



# Tech Olympics at Acton High

Some of the best and brightest tech students at Acton High school showed their stuff at the Technical Skills Olympics at the school last week. Forty students were entered in six categories including architectural design CADD, mechanical design CADD, cabinet making, team carpentry, computer animation and automobile maintenance.

The judges awarded prizes to the top three in each category and gold and silver medallists are eligible to advance to Halton technical Skills Competitions underway until May 10th at various schools throughout Halton.

In-school Skills Olympics medallists include:

- CADD Mechanical
- Paul Withers - gold
- Robbie Vorne - silver
- CADD Architectural
- Spencer Navarra Chew - gold
- Ryan McGonigle - silver
- Kristina Mitchell - bronze
- Cabinet Making
- Adam Bosch - gold
- Matt Cosulich - silver
- Paul Lemiski - bronze
- Team Carpentry
- Kyle Artem & Mike Banfield - gold
- Steve Thompson &

- N.French - silver
- Dave Coles & Ian Douglas - bronze

- Computer Animation
- Robbie Vorne - gold
- Kyle Larose - silver
- Peter Chorley - bronze
- Automotive Maintenance
- Marc Chiasson - gold
- Scott Retford - silver
- Ben Simpson - bronze

Last Friday, Acton High hosted the CAD architectural and CADD mechanical design competitions as well as the 3d computer character animation competitions.

Acton High students won two gold and three silver medals and Robbie Vorne, was named the Halton gold medallist in computer animation mechanical drafting and will compete in the Ontario championship.

Winners from the all-Halton competitions advance to provincial and then national competitions. Acton students have placed in the medals at the Canada-wide level in recent years.

The Halton-wide medals will be handed out May 11.

**TERRIFIC TECHS:** Forty Acton High School students competed in the school's Technical Skills Olympics last Wednesday. Medallists advanced to the all-Halton competition that concludes May 10. - Submitted photo

## Kasia Sitarz wins St. Joseph's award

Kudos to Kasia Sitarz, a Grade 8 student at Acton's St. Joseph's Catholic School who will receive a "Sharing the Spirit" student excellence award from the Halton Catholic District School Board on Wednesday (May 10) at a ceremony in Burlington.

One student from each school is nominated by the principal for the annual award that recognizes outstanding qualities in Catholic leadership, family commitment, involvement in school and community activities and commitment to a difficult situation.

St. Joseph's principal Jim McGeragle said Kasia was a natural choice, describing her as a "sweetheart" who stands out as one who participates in all aspects of the school and community.



Kasia Sitarz

"She's a tiny little thing. She made the basketball team on spunk alone and that desire to achieve shows up in her academics and activities," McGeragle said.

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Make a game of it. "What would you do if you got lost in the supermarket?"

"I'd cry."  
"Then what?" Explain that he or she must never, never leave the store, alone or with someone who says, "I'll help you find your mommy."

Point out who the clerks are. They usually wear a uniform of some kind and a name tag. Explain that one of them can always be asked for help. The clerk can take the child to the manager if necessary, and the manager will find you.

Explain similar things to do if he or she gets lost in another place - the department store, on the way home from school, or anywhere on the street.

Very early teach your children to use a pay telephone. Make sure they always have a quarter or whatever it takes to use one in your locality. Stress that this is NOT spending money. It's to be used only for an emergency telephone call. See that they memorize their telephone number and perhaps the number of a neighbour who's apt to be home if you're not.

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