



Youth for Christ Operation SCROOGE Update:

Mac'nCheese Home Room Challenge: On Wednesday, December 7, SCROOGE class reps spent the afternoon in the gym setting up an immense and complicated domino set made up of 4,779 boxes of macaroni and cheese -- the end result of an eight day home room competition to bring in the highest number of boxes per student. Grade 9 student Austin Stelpstra won the honour of "Tipster" status -- the person who got to set the entire gym in motion -- for individually bringing in 486 boxes. It was an exciting end to a highly competitive campaign that saw a lot of student generosity, and a great kick-off to our evening neighbourhood canvassing blitz. Three media outlets were there to witness it and two radio stations did interviews.

<http://www.lfpres.com/news/london/2011/12/07/19093421.html> CTV London.flv

This Thursday, *Domino's Pizza* is treating Mr. Sumner's 9 person Spare (69.5/person) and Mrs. Faber's 27 person Grade 9 French class (49.5/person) to a free pizza & pop lunch for their first and second place finishes. In third place, Mr. H. Lammers' 23 person Grade 10 Math class (26.6/person) will be dining on steaming hot *Kraft Dinner* and carrots. They are commended for their unanimous participation as each person brought in at least twelve boxes.

Evening Neighbourhood Blitz: Thanks to the generosity and willingness of our students, staff and supporting parents/family who offered to drive, we were able to collect 5,738 items of imperishable food from the homes of Londoners within the boundaries of Clarke Road, the railroad tracks, Wellington Road, Commissioners Road, and the Thames River. Students got a glimpse into a range of London homes and economic circumstances -- which is an education in itself. We were very thankful for good weather, opened doors and over 90% participation of our school population.

Salvation Army Christmas Distribution and Food Bank: Last week our students loaded 284 boxes, loaded with 10,517 food items onto a *Salvation Army* truck (total of just under 38 items/student). The drivers were amazed! On Wednesday a delegation of SCROOGE Reps went to the Western Fair to tour the Salvation Army Distribution Centre with Becky Thiessen, Program Coordinator. While there, we noticed a lot of our boxes piled in the food area. Suddenly we were greeted by applause and cheering from the group of retiree volunteers who had just been told which school we were from -- they were very thankful for the amount of food we had brought in, and had seen/heard media coverage. The Sally Ann Food Bank runs on SCROOGE donations from participating London high schools for the first 3-4 months of the year!

Thank-you! We praise God for the opportunity for our students, once again, to join with these two other local Christian organizations in bringing a cup of cold water to the needy in our community. We thank God for the many generous student hearts who gave of their savings and their time. We also thank God for your help and cooperation in our students' journeys to "being transformed through Christ."

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