

# Musical milestone to be celebrated next year

A musical milestone will be celebrated next year when St. James Presbyterian Church hosts its 25th annual Student Music Scholarship Concert in Stouffville District Secondary School.

The tentative date is Nov. 17. Plans are already underway following superb vocal, instrumental and dance performances by eight Whitchurch-Stouffville schools Nov. 18 before a standing room-only audience. The evening's MC was Jim Mason. Participating schools included; St. Mark Catholic, St. Brigid Catholic, St. Brendan Catholic, Glad Park Public, Whitchurch-Highland Public, Wendat Village Public, Stouffville Christian and SDSS. The recipient of a \$500 scholarship was Grade 12 student Cameron Williams of Stouffville. Enthusiasm accorded the event is indicated by responses from several school music directors:

Mary Jane Reid, Wendat Village P.S. - "Thanks to the committee and St. James Church for coordinating such a valuable experience for our musical youth."

Melinda Delorme, St. Brigid C.S. - "We really enjoyed the evening. Our students had a fantastic time and were pleased to be invited. Our thanks to the organizing committee for ensuring young Whitchurch-Stouffville musicians have an opportunity to celebrate their talent."

Lisa Parkes, St. Brendan C.S. - "We can't thank the committee enough for organizing such a wonderful event. We felt fortunate to be a part. At the concert's conclusion, parents were in awe with presentations by all performers."

Julia Notarfonzo, St. Mark C.S. - "I enjoyed the concert very much and was pleased it all came together so well."

Diane Marlatt, SDSS



## JIM THOMAS Columnist

Woodwind Symphony - "I was thrilled to be a part of the concert. It's exciting to watch the development of musicians from primary through to high school. I also think it wonderful to have that sense of community with all the schools working together to create a great musical experience for our students. We're so grateful to organizers for putting this event together."

Miriam Sellick-Smith, SDSS choir - "It was a wonderful night and an amazing turnout. My thanks to the committee for organizing this delightful concert for our community."

Receipts through admissions and donations exceeded \$5,800. All proceeds will be divided among participating schools to assist their music programs. Over the past 24 years, more than \$114,000 has been raised.

### Trees for Christmas

Have you already purchased your Christmas tree? If not, the Stouffville Lions Club has 500 available including Scotch pine; Balsam fir and Fraser fir with prices ranging from \$45 to \$75. Committee members are; Chris Larkin, John Relf, Joe Boll, Roy O'Boyle, Bill Hodges and Joe Cote. The trees are located beside the Canadian Tire Store in the Walmart plaza.

### Christmas concerts

Concerts are a specialty, particularly dur-

ing the Christmas season. Stouffville has several scheduled including two by the Bach to Blues Company, Dec. 10 at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. in Christ Church Anglican, Sunset Boulevard. Tickets (\$15) are available in advance from Barthau Jewellers, Card's Appliances or at the door (\$20). A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Peter Reed Family. On Dec. 17 at 2 and 7:30 p.m., the Men of Note choir will present their annual "Home for Christmas" performances at Christ Church. Tickets (\$20) are available at Barthau Jewellers and Card's Appliances.

### St. Nick re-routed

Saturday, (Dec. 3), is Santa Claus Parade day in Stouffville. The event, sponsored by the Kinsmen Club, is expected to attract thousands along Main Street. But not all along Main. Due to road re-construction, St. Nick and his entourage will be re-routed. The start time

is 2 p.m. at Aintree Drive and Tenth Line North. From there, floats will travel down Stouffer Street to Millard Street, then over to Main. The procession will conclude at Ninth Line South.

### New Food Bank site

GoodNews! Whitchurch-Stouffville's new food bank will officially open Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 9:30 a.m. until all are served. The location is 86 Ringwood Dr., unit 25. Committee coordinator Marion Wells and seven volunteers will be available to provide assistance along with additional helpers. Both food and monetary gifts will be gratefully received. For the past 25 years, the food bank has served the municipality from a basement location in Churchill Church, north of Musselman's Lake.

"This is the most caring, concerned community in which anyone could ever hope to live," said Wells.



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