

# Get ready for the upcoming Halton Skills competition

The challenge is back.

The Halton District School Board's 27th-annual Halton Skills Competition will be hosted by Burlington's Robert Bateman High School, 5151 New St., on Tuesday, April 5. The competition will take place from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Approximately 1,200 elementary and secondary students from the Halton public and Catholic boards will compete in more than 40 events.

Teams of elementary students in Grades 4-8 will take part in activities like the technology challenge, green energy challenge, distance challenge, Lego robotics and TV/video production competitions.

New to this year's event is a demonstration of the learning students are experiencing as teachers integrate robotics into the curriculum.

High school students will compete in numerous events including: architectural CADD, auto collision repair, auto service technology, auto painting, baking, cabinet making, character animation, culinary arts, desktop publishing, digital photography, electrical installations, electronics, fashion design, floristry, graphic design, hairstyling, healthcare, home building, team and individual carpentry, horticulture and landscape, landscape design, mechanical computer-assisted design, precision machining, refrigeration, robotics and control systems, website development, welding, small power equipment and TV/Video production.

A career showcase takes place during the day with representatives from the



Georgetown District High students Timothy Wingfield (left) and Josh Wiensczyk work on their wooden bench project during last year's skills competition.

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community, business, industry and education sectors.

The Halton Skills Competition is a fabulous way to showcase the amazing talents of our students as they engage in friendly competition at a very high level, said Julie Hunt Gibbons, a superintendent of education with the Halton District School Board.

There is a huge need for skilled trades in our country, and it is very encouraging to see the both the interest and incredible skill levels acquired by our students during their time with us, she added.

Students successful in the competition can qualify to represent Halton at the Ontario Skills Competition in Waterloo from May 2-4, and possibly at the Skills Canada National Competition in Moncton, N.B. (June 5-8).

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## SPORT KID OF THE MONTH AUSTIN MEDEIROS

Austin is a two sport nominee playing rep soccer and triple A hockey. His soccer Coach states he is conscientious, coachable and always has a positive attitude. In school he goes out of his way to assist others and last Christmas he volunteered at the Yonge Street Mission helping underprivileged families. Congratulations Austin on being named the Sport Kid of the Month for March!

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