

Good “first of March” to each one of you. It’s certainly been an entertaining month in different ways, not least because you were required to entertain or be entertained by your children – our students - through all the different snow days these past weeks. We can only hope that March brings us a few better routines and allows us not only a peek into spring, but also more consistent weeks of school. And some extra warmth and sunshine would sure be a wonderful thing!! We’d like to welcome back Mr. Jake Ruggi and Mr. Tom Zietsma who join us this semester as shop and co-op teachers respectively. Good to have you both on board for this semester!

## **Spring Banquet**

This annual event has occurred and is now in the annals of Guido history. Thanks once again to an energetic SLT for their themes, ideas, organization, and hard work to make this such a success. This is an event which several students anticipate each year. It really is true that this fine group of leaders plans and directs this entire evening. We’re also pleased that the arrangements with Michelangelo’s Banquet Hall in Hamilton allows for good celebration each year.

## **School Evaluation**

All Christian schools have an opportunity to engage in evaluations to ensure that proper teaching, standards and procedures are upheld. Our school will be visited by three individuals- a former principal from B.C. a current principal in Ontario and a current board member - all appointed by the League of Canadian Reformed schools. They hope to engage with parents, teachers, administration, board and alumni as a part of their evaluation. Towards this end, you as parents would have received a survey on school evaluation which you have been asked to complete. This is a gentle reminder to complete this as an assistance to the evaluation team. As well, could we ask that you encourage any recent Guido grads living in your home to contact the school (office@guidodebres.com ) in order to complete a different version of the survey. We would love to hear their voices in the evaluation.

## **Gomarus Preparation**

We want to thank all you Gr. 9 and 10 parents who volunteered to be host parents/families for 6 Dutch students who will be arriving at our school in April. These students travel here to improve their English skills and are supervised by their teachers from the Netherlands. They very much appreciate Canadian families opening their homes to their students for the 12 days or so that they are here.

## **Edu-Deo trip**

We want to remember Mr. Versteeg, his wife and the 13 senior students who hope to leave for a work trip to the Dominican Republic next Tuesday evening. We’re always thrilled that so many students sign up for an opportunity to live and work for a short time in a

completely different country and culture. Blessings on your work and interactions, team.

## **Screenagers**

Some of us here at Guido get a weekly email update from an organization call Screenagers. This organization focuses on ways to minimize the impact that screens of all sorts have on the minds and activities of both adults and teens. Especially on Tuesdays, they focus especially on something called Tech Tuesday, which is meant to educate about one element of screens. For example, last week, the title of their presentation was, “Teens Sexting: What are the Laws?”. Check it out and see if this helps in the shepherding of your youth through their use of screen time and techniques.

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.

## **Sports report**

We’re thankful once again for Elliot’s sports reporting of teams’ progress to date. I quote, “February was a very busy month in Guido sports. The girls volleyball and boys basketball seasons concluded with final regular season games. Unfortunately, no “final runs” were made into the playoffs. Good work everyone, and thanks for the great season! The hockey team continued its play this month as well. Tournaments took up some time and the “A” team is continuing with is regular season games.

Boys and girls soccer teams, senior, junior and midget badminton teams, and indoor track and field participants are all beginning tryouts and practices, hoping for a fun and challenging season.”

## **For Your Calendar**

Fri. Mar. 1	SLT Assembly.....9:00 – 9:45
Monday, Mar. 4- Thurs. Mar. 7	Grad photos begin (check online booking)
Friday, Mar. 8	Spring Break begins
Sunday, Mar. 10	Guido Gazette
Monday, Mar. 11	School review surveys close
Monday, Mar. 18	Classes Resume
Wednesday, Mar. 27	Gr. 10 Literacy Test (a. m.)
Friday, Mar. 29	Gr. 10 Career Day