

# Lady Eagles win tournament title

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*The Lady Eagles of St. John de Brebeuf were the winners of this year's KDHS Feeder School volleyball tournament. Pictured above, team members included (back row, left to right) Coach Mrs. Baker, Kaylin McHardy, Juliana Hernandez, Emily Bacon, Kylee Cioci, Coach Mrs. Liles, (front row) Sydney Lewis, Kiana Dobson, Ally Sands, Kayla DiMenna and Emily Leili.*



## Little Hands Kids for a Cause

Five special heroes were presented gifts at St. John de Brebeuf school last Wednesday through the 'Little Hands Kids For A Cause' charity. Three local moms started up the organization to assist the families of children with life-threatening illness.

Leigh Ann Mastronardi, Aimee Omstead and Sarah Guenther began the charity when Sarah's niece took ill. Such was the support for her family, she wanted to do something for others in similar situations.

The group presented gifts to 11 young heroes last week, including five during a special presentation at St. John de Brebeuf School.

At St. John, grade eight students took the time to purchase age-appropriate items for the youngsters. Presentations were made to Jett Paquette, Dereck Lau, Cole Mastronardi, Brooklyn



*Pictured, students from St. John de Brebeuf presented Christmas gifts to five "little heroes" who are battling life threatening illnesses. The heroes include Cole Mastronardi, Dereck Lau, Jett Paquette, Brooklyn DaSilva and Iseonna Silliker.*

DaSilva and Iseonna Silliker.

Since starting "Little Hands" in July, the ladies have had numerous, though somewhat small, fundraising events.

"We've had Little Hands Lemonade Stands throughout the county,

a couple of yard sales, an auction and raffle put on by Sturgeon Woods Campground, Trick or Treat through Colasanti's Tropical Gardens and currently Little Hands Loonie collection as well as a toy drive," said Leigh Ann. "In order for us to

*Photo by Steve l'Anson* help our Little Heroes we need these fundraisers to be successful."

To find out more about the charity, you can log on to their website at: [www.littlehandskidsforacause.com](http://www.littlehandskidsforacause.com).

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# Christmas carnival fever fills St. John school



St. John de Brebeuf grade eight students held their annual Christmas Carnival last Tuesday. The event is a fundraiser for their graduation trip. Students organize and run all the events, which are open to their peers in younger grades. Pictured are highlights including students searching for candy among balloons; Lilyanna Mora walking the tightrope; Troy Brush aiming a ping pong ball; and Ryan Flanagan at the ring toss.

Photos by Steve l'Anson



## Eagles collect toys and food ahead of holidays



*Luca Quenneville, a grade seven student at St. John de Brebeuf, once again organized a can drive within the school. He promoted the event to his peers, who came through with some great donations. Pictured, Luca stands beside some of the donations for Toys 4 Tots, along with food items for The Society of St. Vincent de Paul.*

*Photo by Steve l'Anson*

# St. Annes annual Coats for Kids Drive



Photo courtesy St. Annes High School

Two weeks ago, St. Anne High School held their annual Coats for Kids campaign. Pictured above is a group photo 2014 coats for kids with teacher Jayne Livermore and her drama students and teacher Jayne Livermore. This initiative assists families and individuals with limited resources in need of winter jackets. It serves to help families without the means to purchase the clothing needed to stay warm during the winter months. This year, the campaign also included the collection of hats, scarves and mittens. Mrs. Livermore's Grade 10 drama students organized and promoted the campaign, as well as, collected and sorted 700 coats donated by the generous students and staff of St. Anne. Over the past 7 years, St. Anne has collected over 4800 winter coats which were distributed to needy children and teenagers throughout Windsor and Essex County

# ST. WILLIAM School Council raises \$500 for diabetes research



Pictured from left, are St. William Catholic School principal Joe Bachetti, Jack Poisson, Annie Poisson, Olivia Piazza, and School Council co-chairperson Renay Grant.

Jack Poisson received a cheque for \$500 from the St. William Catholic School Council to go towards diabetes research.

Jack has been following Sebastien Sasseville, an individual who has been running across Canada to help raise awareness and support for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Jack has raised \$2,000 locally. He and his family are travelling to British Columbia to meet up with Sebastien at the finish line!

*For more information about Sebastien's 7,500 kilometre run from St. John's to Vancouver, please visit [OutrunDiabetes.ca](http://OutrunDiabetes.ca)*

## ST. ANNE H.S. Anti-Bullying Week assembly held

St. Anne Catholic High School kicked off Anti-Bullying Week (Nov. 16-22) on Monday with an assembly.

Holly Painter, a spoken word artist, director of the London Poetry Slam, and an anti-bullying advocate, was the special guest.

The assembly also featured performances by St. Anne's Poetry In Action group.

Tuesday was also Pink Shirt Day at the school.

The St. Anne staff launched a 'Caught You Caring' campaign this week. They were on the lookout for student who are helping to make their school community safer and a more caring place to live and learn in.

All students 'caught caring' will have their name entered into a draw to win lunch for themselves and three friends, compliments of Mr. Deluca's Hospitality classes.



# St. Pius X School collects toys and clothing for kids



St. Pius X Catholic School held a toy and clothing drive recently. Members of the Tecumseh Fire/Rescue Services visited the school and collected the donations. The toys and clothing were sent to the Goodfellows organization for children in need this holiday season. The St. Pius X students are happy to help put a smile on the face of a child in need.

Photo courtesy of Nancy Sarkis

# Gadoury, Sanders lead Saints to Wilson Conference title

DECEMBER 5, 2014 SHORELINE

Tyler Gadoury kicked the game-winning field goal in overtime and Colin Sanders intercepted a pass on the goal line to secure the St Anne Saints a 17-14 victory over the Essex Red Raiders in the WECSSAA senior football Wilson Conference championship recently.

St. Anne's Morgan Ing completed a touchdown pass to Sam Reid and Braeden Braccio ran for another.

## Braccio named to All-City First Team

Braeden Braccio was named to the All-City First Team after accumulating more than 1,400 all purpose yards and 12 TDs on the season.

In addition, Sam Reid, Michael Thamm, Colin Sanders, and Josh Scaife were named Second Team All-Stars.



The St. Anne Saints senior football team celebrate their 17-14 overtime victory over the Essex Red Raiders to win the 2014 WECSSAA Wilson Conference championship recently.

Photo courtesy of Mark Ficon



Melissa Gabriel of the Cardinal Carter dance team performs in 'Birth of Fire and Ice'.

### Dance-o-logy at Cardinal Carter

After months of hard work, dozens of dancers took to the stage last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at Cardinal Carter to perform 'Dance-o-logy 2014'. Groups from the Community Living Class, the CC Dance Team, the junior and senior dance classes, the CC dance crew, an alumni group, an adult dance troupe, the dance club, summer dance group, as well as groups from their feeder schools, Queen of Peace, St. Louis and St. John de Brebeuf performed a variety of dance styles to sold out performances, under the direction of Maggie Sosnoski, assisted by Laura Rubino. (SUN Photos)



There was a wide variety of dance styles and a myriad of beautiful costumes in last week's Dance-o-logy performances, including 'Sounds of Silence'.

## St. Louis School introduces Advent of Giving

By Bryan Jessop

Students at St. Louis Catholic Elementary School have put on a display of the true meaning of Christmas.

The 10 classes ranging from junior kindergarten to Grade 8 made a gesture of holiday cheer for 10 Leamington-area families in need of the St. Vincent de Paul Society's "The Giving Tree" program, offered through the hosting St. Michael's Church. The project began roughly three weeks ago upon the start of Advent — Sunday, Nov. 30. Since then, staff and students at the school began collecting gifts, stocking stuffers and hygiene products to be divided between the 10 local families utilizing the Giving Tree.

By the time the collection was delivered to St. Michael's Church, the sum of contributions reached between 300 and 400 items.

"It's been awe inspiring, the amount of giving from our St. Louis students," said teacher and Advent of Giving co-coordinator Jessica Meloche. "The St. Louis community comes out in a big way when it comes to giving. It's a beautiful thing these students have done for people in our community — everyone deserves to be merry during Christmas."

The school's staff and students have traditionally embarked upon a local fundraiser of one type or another during the Christmas season. Last year, St. Louis raised about \$5,000 for Aubrey's Angels. The idea to create Advent of Giving began shortly after a Thanksgiving food drive in connection with the South Essex Community Council ended to the tune of 1,400 pounds of food going to the St. Vincent de Paul food bank. As students volunteered to help run the same food bank on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., Meloche and co-organizer Dina Sardinha suggested the philanthropic actions continue into the Christmas holiday season.

In response, teachers at St. Louis asked students to offer gifts to the Advent of Giving program instead of the annual



A split class of Grade 5/6 students and staff members at St. Louis Catholic Elementary School pose in front of some of the 300 to 400 donations made for their first-ever Advent of Giving program. The items have been sent to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Michael's Church as part of its Giving Tree program to support 10 Leamington-area families in need for the Christmas holidays. (SLAV Photo)

tradition of presents to the teachers themselves. Teachers also purchased gifts in support of the new program.

"This has been a great way to foster the giving spirit with the church and the community," Meloche explained. "It's also a good way to spread awareness through the school about the need in our own area."

Meloche explained that there was concern at one point

that the flow of donations wouldn't meet the needs of the 10 involved families, but about a week prior to the delivery to St. Vincent de Paul, the collection began growing rapidly. The Advent of Giving's success has inspired the school to revisit the project as an annual event.

"Based on the outpouring of generosity, we're thinking that we should do this again next year," Meloche noted.

# Saints win WECSSAA Volleyball



The Saints boys won W.E.C.S.S.A.A. this year winning all matches 11-0. During this stretch the boys dropped only one set. In the Finals the Boys defeated Holy Names 3 straight sets. Then moved on to SWOSSAA. The Boys defeated a strong Ursuline College team of Chatham three straight. We then moved on to OPSAA in Brampton. The Saints were place in a very strong pool and had a very good showing.