

# Wassing named Canadian Scholastic League champ

By Tony Zerucha

Springfield Middle School (SMS) Grade 8 student Jack Wassing does pretty well in school and now has the trophy to prove it. Wassing was recently crowned Manitoba Provincial Champion in the Canadian Scholastic Achievement League.

Started in Ontario, the Canadian Scholastic Achievement League was envisioned by middle school teachers as a local competition to challenge students' knowledge and thinking skills while rewarding excellence. It expanded nationwide in 1998.

Every year, students and teachers from all subject areas submit questions. These questions form the assessments used to assess general knowledge, language and literature, social studies, science and mathematics. The test features 100 increasingly difficult questions in each section.

Participating teachers receive contest information in early January. Contest supervisors administer the one-hour test on school computers.

Wassing said he was surprised by the win.



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Jack Wassing (right) with teacher Christine Doig.

"It was shocking," he admitted. "I really didn't expect to hear my name called."

Wassing said there was no extra preparation involved, and the test was a nice addition to his normal class work.

"You wouldn't expect a test that hard to be fun, but it was," Wassing said. "My favourite subject part of it was the science. That part is always fun for me, and it's

interesting."

Wassing continues SMS's successful run of provincial champions, which includes past Grade 8 winners Dani Christie (2023), Wyatt Jonker (2020) and Alex Mueller (2018). Past SMS Grade 6 provincial champions include Hannah Skrabek (2023), Dylan Zubert (2022), Hayden Senkow (2020) and Madeline Duval (2019).



## Family Donation

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East Gate Lodge manager of health services Cindee Bialek (right) recently accepted the donation of an automated external defibrillator (AED) from Kathy Steffes and her sons Brett, Evan and Will in memory of her late husband Danny Steffes as East Gate Lodge maintenance lead Ken Oneschuk (left) looks on. Until his untimely passing in 2022, Danny was the maintenance lead at East Gate Lodge and often requested to have an AED on site as a first response tool in the case of a cardiac arrest emergency.

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