

## St. Francis School students collect food

Students from St. Francis of Assisi School in Georgetown collected a sizeable amount of non-perishable items for its Thanksgiving food drive and dropped them off to the Georgetown Bread Basket. Pictured above, front, from left, are St. Francis students Mya Oziemski, Ella Knezovic, Shannon Paterson, Logan Strickland. Back row: James Marshall, Abbie Williams, Monica Oram, Connor Williams.

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## School boards races

# Incumbent Strachan upset by Gray

By **LISA TALLYN**

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The only upset on election night was the Halton District School Board trustee race where newcomer Jeanne Gray beat incumbent Alice Strachan.

Gray earned 5,466 votes (57%) while Strachan received 4,044 (42%).

Strachan, who was appointed to the trustee position halfway through the last term after Gillian Tuck Kutarna resigned, said she wishes Gray well.

"I hope that she continues to keep the voice of Halton Hills first and foremost in our board discussions," said Strachan.

Gray, a retired principal, said she's looking forward to "working collaboratively with students, parents, teachers, the administrative teams in each of the schools, and fellow Board members to ensure positive and productive working relationships built on transparency and accountability."

"I am committed to working closely with the community of Halton Hills so that I may provide strong advocacy on behalf of the needs and priorities such as ensuring safe learning environments, equitable access to resources and supports, and promotion of community involvement."

She added she appreciates the endorsement from Halton Hills residents and is proud to represent their views as a member

of the board.

Mark Rowe will return as Halton Hills representative on the Halton Catholic School Board easily beating newcomer Ante Skoko, with 79% of the votes, 2,455. Skoko received 639 votes (20%).

"I'm very pleased that the people of Halton Hills decided that I have been doing a good job," said Rowe. "I thank them for the vote of confidence."

He said his opponent "was part of a small group of people that didn't agree with some of the decisions that the Board had reached."

Skoko said it was "an honour and pleasure" to run for the position and he congratulates Rowe for his re-election.

"All I take from this loss is gains in experience and building and growing a base of supporters who have the same vision of Catholic education as myself," said Skoko.

He thanked all his volunteers and those who voted for him, and plans to run again for the position in 2018.

Pierre Girouard will be the trustee for the Conseil Scolaire Viamonde for the next four years. In Halton Hills Girouard earned 20 votes (83%) compared to Malika Attou who received 4 (16%).

The Conseil Scolaire De District Catholique Centre-Sud trustee is still undetermined. Locally, however, Dominique Janssens received 107 votes (88%). Rafik Morcos earned 14 votes (11%).

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