



THE GUIDO GAB

The approach of a new month means some new weather patterns and we're thankful for that. Some milder days are signalling spring thoughts and walks and we love to see students and teachers get out a bit more. Welcome to another quick peek into our life here at Guido.

Trips

All is ready for a few big trips and extra-curricular events in which our students will be involved the next few weeks. 12 students are heading to the EduDeo-organized Dominican trip where they will be involved in building a school. We've been working closely with this organization in the last years, and while the contacts are generally out of school hours, nevertheless, we want to wish our 12 students safe travels and wonderful "mission-minded" opportunities to serve in this country.

A day later, 12 students leave for a three-week exchange in the Netherlands. This follows the earlier visit last fall of several Dutch students. Our students will be leaving for Greijdenus school in Zwolle, the Netherlands and hope to immerse themselves in the Dutch life and culture for three weeks. Safe travels, students!

Later this month, 9 students from Gomarus school in Groningen, The Netherlands will come to visit us, staying with Guido families, and attending classes, immersion-style, for just over two weeks. This event, too, has a bit of history and tradition involved; lots of friendships have been made and we are able to assist several students in their learning of English.

Also, our Gr. 12 Art class will be heading off to their annual Art trip this month. This year they will be going to New York City to visit several art galleries there. It is a special trip in a few ways and possible because of the small number of students in the class this year.

In all these ways and travels, we appreciate the collegiality and opportunities for Christian students to enjoy each other's company and culture, and to engage with different individuals and families.

Literacy Test

The annual Gr. 10 literacy will be written this year on the very last day of March - the 31st. Some preparations for this are taking place in various Gr. 10 classes. Students are very aware that this test needs to be passed in order for a student to achieve a Gr. 12 diploma. On the other hand, we do assure students that this test measures only what they have been learning both in elementary and in high school. There are no surprises, and history has shown that typically our students have a very high pass rate.

If a failure happens, another opportunity to write this test will occur in Gr. 11.

Grad Photos

Our graduating students are in the process of getting their grad photos completed this week. We hope that all have signed up. This event reminds us that a semester is zooming along, as we begin to anticipate May and June activities. Is your Gr. 12 student signed up for his photo?

SLT Assembly

Our SLT once again hosted a beautiful assembly of student led speaking, singing and acting as together we considered the words of Romans 12. This chapter teaches how we ought not to conform to the patterns of this world, but instead, be transformed in the likeness of Jesus. Pastor Ian Wildeboer got us to think how the life of Jesus gave us an example to live and pray and work, not just on Sunday, but on Monday and on Tuesday and on..... Thank you SLT and Pastor Ian Wildeboer. Parents, please ask your student about this assembly!

Spring Break

This great break is almost here. We're looking towards a chance to rest, travel, sleep in, work and lots of other activities. Break begins Friday, March 13 and extends through March 20. You can imagine that there are a host of spring sports and activities after we get back on the 23rd.

Sports Report

Once again, we note Elliott's words:

"February at Guido saw quite a bit of action in the athletic department. It's the time of year when the sports teams really start picking up. The indoor Track and Field team has already begun to practice after school and is looking forward to a meet early next month. The Badminton teams have also held tryouts and practices are ongoing with a tournament next month as well. Soccer is generally one of Guido's most successful sports so we're excited that both the boys and girls soccer teams have begun sign ups and tryouts are already underway for the girls team. The Guido Hockey team has also been playing its weekly season games and has had reasonable success so far. They'll be having playoff games in March so stay tuned for that.

The junior girls volleyball season has also come to an end this month but the seniors aren't done quite yet. They will be playing games at SOSSA for a chance to qualify for OFSAA. Basketball season is also finishing at this time of the year. The senior Boys team were able to finish off their season on a high note with two wins in the city league and a chance for SOSSA qualification.

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Unfortunately, they were unable to defeat their opponents and their season has ended. The Juniors, on the other hand, have had great success and have even made Guido Basketball history, winning the first ever Division Two Championship! Awesome work guys, we can't wait to see you play at SOSSA. Other than that, the soccer intramurals wrapped up this month and were greatly enjoyed by all who participated."

Final Words

Thank you once again for your support of the school. Wishing you the Lord's blessing in the month ahead.

Mr. R. VanAndel

For Your Calendar

Mar. 2 - Mar. 5	Gr. 12 Grad Photos (at school)
Sat. Mar. 7	Strategic Planning Session
Wed. Mar. 11	Edu-Deo trip leaves for the DR
Thurs. Mar. 12	OMF trip leaves for Holland
Fri. Mar. 13	First day of Spring break
Mon. Mar. 23	School Resumes
Wed. Mar. 25	Senior Art class trip to NYC
Thurs. Mar. 26	Gomarus students arrive
Tues. Mar. 31	Gr. 10 Literacy Test