



SCHOOL REPORT

**A Monthly Feature
Focusing on Local School
Activities**

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ACTON HIGH



Eco Club Day

Eco Club members traveled to Burlington to attend an “Eco Day” and lecture by Dr. David Suzuki.

ABC Company Start Up

Grade 10 business students started their ABC Company project this December. Students had visits from local entrepreneurs and business professionals, and after the break they will meet with the Chamber of Commerce, Investor’s Group and the Acton BIA. Students can receive up to \$2,000 to run their own business this summer in our local community.

Winter Wonderland Dance

Acton High’s annual semi-formal was on Thursday, and this year’s theme was “Winter Wonderland”. Student Council wanted to create a dance that would get everyone excited for the holidays by decorating with Christmas trees, snowflakes and gingerbread cookies. Semi is made possible by the leadership and dedication of Student Council members and the help of Acton High’s teachers.

Acton Communications Technology

On December 5 Mr. Stark’s students toured the Toronto Broadcast Center facilities where students met a variety of staff including Producers, Directors and Technicians.

Highlights included a tour of the studio for CBC’s “Q” radio show, and the crew pre-recording an Air Farce New Year’s Eve Show sketch. At the end of the tour students sat in “The Current” studio and tested out the microphones.

Connecting Acton High School Technology Students with Local Industry

Acton High School grade 10 technology design students completed a unit on logo design. Students were required to provide an updated and fresh new look to an existing local company logo. All students did an exceptional job on their custom signs made with the CNC machine. Mr. Tew was very impressed with the student’s final projects, as they exceeded his expectations.

Music Tid-Bits

The Acton High School Music Department is wrapping up a busy December. They traveled to three local elementary schools to perform a festive mini concert. The evening concert on December 7 featured the grade nine class, Senior Instrumental Music class, Jazz Band, Vocal Music class, Choir, and Concert Band and included an audience sing-along. The new year will bring competitions and a joint concert with the Acton Citizens’ Band.



ST. JOSEPH



Christmas is the season of giving, and at St. Joseph’s School we have taken this to heart and truly fulfilled God’s wish for us to help others in need.

On December 2, over 50 of our staff and students made their way to Toronto to hand out loomed scarves, food and toiletries to the homeless. We were able to do this through the generosity of our Catholic school community through our Project Warmth initiative. We would also like to thank some of our local businesses who generously provided us with support for this cause. Thank you to Giant Tiger, Dr. Chan’s Dental Office, TD Canada Trust Bank, Cordi Bakery in Mississauga, as well as many of our families who provided donations. With everyone’s support we were able to hand out more than 100 meals to those in need as well as over 100 clothing items—scarves, gloves, hats—and other essential items that many of us take for granted. We are grateful for the opportunity to put God’s Love into Action.

Our school also participated in a Food Drive to benefit the Acton Christmas Hamper program through St. Vincent Charities, as well, many families supported our Angel Tree program to provide toys to children in our community for Christmas.

All of our students participated in the “Keep Christ in Christmas” Contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #8050. A donation was made by the Knights to the Halton Catholic Children’s

Education Fund in recognition of our participation. Two of our grade eight students, Julia G. and Michael Y. were also winners of the board wide HCDSB “Keep Christ in Christmas” video competition. We are very proud of their accomplishments.

Our Advent Family Fun Night was a huge success. On December 13, over 65 of our families joined us to participate in decorating cookies, Christmas crafts, family portraits, a choir performance and refreshments. We would like to thank Acton Sobeys for their donations to help make our night a success. Thank you to everyone who joined us.

On December 15, all our grades four to eight students travelled to the Milton Cineplex to see the movie “Wonder”. It was an excellent opportunity to connect the elements we have discussed in our classes as many of our classes have been reading the novel together. The virtues of empathy, acceptance and kindness are themes we have discussed in class and the movie also tied into our bullying prevention initiatives from November.

We would also like to thank Superior Glove for again supporting our students by providing the Scientists in the School program. What a great opportunity for our students to be exposed to hands on science experiments and activities.

We would like to wish the entire community of Acton a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Remember to Keep Christ in Christmas.

SACRED HEART



It’s always a busy and exciting time during the month of December at school. This December at Sacred Heart Rockwood has been just that. We have celebrated each week of Advent with a beautiful liturgy together as a school community in our gym. Each week during Advent we light another candle on our Advent wreath, and join together in prayer and song. We have also been busily preparing for our school’s Christmas Concert, and we are excited to share our songs and poems with our families. In addition to our regular curriculum studies, we have had several special activities during our 12 days of Christmas.

We welcomed several

guest readers to Sacred Heart, including Mayor Chris White, Chief Mathew Williamson, Britany from the Rockwood Public Library, and Wellington Catholic School Board Trustee Andrew Finoro. We are thankful to our readers for taking the time to share their favourite Christmas stories with classes.

Our choir enjoyed singing Christmas carols with the seniors’ group at the Rockwood library. We have also had some spirit days, wearing our Christmas hats and red/white/green Christmas fashions. As we head into the Christmas season, we would like to wish everyone a very blessed and merry Christmas and all the best for 2018!



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