



THE GUIDO GAB

As you receive this final GAB of 2019, our December will be winding down – some final tests and presentations complete, maybe a few exam previews, a Christmas Assembly waiting in the wings and then a couple of glorious weeks of rest and relaxation. It’s been a good and busy fall, and as we transition into winter, we’ve gently passed a long stretch of school weeks – but we also know that Semester 1 will be over in two weeks next month followed by exams. So, preparing for some holidays also forces us to realize the importance of prepping for the next stage of school life. And surely, when we consider semester II, can spring really be too far ahead??

Spring Banquet

Guido’s SLT is once again organizing a large, formal banquet for the student body. This year, the theme is “Frosty Night”, the date is Feb. 21, and the location is Michelangelo’s on the Hamilton Mountain. The Student Leadership Team plans for 200+ students to this significant event in the life of the student body here. More details will follow, but you have the first scoop of the information.

SLT

And speaking of this group of active students, lots of fun activities have been planned in the last week, including some clothing and food highlights. We even had a visit from Santa! We’re thankful that this group of eager leaders continues to work so hard on behalf of these students. Ask your son or daughter about how he or she got involved in school activities this week.

Christmas Assembly

Once again, we’re expecting to see many of you at our annual Christmas Assembly. A number of students put a lot of work into preparing for this celebration, and we are thankful that a good number of you take the time and interest to attend. Titled “Christmas Portrait”, the assembly will focused on Scriptural passages which point to the manger. The many narratives and songs help to focus our gaze on what’s important during this season.

Ping Pong...Ping Pong

Does your family play some ping pong at home? If so, we’ll assume the paddle star in your household is showing his moves here at school. Each winter, Mr. VanBarneveld organizes a ping pong club and tournament which ties up a portion of the upstairs hall each lunch hour. We’re not sure why this tends to be a club/tournament in which only guys participate? Girls? Ping-pong?

ESL Request

Two of our newer students are in the midst of learning English while also attending some classes here, and we are hoping to help them by teaching them English. Our request : Wondering if several (older or younger) adults in our extended school community would have some

time, maybe several afternoons a week, to assist with the English learning of these two Syrian students. They’re enthusiastic to learn the language – but just need some guidance, assistance and encouragement. Would you consider this? If so, check with Mr. Heemskerk or Mr. VanAndel.

Semester 1 Exams

That time is rapidly approaching. Do you know the exam schedule? Times? Protocol for each exam day? The schedule is both on-line and in the most recent Gazette. All Gr. 9 students will receive a primer on exam procedures and preparation during the second week of January, since we recognize this is a first-time event for these students. Please ask if you have further questions about procedure, bussing or accommodations.

Sports Report

Elliott’s report includes the following: “December is the shortest month in the school calendar but that doesn’t mean Guido Athletics wasn’t busy. The boys’ basketball teams have settled into their regular season with two games every week as well as practices. No different for the girls’ volleyball teams – their season has also gotten underway. The senior teams also played in the Hometown Showdown against HDCH on the 13th. Some of the Gr. 12 boys participated in the annual Board/Staff vs. Grade 12 hockey game. Unfortunately, the grade twelves came up short and were not able to win. Other sports that went on at Guido this month include the lunchtime ping-pong tournament organized by Mr VanBarneveld and the intramurals put on by the Athletics Council.”

Finally, we want to congratulate Natalie Gelms who won the MVP award in the city of Hamilton All-star basketball game. What a neat honor for a wonderful person and a fine athlete!

Christmas Greetings

Finally, on behalf of all the staff and students of Guido de Bres Christian High School, we want to wish you and your family a blessed Christmas, a happy holiday time and an opportunity to enjoy the time with your family. God bless and see you in January.

Mr. R. VanAndel

For Your Calendar

Fri. Dec. 20	Christmas Assembly
Mon. Dec 23- Jan. 3	Christmas Holidays
Mon. Jan. 6	First school day of 2020
Mon. Jan. 20- Fri. Jan. 24	Semester one exams (9-11 each morning)
Mon. Jan27, Tues. Jan. 28	Marking days /Sem. II prep day (no school for students)
Wed. Jan. 29	Semester II begins