

New orthodontist coming to Sarnia in the fall

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This Week

Sarnia can thank three new dentists for recruiting the city's newest orthodontist when he opens his doors this fall.

Dr. Anthony Tang said he plans to go high-tech once he gets the building permits from city hall for his new Exmouth Street office.

He credits brothers Stephane and Jeff Lefebvre as well as Kevin Daye for getting him interested in Sarnia. All three have already hung out their shingles in Sarnia.

"Friendships, more than anything, brought me here," Tang said. "They kept in touch with me throughout school. We did four years of school together and then sort of went our separate ways, but we kept in touch."

"I actually visited Sarnia 10-20 times before I decided to move here. They only (seemed) to invite me down here in the summertime when the lake was at its peak. They never invited me down here in the winter."

The group met during four years of dental school at the University of Western Ontario.

Prior to moving to London for four years of school, Tang did his pre-med at the University of Toronto. When he graduated Western in 2003, he took two more years of schooling at the University of Connecticut in Farmington, Conn.

The school is recognized as one of the best in North America for

orthodontics.

While Tang worked in the U.S. as a dentist to help put himself through school, he came back to Canada to work for Orthodontically Yours in Toronto, one of the busiest clinics in Ontario after graduation.

Tang is also a Canadian certified specialist in orthodontics and is certified for craniofacial orthopedics. The second specialization helps correct problems like cleft lips and cleft palates.

One thing Tang said he plans to bring to his practice is a high-tech approach to the profession.

"It's going to be a very modern, state-of-the-art office, something Sarnia hasn't seen, yet," Tang said. "I'm starting with three chairs, but it's going to go up to six treatment chairs. It's going to be fully computerized and fully digital."

As a kid who grew up in North York with a serious overbite, himself, Tang said he wants to help as many people as possible perfect their smiles. To help keep money from being a problem, he said he plans to keep his prices "reasonable."

Once the former law office at 251 Exmouth Street opens for business, Tang said he plans to have two people on staff to help run things.

On a personal note, he said he's an avid golfer and skier and he's just getting into sailing. The water was one of the other big reasons he decided to bring his wife and two-and-a-half-year-old daughter to Sarnia.



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Dr. Anthony Tang, above, plans to turn this vacant Exmouth Street office into Sarnia's newest orthodontics office this fall.



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