Students gain valuable experience in creation of real estate video game

By Dillon Hiles SPECIAL TO THE CHAMPION

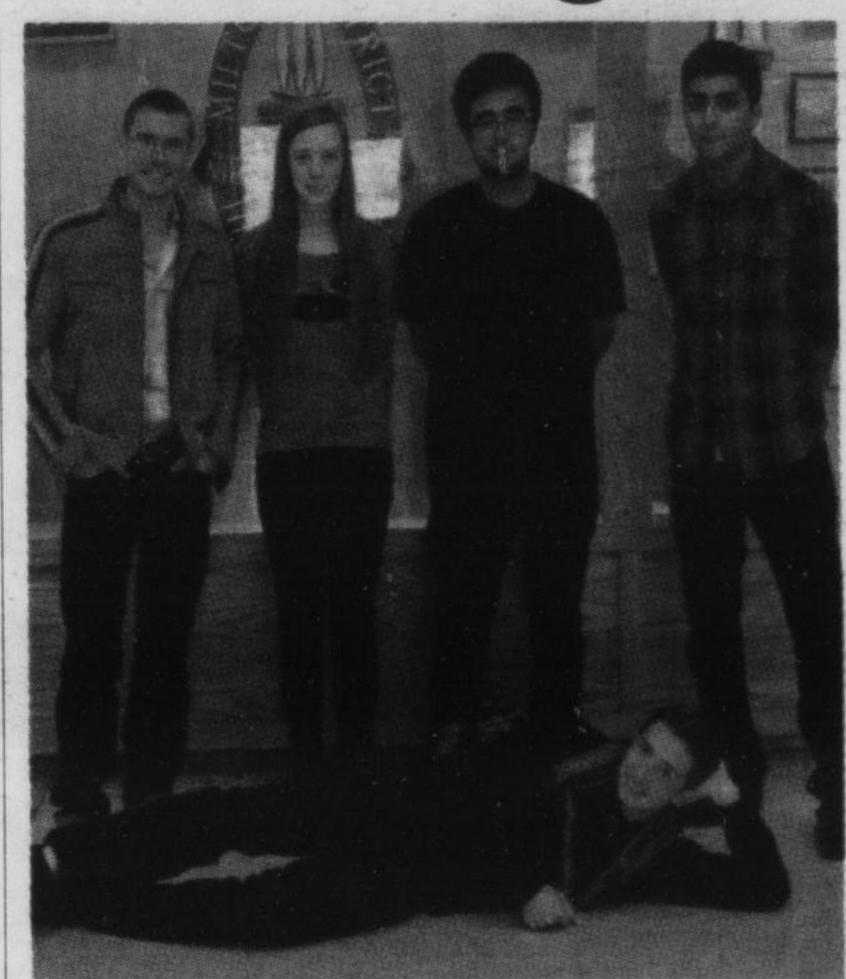
Real estate can be complicated and intimidating to first-time buyers.

A video game is in the works that aims to explain all the complexities of real estate in a fun way, and it includes the work of local high school students.

'Realty Kings', which is about to begin the development phase, is a video game all about buying, selling and renting homes.

The game is being created by Garrett Metzler, 25, a real estate agent who's dabbled in program coding and video game design, and his team. Jessica Lowry, 16, is the artist, Mike Parent, 18, helps Metzler with marketing and ideas, Namay Sharma, 17, works with 3D graphics and Abeer Kazi, 17, assists by shooting videos.

The idea came to Metzler one day while working in real estate. He had the concept in mind, and shared it with friend Gerhard Schuetz,



From left, Garrett Metzler, Jessica Lowry, Namay Sharma, Abeer Kazi and (on floor) Mike Parent are part of the Realty Kings project. Dillon Hiles / Special to the Champion



Best wishes on Diwall & New Year!

The Simple Way to Pay Your Property Tax Bill

The Town of Milton is currently accepting applications for the 2015 Pre-Authorized Tax Payment plan (Optional).

Enrollment deadline: October 31, 2014.

There are two programs available for automatic withdrawal: Due Date Plan: Four annual withdrawal dates on the last business day of February, April, June and September.

Monthly plan: Twelve annual withdrawals on the last business day of each month from November through October.

Applications can be dropped off in person or mailed to 150 Mary St. Milton, ON L9T 6Z5

Program details are available at www.milton.ca or upon request.

Enrollment requirements:

cheques issued against the account).

- The 2014 tax levy must be paid in full prior to October 31, 2014.
- The property must be fully assessed for both land and structure. Supplementary/Omitted tax bills issued this year are not eligible. To confirm if your property is fully assessed please contact the Tax Division at 905-864-4142.
- A void cheque or direct deposit form must accompany the application.

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