

# New PTA faces huge challenge

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Twenty years after its doors opened, St. Theresa's High School will have a Parent Teacher Association.

Elaine Edwards, presi-

dent of St. Theresa's Auxiliary, says principal Rick Presse and interested parents support the creation of a PTA.

Presse's promotion to principal of Midland's Roman Catholic high school was effective for the 1988-89 school year.

Presse is interested in hearing parents' ideas and comments about policy and programs, Edwards said.

The founding meeting of St. Theresa's High School Parent Teacher Association will begin at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5, in the

school.

One function of the PTA will be to lobby the provincial government for money to construct a new building.

The school is too small for a growing student population.

The original 1958

building, designed for 100 students, has had additions during the years. Currently, the small school yard is filled with nine portable classrooms.

A second annex building, some distance from the school, was opened in September.

Students are bused for certain classes either to a rented building on William Street, south of Yonge Street, or to an address on Bay Street, east of William Street.

More than 300 students attend St. Theresa's. Students eat in classrooms because the cafeteria is too small, Edwards said.

The Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board has put a new St. Theresa's building at the top of its 1989 capital spending list. The school board will receive an answer from the Ministry of Education next spring.

A new building, on larger property, will cost

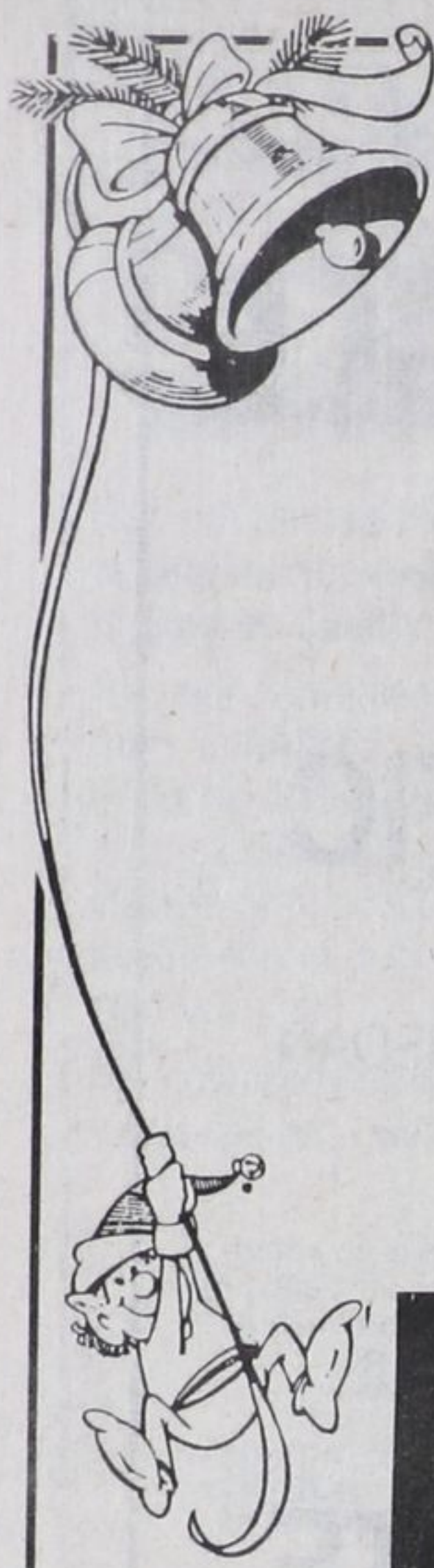
\$9.5 million, the school board estimates.

"Students, parents, and the board have waited long enough for a facility comparable to that enjoyed by other jurisdictions in the education system," Edwards said.

Members of St. Margaret's parish and Catholics from a wider area built and operated St. Theresa's between 1958 and 1986, she said.

Provincial government support of the school through Grade 13 only came about in 1985, Edwards said.

The school is bursting at the seams. "It's not healthy and it's not safe," Edwards said.



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For Simcoe County Connection, it was the first time to attend and compete at the international level. The group was there as an alternate chorus but months of hard work paid off for an 18th place finish.

The group currently is rehearsing for singouts at the Village Community Care Center, 750 King St., Midland. In December the group will sing carols at Huronia District Hospital.

"If you enjoy singing and would like to join us any Tuesday night at Elmvalle District High School, feel free to come along," Boyer said.

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