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ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL ACCESSIBILITY REVIEW FORUM

Ashley Gialelem, a student at Ursuline College, will be the guest speaker at an annual student forum on accessibility.

"Ashley did a fantastic job when she spoke to our accessibility forum last year," says Steve DeGurse, Principal of St. John Fisher Catholic School in Forest and Chair of the Accessibility Working Group for 2011-2012. "We look forward to having her share her tremendous insight into this important subject again this year."

Under the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act (2005)* St. Clair Catholic is required, along with all Ontario school boards, to annually review its accessibility plan. The plan identifies ways in which the Board can improve accessibility opportunities for persons with disabilities. The act also provides for input from persons with disabilities.

Students in Grades 7 to 12 from schools across the district, including all three Catholic secondary schools, will participate in the annual review forum, which will be held at the Catholic Education Centre in Wallaceburg.

"These annual conferences are an important step in the process of developing our yearly plan," says Mr. DeGurse. "We value the input we will receive from the students."

The Student Forum will be held Thursday, March 22, 2012 from 9:45 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre, 420 Creek Street, Wallaceburg.

Members of the media are welcome.

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