

# COMING UP

Activities in Whitchurch-Stouffville

EDITOR'S PICK

## Politicians, pot holes take pot-shots in this year's pantomime at Christ Church

16th year for Anglican youth production

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Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf will be trading barbs on stage next month during Christ Church Youth's annual pantomime extravaganza.

"It is not a mime. A pantomime is a fractured fairy tale in a five-act play," said director Denise Pettitt.

"The pantomime is a very traditional form of English entertainment."

Except for one adult male, who actually portrays the dame, the 30-member cast is comprised of kids aged five to 17.

The pantomime includes singing and dancing, as well as drama, slapstick comedy and satire.

"It's great family entertainment, for kids of all

ages," Ms Pettitt said.

Red Riding Hood: The Stouffville Sequel, was written by Charles Parker and is actually an updated version of the group's 1999 Red Riding Hood pantomime.

"We take pot-shots at politicians, that there's no theatre (in town), there's pot holes in the road; it's all in good fun," Ms Pettitt said.

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"It was a chance for kids who don't play hockey or ski to do something," Ms Pettitt said of how the production originated 16 years ago.

Past productions by Christ Church Youth include Jack and the Beanstock, Cinderella, Alladin, Snow White and the Pied Piper.

Performances of Red Riding Hood: The Stouffville Sequel, will take place on Friday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday, March 7 at 2 and 7:30 p.m. at the Great Hall, Christ Anglican Church, 254 Sunset Blvd., Stouffville.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for children and available from the church's office or at Stouffville Florists.



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Robin Macina (from left), Christopher Ormrod, Connor Morrow, Carolyn Gillespie and Claire Summerhayes rehearse for Christ Church's 16th annual pantomime of Red Riding Hood at the Great Hall Christ Church March 6 and 7.

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