

# Teachers make the grade at St. Theresa's

St. Theresa's High School on Dominion Avenue will have a new vice-principal this year. The school enrolment has grown to over 300, and that's when the Ministry of Education says a school rates a vice-principal.

Rick Presse, who has been teaching at St. Theresa's for 13 years, says he's excited about becoming the new vice-principal. "I came to this school because the opportunity was there and I think I'll be here for a while."

Presse, 36, was born in North Cobalt, a town about 100 miles north of North Bay, Ontario. He went to the University of Toronto, majoring in physical education, and guidance. He says he became a teacher because he liked it and there was great opportunity when he graduated from university.

One of the main things Presse will be dealing with when he takes his new posi-

tion is Ontario School Intermediate Senior, OSIS. The program is a new high school system designed to phase out Grade 13 in Ontario.

"There's a great misconception about the program," Presse says. "It doesn't mean the kids have to finish school in four years. In fact, most will still take five years to complete high school."

Presse says the new system might not be such a good idea because many students aren't ready to leave high school and enter university within four years.

"Of course some will benefit from the program but the problem is specialization."

Because students will pick courses to suit their timetables, they are limited to the different areas they study. If, for example, students specialize in the

sciences, most of the courses will be geared to maths and sciences leaving little room for arts and social courses. As a result, students graduate with only one area of study. If they decide to change their study in university to a different area, they are lacking pre-requisites for the change.

"High school is a time where you not only learn academics," Presse says, "but also extracurricular and social relationships. It's sad if a student misses out on the fun and cultural side of this stage of their education."

Presse, who teaches physical education and is a guidance counsellor at the school, says adolescence is a tough part of a person's life and many don't know what they want to do but are asked to make decisions before leaving high school.

"Sometimes school is not relevant," he says, "but the

challenge we face is to make it relevant and get students involved in things outside of just going to class".

Through guidance and coaching sports teams, Presse says he's had a chance to get to know students and work with them as a team. "I've had a lot of very positive experiences."

Jerry Goodeil, also a teacher at St. Theresa's, will become the principal of St. John Vianney in Barrie in the fall. Goodeil, 47, who teaches history, law and religion, has been at the school for two and a half years.

Goodeil has been a teacher for 15 years. He graduated with a masters degree in curriculum from Lakeshore Teachers College in 1970 and taught at various elementary schools in the Simcoe County area.

Originally from the Yukon Territories, Goodeil went to school at Camp Borden

because his father was in the armed forces. He says he became a teacher because the opportunity was "terrific at the time."

"I love Midland," he says, "and moving to Barrie is not far away. I've always taught in the Simcoe area and I don't think I'll go anywhere."

Goodeil, who was president of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association in 1976-78 and again in

1983-85, has been involved with the separate school funding issue. "Here at St. Theresa's, we've taken on teachers from the public sector but things have worked out well."

Both Presse and Goodeil went to York University in Toronto last year to take the courses necessary to become principals.

All principals and vice-principals must take these courses before they can be

hired. Dupuis, Dan Ladouceur, Moss Robitaille, Bert Maurice, Rex Mason, Ron Desroches, and Gary Ronald.

There are still openings available for Directors and Coaches for the coming season. Anyone interested is asked to notify David Brooks at 549-3347 or attend the next meeting on Monday, June 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at the Penetang Arena Lounge.

## Census assistance for the visually impaired in June

Canadians are being asked to stand up and be counted June 3. That's when Statistics Canada will carry out the census of every Canadian household. This survey provides Canada's most detailed database about the social and economic conditions of the country.

To assist those with visual impairments,

Statistics Canada has printed the questions and the reasons they are being asked in braille and in large print. These special booklets will be available upon request by telephoning the Census Telephone Assistance Service. The service will insure the census representative for your area brings one to your home when they help you

complete your questionnaire.

The Telephone Assistance Service will be open from May 29 to June 6, excluding Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. To receive this assistance call the long-distance operator and ask for Zenith 0-1986. There is no charge for this call.



### Four legs better than two

Even a bicycle built for two showed up for the annual Big Wheelie Bike-a-thon

## Friends' treasure hunt for kids

As part of their spring special interest programs, the Friends of Sainte-Marie are offering a course for children next Saturday that includes a first hand look at Huron artifacts and a treasure hunt.

The 25 children will explore Sainte-Marie through the eyes of Huron children, says Fran Ferguson, program co-ordinator. "The children will see by learning and touching Huron artifacts, what it must have been like for Indian children at Sainte-Marie."

Beginning with an examination of early French and Ouendat (what the Hurons called themselves) household goods like pots and blankets, the children will compare the differences between the two cultures. A French pot is made of copper and a Ouendat pot is clay. A French blanket is wool but a Ouendat's is fur.

As well, Ferguson says, the children will learn a French phrase and the Ouendat translation. "The Ouendat didn't write anything down, language was passed on by word of mouth so translations will be rough, but the children can see and feel the Indian culture."

After the training session, through a series of clues left around the site, Little Lake Park and Yonge Street in Midland, the children will follow a trail looking for an edible mystery treat they'll make themselves.

For adults, the same day, the Friends of Sainte-Marie

are offering a Campers Cookbook, a three hour course that examines edible plants in the area around Sainte-Marie.

Barbara McKean and Brian Holley from the Royal Botanical Gardens will spend the morning foraging the land around the site

looking for edibles that will be brought back, cooked and tasted.

"There's a million and one things that can be eaten out here," Ferguson says. "The team from the Royal Botanical Gardens are experts so we're sure to find many things."

## How to keep cool through hot summer

Summer is almost here. While we all enjoy being outdoors in the sunshine, the sun can also cause us to lose our cool.

To keep your cool over the next few hot months, try following these warm weather tips. Wear natural fiber clothing that's loose and lightweight to allow your body to breathe, drink plenty of non-alcoholic beverages to quench your thirst, take cool showers and pamper your body with talcum powder, which absorbs body moisture.

To keep your house or apartment cool, barbecue outdoors to avoid using the oven and hang laundry out-

side to avoid using the clothes dryer, both which heat up a house. If you keep your drapes closed during the day you keep out the heat of the sun. Open them after the sun goes down to let in the cool summer breezes.

Attics tend to be the hottest part of a house in the summer. To keep your's cool, install insulation and a fan or turbo exhaust to circulate air.

If you have an air conditioner, make sure it is installed in a northside window or provide a shade for it to prevent overworking it. Set the air conditioner's

thermostat at the highest desirable level and avoid frequent readjustments, because each degree a thermostat is raised in the summer can reduce energy consumption by about three per cent. Make sure your air conditioning filters are cleaned regularly to keep the machine working at its best.

You can also use landscaping to our advantage to keep you cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Deciduous trees should be placed on the south side of a house to provide shade in the summer and allow sunlight through in the winter.

**Do you know a young person who went that extra mile?**

The search is on for Ontario Junior Citizens of the Year.

Do you know someone in your community, between the ages of 6 and 18 years, who has gone that extra mile? Someone who has shown selfless service, resourcefulness, ingenuity, or acts of courage — that "good kid"? Someone special that you think should be recognized?

You can help Canadian Pacific Air Lines and the Ontario Community Newspapers Association honour these kids by nominating them for an Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Award.

Contact your local community newspaper. Spring deadline for individual and group nominations is June 30th, 1986. Ontario Junior Citizens of the Year recipients will receive a plaque, a cash prize, a family photo portrait with the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, and a lapel pin.

Contact our Junior Citizens Co-ordinator for complete details.

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Why not honour a deserving kid this year?