

# Grade 8s raise \$300 for May camping trip

## ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

BY MARKO TONKOVICH & MARCUS DAGENAIS

Our school basketball teams have been chosen! Congratulations to the St. Joseph's teams.

The Grade 8s held a bake sale to help sponsor their trip to Camp Tanamakoon in May. They had many great baked goods to sell, like cupcakes, brownies, cookies and jujubes on a stick! They also raffled off a Hershey's Kiss, Raptor's basketball and a chocolate snowman. They raised over \$300 and are looking forward to

their trip.

Our Christmas presentation *The Spirit of Christmas* is almost ready for opening night. The two performances on Dec. 19 and 20 promise to be well worthwhile. We hope as many of you as possible will be there.

With only two weeks left of Advent, our food drive is well underway.

Knowing that there are needy people we can help, makes us see what is really important. At our Mass this week we remembered that it is more blessed to give than to receive.



**HANDS UP PUPPETEERS:** The Hands Up Puppeteers performed *Journey to the Centre of Christmas* last weekend at the Acton Baptist Church. Performers included in back, Derek Lambert, Jennifer Lambert and Shannon Inglis; middle row, Philip Eddolls and in front, Jennifer Leferink and Matthew Henderson with their puppet friends. Watch for the Puppeteers appearance on Sunday AM on CKCO television this Sunday (Dec. 17) sometime between 8-10 am. (Eve Martin photo)

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# Students visit the olde Hide House

## ROBERT LITTLE NEWS

BY SAM MILLS & TROY ETHIER

The Grade 2s went to the olde Hide House to learn more about leather and what goes on at the olde Hide House. The building used to be a factory. The building is made out of more than 1 million bricks.

We interviewed Jordan LaRose

and Megan McCluskey. Megan said that they saw coats, coats and more coats, and Jordan said that one of the workers told them that they will be having a motorcycle on display soon. The also saw a leather coat in baby size.

Mrs. Lenz visited our school last week to do a special Christmas activity with the Grade 5s. Mrs. Lenz is a teacher from Stewarttown P.S. and she goes

around to different classes from Grades 5 to 8, to work on problem solving and creative thinking activities. At our school, they worked on copper etching of Christmas cards. We interviewed Josh Summers, who said that his favourite part was putting on the ink. He said that Mrs. Lenz is nice and has a good sense of humour.

Mrs. Pearce's, Mrs. Denny's and Mrs. Cooney's Grade 3s and 4s went to Terra Cotta Conservation Area. It was a kick-off for a unit on forest life. They went for the Festive Food for Forest Friends program and they made a food gift for animals for Christmas. They looked for clues about animals on a nature walk. They went for a wagon ride and learned that animals need shelter, food, water and space, and that food is hard for animals to find at this time of year.

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# Tips for a wonderful December

## ASSIC ALERT

As we make our way through the month of December, there are many wonderful events to enjoy. Here are some tips on how to enjoy the celebrations with the special children in your lives.

- Focus on what you want the children to remember about the celebration. Concentrate on the happy times you spend together.
- Take a walk with the children. It's very refreshing. Wander through the neighbourhood to see the special lights at night. Make snow angels in the snow.
- Reading aloud can be calming for everyone. Take a couple of favourite story books and gather the boys and girls around you.
- Turn down the lights and light some candles. Sing some special songs or listen to some music. Memories are made of this.

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