

Greetings to all of you! The weeks are flying by as we transition to this final month of 2018. Please remember to keep us all in your prayers – that we might honour our Lord in everything we say and do here at Guido.

“Minding Our Souls” Recap

Once again, we were amazed at the tremendous response from both parents and students to the invitation to attend this “student conference”. We recognize that a student conference is not always a well-understood idea and so we’re never sure how it’s going to be received, but most responses indicated a real appreciation for the information given. Together, as community, staff and students, we attempted to be more mindful of how to “experience wellness in a broken world”. The staff and parent committee that put the conference on are to be commended for the work they did – there was a lot of organization needed to make both evening and day events a success! We all recognize that mental health needs to stay on our radar.

Blood Donor Clinic

Our senior students will once again donate blood. Next week, on Dec. 6, The Canadian Blood Services comes to our school to drive about 25 of our Gr. 12 students to the west mountain main clinic. We’re thrilled that such a large group can show that they want to play a role in providing “life” for their neighbour.

University and College Applications

There are some important deadlines coming up for our senior students. Jan 17 sees university applications due (www.ouac.on.ca); it costs \$150 for 3 choices. Feb. 1 is the final date for college applications (www.ontariocolleges.ca) with a cost of \$95 for up to 5 choices. The deadline for Redeemer University (with no cost!!) is January 31. If a student completes his/her application by Dec. 15th (including transcript), they are also eligible for the \$250 textbook credit provided they attend in the fall. It’s also good to know that Mrs. VanVelzen is always available by email or through a career guidance meeting. Just email at rvanvelzen@guidodebres.com. And don’t forget that all full-time college and university students are able to apply for OSAP in the spring, once they have accepted a college or university offer.

Yearbook Club

An important part of our school community is the yearbook club. This hard-working group (they meet weekly during the school year)

produce that beautiful book for your students’ and families’ benefit every year. Comprising at least 120 pages, it sees the production of hundreds of photographs, stories, memories – all meticulously laid out and proofread. 5 teachers and 10-12 students spend many hours putting together a fantastic package every year. We’re thankful for their devotion.

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Our student leadership team continues to lead by example. They organized a Fallfest week and work to encourage student participation and student mentorship. 5 teachers also lead this group of 22 active senior students.

Sports Report

Our loyal sports reporter Elliott provides the following to wrap up this November GAB. “In November, the girls’ basketball season finished, while the junior girls moved all the way to SOSSA. A great season ended with a close final game. Both boys’ volleyball teams narrowly missed qualifying for SOSSA.

Boys basketball is underway for both juniors and seniors while girls are playing volleyball. So, it’s a busy sport season again. And, lunchtime intramurals are continuing with girls volleyball and boys basketball. Finally, don’t miss the Hometown Showdown against HDCH this coming Friday at HDCH”.

You’re all invited to watch these two fine schools engage in their fun sports rivalry. Athletes: stay healthy! We appreciate how you represent us so well in your travels and tournaments throughout the city and province.

And a few small notes to remember: Don’t forget to pick up your son/daughter if he or she is participating in this evening’s School Siege (all proceeds to Word and Deed ministries), and be sure to put our annual Christmas Assembly on your calendar!

Dates to Remember

Thurs. Dec. 6	Blood Donor Clinic	9:30 – 12:30
Fri. Dec. 21	Christmas Assembly	9:00 – 10:00
Mon. Dec. 24 –		
Fri. Jan. 4	Christmas Break	