

Catholic Community Newsletter



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Students receive certificates and prizes. Left to right, Beth Karrow, Grey Bruce Health Unit; Tessa DeBoer; Greg Spence; Tyler O'Reilly.

Bruce-Grey Catholic students winners in media contest

THREE St. Mary's High School students were winners in a media contest to increase awareness of the problems associated with alcohol use during pregnancy.

Tessa DeBoer won first prize in the Grade 11 public service announcement division, and Tyler O'Reilly and Greg Spence captured first prize for their public service announcement in the Grade 12 division.

Area high school students from Bruce-Grey Catholic and the Bluewater DSB designed posters

and produced video clips to spread the message that alcohol and pregnancy don't mix.

The winning entries were displayed at the Owen Sound Farmers' Market in September to mark Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Day

The contest was organized by the Grey Bruce FASD Community Mobilization Committee and funded by the Grey Bruce FOCUS project.

More information is at the Grey Bruce Health website www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca.

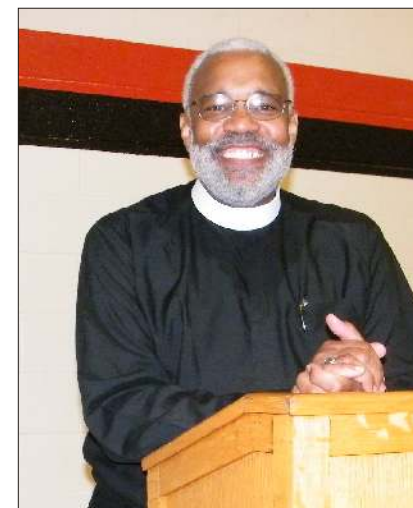
Faith Formation Day

THIS year's Faith Formation Day had as its theme "We are the body of Christ in the world today - worshipping, welcoming, working for justice". The annual event was held September 1 at Sacred Heart High School in Walkerton.

The day opened with a celebration of the Eucharist, presided over by Father J. Glenn Murray, SJ, who was also the morning's keynote speaker.

In his homily and his keynote address, Father Murray reminded us of our calling as members of the body of Christ, to be saints, to form saints within our schools, and to be persons who proclaim with our lives, the good news of Jesus Christ.

To do this, he said, "we should worship and allow our worship to empower us to love as Jesus loved. This is the essence of a virtuous life. As eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was the source of our fall, so eating at the table of the Lord and the table of the Eucharist in our worship is the source of our salvation and our



Father J. Glenn Murray

ability to love."

At the afternoon session, Christopher D'Sousa, a Catholic educator with the Dufferin-Peel CDSB and York University, spoke about his own struggle as a member of a racial minority, to illustrate our mandate to be welcoming Catholic communities which demonstrate justice by being places of belonging, where diversity is celebrated and all members feel accepted, valued and safe.

New Chaplain at Walkerton's Sacred Heart High School

FATHER Jason Charron is the new Chaplain at Sacred Heart High School in Walkerton. He is a priest of the Ukrainian Rite of the Catholic Church - and he is married.

"An ancient tradition among Eastern-Rite Catholics is for celibate or married men to be ordained to the priesthood," said Father Charron, "and I happen to



Father Jason Charron

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Director's Message: We are the Body of Christ: Worshipping, Welcoming, Working for Justice



Bruce MacPherson
Director of Education

THIS bold and challenging statement, the focus of our Faith Formation Day on September 1, and our year-long theme, defines our calling as a Catholic Educational community.

As an integral part of the mission of Church, we in Catholic education as members of the Body of Christ, gather together for worship, to receive Christ at the table of the Word and the table of the Eucharist, and then we are sent forth to BE another Christ in the world, both by our welcoming presence and by our works of justice.

Father J. Glenn Murray, presider and keynote speaker at our Faith Day helped us to see the interconnectedness of these elements of the Christian life, and provided us with spiritual nourishment to continue our many and varied works of social justice.

He simultaneously affirmed and challenged us to reflect in all that we do and

are. In the words of St. Teresa of Avila:

*"Christ has no body now but ours
no hands, no feet on earth but ours.*

*Ours are the eyes through which Christ looks
with compassion on this world.*

Ours are the feet with which he walks to do good

*Ours are the hands with which he blesses
all the world."*

We congratulate all members of our Catholic educational communities who take seriously this call to BE Christ, through a life of personal prayer and worship as well as through compassionate giving through works of charity and justice.

We also recognize that our ability to faithfully live out this statement is due in large part to the collaboration among staff and board members, as well as our partnership with parents, parishes, and numerous

community agencies, who work together to provide our students with an enriching faith-filled learning environment which embodies these words.

It has been a very exciting start to the 2010-2011 school year and I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all who contribute to the vitality of this mission within our Catholic schools.

Notre Dame student has research published

NOTRE DAME student Carina Fascinato was at the beach one day when she noticed the interesting shapes people's feet made in the sand. Little did she know that her interest in those shapes would lead to a research project that would be published in the summer edition of Canadian Chiropractor.



Carina Fascinato

Carina noticed that the shape of each person's footprint appeared to be either flattened, due to the imprint of the middle section of the foot, or lacked the imprint that would be made by the middle section.

When she saw families walking on the beach, she noticed the footprints of the children looked

much like those of one or both parents. She also noticed that footprints made by one family looked different than those of other families. Carina started thinking that foot characteristics of over-

pronation (inward rolling of the feet) with collapsed arches (flat feet) could be genetic and could be predicted in families.

If foot features can be proven to be hereditary, this could guide chiropractors with respect to foot development and gait patterns that might require early treatment.

Carina searched the existing literature and found that a genetic connection had not been clearly established with over-pronation and flat feet. That was the incentive she needed to conduct her own study.

Her first task was to find the technology required to analyze footprint characteristics. One of the companies she contacted was interested in participating and invited her to their facility for training in the use of their instrumentation – and loaned her the unit.

Carina studied two unrelated families; one with four generations and one with three. After conducting numerous tests and measurements she came to the conclusion that the foot characteristics she was studying may be inherited and could be expected in individuals whose families show that trait.

The Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College reviewed Carina's work and noted that the results could be significant for chiropractors.

In addition to being published, her research won her a Gold Medal in the Bluewater Regional Science and Technology Fair, along with the Canadian Nuclear Society Award and the Sydenham Conservation Award.

The Owen Sound student's goal is to be a chiropractor, like her father.

New Chaplain

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have had the honour of marrying Halyna Vykhevych in her native Ukraine in 2000 where I lived and worked as an ESL teacher for three years." The Charrons have five daughters.

Fr. Charron spent his early days in Peterborough and attended St. Peter's Secondary School. Following graduation, he attended Wadhams Hall Seminary in Ogdensburg, New York. From 1999 until 2002 he lived in Ukraine where he assisted in the

reconstruction of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, which, as the largest repressed religious body in the world from 1946 to 1991, was driven underground and suffered great losses.

In 2002, the Charrons moved to Ottawa where Fr. Charron completed his Master's degree in Theology in 2005. The following year, he lived in Hamilton and Toronto serving as a sub-deacon and catechist. He also completed his Bachelor of Education degree and was ordained to the priesthood in 2008.

Following his ordination, he was sent to North Carolina "to get a growing mission parish off the ground. Our family decided that

Ontario was a better fit for us, so I applied for the chaplaincy position at SHHS, and we relocated here last August."

Eastern Catholic Church

The Eastern Catholic Churches are autonomous, self-governing churches in full communion with the Bishop of Rome, the Pope. They preserve some centuries-old eastern liturgical, devotional and theological traditions, shared in most cases with the various Eastern Christian churches they were once associated with.

While these churches are all in communication with each other and with the Latin or Western church, they vary in theological emphasis, forms of liturgical worship and popular piety, canonical discipline and terminology. They all recognize the central role of the Bishop of Rome within the College of Bishops and his infallibility when speaking ex cathedra.

Children's Alliance provides seamless programs for Grey Bruce

THE Grey Bruce Children's Alliance was formed in 2005 as a way for organizations to work together for the benefit of children, youth and their families. However, agencies that serve children have a long history of working together in Grey and Bruce counties.

Program and service providers funded by the province's Ministries of Children and Youth Services, Education, and Health and Long-Term Care, began working together many years ago to deliver much-needed programs to our children.

Many of these initiatives were born of necessity because no one agency had either the funding or the mandate to provide the comprehensive services that children and families required. By working together, limited resources are maximized, duplication and overlap of programs are eliminated and the strengths of each agency are leveraged to provide the many services and programs that meet the needs of our extensive rural area and First Nations communities.

Currently, 19 organizations are members of the Alliance.

Following are some of the successes achieved so far by our local Children's Alliance.

The Ontario Early Years Centre Bruce Grey Owen Sound (OEYC)

Local planners, representing health, education, social services and parents developed a model that incorporated provincial requirements while responding to the unique needs of families in our rural communities.

Rather than develop a single site with limited outreach capacity, the Bruce Grey network includes two main sites, 12 satellites and about 30 outreach locations. Most families in Bruce and Grey can access OEYC services within a 15-minute drive.

Let's Learn Clinics

This project provides an extensive pre-school screening process in conjunction with early registration for junior and senior kindergarten.

A speech language pathologist, a pre-school resource teacher, a public health nurse, OYEC and child care centre staff, as well as school staff are all available at the clinics to provide information for parents, and to conduct pre-school assessments. Clinics are offered throughout the local school districts.

Results to-date of the program are positive. Enhanced school readiness, earlier and more intensive intervention in problems, and the development of far more reliable statistics about the type and number of programs required have all been reported.

Let's Learn Clinics are supported by a partnership of the Bruce-Grey Catholic and Bluewater District School Boards, Grey Bruce Health Unit, Community Living Associations, Early Years Centres, Social Services, and numerous other local agencies and support services.

School-age Speech and Language Support

An initiative of the two local school boards and the Community Care Access Centre (CCAC), this program provides school staff and their students with a full range of language and speech services. Students are served by the speech language pathologist responsible for a geographically defined group of schools, resulting in improved consistency and effectiveness of the services provided.

Social, Emotional and Behavioural Support

Now in its fifth year of operation, this program consists of seven teams which serve children with severe emotional and behavioural challenges. The teams comprise a social worker, child and youth worker and a behaviour lead teacher.

A joint venture of the two local school boards, Bruce Grey Children's Services and the Counties of Bruce and Grey, the program has proved so successful that it has been adapted to meet the needs of expelled students within their home communities. This is important given the rural nature of the coverage area.

Another measure of the program's success is that organizers have been invited to share information about the program with representatives from school boards and children's

services agencies across the province.

Funding for the program comes from the program participants as well as the Province and municipalities.

Grey Bruce Children's Alliance Major study profiles child, youth and family health in Grey and Bruce Counties

A "Profile of Child, Youth and Family Health in Grey and Bruce Counties" was released this past summer, and highlighted how well the area's children, youth and families are doing based on research and statistical information related to many of the factors that determine one's health.

The study, funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, provides a baseline of information against which changes can be tracked over time. It will also serve as a planning tool for programs for the future.

The summary report can be found on the Board's website at www.bgcdsb.org.

Meet Your Trustees

AS a result of the recent municipal election, there will be one new Bruce-Grey Catholic trustee on the Board for the next four years. Lori DiCastrì will replace Sam Finnie as trustee for Huron, Kinloss and Brockton Ward 31. Ms. DiCastrì was acclaimed.

The returning trustees are Norman Bethune, Owen Sound, Meaford, Blue Mountains; Beverley Eckensweiler, South Bruce; Francis Gross, West Grey,

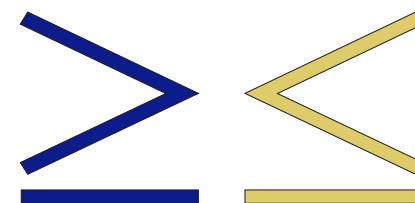
Hanover, Grey Highlands, Southgate; Randy Roote, First Nations, Inuit and Metis; David Slosser, Brockton, Ward 34 and 36; Jules Vanhaelemesch, Saugen Shores, Arran-Elderslie, Chatsworth, Georgian Bluffs, Northern Bruce Peninsula, South Bruce Peninsula. New student trustees joined the Board in September for a one year term: Matthew McLean, Sacred Heart High School; and Charlotte Curley, St. Mary's High School.

Math homework help at the click of a mouse

IF you are a parent who is worried about how to help your child with math homework questions, help is but a keystroke away.

Homework Help is a website for Bruce-Grey Catholic math students in Grades 7 through 10.

Students simply log on to Homework Help at www.homeworkhelp.ilc.org and use an interactive chat room to



obtain personalized tutoring from a certified Ontario math teacher. The entire session is recorded and stored in the student's online locker to allow the student to review what he/she has learned.

211 service now serving Bruce and Grey Counties

ARE you looking for information about the local Catholic school system, the local hospital's visiting hours, or legal aid services? Those are just a few of the over 56,000 community, social, health and related government programs and services that are accessible under the new 211 information service being rolled out across the province.

Bruce and Grey Counties recently joined the program, and now many local services, including your Bruce-Grey Catholic DSB, can be accessed through the service.

211 telephone service, which got its start in Toronto in 2002, is similar to 411 information services. While 411 searches for a person or company's telephone number, 211 service connects people to reliable information about a broad range of community "human services".

211 is free and accessible anytime via an easy to recall three-digit phone number (2-1-1) or via the internet.

By dialling 2-1-1, callers are directly connected to a certified information and referral specialist, trained to assess each caller's needs, to provide accurate information, and to advise people

about the most appropriate service or program available.

The Website, 211Ontario.ca, (or locally, www.211brucecounty.ca or www.211greycounty.ca) is a reliable and user-friendly resource for anyone who is looking for human services in Ontario. It is

Dial 211
for community information,
resources or visit

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or

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fully searchable, and bilingual.

The 211 program is a product of the collective efforts of many community and government partners, including district school boards such as Bruce-Grey Catholic, and is administered by a not-for-profit corporation.

The corporation currently receives funding from the Province of Ontario, local Ontario United Ways, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, and Citizenship and Immigration Canada. The Bruce-Grey area falls under the Central East Ontario, and over the next five years it is expected that 211 calls

Communication Survey

AT the Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board, communication is always top-of-mind. We are always looking for new and more effective ways of communicating with our numerous stakeholders.

As well, we want to ensure "the message" is clear,

complete and appropriate to our audience.

To that end, we need your help. Please complete our Communication Survey by going to our website at www.bgcdsb.org. Paper copies of the survey are available at the Board office in Hanover, or at your local school.

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Kingdom Project

Using our talents to build God's kingdom

Bruce MacPherson, Director of Education, is challenging his schools to put the "parable of the talents" to work. Each school will be offered a \$100 bill and its students challenged to use this "seed money" to establish a fund raising project that will yield many times the initial \$100 for a local charity.

In the Biblical parable (Matthew 25: 14-30), three servants were given sums of money. One servant multiplied it five fold, another two fold, while the third servant buried his money. The Master rewarded those who were faithful with the talents He had entrusted to them, but banished the third servant who did nothing.

Students will be required to follow three simple rules:

1. This is God's money, not yours.
2. Do something outside the walls of the school and church to further the work of God's kingdom.
3. Return and report in February what you did with the \$100.



Bruce-Grey Catholic summer camps once again a success

ALMOST 300 students participated in the Board's summer camp program in 2010. Four camps were held: Summer Literacy Adventure Camp, Summer Literacy Learning Camp, Technology Camp, and Wrap Camp.

Depending on the camp, activities included large and small group instruction, individual and guided writing, reading, crafts, outdoor activities, instruction in the use of computer programs to assist with reading and writing, and work in social skills such as conflict resolution and sharing.



Some camps incorporated afternoon recreational activities which were provided by our partner organizations: Hanover Parks and Recreation, Owen Sound YMCA, and Saugeen Parks and Recreation.

St. Basil's to get addition

Planning is under way for an addition to St. Basil's School in Owen Sound. Three new classrooms and auxiliary space will be built to accommodate the full-day kindergarten program slated to begin in September, 2011. Cost of

the project is estimated at \$900,000 and will be funded by the Ministry of Education. The Board recently approved the project in principle and engaged SRM Architects Inc. to prepare schematic designs for the addition.