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HURON-PERTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD HOSTS SKILLED TRADES PATHWAY EVENT

The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board (HPCDSB) is pleased to announce its upcoming Skilled Trades Pathways Experience, taking place on Wednesday, April 15 and Thursday, April 16, 2026 at the Stratford Rotary Complex from 9:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. each day.

This hands-on learning event will bring together Grade 7, 8, and 10 students from across Huron and Perth Counties to explore the wide range of opportunities available in the skilled trades and apprenticeship pathways. Students will participate in interactive demonstrations and short experiential activities led by local industry professionals, allowing them to gain insight into careers within construction, manufacturing, transportation and other skilled trade sectors.

During this event, students will rotate through interactive trade stations to engage with industry professionals and apprentices. These sessions provide practical insight into the skills required for the trades, helping students align their high school coursework with viable career pathways.

In addition to the daytime student experience, HPCDSB will host a Women in Skilled Trades Evening Event on Wednesday, April 15, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This event will welcome young women from both elementary and secondary schools, along with their families, to learn more about careers in the skilled trades through hands-on demonstrations and discussions with female industry mentors.

Aligned with the Board's 2024–2027 Strategic Plan, HPCDSB remains committed to expanding experiential learning opportunities that support career exploration, pathway planning, and student engagement. Events such as the Skilled Trades Pathways Experience help students discover their interests, develop practical skills and gain exposure to high-demand careers that are vital to the economic growth of our region.

We are deeply grateful to our community partners, local organizations, and trades professionals for their ongoing support. Their mentorship and practical contributions are essential in helping students transition from the classroom to the workforce.

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