

# Local schools test above average for lead levels

**MELANIE CUMMINGS**  
Special to The IFP

Lead levels in seven of Halton's Catholic schools— including two in Halton Hills— have tested above the provincial standard of 10 micrograms.

New standards for daily and weekly flushing and annual summertime testing of water systems in schools, day nurseries and private schools were set down by the provincial government in June.

Results from tests conducted over the summer were released to trustees of the Halton Catholic District School Board last week.

Standing water levels were above

10 micrograms in seven schools including Georgetown's St. Francis of Assisi and Acton's St. Joseph.

However, all schools after flushing for five minutes had less than 10 micrograms of lead.

But St. Francis of Assisi, which was built in 1971, hovered close at 9.8 micrograms of lead still present in the water.

"If we did this test now at this school, I suspect it would be lower," said superintendent of facility management services Giacomo Corbaccio.

Testing is ordered in summertime because this is when the problem of lead appears worst.

Curiously the lead level tested

higher after flushing in one Milton school and three in Oakville.

Corbaccio said that it's thought the source of contamination in these four cases could be lead in the soldering that joins the copper pipes. He also assured trustees that there are no lead pipes remaining in any Halton Catholic school.

If the lead content figure goes higher than 10 micrograms custodians have been advised to correct the problem by flushing the system for longer than five minutes, said Corbaccio.

According to the Ministry of Education, children under the age of seven are particularly vulnerable to the effects of lead.

## Kim's Hair

30 McClure Court, Georgetown

Specializing in grey coverage colouring & precision haircutting for the whole family.

\*13 years experience  
\*Flexible hours

Please call for an appointment 905-873-6871



MANON  
*Dulude*  
PSYCHOTHERAPIST

INDIVIDUAL  
COUPLES  
FAMILY COUNSELING  
DEPRESSION  
ANXIETY  
SEPARATION/DIVORCE  
LIFE CHANGES

38 OAK STREET  
GEORGETOWN  
ONTARIO

PROFESSIONAL  
COUNSELING  
SERVICES

(905) 873-9393

## CREDIT PROBLEMS?

NEED WHEELS? WE CAN HELP.

QUICK CONFIDENTIAL APPROVAL

- Bankrupt (Discharged or Un-discharged?)
- In credit counselling or proposal?
- New Immigrant/Refugee?
- Too Young/Too Old? • No established credit?

IF YOU ARE EMPLOYED WE CAN HELP!

Specialists in Automotive Financing.  
Your circumstances. Your rate.  
Rates from 8.9% to 29.9% O.A.C.

RE-ESTABLISH YOUR CREDIT. APPLY BY PHONE TODAY!

GEORGETOWN KIA SUPERSTORE  
(DIXIE AUTO GROUP)

Call Dave Watson 905-877-8375

QUICK CONFIDENTIAL APPROVAL

APPLY BY PHONE ~ APPLY BY PHONE

A NIGHT TO CELEBRATE  
AND SAVE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th,  
5PM UNTIL CLOSING.

♀ 20% OFF ♀  
everything storewide.

Everyone is invited to enjoy this special evening at Mark's Work Wearhouse. It's one night filled with fun, fashion, prizes, and big savings on regular and sale priced items.

Mark's Work Wearhouse Ltd. will be matching all customer donations received during the night in support of the Breast Cancer Society of Canada.

**Mark's Work  
Wearhouse**  
Clothes That Work.

Georgetown  
319 Guelph Street  
Georgetown, ON  
L7G 4B3

(905) 873-9621

\*Discount not applicable to the purchase of gift cards.



In support of the  
Breast Cancer Society of  
Canada.



Suffering from  
*Depression, Grief, Anxiety?*

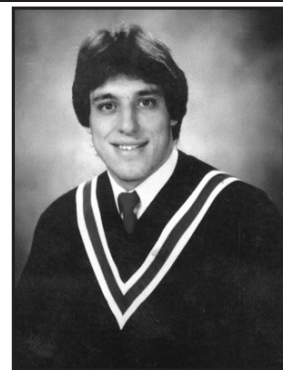
Georgetown family  
counsellor wants to help.

3 weeks to a more joyous you - or don't pay!

HOPE CONNECTION  
COUNSELLING SERVICES  
*Stress & Burnout a Specialty*

416-577-HOPE (4673)  
hopeconnection@gmail.com

## Lordy, Lordy Look Who's 40!



Then



Now

Love Lynn, Emily & Jacob