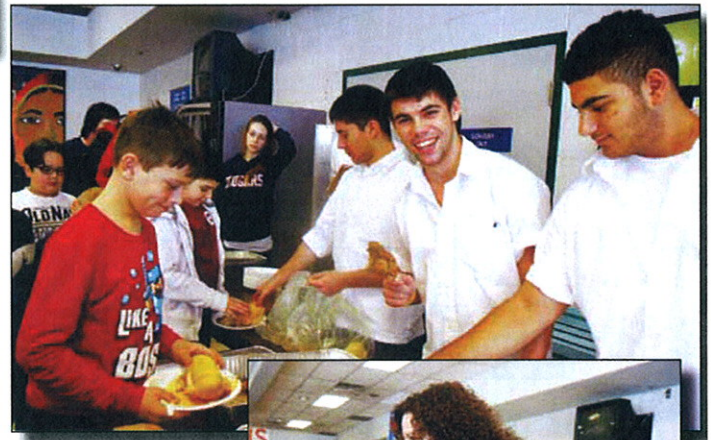


Queen of Peace luncheon and sing-a-long

On Monday, Dec. 16, 2013, all the students and staff of Queen of Peace School walked over to Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School to enjoy Christmas dinner. The Leadership students at Cardinal Carter served the meal and cleaned up after the event. Queen of Peace principal Michael Cusinato presented Cardinal Carter principal Lou Conte with a cheque for \$550 in appreciation for the use of their auditorium as well as the use of microphones, amplifiers and lighting during Queen of Peace dramatic arts presentations.



On Tuesday, Dec. 17, the staff and students of Queen of Peace Catholic School gathered together for a Christmas Sing-Along. Everyone enjoyed the Christmas songs, jokes and trivia. The highlight was Mme. Pannunzio's Grade 1/2 French Immersion students performing two French Christmas songs, "Notre Arbre de Noël" and "Quand le Père Noël vient me visiter."

Imaginations Brought to Life with Snow Sculpture Contest



St. Anthony School hosted a snow sculpture competition last Friday during recess hours. Pictured above are members of the grade 5 team who won in the junior division of the contest by making both a regular and upside down snowman amongst other things.



This group of grade 8 students went the non-traditional route during St. Anthony School's snow sculpture making competition last week by making a large rabbit and baby bunnies out of snow. The group won first place in the senior division of the contest.



A snow castle, made by this group of grade 3 students, won first place in the primary division during St. Anthony's snow sculpture making contest last Friday.

by Heather Marentette

Just in time before the weather warmed up and all of last week's snow melted, St. Anthony School students had a ball in the school yard making snow sculptures of various sizes, shapes and even colours for a friendly

impromptu competition.

St. Anthony School principal, Carl Bull, said that he came up with the idea on a whim and wanted to encourage some fun and creative activity last Friday. During morning and lunch time recess, virtually every

student in the school participated in the contest, said Bull.

"They had a blast," said Bull. "...It was really awesome to see them all out here working hard on their sculptures. They came up with some pretty cool ideas and did a great job."

Sculptures of every size littered the school yard for a few short days before warmer temperatures melted them away. Everything from snow castles, animals and Disney characters were depicted in the mounds of snow.

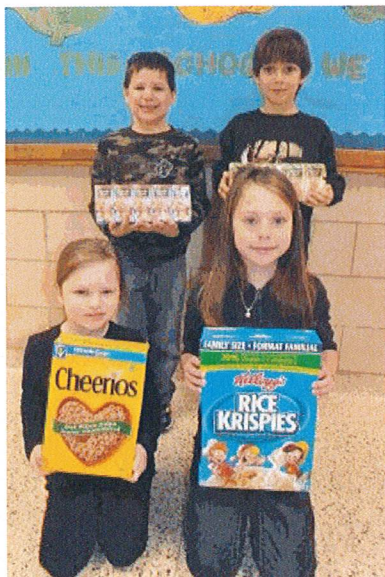
Some of the winners of the various categories – primary, junior and senior – said that they loved working in the snow to create sculptures out of their own imaginations and worked tirelessly throughout their recess hours to perfect their designs. The winners from each category, said Bull, were going to receive a pizza party for their efforts.

Local school gets \$1,000 grant to promote student nutrition

Rivertown Times

By Ron Giofu

January 21st, 2014



St. Bernard School has received a grant to assist with its student nutrition program. Trentin Bellefleur and Noah Chammat (back row) joined Alex Affleck and Abby McNamara in showing what some of the grant money will be used for.

A local elementary school has been awarded a \$1,000 grant to help promote student nutrition.

St. Bernard School was one of 500 Ontario-based elementary and secondary schools to receive a Metro Green Apple School Program grant through the Metro grocery chain.

Principal Marisa Wismer credited her predecessor Lee Ann Poisson for the school getting the funding.

"She was the one who applied for it and got it," said Wismer. "I'm trying to implement it and see it through."

Wismer said the money will be put towards student nutrition programs. She noted some of the healthy eating programs the school currently does

According to the company, the Metro Green Apple School Program has contributed \$7.5 million to Canadian schools through various programs.

"Healthy eating and proper nutrition is directly linked to success in the classroom," said Kathleen O'Hara, director of marketing and communications for Metro Ontario Inc., "and

that is why Metro has placed a focus on healthy eating in schools. We know that encouraging students to adopt healthy eating habits will not only nourish their bodies, but also their minds, leading to future success. Our hope is that the Metro Green Apple Program will provide the needed funds to help support new and valuable programs.”

Previous submissions have included in-school cooking classes, running healthy eating workshops, building community vegetable gardens and morning snack programs.

“So far, the response to this program has been tremendously successful and we look forward to seeing what is executed in the 2013-14 school year,” said O’Hara.

All registered elementary and secondary schools in Ontario were eligible for the Metro Green Apple School Program. Grants will be awarded for ideas that meet the program criteria. Teachers and students can log onto www.greenapple.metro.ca to learn more.

Cougars support cancer patient

By Bryan Jessop

Cardinal Carter students set aside the traditional blue and gray for a day in favour of orange, orange and more orange.

The local high school established Wednesday, Jan. 15 as a fundraising launch for seven-year-old Aubri Andre, a Leamington girl who was recently diagnosed with two forms of leukemia — acute lymphoblastic leukemia and later chronic myelogenous leukemia. Although the latter was later re-diagnosed as high risk with chromosomal transmutation, her expected term of 2.5 years of treatment has been lengthened to 3.5 years.

The idea to organize a fundraiser for Aubri began during Cardinal Carter's annual Grade 11 Faith Day, held just prior to the Christmas holiday break. During the event, students watched a video describing the young girl's situation and afterwards were asked to come up with ideas on how they could assist her and her family. The Grade 11 leadership class responded with the fundraising initiative that began Jan. 15.

For that day, Cardinal Carter students were given the opportunity to make a minimum donation of \$2 in exchange for permission to replace standard school uniforms with orange attire — the official colour of leukemia.

The majority of the school participated and collected about \$1,000 to help Aubri's family offset the costs involved with treatment, which is being conducted in Calgary. Fund-



A group of Cardinal Carter students gather at their school's chapel to display their support for seven-year-old cancer patient Aubri Andre. The students each paid a fee to wear orange — the official colour of leukemia — Wednesday, Jan. 15.

raising and donations by staff and students will continue until the end of February with a combined goal of \$2,000.

Cardinal Carter chaplain Judy Butera, the main coordinator for the ongoing fundraiser, was pleased with Day 1's results.

"It's just great to see," Butera said of the classrooms and hallways filled with orange garb. "There aren't many without orange. One student even showed up with a construction uniform. I'm thrilled to see us half way to our goal on the first day. The staff and students

here are very giving when it comes to the community."

Donations will continue to be collected prior to Ash Wednesday (March 5) through the collection of day-to-day contributions and weekly Friday Mission Collections.

In an additional showing of support, Cardinal Carter students have fabricated and are donning makeshift orange ribbons. These ribbons have been fabricated using a large supply of tubing donated by Oak Farms.

Butera's organizational efforts are being supported by leadership course students and campus ministry. Students led by Paula Zimmerman and Christine Pedro have led promotional efforts by creating and hanging posters.

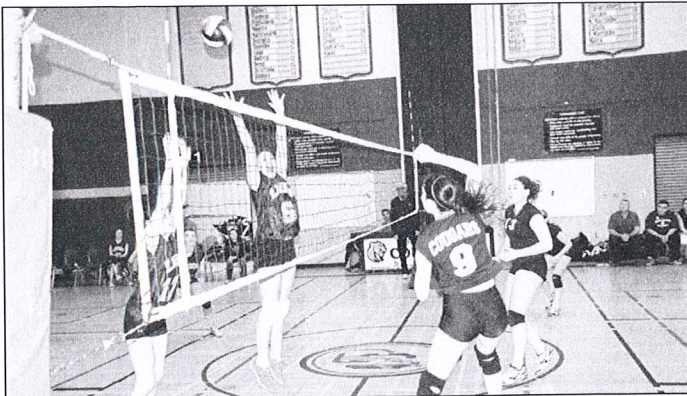
For updates on Aubri's treatment progress, visit the website www.aubrisangels.ca

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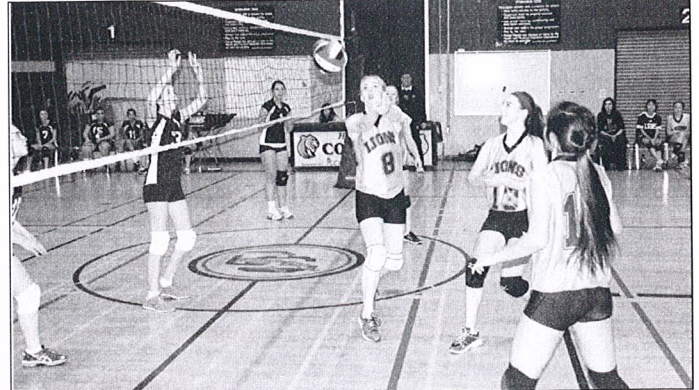
Job shadowing

Cardinal Carter student Sydney Dries watches on as Southpoint Sun and Wheatley Journal editor Sheila McBrayne uses a series of programs to piece together the Wednesday, Jan. 15 edition of The Sun. Dries was one of several Cardinal Carter Grade 10 students who embarked on the school's annual Job Shadowing Day Friday, Jan. 10.



LDSS at CC: senior girls volleyball

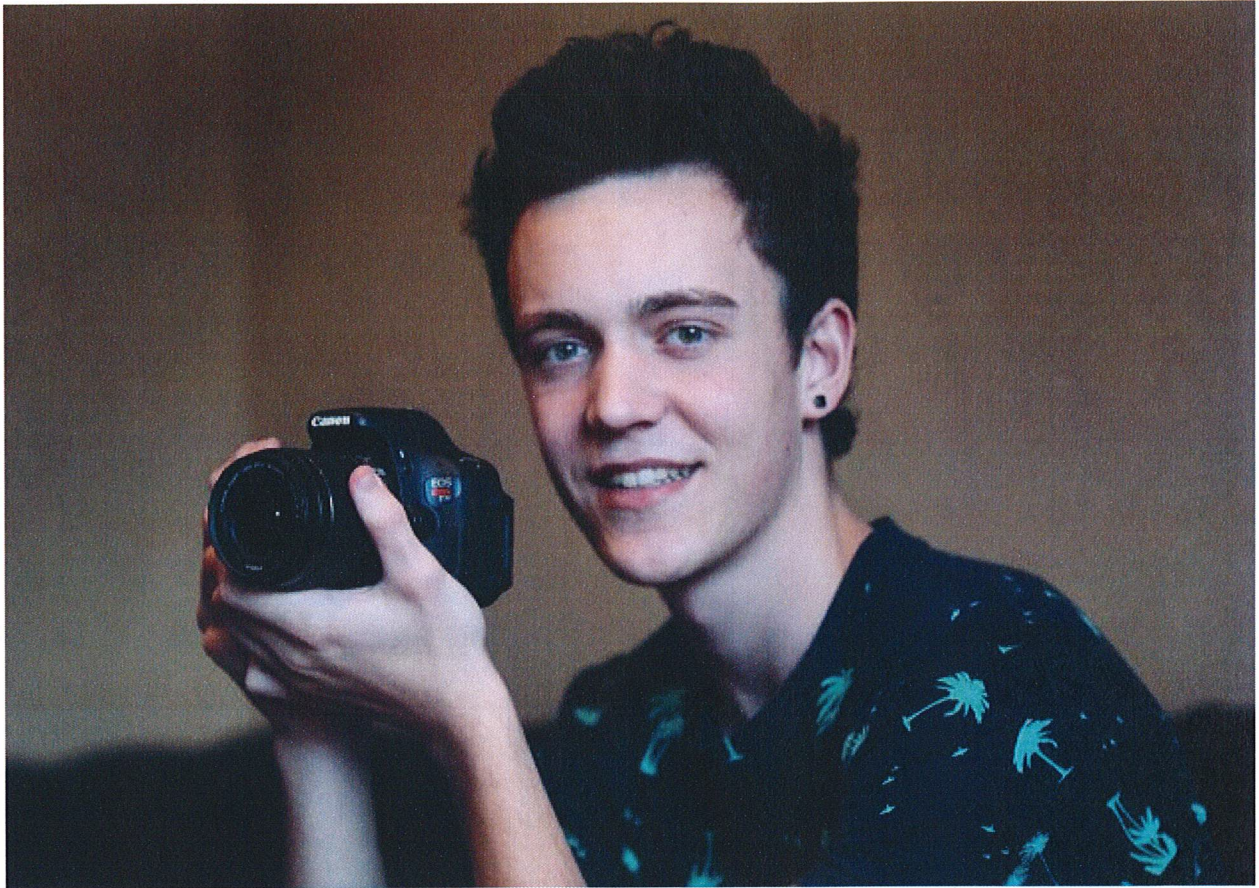
Armanda Ingratta of the Cougars (#9) spikes the ball past Lions players Ashley Malott and Kaitlin Davie during a WECSSAA Tier II senior girls volleyball match at Cardinal Carter Thursday, Jan. 16. The Cougars swept the three sets by scores of 25-15, 25-16 and 26-24. The undefeated Cardinal Carter team remains in first place at 9-0 while the Lions fell to 3-5 for seventh in the same 12-team division.



LDSS at CC: junior girls volleyball

Emily Wiebe of the Lions sets up her teammates as the Cougars' Lily Silva prepares to block during a WECSSAA Tier II junior girls volleyball match at Cardinal Carter Thursday, Jan. 16. The Cougars swept the three sets by scores of 28-26, 25-14 and 25-22 to improve to 3-4 while the Lions, at 0-6 are still in search of their first match win.

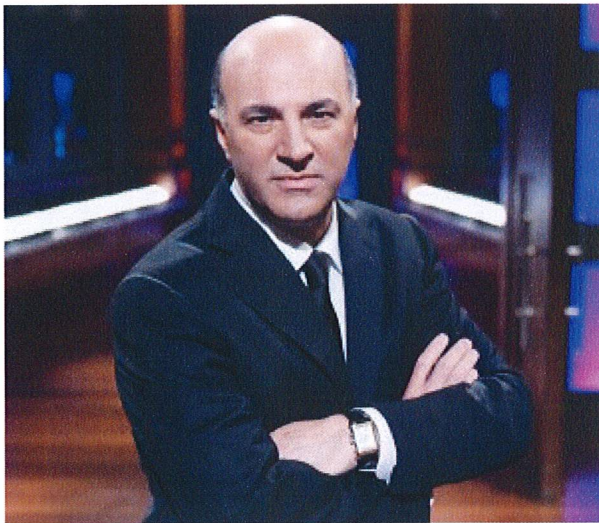
A future Dragon in Tecumseh? St. Anne Teen wins \$5,000 from Kevin O'Leary



WINDSOR, ONT. JAN. 23, 2014. Jesse Hebert, an aspiring photographer is shown at his Tecumseh, Ont. home, Thurs. Jan. 23, 2014. He is a weekly winner in the Future Dragon Fund Contest. (DAN JANISSE/The Windsor Star)

As a plethora of pictures are snapped on phones and digital cameras daily, 17-year-old Jesse Hebert of Tecumseh wants to bring back the art of photography.

He will soon have \$5,000 to put towards that goal as this week's winner of Kevin O'Leary's Future Dragon Fund Contest.



Multi-millionaire Kevin O'Leary is on the panel of Dragons' Den and Shark Tank reality shows. (Courtesy of ABC)

O'Leary, one of the stars of CBC's Dragons' Den, is giving ten Grade 11 or 12 students who look to become entrepreneurs, \$5,000 each. Hebert became the first local Future Dragon winner Wednesday.

"I was so shocked to be completely honest," Hebert said Thursday of being the week seven winner in the contest. "I was just shaking. I just couldn't believe it."

The Grade 12 student at St. Anne Catholic high school in Lakeshore and freelance photographer submitted a video pitch to enter the contest. He plans to use the \$5,000 prize to buy much needed equipment – a better camera, flash and studio set – and to start promoting his business. The amateur photographer has taken pictures for three weddings but wants to diversify and expand with a studio. His website is jessehebertphotography.com.

It seems everyone is taking photographs on their phones but Hebert said the art of photography is being lost in that saturation of images.

"With smart phones and point and shoot, it's just so simple to take a picture nowadays, you can take pictures of anything but rarely will you see great taken images with a lot of thought in them," he said.

More than a year ago Hebert got his first digital camera and in one summer learned as much as he could about photography. Hebert said he remembers setting up lights and taking a photograph of his back with smoke rising from incense.

“Just the tone, the lighting and everything just worked so perfectly together and that’s when I realized the potential that taking pictures has,” he said.

Winning money from one of his favorite Dragons makes his contest win more meaningful. O’Leary has been dubbed the Bay Street Bigmouth on Dragons’ Den and Mr. Wonderful on ABC’s Shark Tank. While some entrepreneurs making pitches for investment dislike the outspoken O’Leary, his blunt advice is what young businesses need, Hebert said.

In October O’Leary launched his first photo exhibit with money raised from the sale of his photographs going towards the Future Dragon Fund Contest. Dragons’ Den producer Michelle MacMillan said Jesse’s video submission showed he is a creative student with an entrepreneurial dream. “Just as Jesse hopes to inspire others with his photography, Kevin wanted to do something to encourage young, motivated entrepreneurs. This was a natural fit!”

Hebert said someday we could see him making an investment pitch on the TV version of Dragons’ Den. The show’s producers were in Windsor Thursday holding auditions for the show.

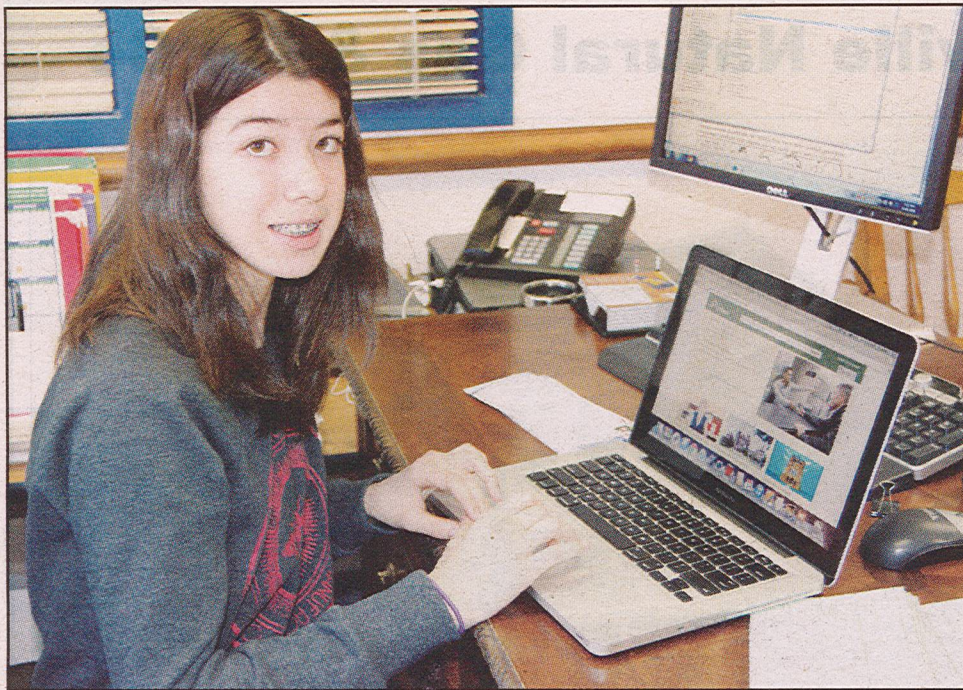
For now Hebert hopes he inspires others.

“No matter what you do there’s always going to be an obstacle and it’s just a matter of if you’re willing to try to break free from that obstacle.”

St. John student Alessia Quenneville to serve at Queen's Park

Thirteen-year-old Alessia Quenneville of Kingsville has been given the opportunity to serve as a Page at Queen's Park. Alessia received word of the appointment last Wednesday and will be in Toronto from February 18 until March 6.

"My dad was talking to people at work and they told him about their kids having this opportunity," said Alessia of how she learned of the Page process. "He asked me if I'd be interested so I applied."



Alessia Quenneville, a grade eight student at St. John de Brebeuf, will be serving as a Page at Queen's Park in February. She is excited about the opportunity to learn more about provincial politics. Pictured, Alessia checks out the Government of Ontario webpage providing information on Pages.

Photo by Steve l'Anson

On the application, the daughter of Gary Quenneville and Dr. Lisa Di Gioia had to talk about her academic and extra curricular achievements.

"I'm looking forward to learning about what happens with passing laws and more about politics," said Alessia. "We have to sit and listen to what's going on and pass out papers. The afternoon is spent on school work. It's something great to put on my resume."

Essex MPP Taras Natyshak was excited to learn that a page from his riding is set to serve at Queen's Park.

"They get to see the real inner workings of the Ontario Legislature," said Taras of the role of the Page.

Natyshak noted that very few people are allowed on Parliament floor. Among the select few are MPPs, Hansards,

clerks and Pages.

"It's a special time to have a Page from one's riding in the Legislature," said Taras. "It's an old tradition that MPPs take their Pages to lunch."

Taras stated that Benjamin Diab, from LaSalle, served as a Page at Queen's Park.

"I wasn't able to take him to lunch in Toronto, but did so back in the riding," he explained. "I look forward to meeting Alessia and taking her to lunch to learn about her experiences and what she thought of it all."

He continued, "Many of those who get into politics were once Pages. Being a Page is a great opportunity to meet others and learn about their lives and ethnicities."

Alessia's opportunity promises to be a valuable experience and one she is looking forward to.

School urging girls to consider engineering careers

The Grade 8 students of St. William Catholic elementary attended the Education Day events at North America's International Auto Show.

Before attending the NAIAS, students examined the different careers and industries that prevail in the auto-

mobile industry.

With that background, students attended sitdown sessions and had an opportunity to see the latest offerings from the automakers at the show.

This major business event provided an excellent op-

portunity, especially for female students, to highlight the careers and leadership opportunities that exist in engineering.

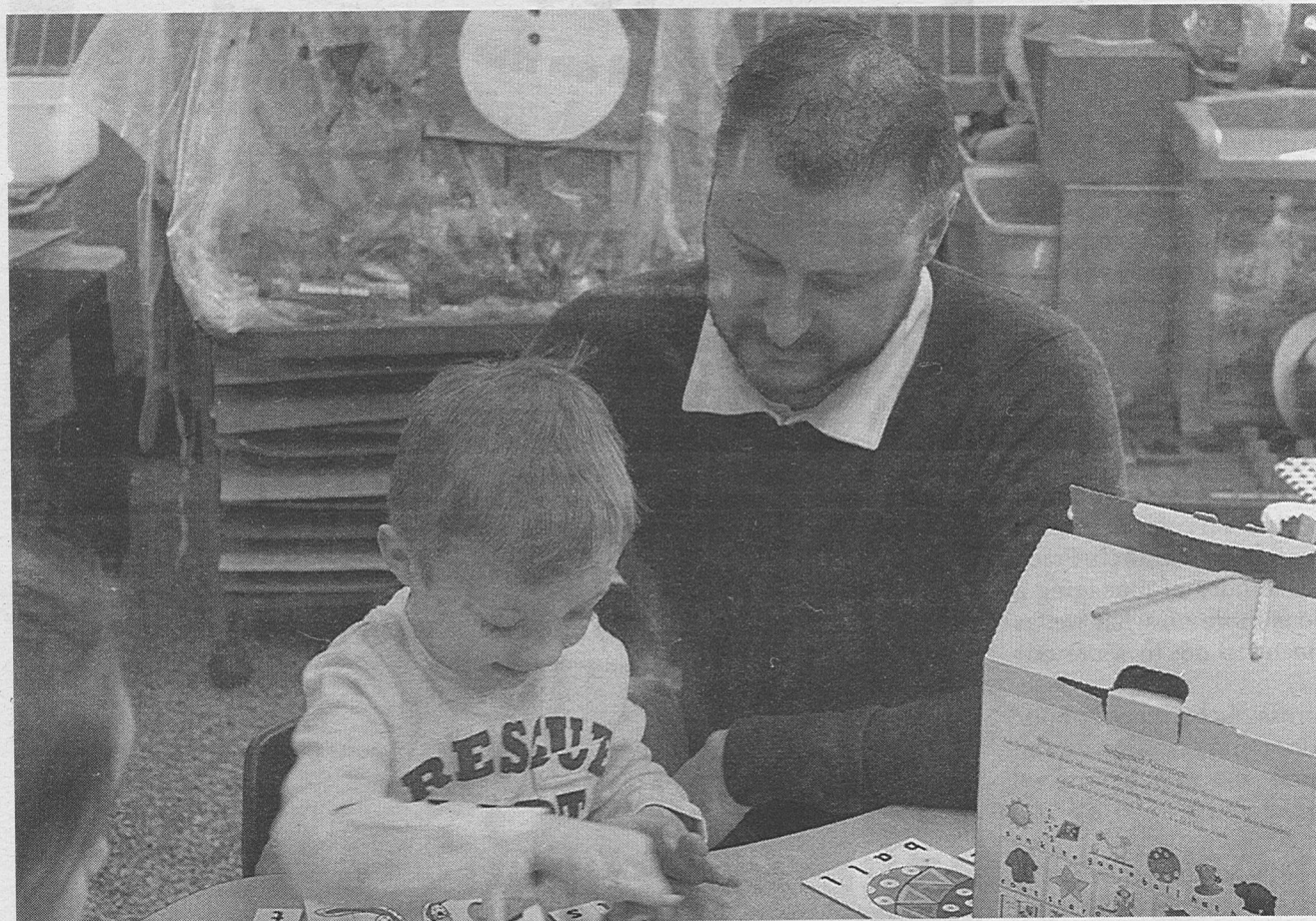
-Submitted by Joseph Fata



St. William students explore a Jeep at the Detroit International Auto Show.

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St. Gregory celebrates Family Literacy Day



SK student Quinn Field and his father are engaged in a Literacy Activity during Family Literacy Day at St. Gregory.

On Monday January 27th, St. Gregory Catholic Elementary School opened its doors to parents, grandparents, and visitors to celebrate Family Literacy Day by hosting a "Love for Literacy Open House." Guests enjoyed a Meet 'n Greet in the Library at 9:00 a.m. including a presentation on the components of a 'Balanced Literacy' program and 'Successful Strategies and Resources for Parents' hosted by school Principal Mrs. DiPasquale and teacher Mr. Villella. From 9:30 - 10:45, parents had the chance to visit classrooms where they either enjoying watching or actually engaging in many of the rich literacy activities their children are immersed in on a daily basis. It was a very successful morning with a lot of positive and complimentary feedback from the numerous visitors. Special thank you to all who came out to support this spec-

tacular event. Kudos to the talented and dynamic teachers for opening their classrooms to celebrate

literacy as well as welcoming our 'Parents as Partners' in the journey of fostering the growth and

development of our children.



Above and below: A few examples of the photography that recently won Jesse Hebert \$5,000 in Kevin O'Leary's Future Dragon Fund Contest.

Picture perfect

By William Harris
Staff reporter

A year and a half ago, on a whim, Jesse Hebert picked up his first digital single-lens reflex camera.

He didn't even know how to use the complex device at first, but the Grade 12 student at Ste. Anne High School was determined to learn.

Now, after months of trial-and-error, Hebert is seeing his work pay off.

The 17 year old was named a winner in Kevin O'Leary's Future Dragon Fund Contest recently, taking home \$5,000 to put towards starting up his own photography business.



Jesse Hebert

"My mom heard about the contest on the Lang & O'Leary Exchange, and thought of me right away," Hebert said. "So I put together a video and entered."

It wasn't long before an excited Hebert received an email to let him know he'd succeeded in securing seed money to turn his erstwhile hobby into a business.

"I knew that down the road, I wanted to make this a business, but I thought that would be years away; I didn't think it was going to start while I was still in high school," Hebert said Monday. The young photog has already got three weddings under his belt, and has been contacted about shooting three more. He's also been asked about fashion and automotive photography.

Being self-taught hasn't diminished from Hebert's zeal for both the technical and artistic aspects of photography.

In a world where photography is accessible to anybody via camera phones and Instagram, he says appreciation of a good photo is diminishing. "I think it's great that everyone is able to take pictures, but I think it would be even better if people could take artistic pictures with meaning behind them," he said. "I want to bring some awareness to that."

"It's such a beautiful art form...but the art of taking a picture is becoming lost," Hebert said. "Myself, I want to take it into my own hands and bring that back. I feel it's an art form that has so many varieties, and you can do so much with it, it's endless."



Hebert plans to put his \$5,000 windfall towards promoting his business and picking up new gear, including cameras, lenses and studio equipment.

He sees himself getting immersed in studio portraiture, but he'd like to grow his business to the point where he can hire other photographers and assign them to photo shoots he's not able to do personally. He'd also like to offer lessons to budding shutterbugs. "I want to take it pretty far, and I think I have the drive to do it," Hebert said.

It's a far cry from his early days of playing with his first DSLR.

"I was just playing with it, and it made me realize the potential it has," he said. "I think anything is attainable, you just have to work for it. Nothing comes easily."

Hebert's photography can be viewed on his website, jessehebertphotography.com.