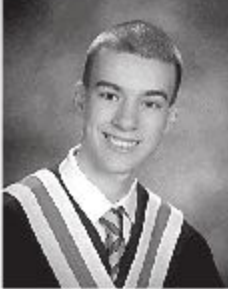


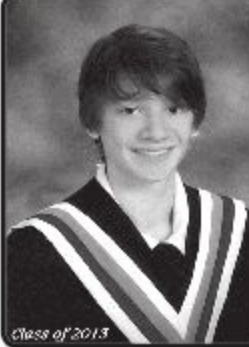
CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS

The Hot Dog Lady
wishes all the best to
the 2013 Graduates
- Jenny

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CONGRATULATIONS MORGAN

 AS YOU GRADUATE FROM ACTON HIGH SCHOOL! WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST AT WESTERN.
 LOVE MOM, DAD & MADELEINE

Connor Crowe

CONGRATULATIONS ALL THE BEST IN GRADE 9
 Love Mom, Dad & Shannon

CONGRATULATIONS KENDALL
 Graduate of Practical Nursing

 We are all so proud of you!
 Love Aunt Angie, Uncle Randy Desiray, Taylor, Carter & Jacob

Congratulations Carter!

 We are so proud of you!
 Love Mom, Randy, Desiray, Taylor and Jacob

Acton students ignore teacher sanctions to stage play

The play must go on. That literally was the rallying cry at Acton High School this semester, despite teacher union sanctions that curtailed most extracurricular activities – including chess clubs, sports teams and bands – in Ontario elementary and high schools.

Left without the usual help, guidance and expertise of a teacher/staff supervisor, a small group of students rose to the occasion to stage *Sherlock Holmes* – and doing it so well that seven earned accolades from the audiences, and from their teachers who honoured them with Acton Achiever Awards recently.

Seven students who helped stage the successful *Sherlock Holmes* play – technical crew, make-up, stage crew, props, and costumes – were honoured for making the production happen, despite union-induced school sanctions that cancelled most extra-curricular activities from sports to chess clubs.

Six students received behind-the-scenes leadership

awards, and Director Megan Parr was honoured for getting the play to the stage. “For a student to be a leader amongst her peers and gain their respect is an incredible feat and she did it well,” teacher Amanda Smith said, adding Parr was organized, committed and put on an amazing show.

Parr prefers to work behind the scenes and make others look good, and said the production was “magical,” even if she had to threaten several crew and one cast member to get them to come to rehearsals. “Not having a teacher meant there was a lot of extra pressure on the students to find their own costumes and find rehearsal space,” Parr said, adding usually the director is a teacher with a student stage manager.

“I had an alumni student help me get it off the ground and I have backstage experience and a lot of

people worked very hard to make it happen, and it was worth it.”



Board okays cash for beefed up school security measures

Elementary schools will have monitoring systems at main doors, other doors will be locked beginning this September

Halton District School Board trustees approved a project to enhance the security systems in elementary schools, spending \$573,900 of its “Close the Gap” funding in 2013-14 and \$346,050 in 2014-15.


Beginning September 2013, all elementary schools within the Halton District School Board will implement a safe welcome system through funding announced by the province in December 2012,

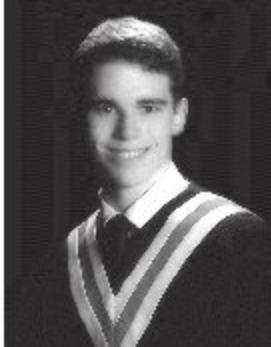
in wake of the Newtown, Connecticut tragedy. It will provide greater safety in schools by ensuring all visitors use a single point of entry door before signing in. Buzzer access and security cameras will be installed at main doors while other doors will remain locked at all times.

In addition, Board-funded swipe access devices – approved by Trustees earlier this year – will also be installed at selected other doors including school doors accessed by students and staff located in portables. During the past year, the swipe card

system was piloted at six elementary schools where it was well received by parents and staff members.

Wednesday’s funding approval as part of the 2013-14 budget, augments the Board’s existing security system by updating technology and expanding the coverage of security cameras. In 2005, through provincial funding, 42 elementary school sites received locking doors, security cameras and buzzer access systems to enable monitoring and control of the visitor entrance to the school.

CONGRATULATIONS BREANNA CAMPBELL

 who graduated from Laurier University in 2011 with honors degrees majoring in criminology, psychology and a B.A.. Breanna went to study Geomatic Sciences at the Centre of Geographic Sciences in Nova Scotia. She has earned her diploma as of June 12th this year. Breanna has finally finished after 8 years of study.
 Love All your Family

CONGRATULATIONS NEIL CAMPBELL

 GRADUATES GRADE 12 AND IS OFF TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO FOR STUDIES IN LIFE SCIENCES.
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