

Yes, we're ready for a break. It's certainly been a good semester, with lots of activities and work having been planned and completed. Before we get to those last two weeks in January and think about exams, it's going to be good to have some downtime, to put "pause" on the button, and also spend some time just doing some other activities. This time of year also provides a wonderful time of spiritual refreshment as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour. And to that point, our first item concerns the Christmas Assembly.

Christmas Assembly

We enjoyed having so many visitors celebrating with us this morning. We are richly blessed in having you – parents, (and grandparents) as our front line of support and as our chief cheerleaders, and we were glad so many of you came out. Students and teachers really do appreciate your presence at our activities. The gym was packed, the atmosphere was electric, and the theme was "lights". What a beautiful way to recognize the true light in our lives here at Guido. We also got a chance to say goodbye to Moses and Grace Dethan who've been with us for several months, and will, Lord willing, be returning to Indonesia with their family. God bless you both as you return, and we hope to see you again some time.

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Our Student leadership Team has been busy planning a number of fun activities relating to the season. We thank them for their unwavering dedication to the interests of the student body. Even when some activities are minimally attended or noticed, this dedicated group soldiers on. Next planning: the big, annual Winter Banquet. Stay tuned!

Odds and Ends

We hope you get an opportunity to occasionally visit our Facebook page where you'll find just a vast variety of pictures detailing the many activities that take place each month. For example, just in the last few weeks, we discovered Gr. 11 students in the nearby surveys collecting winter clothing, Food and Nutrition students distributing "ollieballs", a bake and bracelet sale (Gr. 9) collecting funds for water projects overseas, another interesting and noteworthy Hamilton Spec page focusing on artistic and literary talents, puppet presentations of "Macbeth" (Gr. 11), an impromptu musical recital during an outdoors fire drill, entertaining shoppers at Limeridge mall with beautiful music, serving a complete lunch at a full EA conference, building complete rooms (or "mini-homes") in shop (incl

plumbing, drywall and electricity), a robotics demonstration, serving a French dinner to a class, participating in Hamilton's "breakfast of champions", challenging our pastors to a lunch hour game of volleyball, donating blood at the local Red Cross and so much more. Indeed, check out the pictures and comments on our Facebook page or go to guidodebres.org.

Sports Report

Finally, Elliott once again provides us with some comments about the busy sports scene here at Guido. I quote, " In the last three weeks, the boys basketball and girls volleyball teams have played the majority of their regular season games. After the Christmas break, they will be finishing the season and looking forward to participating in the Christian school tournament. Guido's A hockey team also held tryouts and put a team together in the last few weeks. On Thursday, the team faced our cross-town HDCH and Hometown Showdown Hockey game (and lost 2-1!). And, both boys basketball and girls volleyball lunch hour intramurals finished their seasons in this past week, with winning teams earning a pizza lunch. What a fun way to wind down!"

Many blessings on your family time as we all relax a bit. May God be glorified in all our activities and worship, may you travel safely with your family, and we look forward to seeing all again in 2019! Have a happy and healthy New Year.

Dates to Remember

Monday, Jan. 7	School Begins
Friday, Jan. 18	Last Day of Semester 1
Monday, Jan. 21-	
Friday, Jan. 25	Exams
Monday, Jan. 28	Gr. 8 Parent Information Evening
Wednesday, Jan. 30	First Day of Semester II