

# schools

## ST. PIUS X



Pictured, from left, are, (back row) Ward 4 Town Councillor Tania Jobin, Ward 3 Town Councillor Brian Houston, Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti, Ward 2 Town Councillor Mike Rohrer, Ward 1 Town Councillor Andrew Dowie, St. Pius X Catholic School Grade 3 teacher Dino Vilella, Mayor Gary McNamara, Ward 1 Town Councillor Rita Ossington. (front row) St. Pius X Grade 3 students Sarah Ienna, Petra Papić, Claudia DeLuca, Stone Campbell, Grace Rohrer, Matthew Shouka, Dillon Timperio, Reisa Chauvin, and McCallum Renaud. Vilella's class produced the song and video "North of 42: A Celebration of the Town of Tecumseh," which can be seen on YouTube. Shoreline Week photo: Tom Morrison

### 'NORTH OF 42' A Celebration of the Town of Tecumseh

Written and recorded by Mr. Vilella's Grade 3 class at St. Pius X Catholic School

Through the lens of a camera seeing sights all around Tecumseh Road's name comes from this beautiful town

Two four corners at Lesperance and Manning Bonduelle's veggles is a factory for canning

The parks all around are big, bright, and clean The skate park shines for every Tecumseh teen

Riverside Drive to Slinky's for a treat Naples near the tracks is a place where we can eat

It's just me and Tecumseh hear the bells of St. Anne It's just me and Tecumseh remember french fry Stan It's just me and Tecumseh Cycle Culture fixes flats It's just me and Tecumseh National Sports for a hat

Around the corner High Jinks has fun for all Bert Lacasse loves Thunder Baseball

The Tecumseh Eagles shoot, score and soar Tecumseh fought in the 1812 war

We're flat as a pancake, no mountains or hills The Corn Fest always has lots of great thrills

Uptown, downtown, it's all our town If you drive by Tecumseh, come on down.

It's just me and Tecumseh grab a Mamo burger It's just me and Tecumseh TMC for a cure It's just me and Tecumseh drive a ball at the range It's just me and Tecumseh don't you ever change!

# 3V honoured by Town of Tecumseh!

The Grade 3 students in Mr. Vilella's class were invited to the Tecumseh Town Council meeting last week to present their original song, "North of 42".

Their class video was also shared at a recent meeting by Mayor Gary McNamara and shown to the other mayors in Ontario.

Council presented Mr. Vilella's Grade 3 class with a Tecumseh flag, a plaque, and a \$500 donation.

Afterwards, Lacasse Printing president Jeff Lappan - who was in attendance at the meeting to present a \$1,500 cheque for children's recreation programming in Tecumseh - made a surprise announcement that he would match the Town's \$500 donation to St. Pius X Catholic School.

Congratulations Grade 3 students and Mr. Vilella! We are so proud of you!

## Passion play



The Grade 3 students at St. Pius X performed a Passion play last week. It was very well performed and very education to the audience.

The performance included songs from the Grade 3 classes as well. It was a powerful performance that portrays the stations of the cross very well.

Many of the parents and teachers were very touched to see their children in these roles.

We would also like to thank the teachers involved for planning this performance for the school community.

Great job, Grade 3!

Written by Sean Breault

## ST. PETER

# Young Authors Awards

Congratulations to Sabrina Blasutto and Avaya Roseborsky, of St. Peter Catholic School, who were selected winners of the Windsor-Essex Unit of the Ontario Elementary Catholic Teachers Association's Young Authors Award.



Sabrina's "4 Eagles" won for the category Grades 5-6 Short Story.

Avaya's "Mikenna's Mystery Club" won for the category Grades 3-4 Short Story.

Both stories now qualify for submission into the provincial contest.

Good luck!

Photos courtesy of Fred Macapagal

# Local Government Week poster/essay winners

Kate Salter, Maya Jaglarz, and Owen Jovanovic honoured at recent Tecumseh Town Council meeting



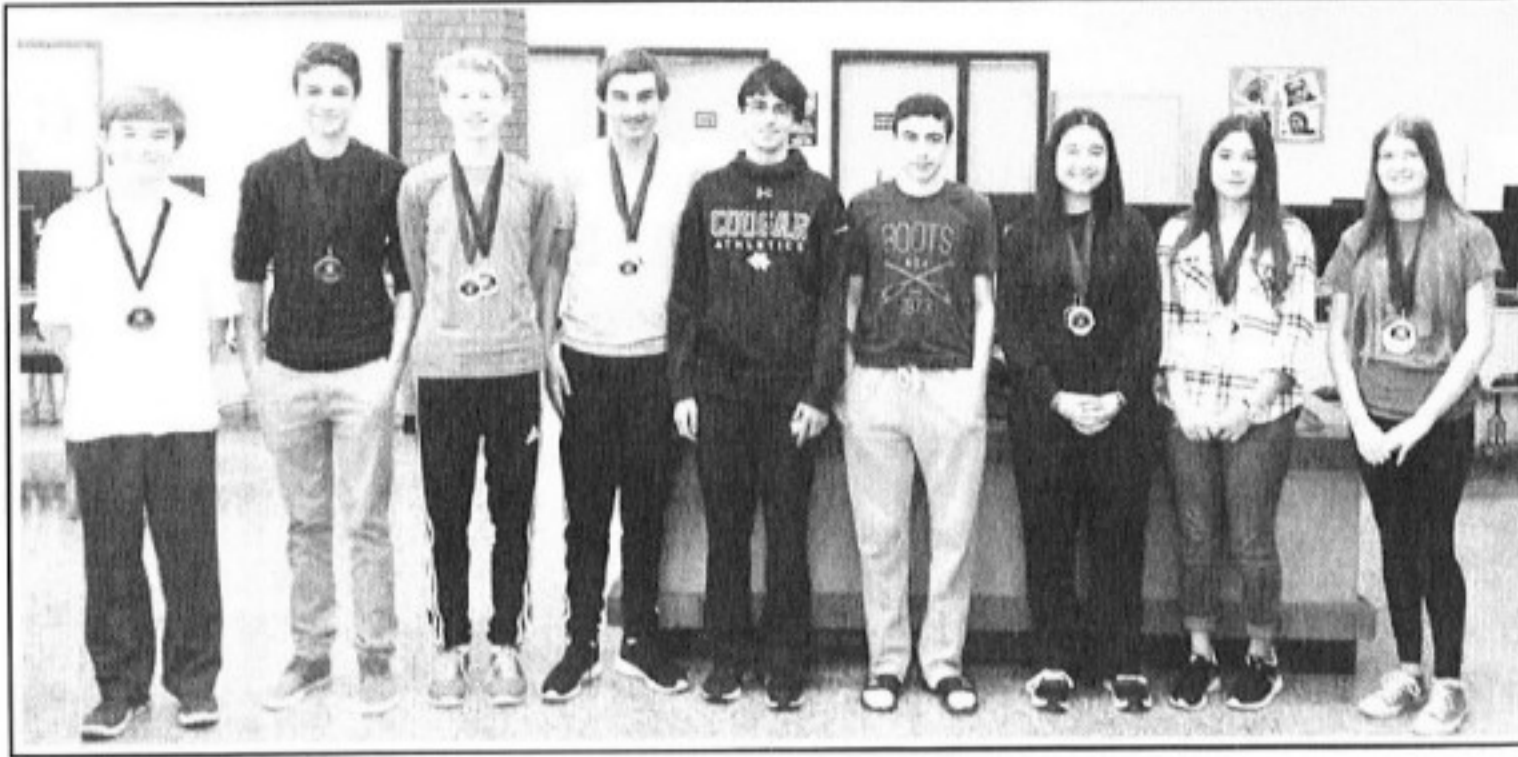
**(Top left photo)** Maya Jaglarz, a Grade 5 student at St. Pius X Catholic School, receives the Local Government Week essay contest first place award from Mayor Gary McNamara during last week's Tecumseh Town Council meeting.

**(Top right photo)** Kate Salter, a Grade 5 student at St. Pius X Catholic School, receives the Local Government Week poster first place award from Mayor Gary McNamara.

**(Bottom left photo)** Owen Jovanovic, a Grade 5 student at St. Pius X Catholic School, poses for a photo with Mayor Gary McNamara after earning the second place award in the Local Government Week essay contest.

Shoreline Week photos: Tom Morrison

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## Cardinal Carter Science Students Win Multiple Awards

A group of grade 9 Enriched Science students from Cardinal Carter competed in the Windsor Regional Science, Technology and Engineering Fair on April 2 at St. Clair College. From left to right: Trevor Dyck and Eric Kress: Free Energy - A Shocking Truth (Bronze medal); Jordan Avelar and Evan Nassif - CO2 and Algae Growth (Silver Medal; Al-Hijra Environmental Science Award; University of Windsor Department of Earth and Environmental Science Award); Fadi Naom and Matthew Saad - Moving Forward with Energy (Windsor Islamic Association Award of Merit); Sydney Youssef - Microwave Radiation: Harmful or Helpful? (Bronze Medal; Windsor Horticultural Society Award); Myah Di Laudo and Madison Binder - Biomass - Fuel for the Future (Silver medal; Al-Hijra Environmental Sciences Award; Academy St. Cecile Leadership in Oral Communication Award; Energy Conservation Award; ERCA award; OACETT engineering and innovation award). Congratulations to these award-winning students!  
*(Submitted photo)*



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# Wildcats host basketball celebration!



Photo top; A group photo of all the participants in last weeks basketabl celebration held at the Atlas Tube Centre. Photo left; a picture of the host St. Williams Wildcats squad. Over 100 students took part in round robin play.

Over 100 student athletes, ages 9-12 took the court at the Atlas Tube Centre to celebrate the game of basketball, hosted by the St. Williams Wildcats.

The inaugural St. William Wildcats junior basketball tournament hosted teams from the Essex county region in a single-day event, aimed at promoting the sport and fitness amongst youths.

"Most schools limit their junior basketball seasons to a handful of games over two weeks in early March", said Sabrina Graziano, a teacher at St. William Catholic Elementary school in Belle River. "What we wanted to do was give these kids a chance to extend their season into late March and play in front of a large crowd. We accomplished that today. We estimate that the tournament attracted over 300 people."

Joining St. William in the field were teams from St. Pius, Holy Name (Essex), Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Windsor) and Sacred Heart (LaSalle). All teams played three games in a round-robin format.

"The emphasis, as communicated to coaches, was to approach these matchups as friendship games in which, regardless of the result, no tournament championship would be awarded," said Graziano. "Fair play rules were put into effect for all games so that players received equal playing time and had the chance to enjoy their experiences on the court."

As tournament hosts, St. William boys' team finished 2-1, recording their final win over Holy Name (34-18), led by Noah Graziano and Evan Poisson, who led the Wildcats in scoring with six points each. For the tournament, Brandon Macapagal led St. William with 18 points. The Wildcats girls' team finished their tournament with a win over Holy Name as well.

"Its through the generosity of our school staff that we are able to convene these type of inter school tournaments to not only raise individual self esteem for each player but more importantly to enhance and foster school spirit," said St. William's principal Joe Bachetti.

"Having it off site at the Atlas Tube Centre was well received by all the parents and allowed children of similar age to enjoy the game of basketball in a non-competitive environment."

Aliyah Huggins, a Grade 6 student at St. William, has been playing basketball for four years.

"It's so fun to play basketball and to work as a team," said Huggins, 11, who plays forward.

"I'm hoping to play basketball (in high school) when I attend St. Anne."

# Kim Quintanilla to play for Saints' volleyball team next year

St. Joseph's Catholic High School student Kim Quintanilla has signed a Letter of Intent to join St. Clair's women's volleyball team for the 2016-17 season.

Quintanilla is a 5'6 setter that has played at the OVA club level with the South County Bandits for six years.

She made the International Children's Games volleyball team in 2013, and was named to the All-City team volleyball team three years in a row, including first team all-star this past season.

Quintanilla has been accepted to the Pre-Health Sciences program at St. Clair for the upcoming season with plans to continue in a Health Science Program in 2017-18.

Saints' head coach Jimmy El-Turk is pleased to bring Quintanilla on board.

"We didn't think we were going to be able to sign her because she was potentially university bound, but she changed her career path and fell into our lap," he explained.

"Kim is very gifted defensively and plays with a lot of passion, two very good qualities in a setter."



St. Joseph's Catholic High School student Kim Quintanilla is pictured with St. Clair College women's volleyball head coach Jimmy El-Turk on Monday.

Photo courtesy of St. Clair College

SHORELINE APRIL 8, 2016

# Local youth taking chess talents to provincial, national and North American levels

By Rivertown Times  
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By Ron Giofu

By winning a chess tournament last month, Corey Way has advanced into not just one big tournament but three.

Way, a Grade 6 student at Stella Maris School, won the Ciociaro Club Youth Chess Tournament last month. The championship propelled the 11-year-old into the Ontario Youth Chess Championships in May, the Canadian Youth Chess Championships in July and the North American Youth Chess Championships in August. The Ontario tournament is in Kitchener while the latter two are scheduled for Caesars Windsor.



Corey Way, a Grade 6 student at Stella Maris, has advanced to the Ontario, Canadian and North American youth chess championships.

Way won his first eight games in the Ciociaro Club tournament, though had some tough opposition along the way. After advancing out of the first day, he admitted to lacking confidence on the ride there for the next round of tournament action. He lost the first match on that day but quickly rebounded.

“I shrugged it off and got my confidence back,” he said.

He won his next two matches, including the latter over a good friend of his.

“I made a few good moves near the end and he made one mistake,” said Way.

Way regularly prepares for tournaments by playing his father Rob and his brother Cameron. He spent a lot of his March Break getting ready, playing as many as seven matches a day, though nerves kick in before every tournament.

“It’s nerve-wracking before you are playing but when you start, you get the hang of it,” said Way.

Noting he is excited to advance into the next three tournaments, Way stated he is happy for the support he has received.

“I’m happy I am playing so well and I’m at the level I’m at now,” he added.

Way started playing chess four years ago and enjoys the game.

“It’s interesting,” he said. “You learn patience. You think about your next move and their next move.”





From left to right: Ann Obeld, Julie Bondy, Livia Congi and Paula Filangeri.

## Nearly 200 Support Walk/Run for Autism Awareness

By Pat Bailey

Despite the frigid temperatures and the blustery winds on Sunday, nearly 200 people turned out in support of the 4th Annual 5-10km Walk/Run for Autism Awareness at Seacliff Park. Organizers Ann Obeld and Paula Filangeri were thrilled by the turnout and especially touched by the support of Grade 7 students from Queen of Peace Catholic School. Several students, many decked in blue, were there to support their classmate Christopher Obeld, who has been diagnosed with autism.

Christopher helped kick-off the walk with words of thanks to those on hand who helped allow Ann and Paula to present a cheque for \$25,000 to Julie Bondy, president of Autism Ontario Windsor Essex Chapter Leadership Council, and Livia Congi, office and program manager.



Christopher Obeld's Grade 7 classmates from Queen of Peace braved the cold yesterday to support their classmate.



Above: Nearly 200 runners and walkers get set for the start of the 5-10km Run/Walk for Autism Awareness Sunday at Seacliff Park.



Autism walk volunteers Chrissy Neufeld and Abbey Morin, both 16, leave their imprint on Sunday's walk.



Left: Alex Jones, Milla Mastronardi and Remi were all decked out in blue to support friend Christopher Obeld in the 4th Annual 5-10km Walk for Autism Awareness.



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## Cougars compete in WECSSAA gymnastics

By Bryan Jessop

Half a dozen students at Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School are making an effort to 'raise the bar' for potential future teammates.

All six of the athletes on the Cougars' gymnastics team competed in this year's Windsor Essex County Secondary School Athletic Association (WECSSAA) competition, held in Windsor Monday, Apr. 4. The team set out with hopes of achieving last year's milestone, where all eight Cardinal Carter entries qualified for the OFSAA tournament.

The 2015-16 season marks the second for the Cougars after returning to the sport following a 20-plus year hiatus. This year's team is made up of Grade 9 student Mariah Pimentel, Grade 10 student Julia Pearce and Grade 12 students Dominique Nickels, Gabrielle Policella, Cristina Pearce and the squad's only male entry, Sebastian Sarkis. All five Cardinal Carter girls competed in four female disciplines — the vault, parallel bars, balance beam and floor exercise. Sarkis entered five of six boys' categories — the vault, pommel horse, floor exercise, parallel bars and rings. The only event he opted out of was the high bar.

"We're starting off small and hopefully, we can keep it going," explained teacher supervisor Maria Pearce, a staff member at Queen of Peace Catholic Elementary School and mother of Julia and Cristina. "We'd like to see our numbers grow for future years."

This year's WECSSAA gymnastics meet was held in two parts at the Winstars Gymnastics Training Centre in Windsor, the same location where the Cougars team members have trained three times per week since the season began in early December. The Cardinal Carter group is led by coach Melynda Outram, who works out of the Winstars Centre.

The local school's athletes were pitted against competitors from 11 other Windsor-Essex County schools from both the Greater Essex County District School Board and Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board. In girls' categories, the top six finishers in each event qualify for OFSAA, also to be hosted by the Winstars Gymnastics Training Center April 25-26. Boys divisions do not advance beyond WECSSAA. Without a sufficient number of gymnastics entries in Kent and Lambton regions, the 2016 season will not include a SWOSSAA tournament between WECSSAA qualifications and the provincial championships.

The following Cougars qualified for this year's OFSAA competition:

- Cristina Pearce (Level 2) — third in vault, sixth in bars, sixth in floor;
- Gabrielle Policella (Level 2) — fifth in vault, fourth in beam, second in floor;



From left to right, Mariah Pimentel, Julia Pearce, Cristina Pearce, Gabrielle Policella and Dominique Nickels represented Cardinal Carter during this year's WECSSAA gymnastics tournament, held Monday, Apr. 4 in Windsor.



Sebastian Sarkis of the Cougars performs on the men's parallel bars during the annual WECSSAA tournament, held Monday, Apr. 4 in Windsor. Sarkis competed in five of six events, although there is no OFSAA level of competition for men's events.

- Dominique Nickels (Level 2) — fifth in beam;
  - Julia Pearce (Level 6) — second in bars, sixth in beam.
- "All team members did especially well," said Maria Pearce, explaining that Pimentel did a fantastic job in vault and floor for her first competition. She was also impressed with Sarkis's display of talents in all six men's events.

Last year, Julia Pearce captured OFSAA gold in the vault. Julia also competes in gymnastics meets outside of the secondary school loop.

Last year's return to gymnastics for the Cougars was backed by eight team members — five girls and three boys. The numbers dwindled somewhat this year because of 2014-15 students who've since graduated and advanced to post secondary educations.



Julia Pearce of the Cardinal Carter Cougars performs on the uneven parallel bars during the annual WECSSAA gymnastics tournament, held Monday, Apr. 4 in Windsor. Pearce finished second on the bars and sixth in the beam to qualify for OFSAA in both events.

# Holy Name Robotics Team is raising funds to compete in Australia

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by Jennifer Cranston

The Holy Name Catholic Elementary school's all female robotics team has been chosen as the only team to represent Canada against 50 other teams from around the world.

Having qualified for the International Championship in Australia, the all-girl robotics team members are working to raise the \$35,000 it will cost to get them there.

The girls recently made a presentation to Town Council that convinced Council to lend a hand with a contribution of \$3,000.

"These girls have done tremendous work," Principal Tina Tuer said.

Councillor Randy Voakes said that he is not only impressed with the girls' scientific and competitive achievements, but their enthusiasm as well.

"I've been on Council for 13 years and their presentation was one of the most energetic presentations I've ever seen," he said.

Coach David Kostanjevec said that this has been a massive undertaking to this point, and they still have work to do.

The community is rallying behind these students. Almost half the cost of the trip has been donated already.

Kostanjevec said that the team is still waiting for approval from the Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board to make the trip. Once that word is given, he said the team is hopeful that the rest of the money can be raised through sponsorship from local businesses.

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# Lighting it up blue!



## St. Anne

*Students at St. Anne (Photo top) and students at St. John the Evangelist (photo below) recently celebrated National Autism Awareness day on April 2. Students were asked to wear blue and held up phones and pens that shone a blue light to raise awareness for special needs students - especially those who have autism.*



## St. John the Evangelist

# Rockin' their sox at St. John the Evangelist

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Saint John the Evangelist Wolverines recently hosted a Down Syndrome Awareness Day on Monday, March 21.

This was a sock decorating activity. For \$1, each student could bring in a pair of socks and decorate them on their own time with our Student Parliament.

With the money we raised, and the help of an anonymous donor, we raised over \$150, which we donated to Down Syndrome Society.

To conclude, our school, St. John the Evangelist, helped support Down Syndrome awareness by decorating socks.

## Kim Frias wins St. John draw



*Kim Frias was the winner of \$3,000 from a draw at St. John de Brebeuf elementary school. Kim's name was the first name out of the drum, ahead of several other \$500 winners. The draw raised over \$12,000 for equipment at St. John de Brebeuf. Pictured at the draw are Kingsville Mayor Nelson Santos, parent council member Jennifer Binder, Principal Jeff Chambers, winner Kim Frias, and parent council members Milka Pieper and Diane Stockton.*

*Photo by Steve I'Anson*

# Assumption student wins national poetry recital



MARY CATON

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Enzo Campa is photographed at Assumption College High School in Windsor on Wednesday, April 13, 2016. Campa has been selected to compete in the Poetry in Voice recitation contest in Toronto. *TYLER BROWNBRIDGE / WINDSOR STAR*

Assumption's Enzo Campa won a national poetry recital competition held in Toronto Thursday.

[The 18-year-old recited three poems from memory \(http://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/assumption-student-reaches-national-poetry-recitation-final\)](http://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/assumption-student-reaches-national-poetry-recitation-final) to take the English language division of the Poetry In Voice contest.

There were 18 students from across Canada in that divisional final.

"We just got the results, it's amazing," said MaryJo Hoffman, Assumption's English department head who accompanied Campa to Toronto.

With the victory, Campa won \$5,000 and a further \$1,000 for Assumption's school library.

Students from more than 870 schools from across the country participated in the 2016 competition.

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## St. Bernard School student's healthy eating essay wins top prize

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By Ron Giofu

A local student's essay was tops in her age group as judged by the Ontario Student Nutrition Program (OSNP).

Samantha Connell's nutritional essay won top prize in the Grade 4-8 category in the OSNP's recent nutrition month contest. The local OSNP initiated an essay contest this year as March was nutrition month. It began as a way to keep the month fun but also to get students thinking about the benefits of healthy eating, said community development co-ordinator Danielle Findlay.

Findlay said there were JK-3 and high school age categories as well.



Samantha Connell (left) is awarded her prize for having the top essay for the OSNP's healthy eating essay contest. Making the presentation is Danielle Findley, OSNP community development co-ordinator.

"We had a lot of submissions," she said. "We had a great response."

A team of judges from OSNP looked over all the essays at the regional office in Windsor with Connell's coming out on top in her age category. The winning essay will be shared through OSNP's social media channels with Findlay believing it will have a lot of impact. While Findlay said she can talk a lot about the benefits of healthy eating, having the message come from a peer will provide additional impact.

“Having it come from them is so impactful. To hear it come from another student has more power behind it,” said Findlay.

Connell’s essay touched on good nutrition making bones and muscles stronger. She said she enjoys a lot of sports, particularly hockey and soccer, and eating healthy makes a difference. She found out she won the contest a couple of weeks ago and received her prize, a plaque and tickets to Adventure Bay in Windsor, last week.

“You can have more energy and play sports better than you did before,” she said.

Her essay also touched on environmental and agricultural benefits. She added she tries to eat as healthy as she can, stating she enjoys fruits and vegetables.

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## St. Louis School shines at badminton championships

St. Louis School in Leamington ended its badminton season by winning the championship of its division in the WECDSB Championships held Apr. 20-21 at the University of Windsor.

It was the narrowest margin of victory for the Crusaders, a single point win over crosstown Queen of Peace.

In securing the win, St. Louis claimed first place in three of the five categories.

Braedon Caetano repeated as the boys' singles winner from last year, Olivia Obeid and Paetyn Andary finished first in girls' doubles, and Markus Youssef and Myranda Medeiros claimed the gold in mixed doubles.

Also making the playoff round by finishing first or second in their pool were Rebecca Mikhail in girls' singles, Johnathan Raffoul and Marcus Zakaria in boys' doubles, Preston Knight and Alyssa Harrison in mixed doubles, and Noah Anscombe and AJ Antunes in doubles.

Since it was a one-point win by St. Louis, the points won by the remaining team members Yessica Raffoul, Noel Hodgson, Marisa Romanyck, Brianna Fratarcangeli, Dylan Papparola and Brienna Tiessen were equally important in securing the team title.

The teams finishing below the two Leamington schools, in order, were St. Joseph of River Canard, St. Anne's of Windsor, Stella Maris of Amherstburg, and St. Anthony, Harrow.

Prior to this final tournament, St. Louis hosted four tournaments of its own involving local schools and this contributed greatly to the team's successful season.



St. Louis School had an excellent showing at the WECDSB badminton championships held at the University of Windsor. Team members are, in front: Dylan Papparola (left), Johnathan Raffoul. First row, left to right: Marisa Romanyck, Alyssa Harrison, Brianna Fratarcangeli, Rebecca Mikhail, Marcus Zakaria, Noah Anscombe, Preston Knight. Back row: Brienna Tiessen, Anthony Pimentel, Yessica Raffoul, Olivia Obeid, Paetyn Antunes, Myranda Medeiros, Braedon Caetano, AJ Antunes, Markus Youssef, Noel Hodgson.

(Submitted photo)

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## Queen of Peace pitches in to clean up community

April 17-23, 2016 was the 49th Pitch-In Canada Week. The program is the largest environmental improvement Campaign in Canada. It is a partnership between governments, the media, industry and the public. Volunteer "partners" participate in a wide range of Pitch-In Canada Week activities.

Queen of Peace School with French Immersion jumped at the opportunity to "pitch-in" and help clean up the community. On Earth Day, April 22, the entire school walked the neighbourhood in search of litter and garbage. All recyclable items were sorted from waste items. The students learned important information about how to take care of their environment.

Mrs. Pereira's grade 3/4 class are proud stewards of the earth. From left to right: Jackson Raffoul, Kyle MacMillan, Matteo Mauri, Kase Bewsher, Dontay Robinson, Owen Matthews, Cameron Avelar, Carter Murracas, Darshan Alfara-Martinez.



Cameron Avelar, Carson Murracas and Nicholas Rahe are digging deep to clean up.

# Donations to St. Anthony's



Knights of Columbus Council 5350 donate \$2,300 to St. Anthony School so that they can participate in the Canada Wonderland engineering contest, to be held May 6th. Students will be constructing working scale models of rollercoasters, in pairs, to prescribed technical requirements; top three of which will compete at the Ontario competition held at Canada's Wonderland.



Harrow KCettes present St. Anthony school with cheque for \$500 for the breakfast program at the Knights of Columbus and Harrow Fair board elimination draw held on Saturday, April 16. Principal of St. Anthony Carl Bull accepted the cheque along with some of the Grade 8 students who volunteered at the dinner.

# Harrow elementary schools celebrate Earth Day

The TD Friends of the Environment Foundation was founded in 1990 by the TD Bank Group. It is a Canadian charity that funds environmental projects across the country. In 2015 they funded around 1,000 projects across Canada like the Legacy Tree Program in Essex.



Harrow Public School's Eco-Team are all smiles on Earth Day, standing with Petunia, Brenda Dunn of the Communities In Bloom Committee and Tracy Moore and Colleen Hendrican of TD Bank's Harrow branch.



The Eco-Team of Harrow Public School got to work planting their newest addition to the school property. This paper birch, also known as a white bird, will reach up to 60 feet tall when it is fully grown and can last around 140 years.



The St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School grade eight classes presents the paper birch trees to the junior and senior kindergarten classes. One of the grade eights said, "As the kindergartens grow up to be their best selves, these trees will grow alongside them."



Petunia is a very special member of the Communities in Bloom committee and can be spotted around Essex at various events. The junior and senior kindergarten classes of St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School were very excited to see their flowery friend again.

For Earth Day on April 22, TD Friends of the Environment Foundation and the Town of Essex and its

Communities in Bloom (CIB) committee gave six local elementary schools a very special way to celebrate.

As part of the Legacy Tree Program, paper birch trees were planted at Harrow Public School and St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School amongst others. Each school held a small celebration of the event, where they placed the trees in a hole dug and placed the dirt over it.

Brenda Dunn from the CIB said that these trees represent a gift from the graduating class to the senior kindergarten class. The goal is for the senior kindergarten class to adopt the trees as their own and take care of them.

The Legacy Tree Program began in 2003, and it is a way to encourage kids to take pride in their

community and raise environmental awareness. The TD Friends of the Environment Foundation awarded the Essex CIB Committee \$2,500 towards buying and planting six trees. This year's funding also covers the purchase of a small gift for each student—a recyclable cardboard box containing a small compostable pot and a package of tomato seeds.

The CIB is a national non-profit organization that encourages local pride, environmental responsibility and beautification. The Town of Essex participates by having their own CIB committee which holds annual contests and programs each year. One stand-out contest is the Front Yard and Balcony Contest which is accepting applications now.