



# Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

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### **St. John Vianney Catholic Elementary School – Inclusion At Its Best**

Connor and Aidan McCandless, grade 7 students at St. John Vianney Catholic Elementary School are huge Maple Leafs Fans. In fact they are crazy about all sports, but hockey and the Leafs are definitely their favourites. Both boys have been students at St. John Vianney since Kindergarten. They are immersed in all aspects of student life as they belong to the school choir, sign language club, boys' basketball, track and cross country teams to name a few. They are not just students with Special Needs they are very special in the hearts of all their classmates and teachers.

Connor and Aidan arrive at school each day with a "Spirit" second to none. They embrace all members of our community with warmth, enthusiasm and smiles that spread from ear to ear. Their impact on all those who have the good fortune of knowing them is immeasurable. So much so, that the grade eight graduating class wanted to do something special for them prior to their departure in June 2013. Hence, the idea was born to raise money to send the boys to a Toronto Maple Leafs play-off game and this is going to happen Wednesday night. They are also invited to the Leafs practice in the morning.

The following is the excerpt from the assembly presentation:

We have gathered everyone to the gym this morning for a very exciting announcement. We would like to have St. John Vianney's biggest Maple Leaf fans join us on the stage. Would Connor and Aiden McCandless please come and join us on the stage.

For all the joy you've brought to our school throughout the years, we wanted to give you boys a huge thank you. The grade eights decided to put a large amount of time and effort to get tickets to the next Toronto Maple Leafs Playoff Game. We wanted to make sure you both got to experience your beloved Leafs in Toronto. Here boys these are for you and we have some extra money to buy you a Toronto shirt.

Congratulations St. John Vianney what a wonderful gift from the heart!

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