

# Grade 8's told of challenges ahead

By JIM THOMAS  
**STOUFFVILLE**—A whole new world of academic, athletic and social activities await a new elementary school graduate this September.

On Thursday, S.D.S.S. vice-principal Rod Leonard provided Grade 8 students of Orchard Park with an insight into what lies ahead. He was accompanied by Joanna Lanning and Tyler Townend, both of Grade 13.

Mr. Leonard urged his young audience to study course requirements carefully, keeping in mind the three main levels of learning—basic, general and advanced.

He advised against students striving for goals beyond their academic abilities. Often, he said, when a boy or girl discovers he or she can't cope, it's difficult to change back. "Sometimes the

courses are already filled or the timetable doesn't permit it," he said.

He warned that unless a student obtains a 65 per cent or better in Grade 8 it's unwise to enroll in the advanced course in Grade 9. An hour's homework each night is usually required, he said.

Those intending to go on to university, must complete the advanced course, Mr. Leonard explained. The general course is sufficient for community college. He noted, however, that many students take the advanced course and still go to a community college.

Mr. Leonard urged his listeners to consult with their Grade 8 teacher or guidance counsellor before making decisions as to advanced, general and basic. He

suggested their parents do the same.

"We want you all to strive to do your best," the vice-principal said, "but let's be realistic, everyone won't obtain 90 per cent."

Mr. Leonard spoke highly of the High School and the courses offered there. In particular, he mentioned Phys. Ed., Music and Family Studies. He described the Shop Program as "fantastic—the best I've ever seen."

Because S.D.S.S. has an enrollment of 735, there's greater opportunity for students to get involved, he said. Particularly is this true in athletics, he stated.

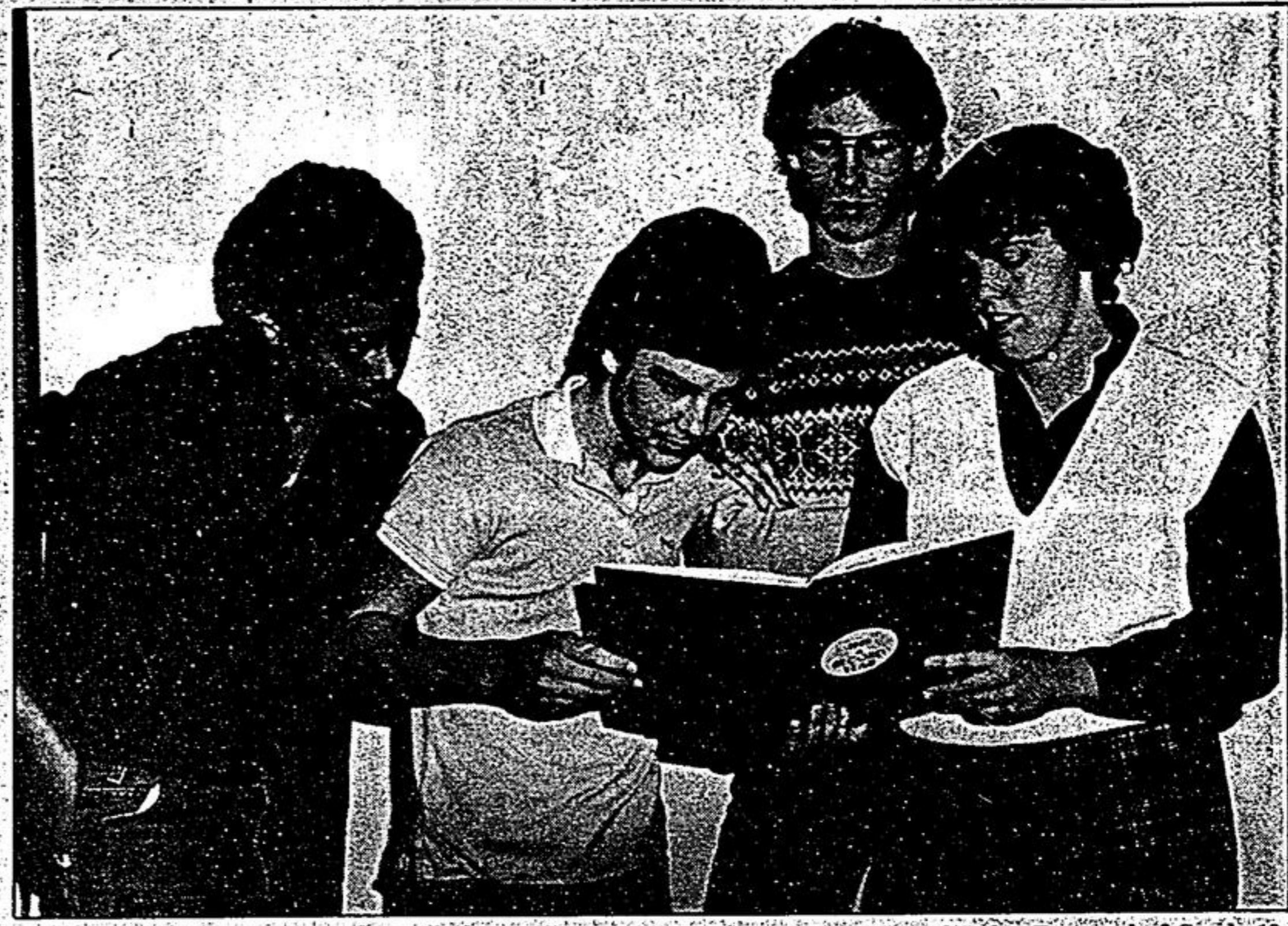
Mr. Leonard described Stouffville High as "a community school". Parents, he said, show an interest in all phases of school life. "Events are always well attended," he said, "I've been very impressed."

Days, Air Band Competition, Welcome Day, Walk-a-Thon, Dance-a-Thon, Home Room Decorating Contests and various athletic activities as examples.

"Get involved," stressed Joanna, "offer your services, don't wait to be asked." The Grade 13

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Keith Horton, (left), and Jason Tranter, (second left), Grade 8 students at Orchard Park School, Stouffville, leaf through a 1984-85 High School Year Book displayed by Joanna Lanning and Tyler Townend of Grade 13, S.D.S.S. —Jim Thomas

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