



# St. Mary's School News

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Last Spring, we commissioned a graphic artist (Ken Johnson—Casa Creative) to update and create an enduring symbol of our school community. The new school logo contains many aspects that represent our school community. At the centre of the logo is the 'Human Cross' - The Cross of the Resurrection and a strong symbol of our Catholic faith. The cross is divided into two parts representing the dual track nature of the school. The overall structure of the logo is in the shape of a full tree where the foot of the Cross represents the trunk of the tree and the body of the tree is made up of two elements our larger community—the lake and our sunsets. The tree is a symbol of knowledge and learning. The three circles represent the Holy Trinity. The shade of blue selected for the logo will match both the background for our new statue of Mary the Mother of God and the shades of blue that are contained in the painting of the Ascension of Christ in the Sanctuary of St. Peter's Catholic Church.

Our School, has at its centre our Catholic faith in the context of our purpose to seek knowledge as life long learners—our logo now reflects this. We would like to thank Ken Johnson for his generous donation of time and talent for this project. Mr. Johnson does graphic art for corporations and businesses across Canada. He can be reached at the following email address [ken@casacreative.com](mailto:ken@casacreative.com)

## Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month

Schools have vital links to parents and significant influence in their communities. The teaching and modeling role that educators' play is profound.

We welcome your support as Children's Aid Societies across Ontario focus on the prevention of child abuse and neglect. The **Purple Ribbon Campaign** brings attention to the fact that child abuse and neglect occurs in every community and cuts across all ethnic, religious, social and economic backgrounds.

For information and/resources available call 524-7356 ext. 3270

**For the safety of our children ... any time you visit the school, please sign the visitor book in the new main office.**

(even if you're only here for a minute)

## **DID YOU KNOW ... WE HAVE A NUMBER OF STUDENTS HERE AT THIS SCHOOL WITH LIFE THREATENING ALLERGIES TO NUTS?**

Please support our teachers in keeping designated classrooms 'nut-free'. If you are uncertain about what products we mean, contact your child's teacher.

## Help Wanted

If you are interested in volunteering on a regular basis in a kindergarten class—please contact the school principal immediately

*Building Positive Parental  
Involvement In Our Schools*

**Saturday, November 12, 2005  
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Workshops for Parents**

**St. Michael Catholic Secondary School, Stratford**

**Sponsored by the Huron-Perth  
Catholic District School Board**

**For more information contact  
your school principal.**



## School Advisory Council 2005 – 2006

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**Sharon Prouse**  
**Brenda Teichert (St. Peter's Parish)**

On behalf of the whole school community – thank you for all that have volunteered to serve! (CNR)

## Beat the Bug

The Huron County Health Unit will be offering free flu shots to all students at school-based clinics across the County. For those families who struggle to make an appointment with a family physician, school-based clinics are a safe, simple alternative.

Influenza, most commonly called the “flu”, is a highly contagious viral infection that causes sudden fever, sore throat, dry cough, headache, muscle aches, and fatigue. The flu can lead to pneumonia and a stay in the hospital. Babies and young children, the elderly, and those with health conditions like asthma, diabetes, or heart disease are most at risk for serious complications, including death.

The flu virus spreads very easily in the school environment. Every year healthy, school-aged children suffer significant flu-related illness. Vaccinating school children can significantly decrease the spread of flu among people of all ages in a community, protecting those who are at risk of serious complications. The Health Unit recommends that anyone over six months of age who wants to avoid the flu should get a flu shot every year.

For more information contact the Health Unit at (519) 482-3416. St. Mary's School Flu Clinic is Dec. 2, 2005.

## PEACE KEEPERS ON DUTY

St Mary's is proud to have junior and senior student volunteer Peace Keepers on the school yard during each recess to assist the student body to solve peer conflicts and help identify bullying issues. These wonderful volunteers have given their time, last year and this year, to attend a seminar on Bullies and spend sessions with Mrs. Sabin discussing ways to assist students to work through their peer conflicts. Discussions are happening as you read this, as how to best identify the Peace Keepers on the yard....we want to get the right colour choice and type of item that would be easily recognizable, and that the Peace Keepers would be proud to wear. As the year progresses more Peace Keepers will be added to our team. We will encourage representatives from grades 5 to 8 to join. Training will be ongoing. Members will eventually create power point presentations to share with our student body and put on class presentations on the topic of Peer Conflict Resolution and Bullying issues. We are very proud to share with you the names of our founding St. Mary's Peace Keepers, they are Emily G., Cassidy B., Keegan D., Maja L., and Jacqueline M. These students have worked diligently to assist many of our children to have a positive recess experience and we greatly appreciate their efforts. We are happy to announce that Mrs. Hogan has volunteered to join our team this year. If parents or students have concerns about peer conflicts or bullying issues please bring them to the attention of the classroom teacher. The classroom teacher, parent and principal will involve the Peace Keepers with a recess concern at the appropriate time.



## Coats for Kids (and adults, too!)

During the month of October, the Canadian Red Cross will be collecting coats, snowsuits, snowpants, hats, mitts, scarves, and boots of all sizes, from infant to adult. Local businesses have offered to be drop-off sites where people can donate their winter apparel. Any item in good condition, with working zippers, is appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the following Goderich locations: **Goderich** Bluewater Cleaners, Canadian Tire, French Dry Cleaners, Suncoast Mall, Centre Court, West Street Laundromat.

