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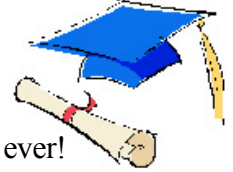
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Archbishop Romero Catholic Secondary School

Graduation – Class of 2007

Congratulations to Romero Graduates.

We continue to make history with our largest Graduation class ever!



It has been a difficult journey. Best Wishes to those who will be walking down the aisle at the Living Arts Centre to accept their Ontario Secondary School Diploma on **June 27, 2007**. It is with great Pride that we honour our Graduates and celebration their dedication and determination to learning. All teachers and staff members join with parents to share this tremendous accomplishment. Best Wishes for a successful journey ahead!

Pre Trades Dual Credit at Sheridan College

This semester has been a very exciting time for Archbishop Romero students. For the first time a Pre-Trades Pathway was offered in Semester Two in Partnership with Sheridan College at Oakville's Skills Trade Centre. The program ran for 17 weeks two to three days per week in addition to experiential learning and academic programming components. Many students have developed a niche for their work placements and have exemplified the spirit of our Faith through their actions in the workplace. This Dual Credit partnership opportunity has already opened many doors for the students. Eligible students will be participating in a paid Summer internship placement. Students thoroughly enjoyed this high school option and hands on approach towards their future careers in Electrical and Precision Machining and Tooling. Congratulations to all participating students from Mr. De Marco and Mr. Jolic. We are proud of your efforts!



A New Directions Experience

Archbishop Romero Secondary School is a school of new opportunities. There are many challenges in the lives of adolescents especially when you are new to the country, then it is even harder to adjust yourself to a system. We underwent a difficult transition, and sometimes I felt I was on my own. At some point, I got under the wrong influence which created a series of negative things to spiral out of control.

I was given a new chance in the New Direction South Campus of Archbishop Romero S.S. It was quite painless because I was able to recover all my courses from a previous semester, and I even earned four more credits instead of being out of school. I'm pretty sure that I would not have been able to complete my academics otherwise. Aside from that I've learned about human development and triggers in teens, so that I can understand and better manage my decision making. Through the intervention part of our program I was able to vent my worries and problems around court issues that I had been going through. On the other hand, I learned some survival skills that will help me when I return to regular high school and a successful life. Through the career orientation program, I found focus of my future career in skilled trades.

The environment in the Archbishop Romero S.S is very comfortable. I was able to be myself in such atmosphere where the staff understood student's needs. They were a great help in getting us through the transitional period in our lives.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE...

Arian Francois, an Archbishop Romero-Sheridan Davis campus student participated in the 2007 NFL Global Junior Championship XI in Miami, Florida. He was part of a forty member team that was chosen from over 900 initial prospects from all across Canada. He was thrilled to be able to represent his country in an event that is built around the SuperBowl, also hosted in Miami this year.

This would not have been possible without the help of many educators, friends of Arian and some gracious executives in the business community who helped financially for Arian to realize this dream. Congratulations Arian, we are all proud of your accomplishment!!

An experience of a lifetime

Recently, I was selected to play for Canada's under 19 National football team, that participates in an annual event every year around the Super Bowl. The event is called NFL Global Junior national championships, that take place wherever the Super Bowl is held and the reason being is because it is an NFL-sponsored event. In this event, countries are invited to display the young talented teenagers of their nation. First you must get a letter of invitation to the provincial tryout which took place on December 1st, 2006. From 150 kids selected to that camp, only 40 were selected to attend the national camp in Montreal, where there another 700 kids invited to the national camp from across Canada. The second try-out was a 3 day event which took place from December 15-18, it was hard hitting, running, and hard work overall. From the group of 700 kids in total only 40 were selected to represent Canada at this year's tournament in Fort Lauderdale. For me and many others it was the biggest event of our football lives, especially knowing that over 700 kids would be sent home. We

got a little bit of a tease on the first day or inspiration some would say; they outfitted us for our track suits, t-shirt, shorts, and Reebok shoes and cleat size. Most importantly they had us put on a team jersey and take our picture that would appear on the team website and other things such as game day programs. I felt that only motivated me more to show them why I am ranked as a top receiver in this country. My first day I felt was an excellent one, where others were disappointed with themselves already feeling that they were going home. After the camp was done, a lot of scouts expressed interest and there were also many tears of disappointment. I travelled back home with the Ontario guys on the Coach Bus and spoke with many, most of them were not sure which made me think, was I really that good at this tryout? They said it would be up by the 22nd of December the final 40 names, so I checked everyday but no list appeared. Finally on January 8th, I received a phone call from my step-mother and she had told me that I had made the team. I was

more than happy and tried to act like a pro and I knew it was going to happen. On January 22nd, we left for Orlando, Florida to begin training camp. When we arrived the Head Coach had given us a speech and the players talked amongst each other. It was overall a good evening where we

all got to know each other better, but the coach had sent us to our hotel rooms by 10 o'clock and told us to get our rest because we would need it. January 23rd is where it all began up by 6:30 eating breakfast by 7 am and out the doors by 7:30 on the bus to practice. We were on the field by 9:00 am, hitting, running and sweating. We finished at 2 o'clock and be back in our hotel rooms by 4 pm. This was the daily routine until Saturday, January 27th when we then departed for Fort Lauderdale, Florida. We arrived about 2 pm at a

high school called Cardinal Gibbons Secondary School, where we then met our host families. I was very nervous to know that for the next week I would be staying with people I have never met or have any relation to in my life. It turned out very well though, I loved my Florida mom who was named Piney Long, and her two kids, Bailey and Mickey. Ms. Long had treated me like I was her own kid and made me feel right at home. She also spoiled me with gifts and tons of excitement. My best friend while I was in Fort Lauderdale was her 17 year old

daughter, who told me that she loved her boyfriend. Which I found to be hilarious and an awkward situation, but never the less we still enjoyed ourselves. The first game took place on January 28th which was round robins to determine standing to match up in the medal rounds. We handled France easily 14-0 and then Japan gave us a scare when we only beat them 7-0. A lot of my friends and Family asked how come the scores were so low; I simply responded that this was a national competition and not any house league football action. After January 28th, the finals were set for Saturday, February 3rd, where Team Canada would once again take on Team USA in the finals for the 5th consecutive year. In the last 4 meetings, we split the series 2 to 2 but we being the defending champs won the last two but this one was most important. So on Saturday, February 3rd, we arrived at the field with nerves high and attitude and confidence even higher ... we gave it our all never giving up on plays as the U.S crowd inspired us with their hatred. At the end of the game, the scoreboard read 28-13. We won! Unfortunately the worst day came on Monday February 5th, when we said goodbye to our host families and left for the airport. Overall, it was clearly one of the greatest experiences of my life and I really enjoyed myself and was happy to say I represented my country and brought home the Gold Medal.

By: Arian Francois

