

# Spartans happy to tie up defending York hockey champs

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They say earning a tie is like kissing your sister.

But when the Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans battled the defending York Region Athletic Association champion St. Brother Andre Cardinals of Markham to a 1-1 tie in their tier one senior boys' hockey game at Mount Joy Arena Tuesday, it turned out to be a big point earned.

Especially since the Spartans are battling for what might be the final playoff spot in the highly competitive East Division with Keswick.

With the tie, the Spartans improved their record to 1-3-1-3 and moved to within a point of fourth place Keswick, who sported a 2-3-0-4 mark.

The two clubs will meet in a crucial contest at the Clippers Sports Complex today starting at 2:30 p.m.

"It was definitely a huge point," Spartans' head coach Jamie Hewitt said. "We're battling for the last playoff spot and our game with Keswick will be a big one."

After a scoreless first period, the Cardinals scored the lone goal of the second period.

The Spartans though, battled back and tied the game with just over four minutes remaining on a goal by Jackson Savery with a snap shot from just inside the blue line.

Helping to preserve the tie for the Spartans was some solid work between the pipes by Jake Murray.

"It was a good game," Hewitt said. "I thought we got off to a good start but then got away from doing things that we were starting to do well in the second period. But after the flood we reverted to doing things that we had to do."

Citing the game was a typical Stouffville-St. Brother Andre matchup that was well

played, Hewitt was especially pleased with the way his club performed, since the Cardinals came off a big win just the day before when they downed first place Bill Crothers 6-1 and defeated them for the second time this season.

The tie earned by the Spartans came on the heels of a good effort they put fourth last week when they reached the quarter-finals of a tournament hosted by Maxwell Heights (Oshawa) before they were eliminated by St. Mary's (Pickering) 3-1.

The Spartans held a 1-0 lead before St. Mary's came back to tie the game and then capitalize with two power play goals to take the lead for good.

The Spartans reached the quarter-finals after defeating Hill Academy (Vaughan) 2-0 before losing to eventual tournament finalist Dunbarton (Pickering) 3-2 in a shootout and then rebounding to defeat Clarington Central 5-0.

## Spartan senior girls spike two wins over Markham opponents

The Spartans senior girls' volleyball team concluded the 2013 segment of their York Region Athletic Association tier one schedule on a positive note after winning their two matches on their home court Monday.

The Spartans made quick work of Pierre Elliott Trudeau (Markham) with a 2-0 (25-11, 25-15) win.

Also facing St. Brother of Markham, the Spartans prevailed again 2-0 (25-15, 25-10).

With the two victories, the Spartans hold down top spot in the East Division after posting five wins in six outings.

The Spartans are scheduled to resume league play Jan. 15 when they play at Unionville High School.

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6528 Main St., Stouffville  
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December 22nd, 7:00pm.  
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10:00am  
Celebration Service  
Ed Fontaine

11:30am  
Classes for all ages

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6432 Main St., Stouffville  
905.640.3151

Wheelchair accessible

Rev. Joan Masterton, minister

**Thursday, December 12**

Farewell potluck banquet  
for Interim Moderator  
Rev. Clive Simpson  
6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, December 15**

Service of Worship.  
3rd Sunday in Advent  
Children's Christmas Pageant.  
Decorate mitten tree  
10:00 a.m.

A friendly family church

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905.640.5696

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Sunday School for Kids!  
Everyone Welcome!

Lead Pastor: Jeff Laird  
Children's Pastor: Lori Attack  
Youth Pastor: Ian Harley  
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**STUDENTS!**

Kid's Club (JK- Gr. 5) - Wed. @ 6:30pm  
Jr. High (Gr. 6-8) - Tues. @ 6:45pm  
Sr. Youth (Gr. 9-12) - Fri. @ 7:00pm  
Young Adults (18-30) - Sun. @ 7:00pm

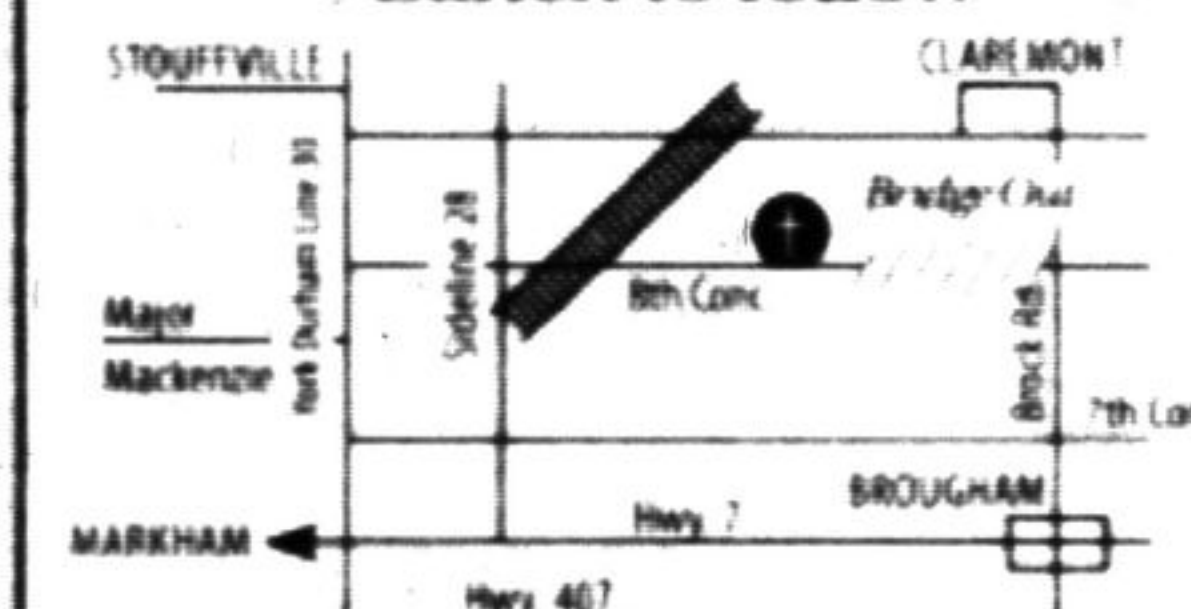
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Pastor Walter Robbins

**Sunday Service**  
10:30am

Lunch to follow



860 Conc. 8, Claremont  
905-649-2812

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Come celebrate the  
simplicity of the season.

December 24, 6:30-7:30pm  
Refreshments at 6:00pm

A Church Of The Christian  
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## Christ Church Stouffville

Anglican Church of Canada  
254 Sunset Blvd., 905-640-1461  
www.stouffvilleanglican.ca

**Saturday December 14th**

Bach to Blues Concert  
2:30pm & 7:30pm

**Sunday December 15th**

8:00am & 10:00am Eucharist  
Church School & Nursery at 10:00am  
Bishop Mark MacDonald at 10:00am  
National Indigenous Bishop

**Christmas Eve Services**  
5:00pm, 7:00pm & 10:00pm

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13660 Ninth Line N.  
(905) 642-4414  
Rev. Peter Pallant

**Sunday, December 15**

9:30 am — Sunday School  
11:00 am — Worship Service  
6:30 pm — Evening Service

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:45AM**  
Chinese/English/Children Service  
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850 Hoover Park Dr., Stouffville

CHURCH OFFICE (教會辦事處)  
(647) 547-3618

32 Jamesway Cres., Stouffville  
admin@stouffville-gbc.org  
www.stouffville-gbc.org

## Stouffville United Church

Rev. Nancy Waterman

34 Church St. N. • 905-640-1163

info@stouffvilleuc.ca

**Sunday, December 15**  
Advent 3

Open the Stable Door:  
Make Do for Jesus  
White Gift Sunday

The congregation bids a fond  
farewell to Rev Nancy Waterman  
on Sunday, December 29th.  
The service will be followed by  
a farewell pot luck lunch.

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