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ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC WELCOMES BEST-SELLING METIS AUTHOR DAVID BOUCHARD

Best-selling Métis author David Bouchard will visit classrooms at several St. Clair Catholic schools this week, to promote literacy and the joy of reading.

"David champions reading and tackles illiteracy through his message, which focus on how language, rhythms and fine art can come together to inspire and teach," says Caroline Van Roestel-Seward, a Catholic Curriculum Consultant with the Board and one of the organizers of the visit.

Mr. Bouchard will visit seven Catholic schools and conduct an evening session – *More Than Words, An Evening with David Bouchard* – for parents, teachers and school administrators, at Holy Family Catholic School in Wallaceburg on Thursday, May 24th.

He has written 25 award winning books, many of which are multi-cultural in nature and produced collaboratively with First Nations artists. His books are an amalgamation of the arts – poetry, prose, visual art and music. He appeals to children of all ages, as well as adults.

Mr. Bouchard's itinerary follows on the accompanying page. Members of the media are welcome.

| | Tuesday, May 22 nd | Wednesday, May 23 rd | Thursday, May 24 | Friday, May 25 |
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| Morning Session | St. Joseph - Chatham 25 Raleigh S Chatham Principal: Kelly VanBoxtel 519- 354- 4642 30 Min: 9:15am - 9:45am 60 Min: 10:00am - 11:00am | Holy Family - WBurg 649 Murray St Wallaceburg Principal: Gloria Grieve 519- 627- 6003 30 Min: 9:20am - 9:50am 60 Min: 10:00am- 11:00am | | Holy Trinity - Sarnia 60 Lorne Cres. Sarnia Principal: Scott Johnson 519-344-2110 30 Min: 9:15am- 9:45am 60 Min: 10:00am- 11:00am |
| Afternoon Session | Ursuline College 85 Grande Ave W Chatham Contact: Margaret Palmer 519-351-2987 (Secondary School) 60 Min: 1:00pm- 2:00pm 30 Min: 2:20pm- 2:50pm (casual discussion with First Nation Club Members) | Christ The King 227 Thomas Ave Wallaceburg Principal: Shirley Churchill 519- 627- 6745 60 Min: 12:45pm – 1:45pm 30 Min: 3:00pm- 3:30pm | St. Elizabeth 1350 Bertha St Wallaceburg Principal: Chris Kehoe 519- 627- 6331 30 Min: 1:00pm- 1:30pm 60 Min: 2:00pm – 3:00pm | St. Matthew 720 Elm Ave Sarnia Principal: Kevin Cannon 519- 332- 4300 60 Min: 12:45- 1:45pm 30 Min: 2:15 – 2:45pm |
| Evening Session | | | Parent Evening Performance Holy Family 649 Murray St. Wallaceburg 6:30pm Start time 90 minute presentation | |