

# Canned food drive leads to burning rubber

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A wide selection of sports cars prepare to leave St. Joseph School last Wednesday afternoon. Raffle winners at the school got a chance to ride in one of the sports cars. The raffle was tied into a canned food drive held at the River Canard school.

By Ron Giofu

It started with a plea for cans and ended with a schoolyard filled with muscle cars.

A canned food drive at St. Joseph School concluded last week with a select group of students getting to ride in muscle cars. Brands of cars that students got to ride in were Porsche, Lamborghini, Ferrari, among others.

Grade 5 teacher Rene Bujold said the students raised 2,500 cans and non-perishable items with the theme of the can drive being "Fight Hunger with Muscle." For every ten cans a student raised, they received a ticket to go into a draw for a ride in the muscle car.

In all, 22 students were lucky enough to go for a ride.

"I involved all the people I knew with muscle cars and some I didn't know," said Bujold.

Bujold commented that he even stopped people in traffic to ask if they would be part of the second annual event. Some were from neighbouring St. Joseph Church but others were from around the area.

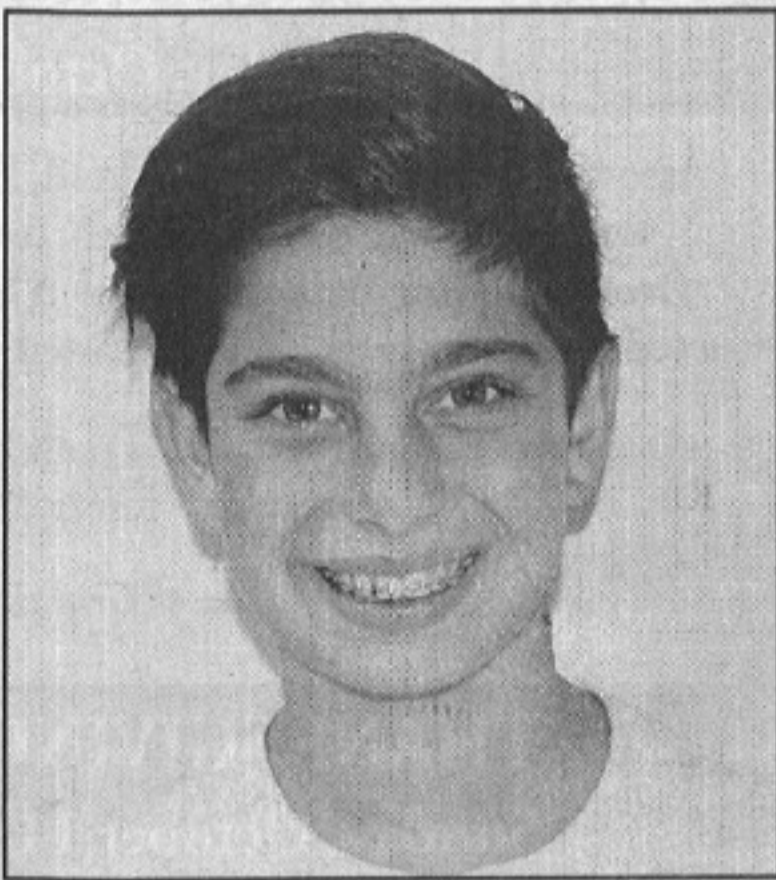
“You name it, they are from all over,” he said.

The event could be held again next year, if Bujold can round up enough sports car owners to participate. He said canned goods dramatically increased the last two years because of the muscle car incentive.

“It tripled the amount of cans that came in,” he said.

Last year’s donation went to the Amherstburg Food Bank with Joe Meloche Ford helping to transport the food. This year’s donation is going to St. Joseph’s Church.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



*This week's Athlete of the Week is 12-year-old Jason Daraiche, son of Mira & Eddy Daraiche. Jason scored three goals to help the St. John de Brebeuf boys' soccer team to the Feeder School title. The forward also set up several other goals. Jason also enjoys hockey, basketball and lacrosse.*

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# St. Anthony School Honours

by Heather Marentette

It was a record breaking year for students at St. Anthony School for their annual Terry Fox Walk fundraiser held on Wednesday, September 30. In honour of Fox's legacy, the students learned about his life, his challenges and his triumphs and in support of their school's event, they raised \$420.

St. Anthony School Principal, Carl Bull, said that he was very proud of the students for raising that amount. For a school of around 200 children, raising \$420 meant that they had 100 per cent participation from students who were all encouraged to bring in a toonie in support.

Terry Fox was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and raised in Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, a community near Vancouver on Canada's west coast. An active teenager involved in many sports, Terry was only 18 years-old when he was diagnosed with osteogenic sarcoma (bone cancer) and



St. Anthony Elementary School in Harrow hosted their annual on Wednesday, September 30. Younger students at the school while some of the older students trekked through town.

forced to have his right leg amputated 15 centimetres (six inches) above the knee in 1977.

While in hospital, Fox was so overcome by the suffering of other cancer

patients, many of them young children, that he decided to run across Canada to raise money for cancer research. He called his

# Terry Fox Legacy



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In July of 1980 Fox  
embarked on his Marathon of  
Hope across Canada, starting

in St. John's, Newfoundland. With the goal of raising \$24 million for cancer research, one dollar for every Canadian citizen, Fox ran the equivalent of a full marathon every day. One hundred and forty-three days into his journey, Fox was forced to end his run just outside of Thunder Bay when the cancer spread to his lungs.

Students at St. Anthony School have been participating in an annual Terry Fox Walk for a number of years now and plan to continue to do so in the future.

## Cougars coach honoured by university

By Bryan Jessop

Despite a challenging football schedule for the present and future, Cardinal Carter teacher and coach Chris Church was granted an evening to reflect on his football past.

On Sunday, Oct. 4, Church was honoured as a new inductee into the University of Windsor Alumni Sports Hall of Fame during a ceremony at the facility's Ambassador Hall. The accolades stem from his years as a player with the Lancers from 1992 to 1996. Church played two games as a tight end during his freshman year, but was better known for his duties as right guard on the offensive line through each of the following seasons.

"It's an amazing feeling when thinking about all the people who played football there," he explained. "There have been a lot of great athletes there over the years. It's very exciting and humbling."

Church was inducted along with four others this year, including mid-distance runner Ryan McKenzie, who in 2004 won gold in the CIS championship 600m, 1,000m, 1,500 m and as the anchor of the Lancers' 4x800m relay team. During his years as a player at the University of Windsor, Church was nominated three times as a First Team All Star and three times as a CIS All Canadian — the only Lancer football player to do so three times.

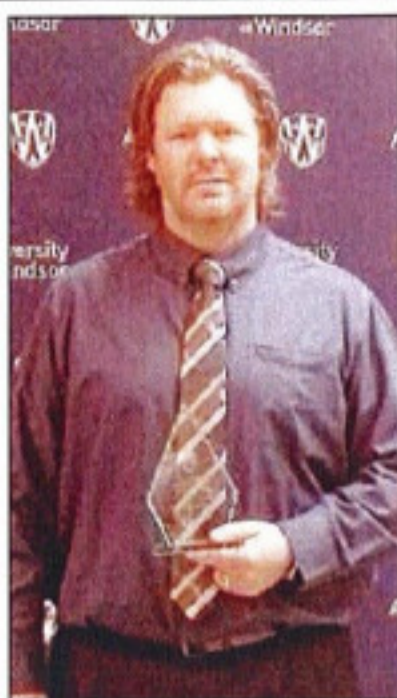
Church lived in the Wheatley area until Grade 5, when his father's job brought his family to Chatham. He played on the offensive line for all five years as a student at John McGregor Secondary School before graduating and moving on to the University of Windsor. After marrying his wife and Leamington resident Tara, Church moved to Leamington, where many members of his extended family reside.

Hired by Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School in 2006 — where he currently teaches construction and physical education — Church began coaching the Cougars' football team on the offensive line until 2009. Since 2010, he has been head coach or co-head coach of the senior team. Church has also been the Lancers' offensive line coach since 2011, when he was brought on board by then new head coach Joe D'Amore. He also coached the Essex Ravens at the junior level while his son C.J. played for the team and then took a position with the bantam team's coaching staff once C.J. moved up. From there, Church began coaching at the peeewee level when his youngest son Gerrin began playing at that level.

"It's definitely challenging for my wife," he admitted. "She does everything — I just coach football. None of this could happen without her."

At Cardinal Carter, Church also coaches girls hockey and girls slo-pitch, where his daughter Alyee plays goaltender and outfield, respectively. The Lancers' football team went 5-3 in the regular season during Church's first year with the team, moving on to win its first-ever playoff game. The team has made the playoffs each year since then, although they are currently 1-4 in a rebuilding year with several new players including a freshman quarterback.

Currently, the team's two starting inside linebackers are former Cougar Matt Gayer and former Leamington District Secondary School Lion Matt Chamberlain, who led the Lancers in tackles during last week's 22-18 win against Laurier. Next season could include as many as five additions to the Lancers that presently play for the Cardinal Carter senior team — Chris Tannous, C.J. Church, Dan Metcalfe, Josh Van Roie and Zack Benson.



Cardinal Carter Cougars football coach Chris Church.



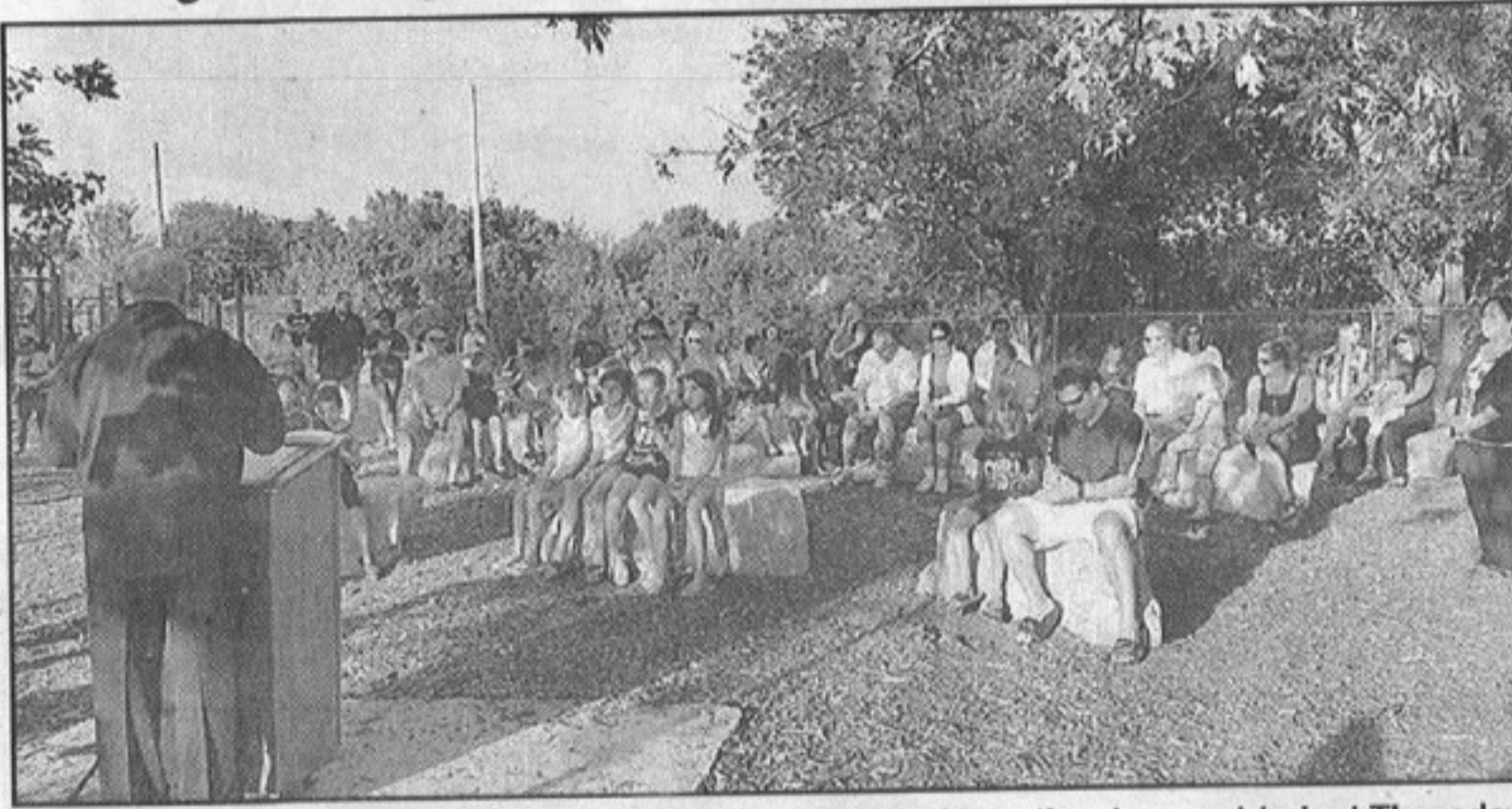
Cardinal Carter Secondary School's Cougars football coach Chris Church goes over a series of offensive drills during a pre-season practice with the school's junior team. Church was recently inducted into the University of Windsor Alumni Sports Hall of Fame.

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## **ST. WILLIAM**

# *Beautiful evening for spiritual blessing*



The St. William Catholic School community gathered together in worship last Thursday as Father Gary blessed our new outdoor learning space. It was a night of smiles, greetings, ice cream, prayer and love. Special thank you to our Catholic School Council for the generous financial support and Good Shepherd Parish family for making this legacy project a huge success!

Photo courtesy of Joe Bachetti

# Annual St. Anne Terry Fox event raises \$21,500



Story and photos by Matt Weingarden

Staff Reporter

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Close to 700 runners and walkers took part in the Annual Terry Fox fundraising event held at the school last week. Spurred on by a visit earlier in the month from Terry's brother Fred, over \$21,500 was raised this year through pledges and donations.

"Fred Fox came to visit our school and the students were affected by his visit and message of hope. Fred gifted the school with a Memoir of Terry," said St. Anne Principal Amy Lo Faso. "As a teenager, our students can easily relate to Terry, whose brother describes as a typical youth."

She added that Fred Fox encouraged the St. Anne students to do what can and needs to be done, just like Terry did to be successful. "Namely, Terry set goals, worked hard and didn't give up on his dream and our students can, as well."

St. Anne has been participating since 2008 and has collected just over \$200,000 over the last 7 years.

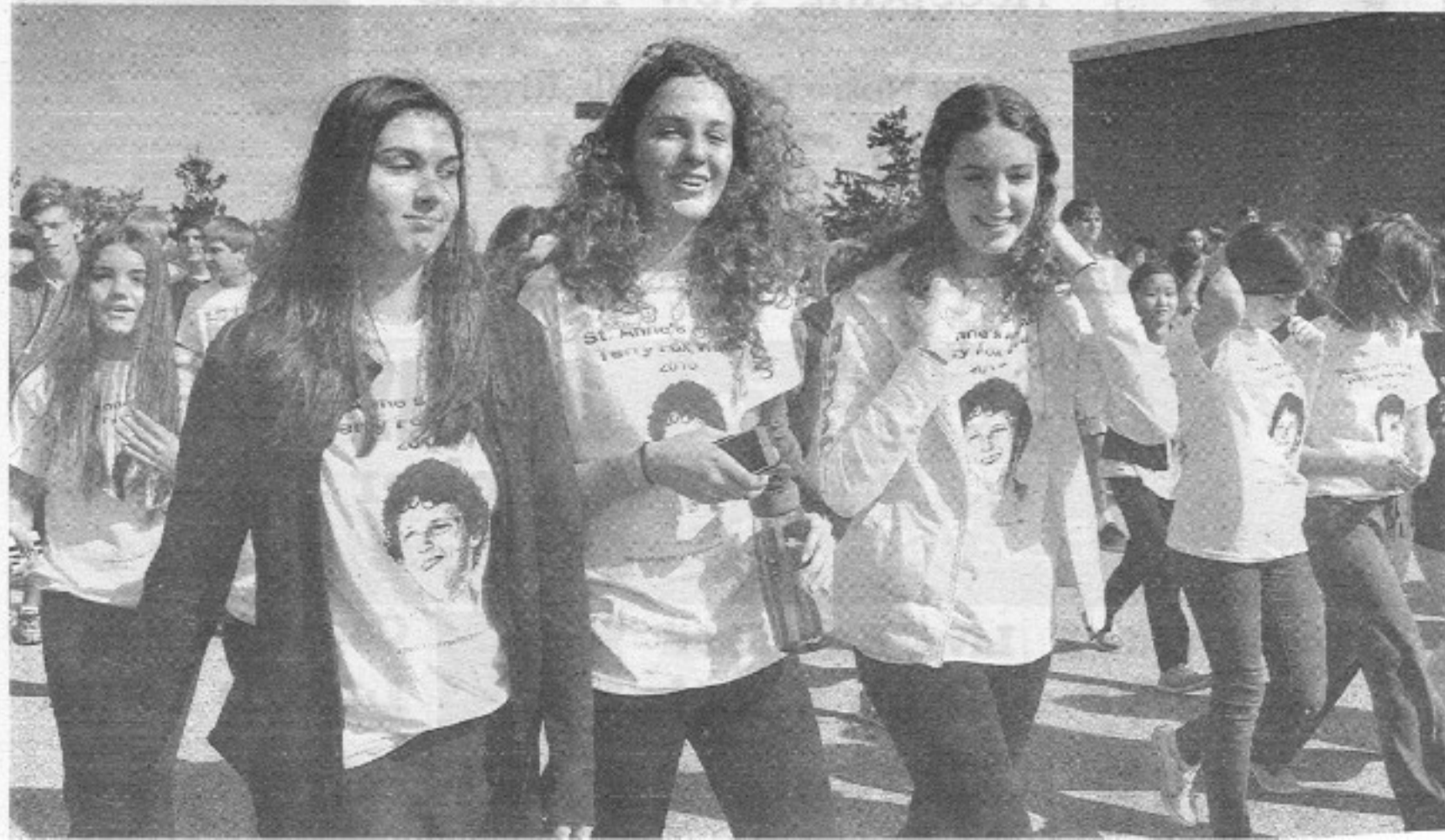
"I believe his visit and sincere thanks to our community allowed students to make a personal connection to an event they have grown up with," said Lo Faso. "They

were offered a glimpse into the life of a boy who could have been anyone and a family that many students can relate to. This was even more of a motivating factor for our school community to ensure we had another year of success."

Lo Faso believes that these types of events are important because every student needs to know they can make the difference, one step at a time.

"As a community, these events are important because they teach our students how significant their support is in realizing the dreams of others," Lo Faso said. "It speaks to our sense of stewardship and solidarity for a boy, long deceased, and reminds us that we are indeed our 'brother's keeper' in supporting each other. We make a difference in helping others make a difference."

To go along with the events of the day, students were encouraged to wear orange shirts. And the significance of wearing orange? October 1 is recognized as a day to stand in solidarity for families affected by residential schools. A dark part of Canadian history. The Aboriginal Studies class undertook the awareness campaign to the student body with orange shirts, accents and ribbons.





# Learning leadership by lending a hand

## *Shoebboxes are available at both Good Shepherd Parish sites*

Boxes, boxes everywhere!

Mrs. MacPherson's Grade 7 class and Mrs. Masse's Grade 4 class at St. William Catholic School have teamed up to assemble hundreds of boxes for Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse.

In partnership with the Social Outreach for Justice committee of Good Shepherd Parish, our Grade 7 students help to lead our Grade 4 students in making the shoebboxes.

In the Year of Mercy, our Grade 7 students speak about the importance of helping others with our Grade 4s.

This provides the older students with a beautiful leadership opportunity. As they mentor, they also build friendships, while being good role models.

The shoebboxes contain toys, school supplies, and hygiene products. Each box also contains a note and photo.

People are encouraged to bring a gift for the children. The cost is \$10 per box, which is a tax-deductible donation.

Good Shepherd Parish has the boxes available at both sites - St. William and Good Shepherd. Who would like to donate? The return date is

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Photo courtesy of Joe Bachetti

St. William Catholic School students have assembled hundreds of boxes for Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse.

We truly enjoy this wonderful opportunity each year to assist our parish and those in need while learning about mercy and the benefits of positive leadership.

# Our own 'Sky Full of Stars'

## *Students, staff participate in annual Terry Fox Walk in support of loved ones*

By Charlene Sedano

*Special to Shoreline Week*

September is a very important time of year for all kids across Canada. It is back to school, which can be hectic and sometimes nerve wracking.

However, at St. Joseph's Catholic High School, September generates a happy spirit as students and staff come together for the annual Terry Fox Walk from the school through part of the Ganatchio Trail to Sandpoint Beach and back again.

This year's theme was "Sky Full of Stars", borrowed from the peppy song by Coldplay: "You're a sky full of stars, I'm gonna give you my heart...."

In preparation, hundreds of handmade stars were hoisted with each donation with the names of loved ones who have either lost their battle to cancer or are currently fighting one.

By the day of the special event, the floor to ceiling, wall to wall atrium window was lit up with a true sky full of stars, reminding all of why we walk.

To encourage a spirit of unity, stars were mapped out, Terry Fox quotes were put up, and an original video highlighting Terry Fox's condition of being involved in the walk was shown daily to rally all to the cause.

Staff and students gathered in the courtyard for our very own Sky Full of Stars event. Original poems about Terry Fox and an off song that pumped all the energy were performed to honour Terry and all our loved ones.

The day was beautiful with a clear blue sky and it was bright in their blue and yellow shirts, marching side by side through the courtyard.

At the beach, there were lollipops, Terry tattoos, and a Terry boat.

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"It's amazing when we come together to run these events," said Gilberte Sika.

"When we are in class, it's hard to connect with one another, but this walk makes me feel connected."

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Photo by Ethan Carlton

James Charron, Connor McCandless, Aiden McCandless and their fellow students and staff participate in this year's Terry Fox Walk at St. Joseph's Catholic High School.

Thanks to the efforts of so many, St. Joseph's Catholic High School raised over \$5,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation this year, lifting themselves as well high into a true sky full of stars.

*Charlene Sedano is a Grade 12 student at St. Joseph's Catholic High School*

## Fire prevention slogan winner announced



Travis Gagnier, a grade six student at St. John de Brebeuf, submitted this year's winning entry for the Kingsville Fire Department's fire safety slogan. The son of Kandice and James Gagnier's slogan reads, "Fire safety is no joke! Don't let your house go up in smoke." The slogan now appears on the side of Kingsville Fire Prevention Officer Scott Moore's van. Pictured are Travis and FPO Moore beside the van.



New Democrat Party candidate Dawson Amaral offers his two-minute, pre-vote speech in the Queen of Peace Catholic Elementary School gymnasium.



Agnes Bartha represents the Progressive Conservative Party during her two-minute, pre-vote speech.



Massimo Maiuri represents the Independent parties during his two-minute, pre-vote speech.

## Queen of Peace holds 'election'

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Left - Jamie Liovas represents the Liberal Party of Canada during her two-minute, pre-vote speech in the Queen of Peace Catholic Elementary School gymnasium. Five candidates vied for 157 votes, cast by Grade 3-4 to Grade 8 classes following speeches. Liovas won with 62 votes.



Cassia DiMenna represents the Green Party during her two-minute, pre-vote speech in the Queen of Peace Catholic Elementary School gymnasium. Five candidates vied for 157 votes, cast by Grade 3-4 to Grade 8 classes following speeches.

## Queen of Peace holds 'election'

By Bryan Jessop

Despite not being anywhere near old enough to vote, the democratic process of the recent federal election did not go unnoticed for students at Queen of Peace Catholic Elementary School.

On Wednesday, Oct. 14 — five days before the Canadian federal election — Grade 3-4 to Grade 8 classes gathered in the school's gymnasium to hear the "campaign" speeches of five candidates. Dawson Amaral stood for the New Democratic Party, Agnes Bartha represented the Progressive Conservatives, Cassia DiMenna campaigned for the Green Party, Jamie Liovas symbolized the Liberal Party and Massimo Maiuri stepped up as an independent candidate. Once the voting classes filed into the gym, each party representative offered a two-minute speech on why he or she and his or her respective party should be elected.

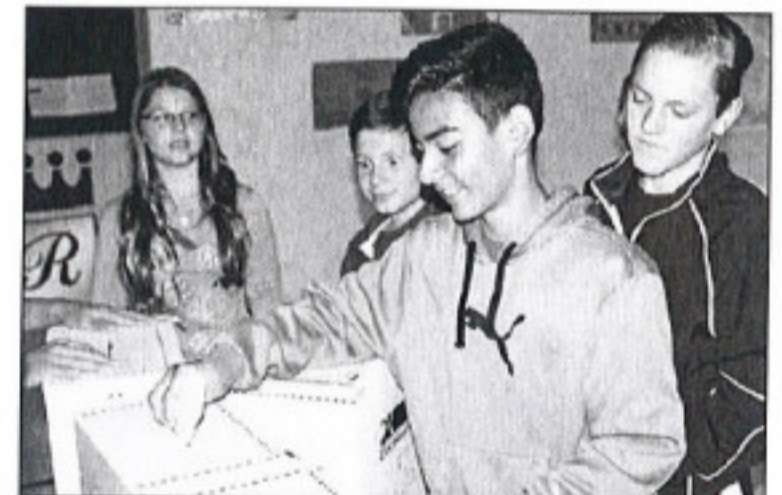
Afterwards, classes picked up their ballots one by one and used actual voter booths and ballot boxes to submit their party of choice. Grade 6 students, who were involved with the annual VIP program at the time of the morning election, were treated to their own speeches and voting process later in the day. Once the participating students from among the 179 eligible "voters" from all non-primary grades returned to class, votes were counted and a winner was declared — Liovas of the Liberals. Liovas took 62 of the 157 actual votes. Seven ballots were spoiled while 15 did not vote. Runner-up was the NDP's Amaral with 39 votes. Bartha of the Conservatives was third with 30 while DiMenna of the Green Party was fourth with 26. Maiuri's name did not appear on the ballots.

Planning for the mock election began in late September under the guidance of teacher Barb Gaspard. Through the process, a poll clerk was designated for each participating grade while Ethan Dyke stepped up as deputy returning officer, the position responsible for signing ballots to ensure their validity. Lauren Azar took on the role of the event's emcee and took on the lead role in a voting instructional video presented between speeches and the electoral procedure.

Gaspard's Grade 7 class researched the actual election with the creation of scrapbooks highlighting the campaigns and platforms of all four major parties while the in-school event also generated projects in art, geography, language and once the votes were counted, math.

"They really got involved with the whole thing and put a lot of time into it. They learned without even realizing it, which is great," Gaspard said. "It's a way to teach them that they can make a difference and to develop a love of their country. These are our future leaders, so they should learn how important it is to vote. Someone has to be the mayor, an MP, MPP and Prime Minister — why not someone from this area?"

Interest in the democratic



Alex Ortega places his vote into a ballot box during Queen of Peace Catholic Elementary School's Election Day Wednesday, Oct. 14 in the school's gymnasium. Classes from Grades 3-4 to 8 submitted 157 votes. The winner was Jamie Liovas of the Liberal Party.

political process is something that runs in Gaspard's family. Each of her three children went on to become student council Prime Minister at Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School.

"We've been really excited about this," Queen of Peace's new principal Marta Marazita said of the school's mock election. "Mrs. Gaspard has really enhanced voting for the students. The kids have shown that they're excited to learn about it as part of the curriculum."

Queen of Peace hosted a similar in-school event organized by Grade 5 students during the federal election in 2006, albeit to a smaller scale. The school did not host its own election during the 2011 campaign.

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## St. Louis celebrates WE Day

By Bryan Jessop

Students at St. Louis Catholic Elementary School have put the "We" in "Welcome back" for a group of schoolmates returning from a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Seven of the eight St. Louis pupils chosen to participate in the annual Me To We Day festivities in Toronto on Oct. 1 stepped up to the microphone to share their experiences with the rest of the school during a Friday, Oct. 9 assembly. The school was one of only three in the Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board to be offered tickets to the Toronto stop in the North America-wide tour, which features several celebrity speakers and performances by some of pop music's most renowned vocalists. Eight students in Grade 6 or 7 and two teacher supervisors attended the event, to which tickets cannot be purchased.

Me To We Tour tickets are offered to schools based on their involvement in charity and philanthropic activities and causes both locally and internationally. Last year, St. Louis was a top school in a county-wide food drive where it alone collected about 1,500 pounds of non-perishable donations. The school took part in the St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive on Saturdays from Thanksgiving to Christmas last year and during the Friday afternoon assembly, announced the launch of another food drive for this year. St. Louis students also collected Christmas presents for the children of local underprivileged families.

During the spring, the school took part in We Are Silent, where individual donations of \$2 per student were collected in support of silenced youths around the world victimized by bullying, child labour and human rights violations. Another six to eight Me To We events are scheduled for the current school year — St. Louis's second — including We Scare For Hunger during the Halloween season and an FCC food drive. Less fortunate families in the Leamington area will again be 'sponsored' by St. Louis students, who will also repeat last year's We Are Silent campaign as well as We Act — a volunteer aware-



Junior and Senior Kindergarten students at St. Louis Catholic Elementary School perform a song and dance during a Friday, Oct. 9 assembly highlighting the school's involvement in Me To We Day Oct. 1 in Toronto. St. Louis was one of only three elementary schools in the Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board invited to attend the annual tour.

ness initiative.

"We didn't make a big deal of being a We School, but now we can't not do these things," said teacher Jessica Meloche, a St. Louis staff member instrumental in leading the local We-based programs. "When we look outside our lives to do good things, good things happen as a result. Because our students believe in these causes, they live it — it's in the air around here."

We Day was founded by Mississauga brothers Marc and Craig Kielberger through their Free The Children campaign instigated approximately 20 years ago. Meloche began setting up smaller events about five years ago to test interest at St. Louis. From there, participation snowballed until it became a We School.

"Everybody here contributes," she said.

The school was given its 10 tickets about a week prior to the event and despite challenges presented through the ETFO work to rule situation, was able to remove itself from a waiting list to take part along with Villanova and Brennan high schools, Corpus Cristi middle school and St. Rose and St. Gabriele el-



Seven of eight St. Louis Catholic Elementary School students who attended Me To We Day in Toronto on Oct. 1 made presentations on their experiences during a full-school assembly in the gymnasium Friday, Oct. 9.

ementary schools in Windsor.

"We could have picked 50 kids," Meloche said of the challenge in selecting only eight students. "They represent a real cross-section of qualities."

Successful students had to write reflections for review before being selected to attend We Day in Toronto. Prior to the Toronto stop of the international tour, St. Louis was one of the few local schools to participate in We Day Windsor.



Evelyn Matthews won the Doll Lovers raffle prize.



Colin Prior won the Basketball Net raffle prize.

### Queen of Peace hosts fall festival

The Catholic School Council (CSC) of Queen of Peace School with French Immersion once again organized a successful Fall Festival on Thursday, October 1. It was a great time for teachers, parents, students, community helpers, CCSS leadership students and staff to meet and greet. Everyone participated in food, fall themed games and a fundraiser. It was a fun way to start the 2015-2016 school year.



# Schools Collect Donations

## for Food Bank

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Representatives from the Harrow St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank picked up donations at three area schools last week including a stop at St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School whose students are pictured above.

# Mayor, deputy mayor field questions from Grade 5/6 students

By Rivertown Times  
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Mayor Aldo DiCarlo speaks to Grade 5 and Grade 6 students at Stella Maris School last Thursday afternoon. DiCarlo was soon joined by Deputy Mayor Bart DiPasquale, who also fielded questions.

By Ron Giofu

What is the best and worst parts of the mayor's job?

What are the town's biggest problems?

Those were just some of the questions Mayor Aldo DiCarlo fielded when speaking to a group of Grade 5/6 students at Stella Maris School last Thursday afternoon.

DiCarlo was invited to speak to two classes and was soon joined by Deputy Mayor Bart DiPasquale, who also fielded questions.

DiCarlo said the town's debt and the roads are two of the main problems facing the town. He noted Amherstburg has a nice arena, parks and have made upgrades to the wastewater plant, but now have to pay for them.

Budget and drainage are also difficult issues. Deciding how tax dollars should be spent can be challenging as there are issues that have to be resolved as well.

Asked how the debt can be reduced, he indicated that savings have to be found in the way the town operates first and foremost.

“First we have to find savings in town hall,” he told the students. “We’ve done that and we’re still doing that.”

Dealing with the Drainage Act is hard because people become upset about their drainage and water “but there is nothing we can do to help them” because the province obligates the town to handle the matters under the Act.

When asked about people protesting issues, DiCarlo told the students he was fine with that.

“I like protesting. I’ve protested a lot in my life,” the mayor said.

DiCarlo added he likes to talk to protesters and understand what their concerns are so he can try to help them.

When thinking about running last year, DiCarlo said he contemplated a councillor’s position but decided to run for mayor believing he could make as much of a difference as mayor. He added that he thought he could do a better job than the other candidates running at the time.

“I care about my community,” he told the students. “I believe if you are going to complain about something, you should do your part to fix it. I want to help the community be a better place.”

One thing he has learned in his ten months as mayor is that not everyone will be happy and that there will be people who are convinced he made the wrong decision on issues.

DiCarlo encouraged young people to get involved in their community. He added he is still working full-time at the University of Windsor as a physics lab co-ordinator.

DiPasquale “had to do everything a mayor has to do” when DiCarlo was injured in a motorcycle crash. DiPasquale added he found it was “a very busy job” and agreed with DiCarlo they work well together.

“We all work together to make all of our town a safe place to visit and live,” the deputy mayor added.