



Working on their personal projects for the AHS woodworking course are Chris Strom (left), Cassidy Dunnet (above, lining up some salvaged wood for cutting on the table saw), Caitlin Griffiths (below left) and Brayden Garuk and Josh Mason.

Three tech students take on Skills Ontario challenge

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Three AHS tech students will head off to the Skills Ontario competition at Confederation College Saturday, April 7. Nathan Rusnack and Eiji Moller are teaming up in the welding competition, and Nathan Desaulniers has entered the solo carpentry class.

The competition is a province-wide program organized by Skills

Ontario to support interest in trades careers. Eight colleges will be hosting events on April 7, and top performers at each one will be eligible to advance to the provincial finals in Toronto in May.

The AHS entrants have received some basic information about the project they will have five hours to complete during the competition, and have reviewed that with shop teacher Graeme Bond. The welding team also planned to consult with Tramin.

Carpentry competitors will be “evaluated on their carpentry skills required for residential construction. Competitors may be asked to interpret detailed drawings as they safely and accurately measure, layout and assemble framing systems such as floors, walls and roofs. Competitors should be familiar with both western platform framing and aspects of post and beam construction along with the installation of wall openings, sheathing, decks, stairs, and trim.”

The welding contest will “evaluate student’s abilities to safely work through all the tested welding processes, including layout, position, fit and tack welding. The interpretation and application of welding symbols will also be tested.”

