

City's Economic Development Department partnering with Niagara Catholic DSB to promote the trades

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Welland, ON – Welland's Economic Development Department is pleased to partner with the Niagara Catholic District School Board to promote apprenticeship pathways and re-education to the public about the value of skilled tradespeople.

Two events are scheduled in the first half of 2023 – January 19 and May 17, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – and are open to students and their families. Stemming from discussions with industry leaders in the city, Welland's Economic Development team is well-versed in the needs of industries operating in Welland.

"We know there will be a shortage of skilled trades workers," said Lina DeChellis, manager of economic development. "Partnering with the Niagara Catholic and offering a line into what industries are looking for will hopefully shine a light on this very needed, lucrative career path."

Designed to promote the trades to parents and students in Grades 6 to 10, the events will strengthen the industry-school relationships.

"Niagara Catholic is excited to bring this event to our families and students with the participation of our industry partners. The knowledge that students, parents, and educators will learn from the associations and companies at these events is intended to better prepare students for their post-secondary decisions and highlight the viability of the apprenticeship pathway in our region," said Anthony Corrizato, Niagara Catholic's Experiential Learning Consultant.

The January 19 event is held at Denis Morris Catholic High School in St. Catharines, and the May 17 event is at Saint Michael Catholic High School in Niagara Falls.

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