

# SCHOOLS TO BELIEVE IN

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Above: Our Lady of Sorrows School students bundle up and sing together during a Christmas telethon.



Left: A Liturgy hosted by Ms. Mary Houghton's Grade 3/4 class brings together students at St. Gregory School during Advent.



Below: An Advent Mass for all NPSC staff hosted by the NPSC Faith Ambassadors with celebrants Monsignor Norm Clement and SJSH Chaplaincy leader Nancy-Ann Hedican was held in St. Joseph-Scollard Hall's picture perfect St. Lawrence Chapel on December 1.

MAY THE SPIRIT OF  
LOVE, PEACE & JOY  
BE EVER-PRESENT  
DURING THIS  
HOLY SEASON  
AND THROUGHOUT  
THE NEW YEAR!

## SAVE-THE-DATE!

### SOMETHING TO BELIEVE IN:

ST. JOSEPH-SCOLLARD HALL CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL REGISTRATION INFORMATION SESSION  
For Grade 8 students & parents. Wednesday, February 9, 7 p.m.. Call 494-8600 for more information.





MONSIGNOR NORM CLEMENT

## CHRISTMAS

On this day, among us, with us, in us, a child is born, a child comes, a child is present. His visit eliminates our violence, our wars, our hatred. This child is given to us by God.

This Son gives us the love of God. His love fills our world, countries, cities. Lord Jesus, we welcome You.

On this day, among us, with us, in us, a child is born, a child comes, a child is present. His word silences our cries, our tensions, our doubts. This word is given to us by God. This word announces God's love for all. His love fills our towns,

communities, homes. Lord Jesus, we hear you.

On this day, among us, with us, in us, a child is born, a child comes, a child is present. His coming recognizes our weakness, our pain, our sorrow. This Child comes to us from God. This Son calls us to be with God. His love penetrates our feelings, desires, spirits. Lord Jesus, we accept You.

On this day, among us, with us, in us, a child is born, a child comes, a child is present.

His presence appears in the sick, the hungry, the lonely. This presence calls for comfort, food, company. This sharing reveals Christ in them, in us. His love blesses our brothers, sisters, neighbours. Lord Jesus, we bless You.

This Christmas and this New Year, may the Lord bless us with Peace, fill us with Love, gift us with Joy, so we may be peaceful, loving and joyful in the Lord. Lord Jesus, we love You.



### Ultimate Political Experience Leads to Interest in Broadcasting

Political knowledge isn't the only thing that Nicholas Waltenbury gained from his three week experience in the Legislative Page Program at Queen's Park this fall. Though he admits he loves

politics, when the Grade 8 Mother St. Bride School student thinks back to walking the halls at provincial parliament, he can't help but describe everything else in between.

"The architecture of Queen's Park is majestic," he said. "It's a uniquely fashioned building. I'm pretty lucky to have had the freedom to walk the halls there." He also speaks enthusiastically

of a media tour and being particularly struck by CBC reporter Mike Crawley's powerful broadcasting voice. So much so, he sees a possible new career option. "Meeting members of the media really broadened my horizons."

Nicholas credits a Grade 6 trip to Parliament Hill in Ottawa as the spark to his interest in politics. Two years later, he was one of twenty students selected out of approximately one thousand applicants across the province for the Legislative Page Program. Pages participate in the legislative process, act as messengers in the Legislative Chamber, meet with politicians and officials, learn how laws are made and how the Province of Ontario is governed.

Nicholas also enjoyed his time having lunch with Nipissing MPP Monique Smith, meeting Premier Dalton McGuinty, and perhaps most of all, the standing ovation he and his peers received from politicians on the final day of their service.



## So You Think You Can...Zumba?

Dance fans at Corpus Christi School now have the opportunity to learn a new form of dance all while having fun, and staying fit and active. Teacher Ms. Lori Schlueting has organized a Zumba class every second Thursday during the lunch recess.



## St. Alexander Cheers for 50 Years

Students, parents and staff from St. Alexander School past and present attended the school's 50th anniversary and open house on November 22. The spirit of the school's community was alive as former classmates and colleagues reminisced with old news clippings, photos, and the sound of students singing.



## Cards Crafted by Bears Being Sold for Good Cause

The St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Bears Who Care crafted greeting cards - some for every occasion - as a way to raise funds for a family in need of support in India. The cards will remain on sale at the school until June of 2011 for \$2 each.



## Bears Contribute in East Beating West

The St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Bears boys' hockey team defeated Northern Secondary School during the annual East West game on December 2. The hockey players representing SJSH on the East's girls' team helped defeat the West's girls' team, contributing to the East beating the West in the overall count.



## Message from the Chair - Barbara McCool

Leadership is not something you do to people, rather, leadership is something you do *with* people. Together, members of the new 2010-2014 Board of Trustees look forward to new beginnings on the horizon, some of which will include the opening of the new St. Luke School in September 2011 in North Bay, and the planning of the new St. Victor School facility in Mattawa. We also look forward to our role of providing leadership and linkage opportunities toward building a stronger Catholic community. I am confident that this excellent team of Trustees will work effectively for the common good of Catholic education in our province and represent the interest of our own Catholic community.

**The 2010-2014 NPSC Board of Trustees** (left to right): John Willemsen (West Nipissing), Frank O'Hagan (North Bay), Judy Manitowabi (Nipissing First Nation), Barbara McCool (North Bay), Linda Jamieson (North Bay), Shawn Fitzsimmons (North Bay), Jacques Bégin (East and South of North Bay).



## ABORIGINAL GATHERING FORMED AT MSB

Avery Pitawanakwat (above, left), Grade 8, and his sister Lyric Pitawanakwat-Pelletier (right), Grade 5, are two of about forty students in a new Aboriginal gathering at Mother St. Bride School called *Aanjimaadidwad*, which is Ojibway for “a gathering of people”. The group, formed in September, created Aboriginal drums under the guidance of teacher Sacha Stevens and George Couchie of the OPP. They will use their new instruments during school

assemblies throughout the year. “In Aboriginal culture, the beat of a drum represents the beat of a mother’s heart”, said Lyric, who said the instruments need to be cherished by the group and the school community. “Small drums like the ones we created must be cared for by everyone around them, like a mother cares for her child.” The group meets weekly during recess to explore Aboriginal culture, traditional medicine and the arts.

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### Junior and Senior Kindergarten Registration

Full day, every day Junior and Senior Kindergarten offered in 12 Catholic schools serving North Bay, Callander, Mattawa, Powassan, and West Nipissing. Call your nearest school for registration information.

### Curious About Early French Immersion? Join us for an Information Session

For North Bay Families: January 19, 6 p.m. at St. Luke School. A separate session for Callander and area families will be held in January at St. Theresa School. Details coming soon. Call 472-1201, ext. 2213 for details.

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