

Streetsville's Annual Craft Show & Sale

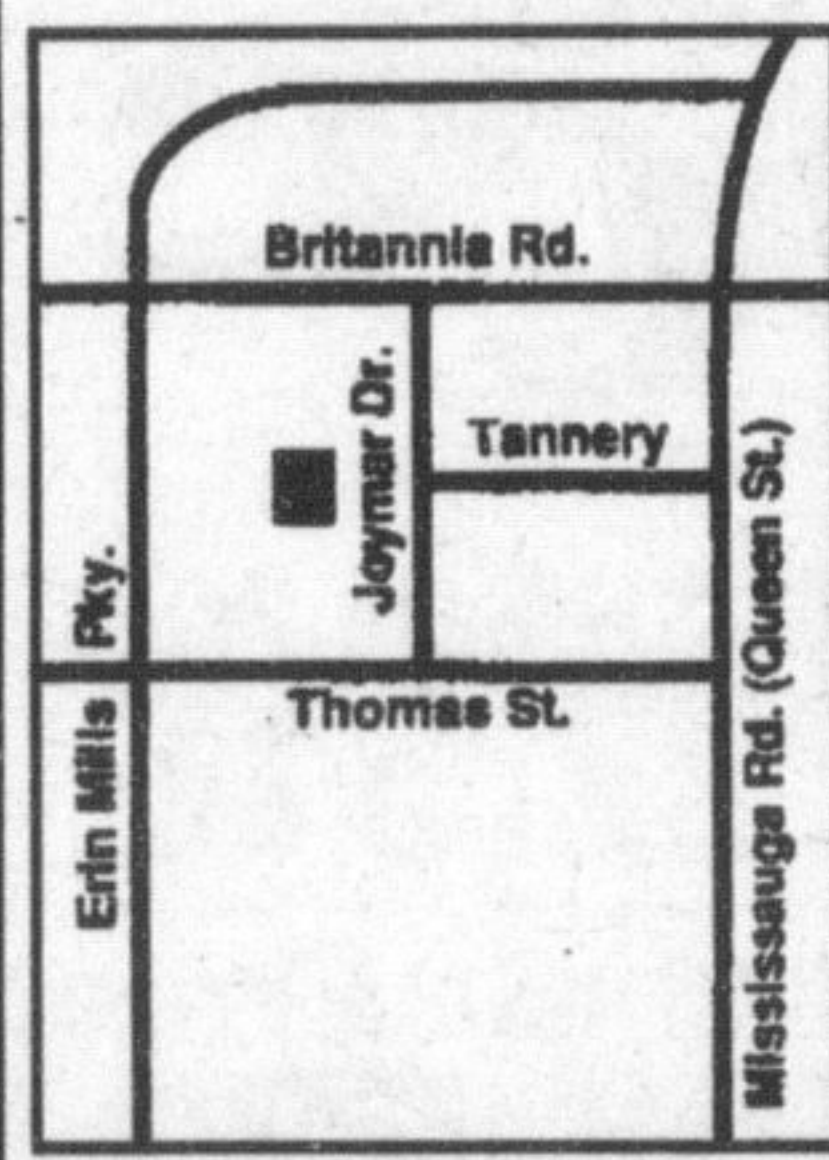


- Art • Crafts
- Prizes • Food Fair
- Children's Activities

Streetsville Secondary School

**Sat. Nov. 1
& Sun. Nov. 2**

10 am to 4 pm - Admission \$2⁰⁰
(Children under 12 FREE)



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More Halton students may be bused

By **TIM WHITNELL**
Special to The Champion

A changing attitude within the new provincial government may mean a new funding formula for school transportation and therefore more students eligible for busing.

That's the hope of the Halton District School Board.

Earlier this month trustees voted to review the board's current transportation policy should a new funding formula allow more financial flexibility.

The board expects an updated funding model to be implemented by the government by next September.

If the changes increase the board's

transportation grants, trustees will ask the education director to review the board's busing practices with an eye to reducing the mandatory walking distances for some students — making more of them eligible to be bused.

In putting forward the recommendation, Oakville Trustee Mary Chapin noted the Halton public board's walking distances always have been the maximum allowable under the Education Act in Ontario.

In urban areas, the transportation eligibility requirements are: JK to grade 5, living more than 1.6 km away from the school; grades 6 to 8, more than 3.2 km; and grades 9 to

graduation, more than 4.8 km.

In rural areas, the requirements are: Kindergarten to graduation, more than 1.6 km away or less based on safety considerations.

However, there are exceptions to those general rules, which allow students not normally eligible for transportation to be bused.

At the discretion of the transportation department, busing may be provided for a period up to one school year under the following circumstances: the walking route is deemed to be unusually hazardous; the provision of transportation shall be provided to a student for physical, mental or emotional reasons, upon

receipt of a medical certificate; or the principal may authorize transportation for students residing within the minimum distance required for transportation eligibility if space is available on an existing bus route, known as the empty seat policy.

Each day both Halton boards transport 24,000 students on 356 buses, vans and other vehicles that travel 1,078 routes daily covering 4.7 million km each year.

The public board's routes are fully integrated with the Halton Catholic District School Board.

Sports centre opening features free activities

The grand opening of the Milton Sports Centre is almost here.

The event will take place Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the official opening ceremony from 12:30 to 1 p.m.

Activities that will be held throughout the day include free skating, musical entertainment, chil-

dren's activities, hockey and skating demonstrations, guided facility tours, contests and a barbecue.

And, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., there will be a DJ Skate for youths aged 9 to 13 years. Admission to the skate is free with a canned food donation.

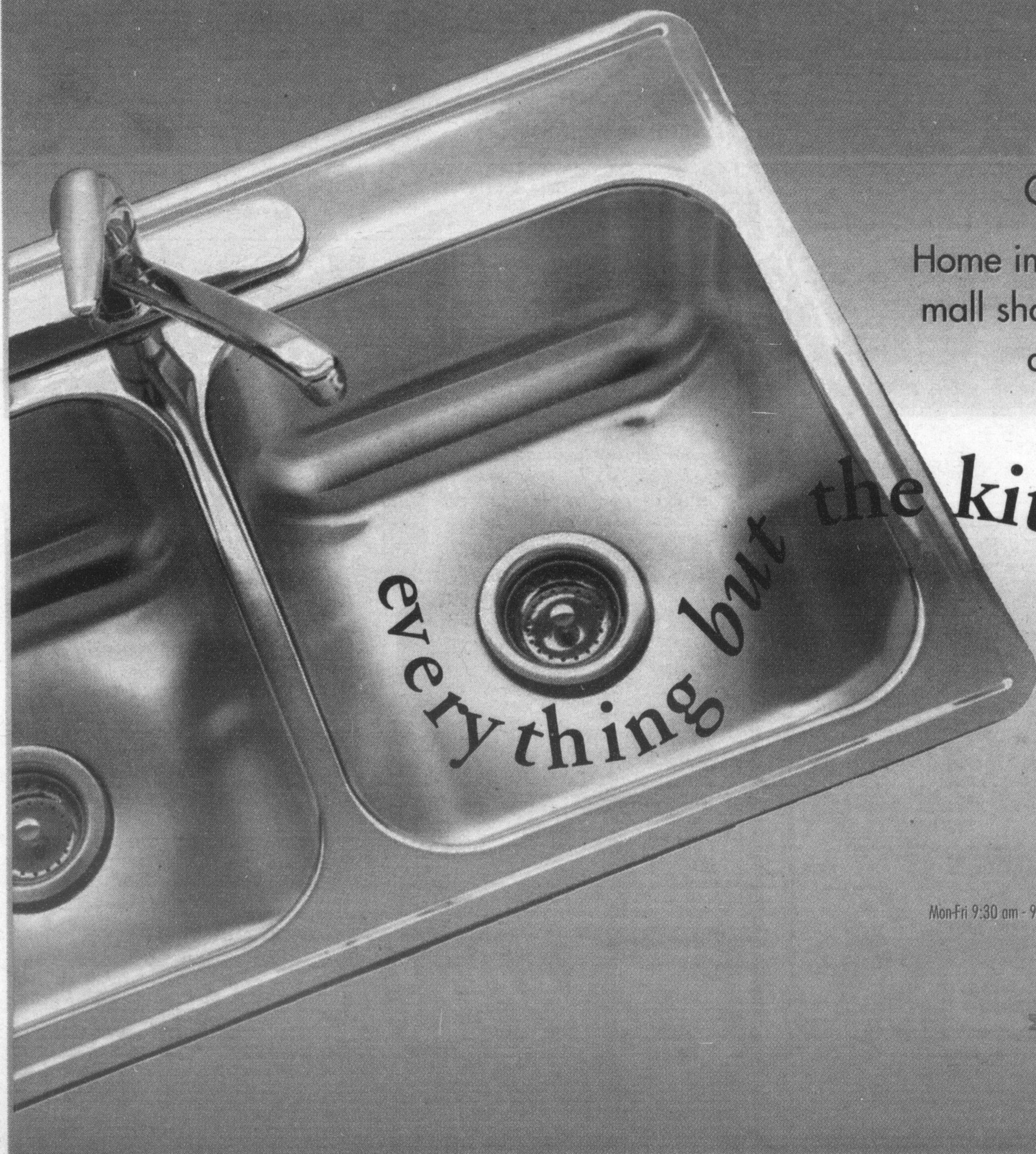
The Milton Sports Centre is located at 605 Santa

Maria Blvd., at the intersection of Derry Road and Commercial Street.

Overflow parking will be available at Our Lady of Victory School on Commercial Street, just north of Derry Road.

For more information, call (905) 878-7252, ext. 2186 or visit www.milton.ca.

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