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Welcomes Best-Selling Author

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Best Selling Author Visits Holy Trinity CSS to Celebrate International Book Day

Cornwall, On – Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School celebrated International Book Day on Thursday March 2, 2006 by welcoming Seaway best-selling author **Maggie Wheeler** to the school.

Students were given the opportunity to ask **Ms. Wheeler** about her personal writing process and were treated to a reading from her locally best-selling book "A Violent End."

Ms. Wheeler researches and incorporates Seaway history into her books and encourages students to do the same. "It's a fun way to mix fiction and fact, while continuing to learn," **Ms. Wheeler** told the group of grade 10-11-12 students.

Ms. Wheeler said that her work is a way to connect the younger generation with the older generations. "The older generation worries that the history of the Seaway could be lost, but they tell me how happy they are that my work is preserving that history and introducing it to those who will keep telling the stories."

Speaking to students has become a passion for the celebrated author and she is planning on attending teacher's college in the fall to become an English teacher.

Ms. Wheeler also gave the students at **Holy Trinity** a challenge. She has asked them to preserve books and not to make this world a paperless society. "Baby boomers preserved books. We were always told of the paperless society," said **Ms. Wheeler**. "But the boomers didn't let it happen. My local library in Ingleside is proof of that. We have seen our borrowing rate double. Reading is on the rise and students will be the ones to continue that growth," she added.

Holy Trinity Librarian Carolyn Meyer was thrilled with the visit. "The students were quite enthralled with Ms. Wheeler's address. The questions they asked proved they have such a wonderful general interest in writing and individual writing processes. I look forward to having more authors in to celebrate literacy with our students," said **Ms. Meyer**.

Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School is located at 18044 Tyotown Road, Cornwall. Approximately 600 students attend the school.