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ST. LUKE STUDENT HEADS TO QUEEN'S PARK

Anthony Caliciuri has been addicted to politics since Grade 5. His first taste of it was during a class trip to Ottawa where he toured Parliament Hill. Instantly, he was hooked.

Now a Grade 8 student at St. Luke School, Anthony has been selected as one of only 80 students out of 800 applicants from across Ontario to participate in the provincial Legislative Page Program, an education-based program at Queen's Park for Grade 7 and 8 students.

Pages participate in the legislative process, act as messengers in the Legislative Chamber, meet with politicians and officials, and learn how laws are made and how the province is governed.

Anthony was required to write an essay and needed an 80 per cent academic average to apply last December. One month later, the secretary at the Page office called to



welcome him to the program, which takes place from March 22 to April 2, 2010.

"I was very surprised when I found out I was selected," said Anthony. "I'm sure this is

going to be really great for my resume," he said. "It will also further educate me on the legislative process, which is something I find so interesting."

Anthony said while he will always love and follow politics, he plans to pursue his other passion, machines and robotics, and sees himself as a future electrical engineer.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

LENT 2010

The Stations of the Cross can be seen on the walls of every Catholic church and chapel. These Stations portray the last steps of Jesus on his way to Calvary where he was crucified. They help us meditate on the sufferings and death of Jesus. This devotion comes from the Pilgrims who while visiting the Holy Land walked the way of the cross and meditated on each station. For years there were 14 Stations ending with the burial of Jesus. Recently, a fifteenth one was added and it is the Resurrection of Jesus. This is a great addition. Jesus Christ suffered, died and rose again. This sad story of violence, cruelty and death gives way to hope, love and

eternal life.

The Stations are as follows:

Jesus is condemned to death:

They kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him." Pilate handed Jesus over as they wished (Luke 23:21,25).

Jesus takes up his cross:

They took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself he went out to the place of the Skull (John 19:16-17).

Jesus falls for the first time:

His cross was so heavy he fell. His whole body was in pain.

Jesus meets his mother:

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." (John 19:26-27).

Simon the Cyrene helps Jesus carry his cross:

They seized a man, Simon of

Cyrene and they laid the cross on him and made him carry the cross behind Jesus (Luke 23:26).

Veronica wipes the face of Jesus:

How do we wipe away the tears of our suffering sisters and brothers?

Jesus falls for the second time:

He became weaker and fell again in spite of Simon's help. His head was pounding and his eyes were blurry.

Jesus consoles the women of Jerusalem:

Jesus says to the women, "Do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and your children" (Luke 23:28).

Jesus falls the third time:

At the point of exhaustion, he crumpled. His heart was racing as he gasped for breath.

Jesus is stripped of his garments:

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier (John 19:23).

Jesus is nailed to the cross:

When they came to the place called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with two criminals (Luke 23:33).

Jesus dies on the cross:

Jesus cried with a loud voice and said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Then he breathed his last (Luke 23:46)

Jesus is taken down from the cross:

Joseph of Arimathea took the body down from the cross and wrapped it in a linen cloth (Luke 23:53A).

Jesus is laid in the tomb:

Joseph of Arimathea then laid the body in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had been laid (Luke 23:53B).

Jesus rises from the dead:

On the first day of the week, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." He showed them his hands and his side and they rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (John 19:19-22)

SNAPSHOTS



MSB Bites Into The Big Crunch

Together at 2:30 p.m. on March 11, students and staff at Mother St. Bride School enjoyed an apple as part of The Big Crunch, a national program promoting healthy eating that challenged schools across the country to take a collective, healthy crunch at the same time. Mrs. McGirr's Duke Troop (at left), a group of students at the school involved in the Duke of Edinburgh program, promoted the day as part of their ongoing efforts to encourage peers to make healthy food choices.



SJSH Donates Textbooks To Africa

Hundreds of used Math textbooks from St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Catholic Secondary School will now be enjoyed by children in Cameroon, Africa, where over 51 per cent of the population lives below the poverty line. Math teacher Ruth Hyndman and husband Mike (at left) initiated the donation and worked in partnership with International Children's Awareness Canada, which assists people in developing nations in becoming self-sufficient while achieving their fundamental rights in health and education.



Honouring Canada's Olympians

Our Lady of Fatima students crouch in Olympic formation in honour of Canada's top athletes. Each grade wore a different Olympic ring colour to achieve this school-wide challenge.



1, 2, 3...100!

The students in Mme Lindeman's Grade 1 Early French Immersion class at St. Theresa School love to count. They were especially thrilled about counting the 100 cans of food they collected for the Callander and Area Food Bank in honour of the 100th day of school.

Congratulations Festival d'art oratoire (French Public Speaking Contest) Participants! Results below:

Grade 4-6, French Immersion

1. Daynen Murphy (Les avantages et les désavantages des jeux Olympiques), St. Theresa School
2. Leif Makuch (Le ruban en toile), St. Luke School
3. Olivia Côté (Le système circulatoire), St. Francis School

Grade 4-6, FSL Plus (students with additional French language experience)

1. Mia Hubert (Stonehenge) St. Luke School

Grade 7-8, French Immersion

1. Taylor Murphy (Les commotions), St. Theresa School
2. Kindrie Makuch (Taylor Swift), St. Luke School
3. Isabelle Summers (Les toucans), St. Luke School

Grade 7-8, FSL Plus

1. Gabrielle Hubert (Les Bhoutans), St. Luke School



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



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we must reflect upon its theme, *Rejoicing in Hope*. Hope goes beyond wishing, beyond changes in fortune and despair. Rather, our gospel speaks of a hope that does not disappoint. It is about placing our trust in the promise of Jesus and relying on the Holy Spirit. "We are

asked to rejoice always."

I would also like to extend to you all an invitation to the Special Education Advisory Committee's 10th annual Carousel Evening on May 27. It promises to be an evening that provides valuable information, promotes sharing of

knowledge, creates partnerships, builds linkage and allows for networking in special education.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I also wish to extend our best wishes for a Holy Easter season. May it bring a sense of renewal and new life.

As we look forward to Catholic Education Week this May 2-9,

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Date! Carousel Evening: An evening of free special education workshops. May 27, 2010 at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Catholic Secondary School. For more information, call 472-1201. Details coming soon to www.npsc.ca.

Rejoicing In Hope - Regional Catholic Mission: St. Peter the Apostle Church (299 Airport Road) will host the event, affording each one of us an opportunity to rejoice in hope! May 2-6, 2010 at 7 p.m. Guest preacher Father Pete Schavitz, originally from Chicago, has preached approximately 250 missions. Spread the Word! For more information, call 472-1817.

Catholic Education Week 2010: Rejoicing in Hope May 2 - 7, 2010 across the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board. A schedule of activities is coming soon to www.npsc.ca. Call your nearest Catholic school for information on individual school activities and faith celebrations.



SEAC DONATES OPENING DOORS ARTWORK TO BOARD OFFICE

Kelli Pace (right), Chair of the NPSC Special Education Advisory Committee, and Barbara McCool (left), former committee Chair, presented "Opening Doors", a piece by local artist and former NPSC art teacher, Rochelle Rankin,

to the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board. The artwork will be displayed in the boardroom as a reminder that, in education, a door is always open to students with all types of needs and exceptionalities.

MOTHER ST. BRIDE RECOGNIZED AS SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION

Mother St. Bride School has been recognized as a School of Distinction in the 2010 Fraser Institute Report Card of Ontario schools. Locally, MSB was among the most improved schools over five years according to the report, which ranked over 2700 Ontario schools using Grade 3 and 6 EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office) assessment data. Our Lady of Fatima School scored a 7.8 out of 10 rating in performance, making it the highest ranked in the area this year according to

this report. Last year, St. Gregory School scored in the top five per cent of the province with an 8.6 out of 10 rating.

The EQAO, which produces the data, strongly encourages parents and guardians to consider the more comprehensive information available in the EQAO reports to help them put results into context. For more information about EQAO assessments, please visit www.eqao.com

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