



LEST WE FORGET: Grade one students Carrie-Anne Thompson and Mitchell Griffiths carried their class wreath during a Remembrance Day service in the McKenzie-Smith Bennett school gym on Friday. — Frances Niblock photo

MSB students hear from veteran about war's horrors

Grade 8 students at St. Joseph School on Mill Street upset by the terrorist attacks in the United States, decided to raise funds to help the victims and their families by having an overnight retreat at St. Joseph's Church.

For the last three weeks, the students have been fundraising and at last count they had collected over \$1,900 to send to the Knights of Columbus in New York where it will be distributed to firefighters and victims' families. The Knights are distributing \$3,000 to each family affected by the disaster.

Saturday night, November 10-11, the two month anniversary of the tragedy, "a day we will never forget," students held their overnight retreat in the church hall from 5 p.m. Saturday until 11 o'clock Sunday morning. The retreat had a dual purpose — remembering those who died in two World Wars, the Korean Conflict and those who were killed on September 11

of this year, grade eight teacher Marie-Elaina Huarte said.

"We called the retreat "Attacks on America fundraiser," Mrs. Huarte told The New Tanner. "The grade eights at St. Joseph's, as many other adolescents were left with feelings of dismay and searched for something to do that could show they cared and wanted to help."

As part of the overnight exercise, the students took part in the liturgy at St. Joseph's Church beginning with the 5 o'clock mass Saturday afternoon at the 9 o'clock and 11 o'clock masses Sunday morning. They read the Scriptures, the petitions and brought gifts to the altar at each mass as well as decorating the pews and the altar approximately with large poppies and other appropriate symbols.

There were many activities over the 18 hours of retreat including workshops led by Bernadette Homerski of

Millgrove the director of the Village Learning Centre in that centre. Mrs. Homerski has been doing this type of work for 20 years with students and teachers so they "understand themselves better," to give them a sense of who they are and develop their leadership skills. "It's a huge leap for students between elementary and high schools," she said. "They have to start dealing with the real world."

The students also made crafts and watched the inspirational movie, Pay it Forward. Members of the Knights of Columbus cooked and served breakfast for the students Sunday morning.

Assisting with the retreat were youth supervisors Kaitlin McDonald and Krystle Thompson, adult supervisors Connie Umbrello and Tracy Morries, grade seven teacher Jamie MacLellan, St. Joseph principal Colin Simpson and Father Bob Bulbrook, pastor of St. Joseph's.

Over 300 retailers attend Purity Life's special event

Suppliers from as far away as California found that it is worth the drive to Acton, when they came to meet with Health Products Retailers from across Canada at Purity Life's first annual "Special Event for Retailers" on Sunday, November 4.

Over 300 Canadian retail outlets took advantage of the opportunity to build relationships and offer feedback to the manufacturers who stock their store shelves. Along with the showroom, retailers were able to learn from guest speakers about various issues that affect their trade: effective store design, marketing and communication, and the regulation of the Health Products Industry.

Purity Life President David Chapman stated that the company's goal for the event was to reward retailers for their support, and to give them some of the tools they need to increase sales and build their businesses.



BOUNTIFUL BAZAAR: IODE member Joyce Sprowl's green thumb was evident in all of the healthy plants for sale at the group's annual Christmas bazaar and tea at Knox Presbyterian Church on Saturday — Frances Niblock photo

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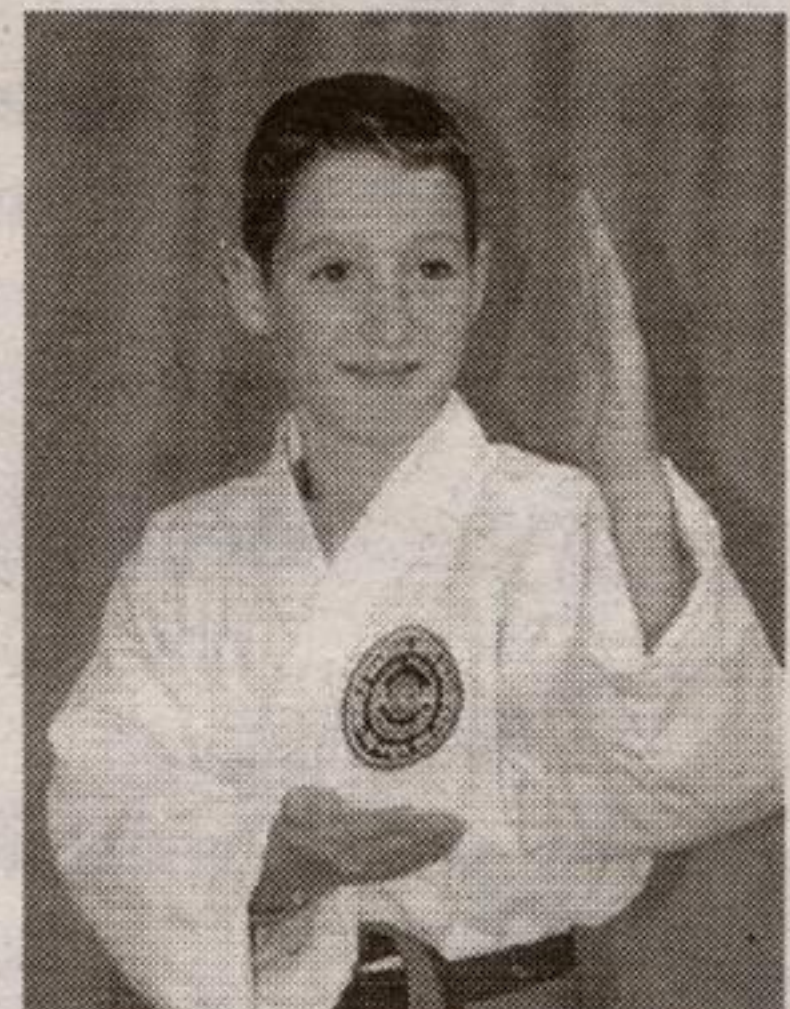
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