Harrow Elementary Schools

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in Full Swing

by Shelby Wye

Despite the sweltering heat, the first sign of autumn began last week: students heading back to school. Droves of elementary school

At the St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School, the students and staff welcomed a brand new principal Mr. Iacono. He comes to Harrow with 26 years of educational experience, half as a teacher and half as an administrator. He has worked primarily in Windsor throughout his career but said that the town of Harrow is a "beautiful" place to be, both inside and outside the school. He appreciates the new build of the school and is excited to continue the school's legacy as a tech-leader. He said both the staff and students have been very welcoming.

"My goal is to bring out the genius in every kid, it's always there. I will support the staff to see that they can do just that and support the kids individually that might be facing extremes in their life," said Iacono. He applies the stories of the faith in everyday life to help show kids the way to their genius, and said he is proud of the Catholic education they will be providing their students, along with plenty of focus on academics.



New principal at St. Anthony School, Mr. Iacono is pictured with secretary Mrs. Cacilhas who has been helping him adjust to the transition. He is confident the transition will be easy with such hard working staff and students.

There are three new teachers in their school this year, Mrs. Congi-Belcastro, French, Mrs. Klyn half-day educational assistant and Lori Market for half-day prep.

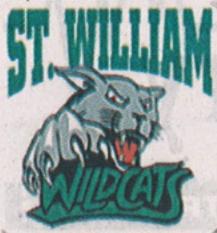
Both schools will be hosting their Meet the Teacher night on Wednesday, September 21 beginning at 5 p.m.

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Coding is cool, fun, and happening at St. William!

Mr. Bull, our new principal, invited staff to a coding workshop the first week of school.

Some dove into the coding culture by attending the first workshop after school.



So, what is coding?

Coding is another word for giving instructions to a computer.

For example, coding could be used to create a program that can turn up your air conditioner from a remote location.

Coding is used to create computer soft-ware, apps, and websites.

When you write code, you are really inputting instructions to the computer, so the computer 'understands' what you want it to do.

Coding is a fun form of writing instructions to get your computer or device to do things.



A coding workshop was held for staff members last week.

What grades will be learning coding?

Mr. Bull hopes within a couple of months, every class from Kindergarten to Grade 8 will be learning about coding.

Why is coding important?

In today's society many companies use coding in various ways and using various computer 'languages', such as "Python" or "Java Script".

Coding is also important since it has shown to improve math skills.

Why is coding cool?

Instead of playing a game, which is just using something someone else did, you can create your own game with coding and challenge your mind by using your creativity and problem-solving.

In short, you can play while learning.

You might become a coder one day, which is a fantastic career to have to since in today's world many places have computer jobs that involve coding and therefore need a coder. Why not you?

Some cool companies that hire coders include Google, Microsoft, and Apple. Mr. Bull is hoping to partner with local businesses to assist the school reach their coding goals.

Photo courtesy of T. Goertzen

Additionally, he wishes to add 3-D printers to our school for junior and senior students to use and is looking for corporate sponsors for this purpose.

If you would like to assist, please call Mr. Bull at 519-727-3393; he'd love to hear from you!

Written by M. Trudeau and A. Rubli



Welcome our newest Wildcat!

Mr. Bull has been an educator for 25 years now.

We are so glad here at St. William Catholic School that Mr. Bull will be celebrating his silver anniversary as an educator with us!

Mr. Bull will be at the helm of our St. William ship this year, as captain of all Wildcats, we will be sailing through smooth seas, due to his eleven years experience as an administrator.

He was previously principal at St. Anthony in Harrow for five years.

Before that, he was principal at St. John Vianney.

He is very happy to be our school leader at St. William.

Mr. Bull hopes to be an inspiration to all of our students.

We asked Mr. Bull who inspired him to become an educator.

A history teacher he had while attending Simcoe Composite High School, named Mr. Terdik made his lessons come alive and began a spark in him.

Mr. Bull also comes from a family of teachers, including his grand-mother who taught in a one-room school house!

Along his educational journey, Mr. Bull has earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Guelph, a Bachelor of Education from Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia.

Wow! We also learned Mr. Bull enjoys continuing his education and is a "life-long learner".

He is a specialist in Science, has taken Religion courses, to name a few and most recently is learning coding for computers and devices.

Mr. Bull feels he is very lucky to have such great staff and students at St. William who share his love of learning.

He looks forward to innovative and creative learning happening at St. William, as well as explorative learning.

Mr. Bull also plans on learning side by side with his staff and students.

Mr. Bull thinks it is important to be with students as much as possible since he is no longer teaching in the classroom.

While he will be visiting classrooms, Mr. Bull enjoys interacting with the students at all recesses, except for when he has an important meeting or call.

For example, at a recent lunch recess, Mr. Bull learned that the Grade 8 students are good at football and he looks forward to playing again.

In this way he also sees the school through the students' eyes and their wants and needs.

We have been very impressed and enjoyed walking with him for this interview, while seeing Mr. Bull in action.

All in all, Mr. Bull loves being a Wildcat! He says he just needs a shirt. Well, we will work on that.

Welcome Mr. Bull, we are happy to have you as our newest Wildcat family member.

By Ava R. and Mikaila T.

SHORELINE ST. PIUS X SEPT 30/16 Meet the Pacer Team Night



St. Pius X Catholic School recently held their ice cream social open house, where everyone had a chance to meet the school staff.

The turnout was a great success whereas many familiar faces exchanged fellowship. Students were also able to showcase their school environment and do a walk about along with greeting their Pacer Team.

Thank you to the Catholic School Council for once again hosting this evening and providing the cool treats for everyone to enjoy.

The school also drew the name of the Bissonette family who won a \$100 Best Buy gift card.

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