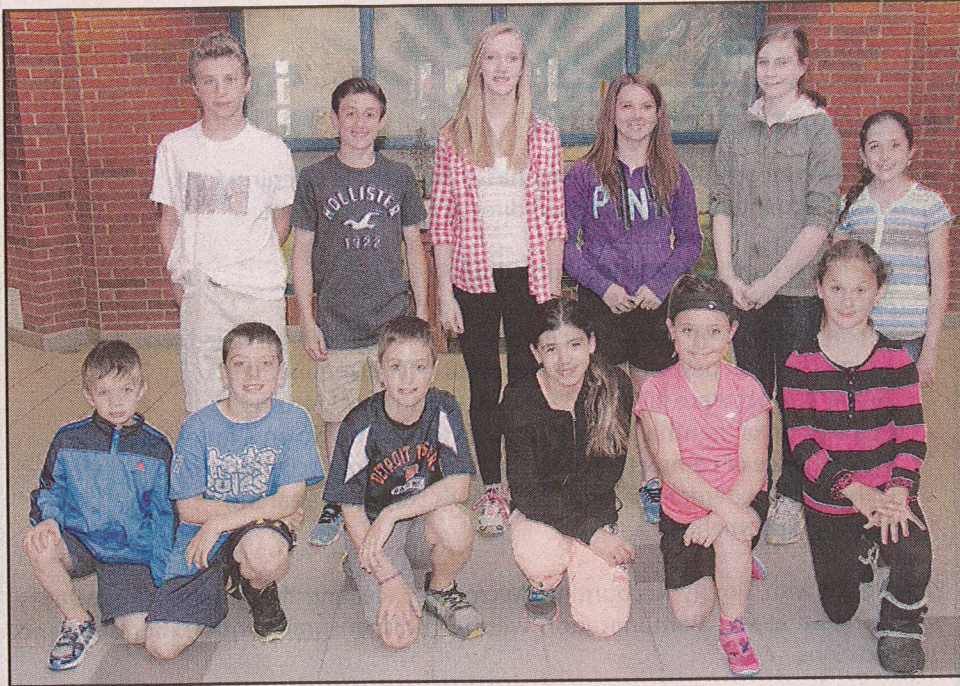




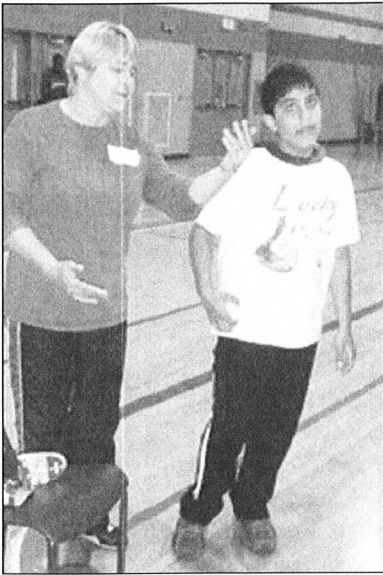
Sign of palms

St. William students were busy during Holy Week, assisting with many activities for Good Shepherd Parish. Students in Ms. Masse's Grade 4 class pulled apart palms to give to the congregation, and coloured pictures to decorate the church. Members of the school's Mission and Liturgical Teams also participated in a processional for Palm Sunday and were one of the groups who led Stations of the Cross for the parish.

St. John de Brebeuf track winners



Pictured above are the gold medal winners from the St. John de Brebeuf Track & Field Meet. They include (back row, left to right) grade six Austin Severino, grade seven Nico Gualtieri, grade eight Kayleigh Debergh, grade seven Ally Sands, grade six Emily Bacon, grade six Abby DiLaudo, (front row) grade three Nico DiLaudo, grade four Calum Brennan, grade five Matthew Lafleur, grade five Lexi Mastronardi, grade four Kayla Gualtieri and grade three Mikayla Axford. Absent is grade eight Carter Janisse.

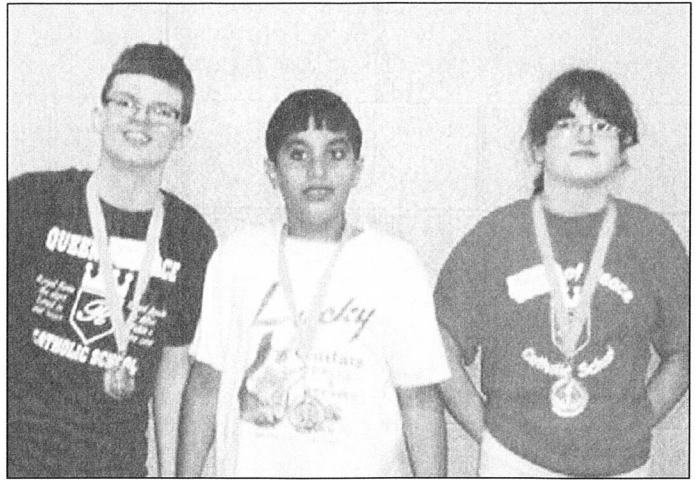


Ms. Diane and Johnny Abraham at Day of Champions enjoying an Activity Centre.

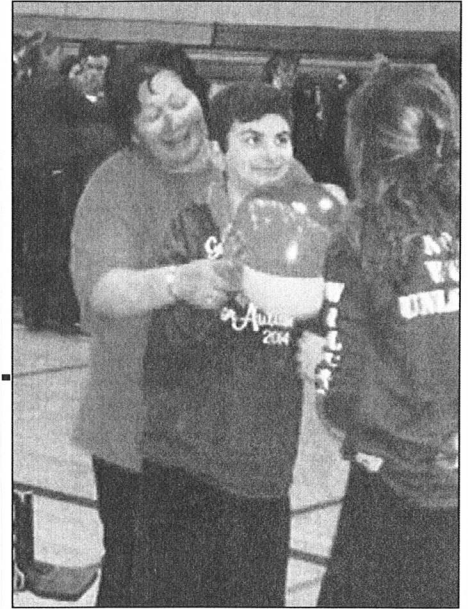
Queen of Peace students have fun at Day of Champions

On Thursday, May 15 the grade 6, 7 and 8 Special Education students from Queen of Peace School attended the 7th Annual Day of Champions at St. Thomas Villanova Secondary School.

The Leadership Students organized the entire day with lunch and physical education activities that allowed them to have fun and socialize with new and old friends. The students each received medals to commemorate their participation.



Devin Milana, Johnny Abraham and MaryLou Brignall proudly display the medals they won at Day of Champions.



Ms. Judi and Nicholas Policella participate at Life is a Beach Activity at Day of Champions.

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Assumption student first Windsor high school grad accepted at West Point



Nicholas Tobin from Assumption High School, has been appointed to the United States Military Academy West Point. (JASON KRYK/The Windsor Star)



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Nicholas Tobin has long held a fascination with history, but he never thought he'd become a piece of local lore himself.

After checking through the school's records, officials at the prestigious U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., confirmed the 18-year-old Tecumseh resident is the first area high school student to be accepted by the 212-year-old institution.

"I never even thought about being the first," said Tobin, who holds Canadian, American and Brazilian citizenship.

"It's been two years of determination. It's a major commitment and I'm excited about the opportunity."

The U.S. Army will pick up the entire tab for his education, training, room and board estimated to be worth \$410,000 over four years. In addition, Tobin will draw a cadet's salary.

The International Baccalaureate student at Assumption Secondary School will leave July 1 to begin six weeks of basic training.

Tobin knows he's taking an unusual path in life, one that will require him to serve five years on active duty and three in the reserves after his graduation as a second lieutenant.

"I didn't want to be a follower all my life," said Tobin, who will study business and economics and hopes to work in the army's intelligence branch.

"I have the desire to be part of something bigger than myself. West Point offers a number of those opportunities."

To gain entry to the academy, established under President Thomas Jefferson, Tobin endured a rigorous 18-month vetting.

Tobin was put through a candidate assessment along with physical and written tests. He was also invited to a select week-long camp at West Point last summer.

“It makes you glad you didn’t screw up when you were younger,” said Tobin, who moved to the area from Michigan as a one-year-old with parents Russ and Marilene.

“They want to weed out who is serious pretty quickly.”

West Point judges candidates on academics (60 per cent), leadership (30 per cent) and physical abilities (10 per cent). Prospective candidates must be American citizens, except for the few places reserved for foreign cadets.

Each year West Point accepts about 1,300 applicants from the nearly 17,000 who apply. On average, 1,000 cadets graduate each year, with the academy producing as many future corporate CEOs as generals.

Even after he’d met all the academy’s requirements, Tobin still had one more hurdle to clear to gain entry.

By law all applicants must be nominated by a congressman, a senator, the president or vice-president to receive a place at the academy.

Having been assigned to Michigan Congressman John Conyer’s 13th Congressional district, Tobin endured a final grilling from a three-member panel before being nominated.

“That was a little nerve-racking seeing all the other candidates there,” said Tobin, who carries a 94 per cent average and is active in numerous sports, clubs and student government.

It’s been only recently, with the prospect of her son’s departure, that Marilene Tobin felt the first jolt of emotion over her family’s impending new reality.

“I never worried about him going because I thought, ‘What are the chances he’d actually get in?’” admitted Marilene Tobin.

“It wasn’t until we were putting together the invitations for his going-away party that I really got emotional. It’s sunk in now.

“We’re very proud of him, but it’s a military academy and mothers worry about these things.”

Tobin’s father Russ recalled the shock of hearing his then 15-year-old son announce his intention to pursue West Point on a ride to one of his hockey games.

“I thought he was joking, but he’s proven how serious he was,” said Russ Tobin, who grew up in Windsor and co-owns an industrial fan business in the Detroit area with his American cousins.

“I think his interest in the military and foreign affairs comes from his grandmother. She had big library of books of world and military history and Nicholas was always an avid reader of them.”

That he’ll soon be following in the footsteps at West Point of many of those men he read about remains a concept Tobin still finds difficult to comprehend.

Giants of American history such as U.S. presidents Dwight Eisenhower and Ulysses S. Grant, generals Robert E. Lee, Douglas MacArthur and George S. Patton or Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin are all part of the West Point glitterati.

“It’s a pretty impressive alumni,” Tobin said. “It’s kind of cool knowing they’ve been there before me.”



Queen of Peace Enjoys Bowling Outing

On Tuesday, May 6, students from Queen of Peace School with French Immersion participated in the annual Special Olympics Bowling Tournament at Rev's Rosebowl in Windsor. All of the students enjoyed a morning of bowling and socializing with their friends. Judging by all the smiling faces, fun was had by all. Seated in front, left to right: Avery Bewsher, Amari Botelho, Ms. Beatty (ASL), Christopher Diab. Back row, left to right: Mrs. Pearce, Nicholas Policella, Ms. Bernath, Charbel Nohra, Gabriel Metcalfe, Christian Mastronardi, Cody Fanha, Mrs. Gualtieri.



Avery Bewsher enjoyed a bowling outing with fellow Queen of Peace students to participate in the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament held May 6 in Windsor.



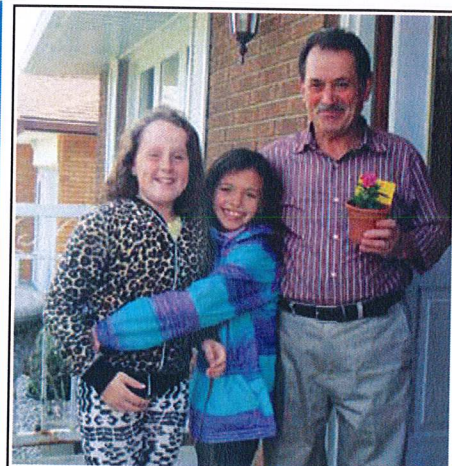
Christopher Diab had a great time bowling in the Special Olympics tournament on May 6.



Pictured here with their doghouse are from left to right, Kylie Murracas, Amanda Ondejko and Abigail Wigle.

Energy efficient doghouses

Grade 7 students at Queen of Peace Elementary School built energy-efficient doghouses. Their task was to keep the doghouse warm when put in cold climate. Some doghouses were built with wood, shingles, insulation and heated floors created with a hot water tubing design. Members of the groups also needed to present their doghouse to the class, as if the class was a Board of Directors deciding whether or not to replicate the design and put it for sale. "This was a great way to end our unit about Heat in the Environment. In this Unit, students also learned about renewable (wind and solar energy) and non-renewable (burning of fossil fuels) sources of energy," stated Grade 7/8 teacher Gloria Relic. Barbara Gaspard's Grade 7 class also participated. The students worked in small groups and came up with a design. Some students used white paint on the roof of the doghouse to reflect the sun's rays to keep it cooler in the summer. Another group ran plastic tubing throughout the bottom of their doghouse, to represent the heated water that would be pumped through the tubes to keep the floor heated in the winter. When building the doghouses, the students had two goals: to build the house effectively so it would keep a dog warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer.



Queen of Peace students Lola Cazabon (left) and Jillian Mastronardi delivered a touch of spring to Mr. Mastronardi.

Did you find a plant on your front porch?

On the morning of Thursday, May 8, the students of Queen of Peace School with French Immersion randomly delivered potted plants to the surrounding neighbourhood as an Education Week "Serving in the Love of Christ" activity. Plants were donated by C.F. Greenhouses and the soil/pots by Colasanti's Tropical Gardens.

People in the neighbourhood expressed delight at having a touch of spring delivered right to their front door.

The Cougars' Luca Coppola guides the ball away from a St. Martin defender during Game 1 of the boys 2A OFSAA tournament Thursday, June 5 at the Leamington Soccer Complex. Lucas Santos scored late in the game after the Mustangs netted two earlier in the second half. St. Martin won 2-1.



The Cardinal Carter Cougars perform their team chant one last time after finishing the 2A boys OFSAA tournament with a 1-1 draw against the Holy Trinity Tigers. Sharbel Kantati scored the lone Cougars goal.



Wessam Halabi of the Cougars and an E.S.C. Theriault Flames player simultaneously slide for control of the ball during Game 3 of the OFSAA 2A boys soccer tournament Friday, June 6 at the Leamington Soccer Complex. The Flames scored early in the first half, but Austin Bento tied the game a few minutes later. The second half was scoreless for both teams, bringing them to a 1-1 draw.

OFSAA tourney leaves good impression

By Bryan Jessop

The Cardinal Carter Cougars may have missed out on the playoff round of this year's boys 2A OFSAA tournament, but they certainly impressed visitors from 19 visiting communities.

The host team finished round robin play in Pool C with a record of two losses and two ties, starting the tournament on frustrating notes against the third-ranked St. Martin Mustangs of Mississauga and the Bishop Marocco/Thomas Merton Royals of Toronto. Cardinal Carter lost the first game 2-1, falling behind 2-0 before Austin Bento put his team on the scoresheet late in the second half. The Mustangs' first goal was a controversial one, as the play that led to the opening tally began with a throw in while the St. Martin coach and an injured player were still on the field.

The Cougars also questioned a late penalty kick awarded to the fifth-ranked Royals in Game 2, a play that led to the game's only goal and a 1-0 loss for the Cougars.

"Losing to a penalty shot in the last five minutes was a real knife in the heart for all the boys," said Cougars head coach Chris Mazar. "We spent 20 minutes of the second half in their 18-yard box and then they win on a penalty shot."

Game 3 was played the following day — Friday, June 6 — against the fellow 0-2-0 E.S.C. Theriault Flames. The Flames struck first early in the quarter, but Bento replied shortly afterwards after taking advantage of a mishandled ball by the opposition's netminder. The game was the last of the tournament for Bento, who suffered a hairline fracture to the tibia later in

the contest. The 1-1 stalemate stood as the match's final score.

Cardinal Carter's last game was played against the Holy Trinity Tigers of Bradford. Sharbel Kantati struck first in the opening half with a close-range tip in, although the Tigers replied early in the second half en route to another 1-1 deadlock.

"I'm really proud of how our guys played," Mazar said of the tournament, noting that had a few bounces gone a different way, his team could have made a quarterfinal appearance. "There have been parents from other teams who've commented on how sportsmanlike our players are."

Other teams made the journey from Tecumseh, St. Thomas, Gloucester, Simcoe, Burlington, St. Catharines, Courtice, North York, Belleville, Fort Frances, Sault Ste. Marie, Kemptonville, Richmond Hill and Ottawa. Tournament manager and Cardinal Carter vice principal Jim Kittl explained that he received only positive feedback from the parents, coaches and players of visiting teams, including a text from a St. Catharines visitor who explained that Leamington is a town of kind and courteous residents.

"It's been running very well," said Kittl, who led the organization of the tournament along with media relations director Marco Antonuzzo. "We've been getting a lot of compliments about the organization and the fields. The municipality has really outdone themselves here."

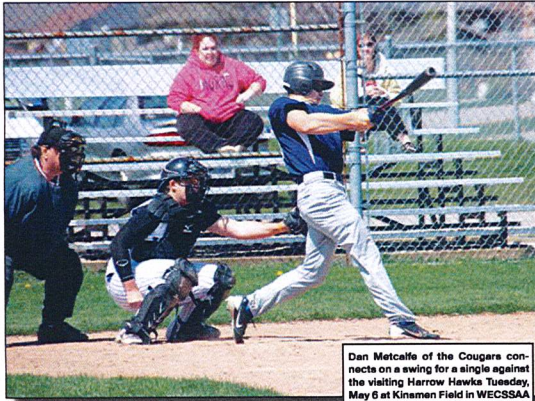
Games were scheduled in 90-minute increments despite the fact that games were held to two 30-minute halves, allowing for extra time to compensate for injury timeouts.

"We've been trying to go that extra mile for people coming from out of town," Kittl noted. "Our goal is to do more than is expected of us."

The tournament was preceded by a banquet at the Roma Club for all teams and coaches, where former Cougar Corbin Watson and 2014 Special Olympic bronze medalist appeared as guest speaker. Prior to an accident that led to the amputation of one leg below the knee, Watson was a player on the Cougars' team that advanced to OFSAA in 2006.

The top two teams from each pool advanced to the quarterfinals, played Friday at 5:15 p.m. Both of the Cougars' qualifying Pool 'C' adversaries won their quarterfinal games — the St. Martin Mustangs 4-1 over the Woodroffe Tigers of Ottawa and the Holy Trinity Tigers in a 0-0 draw that was decided with a 4-2 advantage in penalty kicks. The Mustangs qualified for the gold medal game with a 2-1 win over the Holy Trinity Titans of Courtice in the semis while the Tigers lost 1-0 to the E.S.P. Louis Riel Rebelles of Gloucester. The Tigers finished fourth with a 1-0 loss to the Titans in the bronze game while the Mustangs finished first overall by defeating the Titans 2-1 in the gold medal match.

Next year's Cardinal Carter boys soccer team could include as many as 10 rookies. Grade 9 player Luca Coppola and Grade 10s Dante Figliomeni and James Saba will likely return as core players for the 2015 season.



Dan Metcalfe of the Cougars connects on a swing for a single against the visiting Harrow Hawks Tuesday, May 6 at Kinamen Field in WECSAA boys baseball action. The teams finished the game with a 4-4 tie. The Cougars visited Harrow two days later and returned home with a 7-5 victory. Liam Bergeron was the winning pitcher while Metcalfe went two for two at bat and chipped in with two RBI. Jared Rawlings also batted in two runs.



Several players jump in an effort to deflect a corner kick in front of the Cougars' net during a WECSAA Tier I senior boys soccer game at Cardinal Carter. The Cougars and St. Joseph's Lasers fought to a 0-0 draw, bringing the host team's record to 4-2-2. Cardinal Carter finished third in the nine-team league and is ranked first among WECSAA's 12 2A squads. They will play one of the 2A preliminary round winners Wednesday, May 14 at 4 p.m. with home-field advantage.



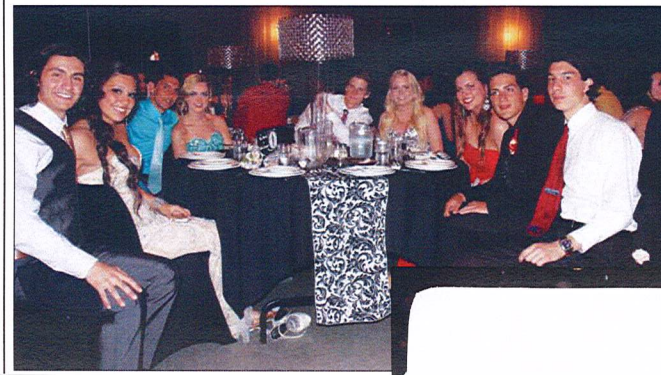
Amanda Ingratta of the Cougars takes a swing at a Belle River pitch during a WECSAA girls slo-pitch game at Kinamen Field Thursday, May 8. The Nobles' bats connected frequently for a 20-5 win over Cardinal Carter.



Katie Zuccato of the Cougars sends the ball onto the Herman half of the field early in the first half of a WECSAA Tier II senior girls soccer game at Cardinal Carter Wednesday, May 7. The Green Griffins scored twice in the first half en route to a 3-0 win. One day earlier, the Cougars lost 1-0 to Tecumseh Vista Academy. The busy week continued Thursday, with a 0-0 deadlock against General Amherst. The Cougars played a preliminary playoff game in Walkersville Tuesday, May 13. Results were not available by press deadline.



Jill Iles of the Lions tags out a Villanova base runner during a WECSAA girls slo-pitch match at Kinamen Field Tuesday, May 6. Leamington won 13-5 to bring its record to 3-0-0 in the County Division. On Thursday, May 8, the LDSS girls travelled to Essex to take on the Red Raiders. Leamington lost by a 5-2 score.



Cardinal Carter (left)

The graduating class of 2014 held their prom on Saturday, May 24 at the Portuguese Club.

St. Anthony School celebrates Catholic Education Week in a colourful way



St. Anthony School students celebrated Catholic Education Week in a colourful way last week with a special project using sidewalk chalk on the school grounds. Pictured above are some representatives from grades one to three with teacher, Kate Marentette.

by Heather Marentette

May 4 to 9 was Catholic Education Week for schools in Ontario and to celebrate this year's theme, Serving in the Love of Christ, staff and students at St. Anthony

Catholic School in Harrow took part in a variety of fun, faith-building activities.

According to St. Anthony School teacher, Kate Marentette, staff at the school interpreted this year's

theme their own way and prompted students to think about how they could show service to God through joyful experiences. They learned about the Beatitudes and the 10 Commandments and were



Some of the St. Anthony School's senior students decorated the front entrance to the school last week with sidewalk chalk as part of a celebration of Catholic Education Week.

asked to depict their thoughts on each of these lessons through an outdoor activity using sidewalk chalk. Each class and group of students was given a different topic and the freedom to illustrate it however they best saw fit.

"They did a great job with it. It was wonderful to see that the students' thoughts on the 10 Commandments in particular were joyful and positive," said Marentette. "...They look at the Commandments as gifts, not as rules and obligations that they have to follow in a

negative way...I think they were able to get a better understanding of our faith and how by following the Commandments and listening to the Beatitudes, they can serve the Lord in a joyful way."

Every student in the school, from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8, was involved in the sidewalk chalk activity. Kindergarten students used the chalk to draw symbols of love and faith, students in grades 1 to 5 focused on the 10 Commandments and grades 6 to 8 depicted the

Beatitudes. A number of other activities were also planned throughout the week including a culminating mass on Friday, May 9 for which each student decorated a special candle that was lit during the program.

"Catholic education week is important because our faith is woven into the fabric of all of our educational activities here at St. Anthony. This is our way of celebrating that," said school Principal Carl Bull.

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Catholic Education Week at St. Anthony School

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Serving the Lord, the students also learned about service to the environment through a school yard landscape project, and service to their faith through the sidewalk chalk activities outside which allowed them to share their faith with the community, said Bull.