

# Kcettes host Christmas luncheon for St. Anthony



There were lots of happy faces as each child was served up a plate of a Christmas dinner with all the fixings, including turkey, potatoes, vegetables and a nice bun. The lunch was followed with an ice cream dessert.



The Kcettes and the St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School parent council, along with some volunteers from the Knights of Columbus, hosted their annual Christmas luncheon for all the students of St. Anthony.



These volunteers came together on Friday, December 15 to put together this meal for all the students of St. Anthony. The lunch was originally planned for Thursday, December 14 but a snow day lead to them delaying it a day so everyone could enjoy it. Fortunately, there were lots of volunteers available despite the change in the date.

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# St. Anne claims fifth straight WECSSAA volleyball title

By Evan Mathias  
Special to Shoreline Week

The St. Anne senior boys' volleyball team is once again looking back on a successful season with optimism for next year.

The Saints captured their fifth straight WECSSAA AAA title en route to a SWOSSAA championship and their second OFSAA berth over that stretch.

"It was quite the experience. We went three years ago and that was our first time and you don't really know what to expect," said head coach Steve Burke.

"It was most of this groups first time at OFSAA. It was a nice experience."

Going into the season, the nine-year coach of the Saints was unsure whether his team would be a competitor for the (WECSSAA) final or not.

"At the beginning of the year, we weren't sure what kind of team we had and even at practice, we were worried because we weren't sure about our offence," recalled Burke.

"Once the season started going, it was all about defence. Even during the SWOSSAA final, the coach from Chatham couldn't believe how dominant we were at the net."

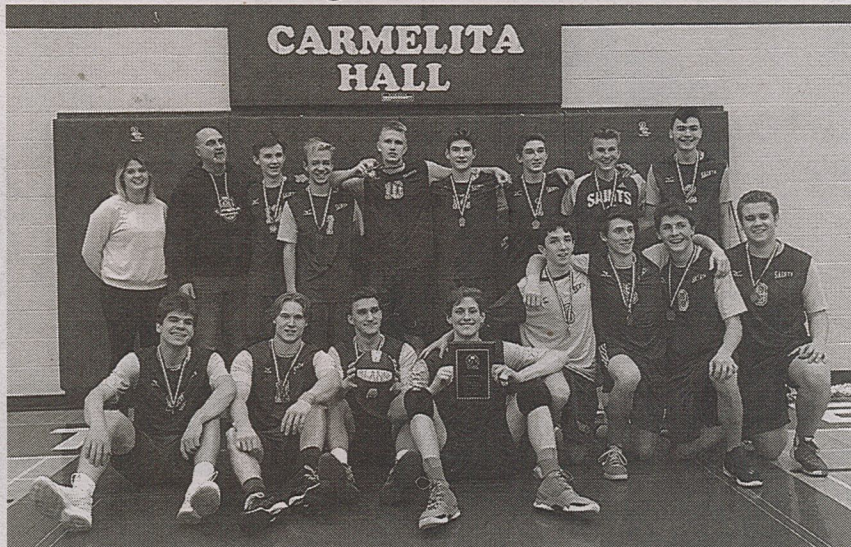


Photo courtesy of Mark Ficon

The St. Anne Saints senior boys' volleyball team claimed its fifth straight WECSSAA title en route to its second OFSAA berth over that stretch.

The team defence culminated for St. Anne's fifth-straight WECSSAA championship, an impressive feat considering the amount of turnover from year to year in high school sports.

"I think if you look at most of the volleyball programs or any high school program, the coaches that are there for a long time tend to win more," said Burke.

"When I took over, we struggled for the first couple of years trying to get the program going, but when you do get it going and your team

is out there and you're winning and the kids know they want to play St. Anne's volleyball.

"That's a lot to do with it, where it's a tradition of winning. It's just that tradition and getting the athletes to come to your school for your sport."

The team's success led them to the SWOSSAA championship and then the OFSAA tournament, where Burke said the players were in for a surprise.

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"It opened the guys eyes up for sure. Things that they thought they could get away with, a lot of these travel or club players that were there, knew how to play against them," said Burke.

"We had to adjust and we had to learn quick. The speed of the game was a lot faster."

St. Anne opened up OFSAA with a win over St. Jean de Brébeuf.

However, that would be the Saints' only win of the highly competitive tournament.

"Our first game we played, the number five team and we beat them and we were very happy with ourselves and we played hard," said Burke.

"Then when we had to play Mississauga, the team that won OFSAA. They gave us a lesson on how to play real volleyball."

Burke remains optimistic for the future and has high hopes that the Saints will compete to be the top team in the region once again.

"We're losing three starters for sure, that's it," said Burke. "We have four or five guys that could fill those three spots. "We're looking good. I don't know how the rest of the league is going to be. I know other teams will be a little stronger.

"I'm hoping that we'll be successful again. We'll just have to wait and see where everyone else is at."

## Skills Ontario event comes to Leamington

By Bryan Jessop

Students considering careers based in skilled trades and technology kept their ambitions afloat with a competition that recently made its way south of London for the first time.

Skills Ontario introduced the annual Cardboard Boat Races to Leamington last week, drawing precisely 100 high school students from school boards in Windsor-Essex, Chatham-Kent and Niagara to the Leamington Kinsmen Recreation Complex. There, teams of four represented their schools in a challenge where they built vessels of cardboard and duct tape that were put through their paces via a 25-me-

tre race and weight capacity testing.

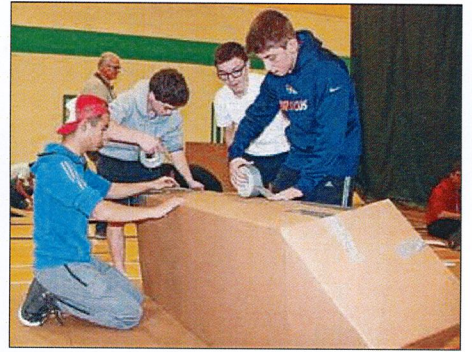
The gathering of 24 teams included two entries from Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School. The two Cougar quartets were amid the youngest in attendance, as both were made up entirely of Grade 9 students. The secondary school division of the Cardboard Boat Races is open to pupils from Grades 9 to 12 while the elementary school version — not yet available in the Essex-Kent-Lambton region — is available to entries in Grades 7 and 8.

Cardinal Carter was represented by Team 2 — Brayden Bergeron, Shelby Farkas, Laura Kostwinder and Jordan McManus — while Team 14 was made up of cousins Cade and Cameron Lussier as well as Johnathan Raffoul and Jaydon Tannous. The school-based teams came from schools representing the Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board, Greater Essex County District School Board and Niagara District School Board. Four of these schools also submitted Video Challenge teams — duos that recorded and edited the boat construction and competition processes.

The unique Skills Ontario event has taken place yearly for more than 20 years, but until 2017, had never hosted a regional version of the Cardboard Boat Races closer to the Leamington area than London. Most meets are capable of hosting a maximum of 30 to 38 teams, depending on the host venue's size.

"First-time locations normally start out slow, but 23 teams right off the bat is great," explained Skills Ontario local liaison officer Kayla Schurman during the boat construction stage, noting that a 24th team withdrew from the Leamington-based competition prior to its Tuesday, Nov. 28 date. "With new teams at a new location, they're doing really well for never having seen this event before."

For both elementary and secondary school competitions, teams are given two 4' x 8' sheets of corrugated cardboard, two rolls of duct tape and two hours to create their boats. Many teams,



From left to right, Jaydon Tannous, Cameron Lussier, Cade Lussier and Johnathan Raffoul — all Grade 9 students at Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School — work on their entry for the Skills Ontario Cardboard Boat Races at the Leamington Kinsmen Recreation Complex Tuesday, Nov. 28.



Jordan McManus, Laura Kostwinder and Shelby Farkas — all Grade 9 students along with teammate Brayden Bergeron (not in photo) — apply lengths of duct tape to their entry.

including Cardinal Carter's, made and tested prototypes in the days prior to going head-to-head with other participating schools. Following the building process and a lunch break, teams brought their creations from the LKRC's gymnasium to its pool for single-length races and weight testing.

Teams chose between placing one or two members in their boats for the 25 metre races, with four entries entering the water simultaneously. Immediately afterwards and at the other end of the pool, teams were given a minute to keep their vessels afloat with one member on board. Prior to construction, each team member was weighed for judges to

calculate how many pounds the boats could hold. After the first minute — for boats that had not yet sank — a second teammate entered the finished product to be timed for another 60 seconds. The Lussier-Lussier-Raffoul-Tannous team kept three of the four members above the surface for the full minute to submit a combined weight of 372 pounds

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— one of the top entries of the day in that category. The same team clocked a race time of 28.5 seconds. The Bergeron-Farkas-Kostwinder-McManus team registered a weight of 162 pounds and a race time of 31.78 seconds.

Also calculated into the scoring process was the time recorded for the race, construction quality, planning and design, safety and cleanliness, teamwork and team spirit, visual appeal and skilled trade career knowledge. Teachers were allowed to observe from the sidelines, but could not contribute verbally or with assistance in construction.

At the secondary school level, Leamington served as the host of one of six regional events, where the top three teams will advance to the provincial championships in Waterloo March 8. The two teams from Eden High School in St. Catharines finished one-two with 98 and 83.25 points out of a possible 100. Team #14 of

Cardinal Carter finished third as the event's most successful Windsor-Essex County entry with an even 70 points, half a point more than one of the two Assumption groups. The Cougars' #2 team also finished in the top 10 — in eighth place — with 61.5 points.

In the competition's history of more than two decades, the current elementary school weight record is 1,411 pounds while the race time standard sits at 15.03 seconds. The high school weight record is 1,381 pounds. The latter group's race record was set a year earlier at 10.73 seconds.

Skills Ontario was established in 1989 to promote education in skilled trades and technologies across the province. Locally, Schurman represents the organization from an office space provided by St. Clair College's main site in Windsor.

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— Kayla Schurman



Jordan McManus and Brayden Bergeron of Cardinal Carter use their hands as paddles as they make their way across the pool at the Leamington Kinsmen Recreation Complex as part of the Skills Ontario Cardboard Boat Races Tuesday, Nov. 28. (SUN Photos)



Jaydon Tannous, Johnathan Raffoul and Cameron Lussier are brought to 'shore' after successfully keeping their entry afloat for one minute with 372 pounds aboard during the weight testing portion of the Skills Ontario Cardboard Boat Races.

# Villanova competes in cardboard boat races

by Shelby Wye

St. Thomas of Villanova Secondary School was pitted against six other Catholic high schools for the Skills Ontario cardboard boat races, which was held on Tuesday, November 28 at the Leamington Kinsmen Recreation Complex.

The competition challenges teams of four to design and build a water-tight vessel out of cardboard and duct tape. This challenges the students to think "inside" the box, cardboard that is, to design something that will be able to be maneuvered, without sinking, across the length of a swimming pool and can also hold the weight of multiple students.

The levels of success were varying, but one thing that was guaranteed was that the over 100 students that attended had a lot of fun.

Villanova sent members of their Grade 10 tech and design class to participate. This included Luka Markett, Oliver Chappus, Andrew Clark, Charlie Deschamps, Beau Shaw, Eric Dinunzio, Claire Beaudoin and Natalie Rainheart.

The group was split into two and each boat made it successfully to the other end of the pool. The teams both said it was a great experience and was best described as "frustrating but fun." Skills Ontario hosts many Skills Competitions to inform and engage Ontario youth to the exciting world of skilled trades and technologies.



Luka Markett mans his team's boat through the waters of the Leamington Kinsmen Recreation Complex's pool for the Skills Ontario Cardboard Boat Races.



Beau Shaw and Eric Dinunzio placed first in speed for their heat with their carefully made water craft.

This is the first time that the cardboard boat races have been held in Leamington and organizers said that they would hope to hold another event at this location in the future since there was such a great turnout.



The students were challenged to see how long their cardboard boat could last, slowly increasing the weight person by person until it finally collapsed. It led to lots of interesting faces as each person tried to squeeze in and the boat dipped further into the water. From left to right, Natalie Rainheart, Claire Beaudoin and Eric Dinunzio.

## Cougars conclude annual lottery

By Bryan Jessop

Thanks to an impressive display of community support, extracurricular and special events at Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School can continue as planned.

The school recently wrapped up its seventh annual Parent Council Lottery, also known simply as the Cougar Lottery, in what turned out to be the most successful campaign of its kind thus far. This year's fundraiser generated a sum of \$22,345, eclipsing the previous high — \$21,375 in 2015 — by nearly \$1,000.

Each year since 2011, Cardinal Carter students from Grades 9 to 12 are given tickets to sell to the general public for chances to win the grand prize or one of six secondary prizes. This year's top prize was \$3,000 while the half dozen secondary awards were \$500 each. The lottery ran from November 3 to 20, with prizes drawn November 28.

Tickets were sold at \$5 each and despite the secondary school's lower student total than in previous years, surpassed the \$20,000 plateau for only the second time. Last year, the lottery raised \$19,405. This year, Cardinal Carter's 520 students sold 4,469 tickets.

"They did very well this year," noted principal Dwayne Brunet. "Our staff also did a great job in encouraging them."

Classroom-to-classroom challenges served as incentives for this year's lottery, as did a pizza party, earning non-uniform days and cash prizes for students who sold the most tickets. Amber Wallace earned \$150 for selling 90 tickets, Samantha Vreman took the second place prize of \$125 for selling 86 tickets and Brianna Ferreira and Paetyn Antuens earned \$75 each for selling 75 tickets apiece. Thomas Bartha won \$100 for selling the \$3,000 grand prize ticket to Andrea Bartha.

Money raised by each year's lottery helps offset the costs involved with extracurricular and academic events and activities including after school taxi services for students. The



At far left, Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School vice principal Ryan Coristine presents the grand prize cheque of \$3,000 to winner Andrea Bartha (fourth from left) for the annual Cougars Parent Council Lottery Tuesday, Dec. 5. Others in the photo (remaining, left to right) include \$500 winners Andy Resendes and Teresa Avelar, second top student ticket seller Samantha Vreman, \$500 winner April Gaier, student grand prize ticket seller Thomas Bartha, \$500 winner Diane Gleason, third-fourth top student ticket seller Brianna Ferreira, top student ticket seller Amber Wallace and \$500 winner Christina Fanha, accepting the prize on behalf of her husband Nuno Fanha. Absent was third-fourth top student ticket seller Paetyn Antuens. This year's lottery generated \$22,345 for school activities, transportation and other extra curricular programming. This year's lottery was the most successful in its seven-year history.

expenses involved with guest speakers and appearances and materials and props purchased by the school are also covered by the Cougar Lottery. Since the lottery began six years ago, it has raised just over \$129,000 for student programming outside of regular course curriculum.

# St. Anthony helps neighbours

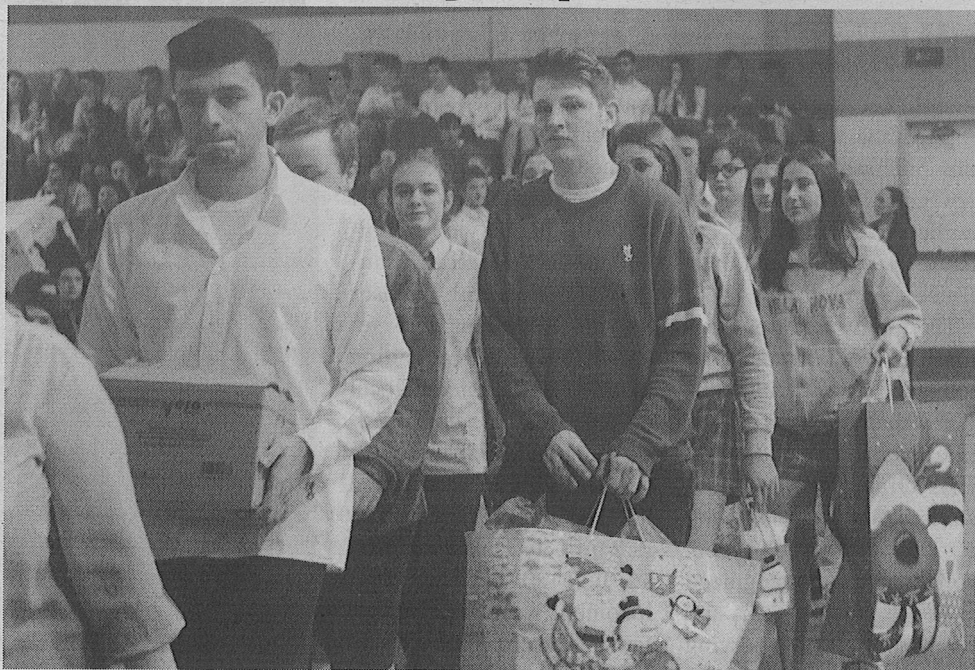


St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School helped out their neighbour a couple of weeks ago to rake up the remaining leaves on their front lawn.



The Grade 8 students of St. Anthony were happy to help out their neighbour.

# Villanova community adopts families in need



**The procession of Villanova students carry the gifts donated for their adopted families during their Advent Mass.**

*by Shelby Wye*

For the past fourteen years the Villanova community has been adopting families at Christmas time. During this time nearly 650 families have been adopted. This year 41 families will receive clothing, gifts and Christmas dinner due to the generosity of our school community.

On Tuesday December 5, St. Thomas of Villanova Secondary School celebrated their Advent Mass.

It is at this mass that their Adopt A Family program came to fruition. As a school community we have adopted families in need from Windsor and Essex County. We work with community groups to provide a good

Christmas for the families. We work with Essex Area Food Bank, The Children's Aid Society and The St. Vincent de Paul Society - Divine Mercy Food Bank.

The donated gifts were brought up in procession at the beginning of the Mass. It was beautiful to witness the outpouring of love and generosity shown in this procession. All members of the school community were involved in this project - students, teachers, support staff, administration as well as the Catholic School Council. Representatives from the above community agencies. They were all present at this Mass to receive these gifts on behalf

of the families we have sponsored.

In mid-November they also held a school wide can drive. They collected over 4,500 cans that will be distributed to these local agencies. Some cans will be brought up in the procession as a reminder that many needy families will benefit from this food.

"We at St. Thomas of Villanova have been blessed with many great things. This is our way of giving back to the community and making sure that these families experience a Christmas to remember," said Principal of St. Thomas of Villanova Amy Facchineri.

## ST. PIUS X



Photos courtesy of Joe Bachetti

From left, (back row) David, Stone, Mateo, Sebastian, Stephan, Cyril, Robert, (front row) Ben, Nico, Ryder, and Alex. Absent from the photo is coach Mr. Garneau.



From left, (back row) coach Mrs. Crough, Sophia B., Andie, Jocelyn, Abby, Kristin, Jacqueline, Jayden, (front row) Lyric, Sienna, Sophia C., Heidi, Grace, Ryleigh, Madison, Danica, and Taylor. Absent are Jayne, Saanea, and coach Mrs. Bachetti.

# Pacers' junior athletic programs strong!

Students in Grades 5 and 6 at St. Pius X Catholic School continue to represent their school team with spirit and are able to play exhibition games and enter various tournaments during both volleyball and basketball seasons.

This is only possible by having staff generously volunteer their time to take on these extra curricular activities.

Congratulations to the junior girls volleyball team for capturing second place overall at the recent Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board Tournament held at the University of Windsor's St. Denis Centre and honourable mention to the junior boys for participating in the consolation round.

Thank you to all our coaches—Mrs. Crough, Mrs. Bachetti and Mr. Garneau.