

Acton teachers retire, take leave

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The NEW TANNER

There will be many new faces standing in front of Acton students come September - there are a number of teachers transferring to other schools and other

boards of education and there is one Acton teacher among the 183 teachers board-wide who are retiring.

Colin Bain is retiring and won't be teaching history at Acton District High School next year, but his expertise will still be felt because he wrote

the new Grade 10 history textbook that students will use. Bain, a teacher with the Halton board of education for 27 years - nine at ADH - plans to continue publishing, restore a 1972 MGB and travel with his wife.

Acton District High principal Greg MacPherson said they would miss Bain's caring and compassion.

"Colin is a wonderful teacher who was very involved with our co-curricular program, coaching soccer, track and field and the outdoor education program," MacPherson said. Other staffing changes at ADH have not been announced.

Robert Little School
After several years of major staff changes at Robert Little School, principal Don Warren is looking for some stability, although two teachers are leaving, including David Armani and Maija Leonard.

Armani, who taught core French this past year, is taking a one-year leave of absence to travel in Australia. Leonard is taking a one-year leave to enjoy her home and art gallery near Georgian Bay and will also substitute teach

with the Owen Sound area school board. Both teachers had been at Robert Little for four years.

Sharon Vanderdussen has been hired to teach Grade 4 English and French and Warren said he would rehire a core French teacher over the summer.

McKenzie-Smith Bennett
The high rate of turnover continues again this year with four teachers and the principal, Nancy Johnston, moving to new schools.

Science teacher Steve Richardson, at MSB for just one year is going to Stewarttown and Milena Dobric, who taught Grades 1 and 2 at MSB for two years, is moving to George Kennedy in Georgetown.

Grade 7 and 8 teacher Mike Johnson, at MSB for three years, will be teaching with the Waterloo board and Steve Morrison, physical education teacher and coach at MSB, is going to a middle school in Burloak.

Elsa Stolfi, currently a vice principal at a Guelph school with the Upper Grand, has been hired as principal at MSB and Pauline Rae, a Pineview teacher, has been hired to teach physical education next year at MSB. The other positions haven't been filled yet.

Principal Johnston, at MSB for five years, will be principal at Kilbride, a rural



John Leatherland, right, son David and daughter Julie, returned to Acton Tuesday, June 20 for a tree dedication ceremony in honour of John's parents, longtime Acton residents Charlie and Ruth Leatherland. A tree was planted in their memory at Memorial Gardens at the corner of Mill and Main Streets followed by a reception. John now lives in Simcoe.

school in north Burlington. "It will be difficult to leave, but its time to go," Johnston said.

St. Joseph's
Three teachers - Claire Lanois, Nancy Hoult and Loretta Sammit - will not re-

turn to the Catholic school that is undergoing a \$2.1 million expansion and renovation this summer.

Principal Jim McGeragle said he's hired Sandra Bush, who taught at Oakville school to teach Grade 4 and 5, and hopes to fill the other two vacancies next week.

Lanois, who taught at St. Joe's for seven years, will be teaching at a Milton school. Hoult, who taught kindergarten part-time for one year, is moving to an Oakville school and Sammit is on a leave of absence.

"The staffing isn't complete - we've done our internal transfers in the schools and the system transfers are being done and I don't know at this point who else will be here this fall," McGeragle said.

Fishing derby

Anglers, especially young anglers, are invited to keep their July 8 weekend free for a hometown fishing derby.

Herb Dodds of Royal Fishing Tackle says the store is sponsoring a derby at Fairy Lake in conjunction with the Ministry of Natural Resources sponsored Ontario Family Fishing Weekend. That's the weekend the ministry allows families to fish without a licence.

The derby is only for kids aged 16 and under. Dodds stressed. Registration for the July 8 event runs from 7 to 9 a.m. at Prospect Park with prizes announced at 5 p.m.

There will be prizes for each class such as bass, catfish, pike etc.



Grand Opening
Members of the community are invited to join us in celebrating the Grand Opening of the HHSCI Acton Office and the Off the Wall Youth Centre. We will be hosting a Community Open House on Tuesday, July 11 at 45 and 47 Mill street East. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 2 p.m.

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