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Aspiring lawyers compete at annual York Region Secondary School Mock Trial Competition

Students to argue a simulated case in front of a real judge, in an actual courtroom

NEWMARKET – The Regional Municipality of York is hosting the opening ceremonies of the annual York Region Secondary School Mock Trial Competition on Monday, February 23rd at 2 p.m. The event brings together more than 160 students, representing 21 schools from across York Region to compete for the coveted 2009 Judge’s Cup.

Students prosecute and defend a criminal case through an inter-school competition. Each team is aided by a lawyer coach leading up to and during the competition. Teams are evaluated on the basis of the following:

- Proper trial process and procedure
- Development and presentation of appropriate legal arguments and statements
- Oral advocacy and use of compelling arguments
- Witness performance and courtroom etiquette



St. Elizabeth CHS 2008 Judge’s Cup Champions

Students also have the opportunity to speak one-on-one with recruiters and representatives, from The Regional Municipality of York, York Regional Police and Osgoode Hall Law School on potential career and education opportunities during a career fair before the competition opening ceremonies.

WHO: More than 160 students, representing 21 schools from across York Region
WHAT: Annual York Region Secondary School Mock Trial Competition
WHEN: Monday, February 23rd at 2 p.m.
(The career fair takes place in the Great Hall beginning at 1 p.m.)
WHERE: Council Chamber of the York Region Administrative Centre, located at 17250 Yonge Street in the Town of Newmarket.

The first round of competition begins at 4 p.m. at the Newmarket Courthouse, located across the street, at 50 Eagle Street West.
(**Please note that both the opening ceremonies and the competition at the courthouse are open to the media and TV cameras.)

Competing Schools are as follows:

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| • Alexander Mackenzie H.S. | • Sir William Mulock S.S. | • St. Theresa C.H.S. |
| • Dr. J.M. Denison S.S. | • Stephen Lewis S.S. | • Sacred Heart C.H.S. |
| • Keswick H.S. | • Woodbridge College | • Holy Trinity School |
| • Langstaff S.S. | • Brother André C.H.S. | • Pickering College |
| • Markham District H.S. | • Holy Cross Catholic Academy | • Villanova College |
| • Markville S.S. | • St. Elizabeth C.H.S. | • Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy |
| • Middlefield C.I. | • St. Augustine C.H.S. | |
| • Richmond Hill H.S. | | |