

Welcome to another issue of the GAB - our more informal contact with parents of the Guido community. We try to keep you informed of some of the monthly happenings at school, and hope that you feel just a bit more connected with our students, staff and the school in general. As you glance through this report, be amazed, as we all are, that the year has gone by so quickly, and so well. We praise God that He continued to lead us, month by month, through the ups and downs of a pandemic, and provided us with sufficient health and unity to carry on together. What a blessing to work under his guiding hand.

New location

Hot off the presses - we want to introduce our new location, which, Lord willing, will be reality in the fall of 2023. The board's purchase offer on an existing location on 350 Albright Rd. in East Hamilton was accepted and now we can plan to do whatever renovations are required to make this school an even better one for our rapidly growing population of high school students. God blessed our venture with an acceptance and is allowing us to be a presence in a new community. Stay tuned for further information from your school board on plans.

Library

Our librarian, Mrs. Jennifer Nobels, provided a few final comments on the use of our school library this year: *Life is changing in this digital age. Books are being pushed aside for a digital version, or for electronic media, and curriculum based books are passed over for the preference of digital databases and online research. What do we make of this? While some of these changes are helpful, and impossible to stop, we do well to remember that we are people of The Word. We need to read. First of all we need to read God's Word. We need to immerse ourselves in the Living Word of a Living God. And we need to analyze the world around us. Literature is an important avenue for learning about our world and the human condition. This requires exploring and studying this world through*

fiction and nonfiction alike. Reading sharpens our worldview, it improves our language skills, cultivates virtue and develops empathy. Reading helps us understand different cultures, helps us grow in our spiritual walk and helps us exercise our imaginations. And as Tim Challies said: "Books allow you to grow in your understanding of the challenges, the joys and the experiences of other people. This, in turn, allows you to grow in your compassion and in your ability to love". While our library is not large, it does have some resources that you cannot find anywhere else but on bookshelves. We have commentaries, reference books, and wonderful books by church leaders past and present. Books by John Calvin, C.S. Lewis, Clarence Stam and R.C. Sproul. Books by Kevin DeYoung, Peter Holtvlüwer, George VanPopta and C. VanDam, just to name a few. We have books on apologetics, biographies of those martyred for their faith, and historical fiction. We have good contemporary literature to appeal to young minds. We have the classics and dystopian novels, and a few French books as well. We have action and adventure, graphic novels, mystery and fantasy, and even a few Calvin and Hobbs! We are thankful for the avid readers in our Guido community. The library is used well and often! It's a place of study and socialization and even the occasional euchre game. Encourage your child to visit our library. The librarian, Jennifer Nobels will be happy to help! They may be surprised by what they find. And she loves to hear from the students! If you know of good books that need to be included in our collection please let her know. Happy reading!

Trips and Outings

A number of year end trips will have finished as you read these words. The Gr. 12 French trip travelled to Quebec, the senior Art class to Ottawa, and the Outdoors Club spent a few days swatting black flies and mosquitoes at Frontenac Provincial Park. Good reports were received by all - but for us - the exciting

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news was that we were just able to conduct these special outings once again in a more normal fashion. years. Stay tuned for more details in coming issues.

Athletics Council Report

Thanks to Jenna for another year of faithful and active participation, both on the council, but also in keeping us all informed of activities. Her report follows:

This month has been another productive month of sports and athletics! Congratulations to the track team members and all those moving on to OFFSA! Soccer intramurals have started and have finished, and congrats to the winning team for that as well. The boys soccer had a good season but unfortunately lost to HDCH but played a strong game. Girls' soccer had a very successful season finishing second! Congratulations girls! Baseball season has also started for the girls, and at the time of writing this, will have their tournament tomorrow. This team, too, is ready to go.

The Athletics council is also looking for a group of 6-10 gr 10-11 students for the coming year to join our team. If you think your son or daughter would make an asset to the council please encourage them to talk to Mr. Wildeboer or Mr. Versteeg.

Finishing out the year, Athletics Council is also looking to squeeze in a few more fun events for all students to participate in. We have been working hard to make the most out of this year.

So, lots going on and even more to look forward to! Wishing you all the Lord's blessing as we enter the summer months.

R. VanAndel

June at a Glance

Thurs. Jun 2 Elections Ontario uses our gym for voting (all day)
Wed. Jun 8 Co-op Display in our gym (Co-op students during lunch

Thurs. Jun 9 Athletic Awards Ceremony (lunch, back patio)
Tues. June 14 Year End Assembly
Thurs. Jun16 Last Day of School
Fri. Jun17 Gr. 12 breakfast (served by staff) and Gr. 12 Wonderland trip.
June 20 – 24 Exams
Tues. Jun 28 Commencement – Redeemer University 7:00 pm