

# Students to put their skills to test tomorrow

Get ready, get set, go — Halton students, that is.

For the past few months, students in public and Catholic elementary and high schools across the region have been preparing for the Halton Skills Competition.

The 14th annual competition will be held tomorrow at E.C. Drury High School, 215 Ontario St. S. More than 600 students will participate.

The competition is designed to promote skilled trades and encourage students to enter skilled trades and apprenticeships. It allows students to showcase their talents and challenge themselves.

Competitors will be given challenges in their particular skills and a fixed amount of time in which to complete the tasks. Judging will be based on completion time, workmanship, correct safety procedures and industry standards.

"This competition provides a unique mechanism for learning and for highlighting the skills of Halton's students," said Dusty Papke, who's co-chairing the event with Halton Regional Chair Joyce Savoline.

"It provides an excellent opportunity to promote technical education in our community, and raise awareness about the vast array of career opportunities available to our youth."

Deputy Premier and Minister of Education Elizabeth Witmer will also get in on the action. She'll speak and present awards at the concluding awards ceremony.

Students will compete between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The competition for elementary school students will include a robotics competition and a technology challenge.

Secondary school students will compete in more than 40 technical skills areas including construction, electronics, plumbing, photography and floristry as well as hairstyling.

Successful competitors will represent Halton at the Ontario Skills competition and maybe even go on to the national and international levels.

The event will also feature the CareerShowcase, which will give students a chance to meet representatives from a number of industrial groups and colleges.

For more information about the Halton Skills Competition, visit [www.ecdhs.haltonbe.on.ca/skills](http://www.ecdhs.haltonbe.on.ca/skills).

# Sam Sherratt to hold barbecue

Celebrate spring at Sam Sherratt's Bloomin' Barbecue.

May 10 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sam Sherratt Public School, 649 Laurier Ave., will feature just

about everything except books and learning.

Instead, visitors will find a giant garage sale, giant bouncers and a kids area, craft vendors, raf-

fles, a bake sale, a barbecue, a plant sale, karaoke and more.

All funds raised will go toward a new outdoor sign for the school with a message board.

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Theme: SAFETY

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