

# HRCSSB education director retires

By Oksana Buhel

Following a 40-year career in education, more than half of it as educational director of the Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board (HRCSSB), Cliff Byrnes will be kicking up his heels for a well-deserved

rest.

Byrnes announced his retirement, effective next Aug. 31, at Tuesday's HRCSSB meeting.

Byrnes began his teaching career at Brantford's W. Ross MacDonald school for the Visually Impaired, as

head of the Physical Education department. He also taught math, geography and history. Teachers at the school were required to live in and function as house parents.

"Staff was involved in organizing students' social activities including parading 150 or so students to church every Sunday," Byrnes reminisced. "So it wasn't a dreary existence - like home, something was always happening - never a dull moment."

In 1965, Byrnes was appointed provincial school inspector in the Kitchener area and became Education Superintendent at the Waterloo Roman Catholic Separate School Board in 1968. In 1971, Byrnes joined HRCSSB.

The 60-year should not have any problems keeping himself occupied, especially surrounded by 18 children and grandchildren - eight grown children and nine grandchildren, including a recently adopted six-year-old Romanian granddaughter. "They're getting older and I'm not getting any younger," Byrnes pointed out.

Byrnes said he plans to be "Mr. Mom" until his wife, Doreen, retires from her teaching career. At that time, Byrnes said, he may start traveling. Byrnes mentioned the idea of a cruise was appealing.

HRCSSB will begin a process to select a new Education Director this month.

## Food drive starts Monday

By Bryn Davies  
GDHS Principal

At a recent ceremony entitled Celebrating Silver, several Georgetown Staff members were recognized for their many years of service by the Halton Board. Our honorees included: Carl Colbran (Guidance), Don McColeman (History), Marg Bentley (Modern Languages), and Pat Ball (Special Education) each with 25 years of service and Bob Paul (Science) with 30 years of service.

With the Christmas Season fast approaching, you may want to mark your school calendars for the following events:

Our annual Blood Donor Clinic will be this Friday in the small gymnasium. Students must be at least 17 years old to donate. Our

## Principal's Corner

annual Food Drive will begin next Monday and run all week. We are asking people to donate non-perishable food items for distribution to our community. On Dec. 11 our Music students will be performing our Annual Christmas Concert in the cafetorium. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Dance scheduled for Dec. 10 has been canceled.

With final exams coming next month, students who may be in danger of failing can expect written notification. The last day of classes before the Break will be Dec. 17. Students will be dismissed following our annual Staff Christmas skit in the cafetorium.

## Scout leader's trial set for December

The Milton Scout leader charged with sexual assault after photographs of partially nude boys were found in his possession, will stand trial in Milton on Dec. 16. Police maintained none of the charges are related to his activities in the Scouting movement.

The 36-year-old man faces charges of sexual interference, sexual assault and possession of child pornography. Also, one count of making obscene materials.

Bail has been set for the accused, but the presiding judge forbade publication of evidence from the bail hearing as well as the publishing of the man's name.

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