

A warm greeting to all from the staff and students at Guido Christian High! For those who are new to the GAB, it comes into your home once a month during the school year to give parents some info about the fine things happening at your school. When your child was at elementary school, you probably received a weekly newsletter giving you a heads up about news and future events. We'll try, in a fairly informal manner, to both entertain and inform you about happenings at your high school.

The School Welcomes

We want to extend some welcomes to new staff members. Mr. Jason Heemskerk is settling really well into his new role as principal. It's been a good start and we're thrilled to have him at the helm. Our newest full-time staff member is Mr. Daron Ruggi (English and History), and part-timers are Mr. Anson Sikkema (Shop) and Mrs. Annette Smid (Math). We also have two new Educational Assistants (EA) – Ms. Lindsey Vandervelde and Ms. Erin Brasz. They are working hard on the frontlines, helping those students who require extra assistance.

We also welcome all our Gr. 9 students and some new families. So, a warm welcome to Ryan Vaisanen (12), Mikaela (12) and Calvin (10) Meerveld, and Caleb (10) Mya and Kendra (9) Sieders. We're hoping you've found a good place amongst our staff and students.

Student Leadership Team

Under the leadership of four teachers, our 22-person strong leadership team has not only looked after several school events, attended a two day retreat and planned a mentorship program involving the Gr. 9 students. The SLT leaders also keep a full-time program of studies going because a number of them plan to head off to college or university next year. So it's a busy time for them, and we want to uphold them in our prayers this year. Their ambition and hard work speak volumes about why we so appreciate this SLT.

Gr. 12 Career Planning

Mrs. Vanvelzen has shared how exciting it is to see Gr. 12 students picking up their Scholarship Report newsletter so that they can begin their research and preparation to access funds to help them pay for their postsecondary goals. Many students have funds saved through RESPs, or through their part-time jobs, and most can look forward to government grants through their OSAP application in the new year; however, there is always the excitement of searching for a scholarship that matches their skills and past community involvement. The next few months will be a time to research all post-secondary considerations, whether through attending on or off site events, as our students consider and pray about God's direction

in their lives. Mrs. VanVelzen shared how thankful she is for the teachers, parents, grandparents and other mentors who are sharing their stories with our students about how God has called and walked with them, through their lives.

Sports Report

Believe it or not we still have a "Holtvluwer Report"! Noah, our former reporter has moved on, but his younger brother, Elliott, hopes to equal or better Noah's style. He will grace our monthly page with his sports thoughts and words. I quote, "Guido sports is back in full swing. Both the girls' basketball and boys' volleyball seasons are underway. Both senior and junior boys' volleyball teams have participated in a small tournament, with the senior boys winning all games. Well done! Junior girls' basketball will play on Wednesday after school, while senior girls will play on Mondays. We'd love to see you support our teams.

The Cross-country team had its first meet the past Monday. Though a humid day, our athletes ran hard and all had a great day. September and October all allows Gr. 9 girls and boys to show their talent during October soccer tournaments. Love to see you at some of these games.

And finally, intramurals have started up at Guido again. We'll have volleyball intramurals for the boys and basketball intramurals for the girls. Sports is back at school!"

Thanks for your report, Elliott!

Clubs to Encourage

Did you know that we have a number of clubs that all students are welcome to join? These include Rise Up!, a Robotics Club, and an Outdoors Club. Ask your children about any of these, and whether or not they've thought to be a part of something. We'll try to talk about some of the other extra-curricular opportunities in a future GAB.

Dates to Remember

Fri. Oct. 5	Thanksgiving Assembly - 9:00 am, gym Guido hosts Gr. 7/8 Cross Country meet
Mon. Oct. 8	Thanksgiving - No school
Fri. Oct. 19	Early Progress Reports (Gr. 9)
Mon. Oct. 22	Municipal Elections (in our gym)
Wed. Oct. 24	Parent-Teacher Conferences (7:00-9:30)
Thurs. Oct. 25	Parent-Teacher Conferences (7:00-9:30)
Fri. Oct. 26	CRTA Conference - no school for students