Emma Caldwell-Dumouchelle. Funds raised will go toward the prevention of child abuse.



Melanie Daniel, left, and Leasha Wood helped raise \$4900 for Seeds4Hope, an annual grant awards program that provides start-up funding for locally-based, new and innovative cancer research. An addition \$20,000 was also donated to the Terry Fox Foundation by the St. Anne's Student Council.

Kristie Ha, right, presents a \$500 cheque to Joanne Bedard, director of the Bone Marrow Transplant Family Support Program. Funds were raised by the student council during a charity basketball game against the Windsor Police Association and donated to the Katelyn Bedard Bone Marrow Association.



Lakeshore News photos: Matt Weingarden



The Cardinal Carter Cougars pose for team photos after their 15-8 WECSSAA senior football 'AA' championship win against the Belle River Nobles Friday, Nov. 15 at Tecumseh Vista Academy. The Cougars will play the Wallaceburg Tartans for the SWOSSAA 'AA' title Thursday, Nov. 21 at University of Windsor Stadium, starting at 4:30 p.m.

Cougars advance to SWOSSAA final

By Bryan Jessop

The Cardinal Carter senior boys football team has earned another shot at a SWOSSAA championship.

The Cougars and Belle River Nobles met at Tecumseh Vista Academy Friday, Nov. 15 for the WECSSAA 'AA' championship. Although the Nobles led by a touchdown for the majority of the game, Cardinal Carter's offensive players sprung to action in the last 90 seconds of the contest to come up with both the equalizer and go-ahead plays for a 15-8 victory.

The arrangement of the WECSSAA title game seemed peculiar at first glance, as Herman and Cardinal Carter were the two highest-ranking 'AA' teams following the regular season. Herman however routinely pursues regional titles at a high level, leaving the Cougars to face Wilson Division Belle River for the WECSSAA championship. Although the Windsor Essex County Secondary School Athletic Association lists Belle River as a 'AAA'



On the ground, Cardinal Carter's Russell Stewart hauls down a Belle River ball carrier during WECSSAA senior football 'AA' championship game at Tecumseh Vista Academy Friday, Nov. 15. Cardinal Carter won 15-8 with two late-game touchdowns to earn a berth in the SWOSSAA championship at University of Windsor Stadium Thursday, Nov. 21 at 4:30 p.m. against the Wallaceburg Tartans. (SUN Photos)



Austin Bento of the Cougars finds a hole in the Belle River defensive armour.

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school, student population recently declined below the 900 mark, officially filing their teams into the 'AA' category.

Last season, the Cougars thought their season was over after taking a 38-0 loss to Herman in the semifinals. They were later informed that a WECSSAA team was required to take on the Wallaceburg Tartans for the SWOSSAA championship. The game, hosted by the KCSSAA club, was won by Wallaceburg.

"We've earned it this time," said Cougars coach Chris Church following the win against Belle River. "The chance to represent at SWOSSAA was just kind of handed to us last time."

The Nobles seemed poised for victory at Tecumseh Vista Academy for most of Friday's game, starting with a one-point kick to open the scoring. To finish scoring for the first quarter, Belle River's field goal team took to the field in a bizarre three-point attempt that unfolded as a touchdown. The kick was blocked by a Cougars' lineman, but a Nobles' player, situated close to the ball's landing point, scooped up the ball and ran it into the end zone for six points. The following PAT kick was successful.

A Cougars' field goal attempt in the second quarter missed the uprights, but stood for a one-point kick to bring Cardinal Carter within a touchdown. Defense from both teams dominated for the rest of the second quarter, the entire third and most of the fourth, however, as neither team was able to gain significant yardage or threaten to score through either the air or on the ground.

Cardinal Carter faced numerous setbacks throughout the game, including a pass picked off at the Nobles' 40-yard line later in the second quarter and a fumble turnover on their own 53 in the third. The Cougars were also assessed with a roughing the kicker penalty that turned a Belle River third-down punt into a first down for the green and white team.

Later in the third, the Cougars lost the ball via another fumble on their own 22-yard line. The Nobles were forced to make another field goal attempt, but missed the uprights and the one-point opportunity as Matteo Del Barrocco successfully ran the ball out of his team's end zone before he was tackled.

The Cougars recovered a Belle River fumble on the Nobles' 42-yard line, but were unable to make a scoring play of the late third-quarter opportunity.

Cardinal Carter's situation seemed desperate after an offensive drive ended with the Nobles intercepting a pass at their own 20-yard line with 2:03 remaining. In common fashion however, the Cougars' defense quickly forced Belle River to punt the ball away. What followed was a successful string of Andrew Valle passes to his receivers, setting up a 16-yard sprint for Austin Bento just over the Nobles' zero-yard line. Chris Dias kicked the successful PAT to tie the game at 8-8 with less than a minute-and-a-half remaining.

What appeared to be a harmless play during the next Nobles' possession became Cardinal Carter's winning play. Belle River's offense fumbled the ball at their own 42-yard line and just before the ball could bounce out of bounds, Del Barrocco grabbed the ball and ran the distance to the end zone just inside the sideline for a 14-8 advantage. Dias again booted the successful point after.

The touchdown play caught practically all players, spectators and coaching staff members by surprise.

"I thought the play was over," said Church. "I looked away at first."

With only about 30 seconds remaining, Belle River made a valiant effort to race the ball to the Cougars' end of the field, but ran out of time just before reaching the Cardinal Carter 25-yard line.

"They (Belle River) thought it was over in the third quarter," Church said. "They held us down for a while and then thought we'd give up on our passing game with the wind against us in the fourth. They were wrong. Del Barrocco and Valle have a great ability to read off of each other and it worked well for us today. He (Del Barrocco) had three guys on him and he was still making catches."

The SWOSSAA 'AA' title game will be held between the Cougars and Tartans Thursday, Nov. 21 at University of Windsor Stadium with a 4:30 p.m. kickoff. Cardinal Carter's two-word, post-game chant after the WECSSAA title match made their intentions for Thursday clear. "Beat Wallaceburg."

Elsewhere in local high school football, the Leamington Lions were upset by the Assumption Purple Raiders



Chris Dias kicks a successful PAT after an Austin Bento touchdown while Matteo Del Barrocco sets the ball.



Saints rout Ursuline College for SWOSSA title

The Ste. Anne Saints junior boys volleyball team defeated Chatham Ursuline College Secondary School 25-14, 25-20, 24-26 and 25-18 last month to win the AAAA SWOSSA volleyball championship. Captains Blake Ondricko and Mathew Broderick led the team in kills and blocks. Pictured at left, the team poses for a group shot alongside the coaching staff.