

# It's back to school for record number of Halton school student

By FRANCES NIBLOCK

The New Tanner

For some Halton students, school didn't end this week. They're among the approximately 4,000 public and Catholic students who will hit the books at summer school, either for remedial help or to try to pass for a credit.

Barry Findlay, the Halton District School Board's superintendent of education and school programs, said board-wide there's a "significant" increase in the number of Grade 7 and 8 students taking remedial Math and English.

In Acton, 18 Grade 7 and 8 students, most from McKenzie-Smith Bennett, will upgrade their knowledge and skills at one of two summer school sessions for students who are performing at Level One - equal to a "D" - on the provincial standard.

Public board summer school supervisor, David Knight, said for grade 7 and 8 students sessions "have no bearing on passing or failing, but just remedial help."

All but one of the Acton Grade 7 and 8 students will be bused to Centennial Middle School in Georgetown. One student will go to Milton because of scheduling issues.

The Ministry of Education provides the public board with funding for summer school student busing, but not for secondary students.

The Halton Catholic School Board runs summer school for secondary students in North Halton and most Acton students, approximately 30 to 40 this summer, will be bused to Bishop Reding High School in

Milton for classes, although some will go to Guelph.

Halton Catholic School Board adult learning centre principal, Joe Mongiardi, expects record numbers for the Grade 9 and 10 Math and English remediation classes, which can result in the student getting a credit.

If a high school student achieved a mark of at least 40 per cent they can attend a two-week, 55-hour upgrade course to try to pass. If they didn't get a mark of 40, or want to take a new credit, it's a four-week, 110-hour course.

"Already this year, registration is more than last year and last year was a record for us," Mongiardi said on Friday, adding he expects approximately 800 students at Bishop Reding this year.

"I believe everybody will tell you the same things about why the numbers are up - it's the new secondary school reform - it's much more rigor-

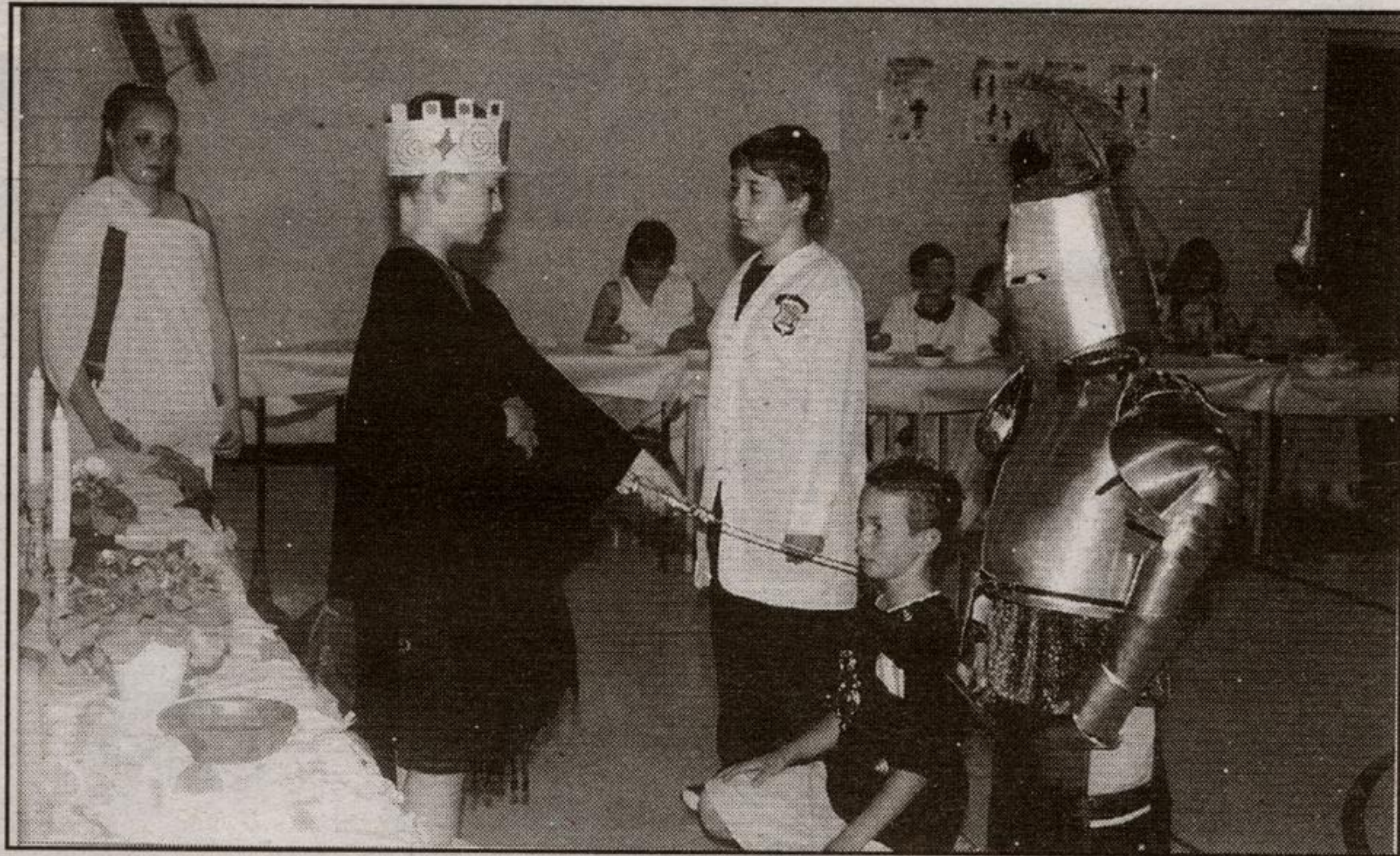
ous," Mongiardi said.

"I wouldn't say students are failing, but students and their parents want them to upgrade to improve their mark."

Acton High School principal Greg MacPherson said summer school enrolment remains steady from last year, adding there's a variety of reasons for attendance.

"Some kids will go to simply upgrade and we have some kids who admirably choose to go to summer school, even though they passed certain programs, because they want to further reinforce or consolidate some of their skills, particularly in mathematics," MacPherson said on Monday.

The first summer school session begins on Tuesday (July 2) and runs until July 12. The second session runs July 15 to 25, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.



**DUBBING CEREMONY:** Hayle Halls, left watches as the king, Taylor Buchanan, dubs Cody Spielvogel a knight in the Order of McKenzie-Smith Bennett, while Tyler Fish, already knighted and Kieran Taylor in full armour assist in the ceremony at MSB last week during a medieval feast.



**BEARING SPICES:** A bevy of courtiers bring spice from exotic places to the king and queen of the medieval feast at MSB school last week. In front are Rochelle Alrawadah and Cody Rowsell.



**BEARING GIFTS:** Heather McIsaac and Brianna Forbes bear gifts for the monarchs at McKenzie-Smith Bennett school's medieval feast. They were also assisted by beverage bearers, Justin Dwyer, Tracy Deforest, Kaetlin Robinson and Katie Brennan.

**GRADS**

**MCNABB GRAPHICS**

**Congratulations!**

853-5615  
56 Mill St. E. Acton

**Acton's TIME-OUT SPORTS**

**CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE**

From the Lalande family

113 Mill St. E., Acton 853-9597

Harry Asbreuk, CFP  
Manager

**Congratulations to all the Grads from the Staff at**

**Scotiabank**

Acton Branch  
36 Mill Street East  
Acton, Ontario L7J 1H2

Tel: (519) 853-2420  
Direct: (519) 853-2992  
Fax: (519) 853-4009  
www.scotiabank.ca

harry.asbreuk@scotiabank.com

**Congratulations & Good Luck in the Future**

**Blue Springs**

Flower & Gift Shop

46 Mill St., Acton 853-0800

**Paintin' Friends**

Decorative Art Studio

**Congratulations to all Grads**

Brenda Larose & Ruth Kranendonk

77 Mill St. E., Acton, Ont. L7J 1H5 519-853-0777

*Service At Its Best!*

**MCINTYRE**

**FUELS LIMITED**

SALES • SERVICE • RENTALS • INSTALLATIONS

**Congratulations and Best Wishes**

**24 Hour Burner Service**  
44 Young St. Acton • 853-0000

**mazda**

**Congratulations**

From the staff of Achilles Motors Limited  
357 Queen Street East  
Acton, Ontario L7J 1K1  
Tel.: (519) 853-0200  
Fax: (519) 853-4100

**BEST WISHES FOR A FULFILLING FUTURE FROM THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF**

**Royal Jug City**

853-2460  
294 Queen St. ACTON

519-853-5534 800-635-7460

**BLOOMS AWAY**

**FLOWER SHOP**

**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENT**  
Kelly MacDonald  
75 Mill St. E. Acton,  
Ontario L7J 1H5