

Technology skills to be challenged

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A Technology Skills Challenge at the District School Board of Niagara has expanded to 40 events for elementary and secondary students over the course of more than a month.

March sees most of the challenges take place.

"We've expanded and added even more challenges such as computer engineering, 2D Character Animation, Job Skill Demonstration, and several new challenges for elementary students," said Kevin Graham, technology consultant for the board. "Technology and skilled trades offer so many career choices for students that we wanted to highlight as many of them as we can."

At each challenge, students compete for the honour of representing their school district at the provincial Skills Challenges in May. More than 2,500 students will compete in the 40 challenges.

The challenges take place at various school sites across Niagara and make use of community venues such as the market square in St. Catharines, the Welland campus of Niagara College and Valvano Salon & Spa.

The challenges bring together technology students from across Niagara to compete in practical skills-based contests that showcase their skills and aptitudes in the skilled trades.

Each challenge is judged by professionals in the respective fields of technology.

The events take place until April 1. Local challenge sites include welding March 3 at Niagara College, Welland campus from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., small powered equipment on March 8 at Port Colborne Secondary School, Port Colborne from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., electrical wiring on March 31 at E.L. Crossley Secondary School in Fonthill from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m., and many others.

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