

### Students head to Philippines

Students at St. Elizabeth Catholic High School are preparing to embark on a two-week exchange trip to the Philippines.

Nearly 30 students, parents and edu-

cators are to leave Thornhill Wednesday on a trip to Baguio City, which is twinned with the City of Vaughan. The trip is the first of its kind for the two cities, which signed a friendship agreement three years ago.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity

for our young people," principal Mary Cosentino said.

The trip's cost stands at nearly \$70,000. Officials raised much of the cash through fundraising, donations and sponsorships. The travellers are to donate up to 70 computers, 100 boxes of

books and a variety of other items to Baguio City's missionaries and 50 schools.

The trip aims to educate students about the culture and hardships of a foreign country many of them call their homeland.

### Hall faces GST fine

A Woodbridge banquet hall owner has been fined more than \$150,000 for evading the Goods and Services Tax for five years.

If Gregorio Tucci, owner of Gala Banquet Halls Ltd., fails to pay within two years, he faces a six-month jail term.

An investigation by the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (formerly Revenue Canada) revealed Tucci made false entries in his financial records between May 1991 and April 1996.

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