

Students hope to land spot in record book

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"We checked with (the Guinness Book of World Records) and if you want to put in a new record, it has to be measurable, breakable and comparable, and this is all of those. I think we've got a pretty decent chance."

The four boys— Fargiorgio, Matt Van Kessel, Philip Pawlega and Keith Van Kessel— work in the supply store at CtK and noticed that the white ties used to close up bags were rarely actually used by fellow students. End to end, the ties were twisted together across the store room and now can encircle the entire main school building at least twice. The goal is to collect at least two kilometres worth of ties before they formally apply for a Guinness record.

"We all started thinking, 'Let's see how far this can go,'" said Keith Van Kessel. "It went across the store, down to our business class and then down the street. It just kept on going."

The ties come in different lengths and colours and the boys have received many donated bundles, including the coveted six-inch red ones.

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Christ the King students, from left, Matt Van Kessel, Philip Pawlega, Michael Fargiorgio and Keith Van Kessel are hoping to land in the Guinness Book of World Records for the longest length of twist ties.

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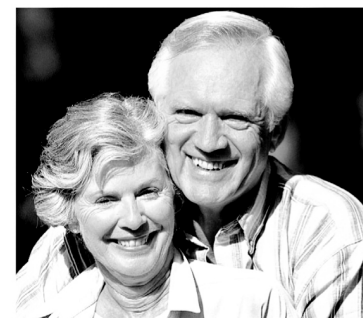
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