



### Dining in style

Mark (right) and Robert Cassano, new owners of the Amaretto Restaurant on Edward Street in Stouffville, pose with a pasta dish and a bottle of wine.

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## SDSS Scene

# Students the pawns in a political battle between board and teachers

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To strike or not to strike? That is the question being asked around Stouffville District High School lately.

For months there have been rumors floating around SDSS of a teacher strike or a lockout by the York Region Board of Education.

Local high school students have been hearing for years about how many sacrifices the teachers have been making for the sake of edu-

cation.

And, in all fairness, the teachers have made sacrifices, sometimes on personal levels, in the interests of higher-quality education.

The teachers have also told SDSS students how villainous the board has become.

But all of this doesn't matter much to the students. From their perspective, a strike will simply mean that while getting extra time off school, some students' education is possibly placed in jeopardy.

While a strike or lockout probably won't last long, the threat of such events gives the school an air of tension.

The constant reminder of a possible labor dispute means that even school dances are booked on a tentative basis.

In addition, students have been largely uninformed as to the current labor issues involved or the probability of a strike or lockout.

The end result is that SDSS students are given the impression that the importance of quality education is at risk of being superceded by a political battle.

Unanswered questions arise, like: Does the level of education suffer because of a tendency on the part of the teachers to become complacent prior to a labor strike?

Admittedly, for the great majority of the students, a strike or lockout will probably have little effect on their high school career.

But for those senior students who count on every opportunity to improve their grades in time for university submissions, it creates a great deal of uncertainty about their future.

Whether or not a labor battle will actually occur is becoming less and less important as the months roll on.

The fact that it has been looming over students' heads for months has done damage enough to the learning environment at SDSS.

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