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SJSH Wins Bid to Host Environmental Film Festival Series

St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Catholic Secondary School is one of ten schools selected out of over 50 applicants from across the province to host the *Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF) and Planet in Focus (PIF) Environmental Film Festival Series* to take place on April 26 and 27.

"We are delighted to offer such a great event to our community," said Cheryl Wootton, SJSH teacher and film fest organizer. "We feel the selection of films and speakers is timely, suitable for all ages, and perfectly aligned with the focus of our annual showcase of SJSH arts, *Insights and Sounds*, and our second annual student Environmental Symposium later in the week."

The event is funded by the Ministry of Education to support teachers' professional learning and leadership in the area of environmental education. Planet in Focus, Canada's preeminent Environmental Film and Video organization, is working with St. Joseph-Scollard Hall to provide the latest and most topical films and videos from across Canada and around the world that explore environmental themes.

The enviro-themed week at SJSH will begin with the film festival on April 26 and 27, and will continue with *Insights & Sounds* on Thursday, April 28, and the Environmental Symposium on Friday, April 29.

More information is available at www.npsc.ca.

An Easter Message



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Jesus does not say:

This woman is stuck on herself and her people. She is light headed or narrow minded.

- Rather He asks her for some water, initiates the conversation with her and tells her about the water of eternal life. She then becomes a witness for her people. (John 4:7-42)

Jesus does not say:

Now here is a public sinner if there ever was one - this woman is doomed.

- He says she has a better chance of entering the kingdom of God than those who hold on to their possessions and think they are holier than others.
- Then he says to the woman: Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has saved you, go in peace. (Luke 7:36-50)

Jesus does not say:

This woman should be punished because they say she committed adultery.

- No, Jesus says: I do not condemn you. Go and start over again and be convinced of your dignity as a daughter of God. (John 8:1-11)

Jesus does not say:

The one who touched my coat is mental, hysterical.

- He listens to her, he speaks with her, he cures her. Jesus tells her: Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your disease. (Mark 5:33-34)

Jesus does not say:

That woman who put coins in the treasury is superstitious.

- Jesus notices her and says that what she did was extraordinary. (Luke 21:1-4)

Jesus does not say:

This tax collector is a thief and a robber who works for the rich and robs the poor.

- Jesus said to him: Zaccheus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today and

Zaccheus was happy to welcome him. He had a change of heart. (Luke 19:1-10)

Jesus does not say:

These children are noisy and misbehaved.

- Jesus says: Let them come to me, do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. (Mark 10:14)

Jesus does not say:

This man is blind because he or his parents sinned.

- Jesus tells all those present they are wrong. This man enjoys the favour of God. The action of God is made visible in him. Jesus gave him his sight. The man then believed in Jesus and worshiped him. (John 9:1-34)

Jesus does not say:

This Centurion is only a member of the Roman Army who puts others down.

- Amazingly Jesus says: I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. (Luke 7:9)

Jesus does not say:

This wise man is only an intellectual and a pharisee.

- Jesus shows him the way and Nicodemus believes in him and his life is changed. (John 3:1-21, 19-39)

Jesus does not say:

This man is guilty and deserves to be crucified.

- Rather, Jesus tells him: Today you will be with me in Paradise. (Luke 23:43)

Jesus does not say:

All of you present at my trial are condemned for your actions.

- No. Jesus says: Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing. (Luke 23:34)

Jesus does not say:

You rejected me. You abandoned me.

- No, Jesus says to them: Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. (John 20:21-22)

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!

Becoming a Digital Learner with Enrichment Module



Dawson Fournier loves Legit Trix. When given the opportunity at school to create any commercial using specialized audio editing software, Dawson knew he'd make one for his favourite clothing store.

"I can mix music and background sounds with my voice," the Grade 6 student from Our Lady of Fatima said. "Even when I mess up my recording, I can splice my voice and use all the best parts and delete

the parts I don't like, so it ends up sounding like a real commercial you would hear on the radio."

Dawson was part of a group of Junior Enrichment students from schools across the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board who participated in a week-long module entitled "Becoming a Digital Learner", facilitated by teachers Micheline Lamarche and David Bitonti.

In addition to their day spent making commercials and newscasts using Audacity audio editing software, they visited the Canadian Ecology Centre to learn about GIS mapping and digital microscopes, local radio stations to learn about news production, and Nipissing University to experiment with Mac animation technology.

Spencer Waltenbury, a Grade 4 student at St. Alexander School, said he can't wait to share his new skills with his classmates back at school.

"I love technology and I'm happy that I will get to show my class how to use Audacity," he said. "I'm going to show them how to use it step by step...I know they'll love it too."

Fun with Drums



Students at John XXIII School spent a day learning how to make traditional Aboriginal Drums with Sgt. George Couchie of the Ontario Provincial Police.



Community Support Needed to Help SJSH Student Fulfill Arctic Dream

Grade 11 student Kendall White (center), an active member of St. Joseph-Scollard Hall's Green Team, has been selected as one of 80 students across the world to participate in *Students on Ice, Arctic Expedition*, a journey to Iceland, Greenland, Labrador and Nunavut, where she will learn and see, first-hand, the effects of climate change. Kendall's community, Temagami First Nation, is hosting a string of fundraisers this month to help her come up with the \$8,900 she needs to participate. To make a donation, contact teachers Matt Brunton (left) and Terry Dubroy (right), at 494-8600. Kendall, who says she's always felt drawn to the Arctic, flies to Iceland on July 23.



Corpus Christi Students Are Brainiacs!

For students, Brain Day made meaningful connections between their senses and the organ behind it all. *ThinkFirst* and *Connecting Community Partners in Injury Prevention* brought to the school fun ways to learn about the brain's vital roles, protecting it and preventing injury at school and at home.



"Who I Am"

Aboriginal mask-making was one of several activities during Aboriginal Awareness Week at St. Luke School in April. Students also participated in a smudging ceremony, pow wows, and learned about traditional Aboriginal culture and medicine with members of the North Bay Indian Friendship Center.



Future Engineers Emerged at Bridge Building Contest

The North Bay Chapter of the Professional Engineers of Ontario hosted the annual student bridge building contest at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall CSS during National Engineering Week in February. NPSC students performed impressively, including a first place finish in both the Grade 9/10 category by SJSH's Michelle Babak and Olivia Dale (photo at left), and the Grade 11/12 category by SJSH's Nicole Maurer and Brittany Loxton.



Message from the Chair, Barbara McCool

This time of year brings us many opportunities to celebrate the rich tradition and the values of Catholic education. We have seen during this Lenten season our students, staff, Trustees, and many parents come together in reflection and in Faith celebrations. On behalf of the NPSC Board of Trustees, I invite our parents and friends in the community to continue celebrating the good news of our Catholic schools during Catholic Education Week 2011 (May 1 to May 6), and to take part in the many activities and liturgical celebrations across our Catholic Board.

Photo: Barbara McCool, Board Chair (center) with John Willemsen, Trustee (left), and Anna Marie Bitonti, Director of Education (right), admire a wall of thank you cards to the St. Luke construction team from students during a tour of the future facility in April. More construction progress photos are available at www.npsc.ca

SPECIAL EDUCATION CAROUSEL EVENING

30 Years of Belonging

Thursday, May 19, 2011

Keynote Address by Dr. Sheila Bennett

St. Joseph-Scollard Hall
Catholic Secondary School
675 O'Brien Street

Registration.....6 p.m.
Keynote.....6:30 p.m.
Workshops.....8 p.m.

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COMING UP...

Summer Challenge Production of *Beauty and the Beast*

Information Night: May 4, 7 p.m. at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall
Auditions: May 6, 7 Call Backs: May 8
Rehearsals Begin: May 10
Production Nights: July 20, 21, 22, 23
For more info, call Micheline Pride at 705-494-8600

Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic DSB Choir Festival

June 22, North Bay Waterfront Park, Kiwanis Bandshell
Details coming in May to www.npsc.ca

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**Collage (left): Abstract self-portraits by
students in Mrs. Bennison's
Grade 8 Class at St. Hubert School**