

Priest from Ghana visits St. Joseph School, thanks students for donations

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Father Stephen Amoah-Gyasi poses with the Grade 5/6 class that organized a pair of fundraisers for him.



Father Stephen Amoah-Gyasi greets students as they enter the St. Joseph School gymnasium.

By Ron Giofu

A priest from Ghana who received a pair of donations from St. Joseph School was at the school last Friday morning to thank the students in person.

Popcorn sales last December brought in \$1,000 that Father Stephen Amoah-Gyasi put towards uniforms for schoolchildren in his village. The school added onto that donation last Friday by giving the priest, simply known to the students as Father Stephen, another \$700 that was raised through a Freezie fundraiser.

The fundraisers were headed up by Grade 5/6 teacher Mary Lou Holland, who helped organize an assembly with Father Stephen last Friday morning. The priest is in the area on a visit and is based temporarily out of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in south Windsor.

“Since he’s here from Ghana helping parishes in our community, I thought it would be a perfect opportunity for (the students) to meet Father Stephen,” said Holland.

Holland said providing a quality education is important to Father Stephen and that the uniforms are key for the children.

“We were connected with him through Rotary International,” added Holland.

Approximately 60 students of the school in Ghana – St. John the Baptist School – were helped with new uniforms from the initial \$1,000 donation, Father Stephen noted.

“I count myself blessed to have all of you behind me in my mission to provide education to the children that are less fortunate,” he told the students.

Father Stephen also told the students they are helping people in Ghana that may, one day, be their business partners or be the ones that will educate their own children.

Many people and groups in Windsor-Essex County have assisted him and his cause in Ghana, he explained, and that some of those groups have been Rotary Clubs and Catholic churches. He came to the area to give a face to the cause and to let donors know in a face-to-face format where their money went and how appreciative he was to receive it.

Father Stephen said he was “really amazed” to see the support from St. Joseph School and was thankful the River Canard school stepped up.

“I’m really surprised of the generosity of the children,” he said.

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Bike Rodeo at St. John de Brebeuf



A bike rodeo was held last Tuesday at St. John de Brebeuf School. The daylong event included students from grades one to four. Fifteen grade eight students assisted during the day running four stations. "Principal Jeff Chambers was instrumental in the success of the event as was our community partner, Brian Jacques from Bike Smart who serviced bikes as required," said OPP Community Policing Officer Constable Silvano Bertoni. Jonathan Bento and Zoey Kungel were lucky enough to win bikes in the raffle. The bikes were supplied courtesy of the Kingsville Community Policing Committee. Pictured are highlights from the rodeo.

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Photos by Steve l'Anson



Sofia Glass rides the route at the St. John de Brebeuf bike rodeo.

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St. Annes claims OFSSA gold



The St. Annes Saints are this year's winner of the Prentice Cup in boys baseball. The club defeated Bishop Allen Cardinals 4-1 in the OFSSA finals held last week in Toronto.

By Michael Hugall

Special to the Lakeshore News

The St. Annes boys baseball club won the coveted Prentice Cup with a 4-1 victory over Bishop Allen, of Etobicoke, last week at Connavale Park in Toronto. It was St. Anne's first OFSAA baseball championship since 2001.

The Saints began their season on a high note, going undefeated through seven games, while scoring 51 runs within that span. The team had swagger and walked with a chip on their shoulders going into the WECSSAA playoffs.

The Saints went on to average nine runs a game in the WECSSAA playoffs and beat the Sandwich Sabres 11-1 in the finals of the WECSSAA tournament, punching their ticket to the OFSAA regional tournament.

At OFSSA, the Saints would battle hard in the first game playing to a 3-2 loss against Sarnia St. Clair Colts.

"The way it works is if you win the first game, you have to win the next two in order to have a shot at the finals. Since we lost the first game we had to win four straight in order to make it to OFSAA," said Saints head coach Larry Loebach.

With their backs against the wall, the Saints were on a mission to prove that they could play the Cinderella role. They started with a 17-3 win over the Bishop MacDonnell Celtics, then an 11-1 victory over the A.B Lucas London Vikings.

The Saints then faced the Sir William Mulock Ravens, pulling out a 12-7 victory. Standing in there way now was the same team that had beat them in the SWOSSAA play-down, the Sarnia St. Clair Colts. They gave the ball to Woodslee native Jack Zimmerman, who was able to shut down the Colts and help the Saints to a 11-1 victory.

They went on to play in the OFSAA championship and faced a tough Whitby Sinclair Celtic

team in the semi finals. The Saints went on to decimate the Celtics 11-1 and moved on to the finals against Bishop Allen Cardinals.

It was up pitcher Gibson Krzeminski to shut the Cardinal offense down in the championship game.

While the cardinals went up early, St. Annes was able to chip away at a 1-0 lead. Two crucial double plays, and outstanding pitching by both Krzeminski and Jack Zimmerman sealed the deal for a 4-1 victory. The title is just the start for the St. Annes boys baseball team, as they will see a lot of their players coming back next season.

"We are a very good team," said coach Loebach. "We are a very young team, with a lot of depth."

The Saints finished with a 22-2 record this year.

This also marks the end of a 15-year coaching career for Larry Loebach and he couldn't be happier with the outcome.

"What made it worth

while for me this year is that all 18 guys on our roster wanted to play and enjoy the game of baseball. I can retire with my head high, knowing that this was a special season," said Loebach. "I can't wait for what next year has to offer for these young men with all of the depth. It was a great time being a part of something this special."

St. Anthony Catholic School Celebrates Grade 8 Graduation

by Heather Marentette

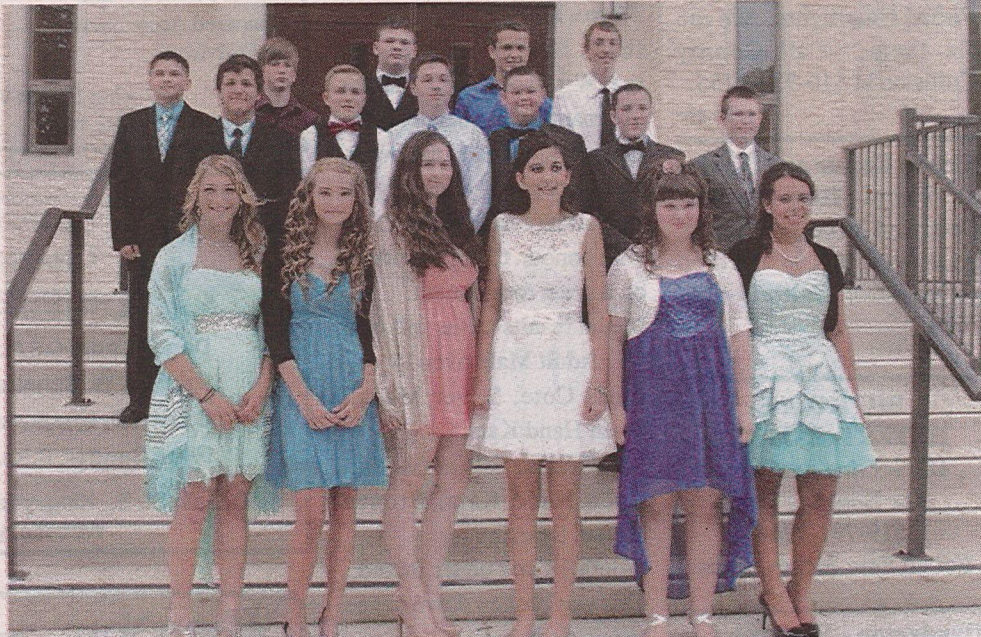
The achievements of the grade 8 class of St. Anthony Catholic School were honoured recently during the school's annual graduation celebration, held on Thursday June 12 at St. Anthony Catholic Church and the Harrow Knights of Columbus Hall.

Father Rick Janisse presided over the prayer liturgy and did a wonderful job, said St. Anthony Principal, Carl Bull, in engaging the students in faith based reflections throughout the graduation ceremony. After the formal ceremony the students, along with their parents and family members, travelled to the K of C for awards presentation and other activities including a video presentation, student dinner and a dance for the graduates.

New at this year's graduation party, parents of the graduating class came together to provide foosball tables and a photo booth for students, both of which were a huge hit, said Bull.

"The kids had a wonderful time," said Bull. "Everyone had fun and the pictures they took in the photo booth will hopefully be memories that last a lifetime for them."

This year's Valedictory Award was presented to Josh

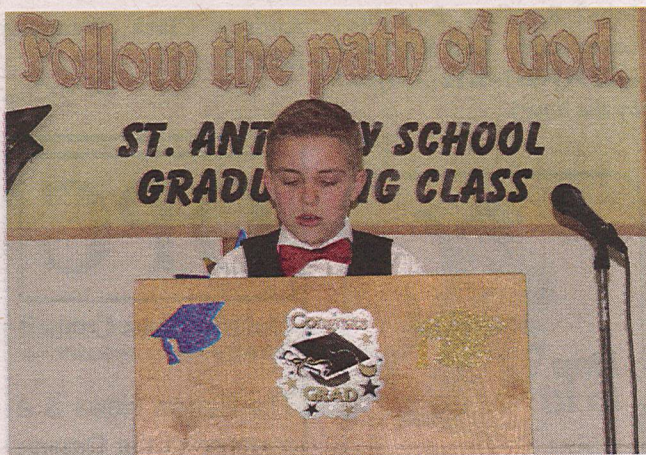


St. Anthony Catholic School celebrated the graduation of its grade 8 class on Thursday, June 12 at St. Anthony Church followed by awards at the Knights of Columbus in Harrow.

Buxton. In his Valedictory address, Buxton reflected on his time at St. Anthony's and reminded his fellow students of the special memories they made together.

"Ten years ago today we started school, and now is the time to move on," said Buxton. "It is a sad feeling but change is inevitable. Everything must come to an end."

He also acknowledged their fellow classmates who moved on to new schools and the new ones who joined the St. Anthony family, each one with their own special spot in their classmates' hearts. He ended his address with some words of advice



Joshua Buxton was named the 2014 Valedictorian for the graduating class of St. Anthony Catholic School. Buxton is pictured above giving his Valedictory address at the Knights of Columbus hall on Thursday, June 12.

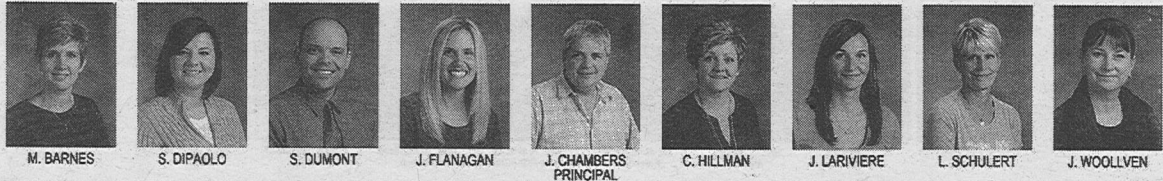
and inspiration:

"Each and every one of us has a future. So work hard in high school and be as productive as possible in whatever you do and you will be successful."

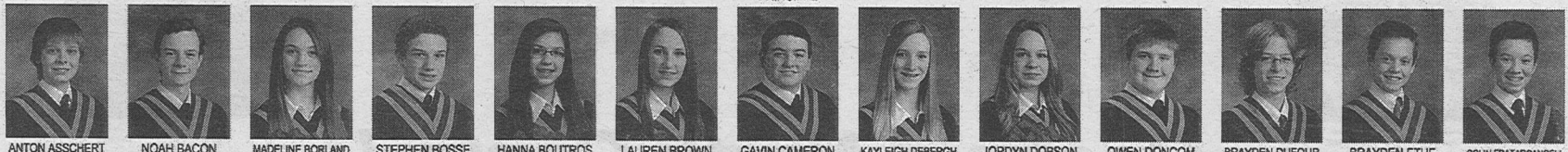
Award recipients for the 2014 St. Anthony graduating class were: Joshua Buxton, General Proficiency Award, Valedictory Award, Male Student Athlete, Science Award and Honour Roll; Matthew Wilson, Most Improved Student Award; Julie Adams, Female Student Athlete Award, Mathematics Award and Honour Roll; Emma Aitchison, School Spirit Award; Emily Cordeiro, Christian Spirit Award and Honour Roll; Melanie Caixeiro, CSC Volunteer Award, Instrumental Music Award and Honour Roll; Ian Fairlie, Religion Award, English Award and Honour Roll; Mikey Bouliane, Geography Award, French Award and Honour Roll; Sarah Dufour, Arts Award; Bailey Baumgartner, Physical Education Award.

The 2014 St. Anthony School grade 8 graduates are: Julia Adams, Emma

Aitchison, Gavin Antunes, Bailey Baumgartner, Mikey Bouliane, Joshua Buxton, Nathan Cacilhas, Melanie Caixeiro, Emily Cordeiro, Sarah Dufour, Ian Fairlie, Daniel Milling, Aaron Neuts, Noah Paquette, Serena Roehler, Austin Schneider, Kevin White and Matthew Wilson.



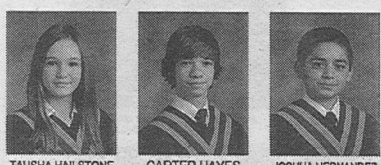
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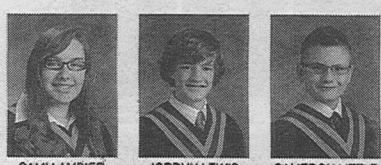
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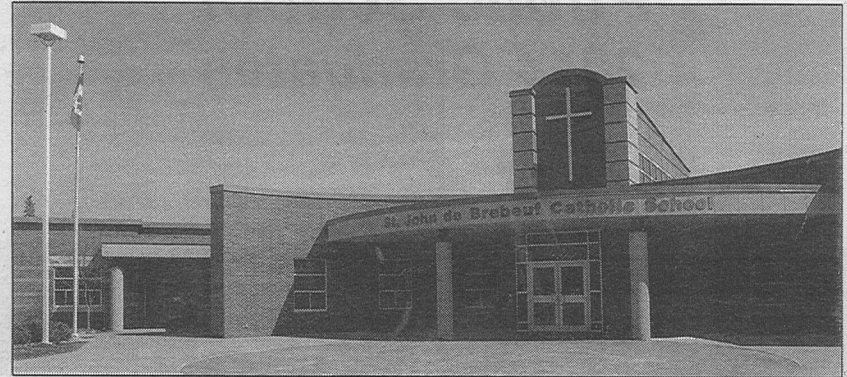


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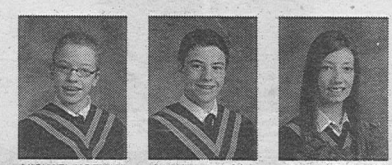
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Photo by Edge Imaging

Class of 2014 – St. John de Brebeuf

Ten years ago marked the opening of the new St. John de Brebeuf School in Kingsville and this past Friday

night, the Class of 2014 represents the first group of graduates that have spent their entire school career at the new school. Principal Chambers welcomed all the guests to the graduation ceremonies. "Today is a big day and we are all proud of you and are here to share and be a part of it," he said. "It's been a privilege for us

and our hope is you remember your years at St. John de Brebeuf." Serving as the Class Valedictorian, Alessia Quenneville delivered an inspiring address to her fellow graduates while expressing many words of thanks for all of the teachers and staff as well as to the parents and families for the support they received.

Alessia expressed her great pride in being a part of this year's Class of 2014. "We are graduating with an amazing group of individuals,"

she said as they celebrated the achievement of graduation day. "We can be the change that we want to see in the world. Let's use the skills we've learned and be that change." In her final words to her graduating class, Alessia offered that change is a good thing and is something they each need to embrace and not be afraid. "Never give up," she said. "And never be afraid to ask for help along the way." Upon receiving their diplomas, the annual awards were presented as follows: Principal's Award: Sami Lambier and Noah Bacon; Language Arts: Sami

Lambier and Priscilla Van Het Hof; Math: Matt McGregor and Noah Bacon; Geography: Carter Mastronardi and Jordyn Dobson; Science: Alessia Quenneville and Carter Janisse; History: Madeline Borland and Kayleigh Debergh; Arts: Kylie Pavao and Lauren Brown; French: Jessalyn Molzan, Ayden Ryan, Sami Lambier and Noah Bacon; Phys' Ed: (female) Julia Pearce and Tausha Hailstone, (male) Joshua Hernandez and Jordyn Lewis; Athlete Awards: (male) Carter Janisse, (female) Kayleigh Debergh; Christian Spirit: Stephen Bosse and Kiara Kirkland; CWL Bursary: Sami

Lambier; CWL Leadership Camp: Julia Pearce; Most Improved: Susan Fysh and Brandon Schmidt; Perversence: Jaren Gualtieri, Jordyn Dobson; Optimist Club: Alyssa Martin; Citizenship: Carter Janisse, Carter Mastronardi and Hanna Boutros; Honour Roll: Kylie Pavao, Noah Brown, Sami Lambier, Alessia Quenneville, Carter Janisse, Madeline Borland, Lauren Brown, Kayleigh Debergh, Carter Mastronardi, Matthew McGregor, Brook Gable, Priscilla Van Het Hof, Ayden Ryan, Hanna Boutros, Alyssa Martin and Jordyn Dobson.

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Congratulations!

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Anonymous donor gives \$1.6 million in scholarships

When one door closes, another one opens... Friday, June 27 was sure to be a sad day in Leamington. It marked the closing of the 104-year old H.J. Heinz Company and the loss of 740 jobs. The community had braced for this day since the original announcement in November, 2013.

But on that same day, a stranger changed the lives of at least 40 Grade 8 graduating students and their families. On the last school day at Queen of Peace Catholic Elementary School a special meeting of the parents was called. To the surprise and delight of everyone present it was announced that each of the 40 graduates from the class of 2014 would receive a scholarship worth \$10,000 per year for four years for their post secondary education. All they have to do is attend and graduate from a catholic high school.



Photo courtesy of George Kir

Anonymous donor's generous gift to students

Dear Editor:

On Friday, June 27th, parents and children were getting ready to wind down the school year at Queen of Peace Elementary School in Leamington. It had already been a year filled with many successes, accomplishments and blessings. While going about the usual business of the last day of school, the parents of the Grade 8 graduating class were invited to attend an unusual last-minute meeting. We, the parents, had no idea what this meeting was about.

The principal started the meeting by informing us that we were in attendance for an unprecedented announcement. An anonymous donor would be setting up a scholarship for every one of the forty 2014 Queen of Peace graduates. The scholarship had 2 stipulations:

- 1) Students continue and complete their education at a catholic high school; and
- 2) Students who choose to continue on to post-secondary education must be enrolled in a Canadian university or college.

In meeting these criteria the students would then receive a \$10,000 scholarship in each of the years, up to four, attending the academic institution. This meant this graduating class of Grade 8 students could each receive \$40,000 towards their post-secondary education. We were all stunned! Had we heard correctly? This anonymous gift could potentially translate to up to \$1.6 million.

Anonymous Donor, whomever you are, your generosity is remarkable, and an unbelievable lesson in true generosity. You remind us all that we still live in a world full of kind unselfish people who are willing to make a difference in people's lives. We feel truly blessed and fortunate that you would invest in our children's future with such a generous gift. For many it has lightened the financial burden that post-secondary education will bring.

We all send you our heartfelt thanks! This day will never be forgotten. Given the opportunity we would like to personally thank you, but we respect your wishes to remain anonymous.

May each of us find our own way to pay this gift forward to others, so that the spirit of generosity and kindness continues forever.

— Grateful Grade 8 parents of Queen of Peace Grads

Catholic board's summer program invites parents to join their children



Mom Tara Steinhoff, left, and instructor Aimee Bellefleur, right, works with Tara's daughter Lizzie, during literacy segment of Summer Learning Program at the Catholic School Board offices Thursday July 10, 2014. (NICK BRANCACCIO/The Windsor Star)



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Forget the kiss-and-ride concept of dropping off your children at school and departing. The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board is encouraging parents of students in its Summer Learning Program to come in and see what's offered isn't just for children.

The 15-day program, which will run through July 30, has three days set aside for parents to participate in the classroom.

Tara Steinhoff, whose nine-year-old daughter Lizzie attends the program, has already observed the goings-on first hand.

“It’s a different generation and our kids are taught differently than we were,” Steinhoff said. “As parents, we don’t always understand because we didn’t learn it that way.



Summer Learning Program student Dominic McKesey, draws some stares while participating shared reading activity Thursday July 10, 2014. It was also Crazy Hat Day at the camp, located at Catholic School Board office on California Avenue. (NICK BRANCACCIO/The Windsor Star)

“Seeing what happens and why, makes it understandable. It also helps us to be able to support their learning at home.”

Offered for the first time this summer by the board, it’s taken less than a week for Steinhoff to see the positive impact of SLP.

“Lizzie comes home and tells her siblings what she’s done all day,” Steinhoff said. “Last summer, we saw she really slipped back. We didn’t want her to have to work all year to catch up again.”

Aimee Bellefleur, one of four teachers in the program that is funded by the province for 30 students, said the impact of having parents visit the classroom can't be underestimated.

"When children see their parents come in, they see how much their parents value education," Bellefleur said.

"I've seen first-hand the impact that has. Children want to please their parents, so they strive to do better in the classroom."

Bellefleur said observing classes and learning computer and teaching skills for use at home has a valuable re-enforcing effect.

On each of the three designated parents' days, there'll be a one-hour exercise specifically designed to help equip parents with skills through a planned activity with the children.

For Lizzie Steinhoff, the benefits are defined in a more simplified way.

"It's awesome because my parents will get to see what I do," Steinhoff said.

The emphasis that learning doesn't stop when a child returns home is illustrated by the enthusiastic writings of the Grade 4 student at St. John.

"I like words, seeing if I can spell them," Lizzie Steinhoff said. "I'm writing two books at home."

The program also introduces a technological component to learning. Every student is given a mini iPad to access the many education applications available.

"I love that," said Tara Steinhoff, who plans to tap into the digital expertise of the teachers. "It's something we can also do at home.

"These kids seem born with Wi-Fi capabilities."

The program, which also includes a half-day of physical activity, art/drama and field trips, is specifically focused on literacy this year.

Maggie Dorion, the WECDSB's summer plan program leader, said the group participating was identified by the board's data and invited to attend. Students in the program will be tracked through the school year and their progress reported to the Ministry of Education.

The schools involved are St. John, St. James, St. Angela, Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Christopher.

Dorion said the board is eager to expand the program in the future and add a numeracy component. She said the program has been a natural fit with the well-established Yellow Bus summer program that provides the recreational component each afternoon.

"We wanted to target Grade 2 and 3 students that needed just that little extra bump," Dorion said.

"We know we can improve their literacy skills and stop the summer slide back, but we can also improve a child's confidence for going back to school in September. Parents also feel more comfortable being able to help their child at home when they have learning strategies to use."