

Letters to the editor

Debate an 'insult' to Catholic teens

Dear editor,

On Tuesday, Sept. 18 the Halton Catholic District School Board debated whether to allow public health services access to Catholic elementary schools, to conduct a HPV vaccination program for Grade 8 girls.

This medically and provincially approved program provides these young women with a vaccine developed to prevent cervical cancer and other diseases in females, caused by certain types of genital human papillomavirus (HPV). The vaccine protects against four HPV types, which together cause 70 per cent of cervical cancers and 90 per cent of genital warts.

The debate centered not on the issue of medicine, but on the belief of some of the board members that by providing young Catholic women with this vaccine, they were encouraging promiscuity. This board is not in the position of deciding the medical appropriateness of the vaccine.

Apparently some board members feel that these young women have refrained from pre-marital sex because they were worried about one day developing cervical cancers. I would have thought they were refraining because of the values imparted in their Catholic homes, schools and churches. Certain board members clearly have a low opinion of the young women and the values education they have received.

The research is clear that this vaccine does have an impact on the incidence of HPV. What clearly hasn't been proven is that young women who receive the vaccine are more promiscuous. This board's debate, and the opinions of some of its members, clearly are an insult to young Catholic women and their families. Fortunately in the end, the board narrowly voted to allow the vaccination program to proceed.

Dan Harmer, Georgetown

Residents should not put bulk garbage out too early— reader

Dear editor,

Halton Hills has a bulk pickup four times a year when you can dispose of items not permitted in the weekly collection.

However, every time a bulk pickup is due, some residents are putting these items on the curbside many weeks before the collection date.

Please don't do that, the night before the pickup is soon enough; it's unsightly and unnecessary.

Alan Woosnam, Georgetown

Inn staff made day special

Dear editor,

We recently held the wedding and reception of our second daughter at The Terra Cotta Inn. This beautiful and romantic facility is a wonder of service, organization and courteous personalities managed by a person who goes beyond the norm when it comes to looking after her clients.

Colleen Cauchi, manager Terra Cotta Inn, was the key to the huge success of this wedding. From our making of the decision to hold the wedding and reception in the same beautiful surroundings, Colleen made it very easy.

To each of her staff, including the chef who one rarely sees when eating out— you are great. Colleen ran a tight ship and staff enjoyed themselves while making sure we were well looked after.

To all of you, thank you. We could not have done it without you.

Chris and Sally Andrews, Woodbridge

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