

Welcome to another installment of the monthly GAB. For those still new to the school (and to this communication vehicle), we'll try to give to all parents a sketch of some of the activities which make up our days and weeks here at Guido. So, enjoy the read and hoping this also inspires good dinnertime conversation.

## **Arrival of Dutch Students**

We have been enjoying the company of 12 students from the Greijdanus school in the Netherlands. Each is being housed and cared for by a Canadian host family (and Guido student), with the chief purpose to learn the language better and to experience a different culture and way of life. Since it is an exchange program, 12 of our students will make their way to the Netherlands next spring. Applications for this will open shortly after these students return in November. They spent a few days touring parts of Northern Ontario last week and are also going to be involved in visits to the Gleaners Niagara, the CN tower, and Niagara Falls, as well as participating in "Canada Classes" hosted by some of our teachers. So, they'll be experiencing a bit of Canadian Geography, Music, History, Cuisine, Civics/Politics, French culture, Literature and even lacrosse instruction. Several our teachers, parents and students work hard to ensure that their stay is both memorable and educational. All-in-all, a great experience!

## **Guido Community Action Team (GCAT)**

This month, we've chosen to highlight the work of the Community Action Team. Several teachers and a number of students work hard to inspire the student body to consider their role as Christian Canadians. So, let me quote from a brief report prepared by one of the teachers: "The GCAT has started a new season. At the beginning of the year, all students were invited to our introductory meeting in which we explained our purpose, began brainstorming for the year, and established an executive team. We have about 13 students who are actively engaged so far. Our first event was a flag display on October 10th, where we set up 5,000 pink flags in T. B. McQueston park (near the school!), to represent the 50,000 female abortions that are carried out every year in Canada. This year, we

represented only the lost girls in order to bring awareness to sex-selective abortions and to observe the International Day of the Girl. Twenty-five students were involved in the setup and take down of the flags, and more importantly, in engaging our community in such an important and timely activity. We look forward to more events in the near future."

## **Student Leadership Team (SLT)**

One of our senior students reports that, "So far the school year has been going really smoothly. Fall Fest was a huge success with lots of participation from students in things like pumpkin carving, a pie baking contest, and RAD in PLAID day. The first Peer Mentorship session focused on SLT leaders and their mentor group getting to know each other. This involved some ice-breaker games and an introduction to the topic we will be covering throughout the year.

In the upcoming weeks, SLT members will be busy planning for Promote Your Neighbour week, using the theme 'Build One Another Up'. We're hoping with this theme to encourage students in building each other up and promoting a positive atmosphere throughout the school."

## **EduDeo (Hands) Dominican Trip**

13 senior students (gr. 11 and 12) have been chosen to participate in EduDeo's Hands Trip next March. They are currently working on fund-raising plans with Mr. Huizinga of EduDeo and their two chaperones. So, if you hear or read of an initiative to support these young people, please consider a donation to assist them in this important work.

## **Sports at Guido**

Elliott H. once again reports: "This month in Guido sports, the cross-country team has had several successful meets and the boys' team even captured first place at the Christian meet in October. Many of the runners made it to SOSSA and some of the athletes finished only a few places short of advancing even further. Great season everyone!! The girls' basketball teams continued their regular season games and participated in a few tournaments. Playoff games will begin in November.



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The boys' volleyball teams have also been progressing through their seasons and have won several games against tough opponents. Both senior and junior teams have enjoyed a competitive season and look forward to playoffs next week.

We also had a chance to participate in an exciting "Hometown Showdown" against HDCH at the beginning of this month – it was great to see so many supporters from our community.

We'd love to see you at future Guido sporting events.

That brings us to the end of the Gab for this month. Wishing you the Lord's blessing in the weeks ahead.

Ronn VanAndel

## November's Calendar

Thurs. Nov 7	7-8	Coop Information Evening
	8-10	Guido Membership Meeting
Mon. Nov11	9-10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Fri. Nov15		Mid-Semester Reports go home
Fri. Nov22		High School Conference: Students home