

Once again, we come to you with a fine selection of school tidbits that we hope to share with you. As we enter this final month of school, it's clear that the action has revved up, and that lots of activities have taken place in this month. June is, typically, a quieter month as both staff and students prepare for those final exams. Enjoy these reflections.

Grandparents Day - May 11

This special spring event has come and gone, and we have several personal reflections left from those who served "on the front lines".

Grandparents Day 2023 and the kitchen perspective. Wow - we served 90 litres of soup and 42 dozen buns and lots of baked yummys. This seemed to satisfy the many grandparents with a little bit of leftovers for the hard working volunteers that came in to stir, butter and scoop.

Special thanks to the Food and Nutrition Class for baking us some special white cake to go with our ice cream and berries. And also a big thanks to the SLT team who teamed up and got the job done of slicing, buttering and loading up all those buns. It was a great day for the kitchen staff and about 220 grandparents. Another helper wrote:

The gym was full of nearly 250 Guido supporters who love the covenant children who study there. A festive atmosphere of anticipation was felt as we think about Grandparents Day 2024 in our new building, DV! Many said they are thankful for all the years we have received in this facility.

Art Trip to Ottawa

Enjoy the following brief account of the senior Art class trip, remembered by Bethany Smid:

The Grade 12 Art Trip was on May 17-19. We arrived in Ottawa on the evening of the 17th and enjoyed settling into our rooms at Carleton University, exploring the city a bit, and playing some games. The 18th was spent exploring the National Gallery of Canada. The morning was mostly freetime to explore the gallery on our own, with a lunch break at the Byward Market. In the afternoon, we had a guided tour on symbolism in art. On the tour, we saw all kinds of artwork, from classic portraiture to contemporary sculpture. After that, we had a sketching session. The rest

of the day was spent looking around the gallery and the surrounding city. Overall, we had a wonderful time as an art class getting to see the creative gifts that God has given us over the centuries.

French Trip 2023

May third, the grade twelve French class began a trip which we consider la plus cool! Our temporary home became the Auberge internationale de Québec. We enjoyed tours of Québec, the Morrin Cultural centre (a previous jail, college and current library), La Citadelle (a military fort) and Le Monastere des Augustines. We visited Pasteur Barnard at École L'Eau-Vive, St. Anne's Basilica, and Montmorency Falls. Saturday morning we were loaded in the van, carrying memories home with us. Thanks to all who bought our pizzas, to Mme. Douma and to our chaperones Mr. and Mrs. VanAndel, we had the opportunity to dip our toes into French speaking, cuisine and culture!

Sports Report

Caleb provides another comprehensive sports report. Enjoy his special style of journalism:

The month of May was the last full month of Guido Athletics for the 2022-23 school year, but the spring season was in full swing!

Our boys' soccer team has continued to pull in results. The boys secured second place in their conference in league play after some convincing wins over the Orchard Park Patriots and the Dundas Valley Gryphons. Unfortunately, the boys fell in the first round of the playoffs to the 3-seed Sherwood Saints by a slim margin of 2-1. The boys' season is not over, however, and they have a chance to qualify for OFSAA when they compete in SOSSA on June 1st, at Guido's home turf!

The girls' soccer team has also had a string of successes recently. The team was able to defeat the top seed in the league, the Ancaster Royals, in league play! They also defeated the Sherwood Saints by a comfortable margin. Unfortunately, the girls fell to the Ancaster Royals in the first round of the playoffs - a game that proved to be a revenge match for the Royals. The girls' season is still

underway, however, as they also compete in SOSSA on June 1st, at HDCH.

Spring season is track season! We have had a string of recent successes from the track team both at OCSSAA and HWDSB City Championships. Here is a quick report from Mr. van Popta!

On May 8, the track and field team participated in the Christian High School meet and Guido captured the large school trophy again! Something we've done every year since the current grade 9 class was 2 years old! :) There were many many individual highlights—here are just a few: Special congrats to Brenan McNeil who finished 2nd in javelin and broke the Guido novice girls javelin record; Morgan DeKlerk who came in first in the 1500 and the 3000; Hannah Lanting who finished 1st in the 400 and 800; Sophia VanRaalte who finished second in HJ and TJ and smashed both those Guido records in the process; Ava Scholtens who finished 3rd in the 200 and 1st in the 100 (breaking her own record again); Shane DeJager for winning HJ and the 1500; and Albert Lanting for finishing 1st in the 1500 and 3000 and 2nd in the 800.

On Wednesday, May 17, the track and field team competed at the City Championship at Mohawk Sports Complex. The team had a fantastic day coming in second overall. 47 of our athletes finished fourth or higher and qualified for SOSSA (held on May 24 and 25 in Welland). Again, there were many individual standout performances: Brenan McNeil finished first in NGs SP, Discus, and Javelin; Hannah Lanting qualified for all three of her events and broke the Guido 400m and 300m hurdles record; the JGs 4x100 relay team finished first, edging out rivals Dundas Valley; Maria Smid finished 1st in JGs Discus, SP, and 2nd in Javelin; Sophia VanRaalte finished 1st in TJ and HJ; Silas Schutten finished 1st in discus and 2nd in javelin; Zach Ludwig finished 1st in HJ and TJ; Josh VanDam finished 2nd in the JB's 3000 and broke the Guido record; Albert Lanting finished 1st in Steeple Chase and 4th in the 3000m and broke the Guido record; Joel Leistra broke the SB 100m record with a time of 11.69. Onward to SOSSA!

The girls' slo-pitch team went undefeated on May 23, beating the Churchill Bulldogs, HDCH Knights, and Ancaster Royals - coming out with a ratio of two runs scored for every one run allowed! The girls head into the playoffs as the # 1 seed in their division.

As we head into the final month of Guido Athletics, we reflect on the tremendous year it has been. Our teams make one more final run, trying to hang an OFSAA banner on the wall alongside our senior boys' basketball team. Go Gryphs!

Guido Library and Book Club

Our librarian, Jennifer Nobels, gives us the following information:

The Guido library continues to thrive and is an active place for study, socialization and reading. Many new titles have been added to our collection of both fiction and non-fiction. In anticipation of the big move, cleaning up of the shelves has begun. This includes replacing spine labels, replacing old books with new ones and discarding books that are not being used.

Book club started with 15 members and we have read and discussed four books this school year: Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom, Same Kind of Different as Me by Ron Hall and Denver Moore, Divergent by Veronica Roth and The Help by Kathryn Stockett. Our book discussions are lively and interesting, and include some delicious snacks brought in by the librarian.

We are always looking for suggestions for good fiction and book club books!

If you have an idea, please get in touch with our librarian jennifernobels@gmail.com.

SLT

Once again, thanks to Juliana and Zoe for their informative report:

Hello from the SLT! We are busy with many special events here at Guido, as we approach the end of the school year.

To kick off the month of May we hosted the final Peer Mentorship event in the back field. Grade nine students enjoyed some time outside competing in games with their peer mentorship teams. Spaghetti and marshmallow towers were made, balloon races were run, and at the end of the

day one group came out victorious. Congratulations to the winning group: group nine! They received a pizza lunch later that week, and everyone else had a freezie after the event.

Springfest was a success! The BBQ day committee sold burgers on the back patio, there were lawn games set up, and several competitive matches of Spikeball ensued. The ice cream truck was enjoyed by students and staff, and everyone watched and laughed as people were soaked in the dunk tank. There were a variety of adorable animals to hold and pet, including goats, kittens, and ponies. The tuck shop was moved outside, and Mr. Bartels' Green Issues class brought their ducks and chicks out for everyone to see. The theme days committee hosted Tropical Day to coincide with Springfest, and it was fun to see everyone's Hawaiian shirts, leis, and bright outfits. Overall, the event was well enjoyed by students and staff alike!

The SLT wishes the Lord's blessing on the Guido community as the school year comes to a close.

Soccer Hall of Fame Induction Banquet

Did you hear about the big banquet at which our school was honoured? Let one of our coaches tell what took place:

On Friday, May 12th Tim Wildeboer and James Lof represented Guido at the 9th Annual Hamilton Soccer Hall of Fame Induction Banquet, along with alumni players, supporting parents, and Art Witten who coached the girl's soccer team for many years. Initially, the players and coaches were welcomed into a VIP room where they could sign banners, take pictures, and meet with other award recipients. Tim and James took part in a live interview and were warmly welcomed and congratulated by the HSHOF Board. After that, the alumni players, coaches, and other inductees were ushered into the banquet hall of 500 guests to live bagpipes. The coaches, parents, players, and their wives could enjoy a delicious dinner and reminisce about the successes on and off the soccer field over the years. When the HSHOF officially presented the plaque to Guido, Tim thanked the HSHOF board members and acknowledged how God has blessed Guido through the soccer program over the years. There was a collective sense of gratitude amongst the thirty members from the Guido community

who attended the banquet that our small school could be honoured in this way, and it reinforced the appreciation for the memories and camaraderie that has been established through the soccer program over the years.

Final Remarks and Items to Remember

The June calendar (see below) gives some important dates to remember. All exams will be written in the morning during the five days of exams from June 19-23. Buses (except Timothy) will all be leaving shortly after - about 11:10. As is usually the case, Timothy parents are reminded that they will need to make alternate arrangements to get their Guido student home. We typically announce to all students that all school rules re dress code, off-property and phone use in class apply during these exams. It's worthwhile, especially for Gr. 9 students, to check that they are familiar with the procedures during this week. Also, please stress to students the importance of getting all textbooks and library books in during this week. Sometimes parents see books hanging around the house that their students don't see.

And a reminder of commencement on Tuesday June 27 at 7:00 pm at Redeemer University in Ancaster. We plan to celebrate with our latest graduands as they begin their new journey post high school. Many blessings on the class of 2023.

And finally, a special thanks to Caleb Bosveld, Juliana VanPopta and Zoe Smith who so faithfully kept the pages of the GAB filled with good information about students' activities. Wishing the three of you a blessing on your summer, and of course, your future studies. Maybe journalism?

That brings us to the end of this edition of The Guido Gab. As always, if you have any questions feel free to connect with us through the office.

Ronn Van Andel



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June at a Glance

Tues. Jun 13, 2023

Thurs. Jun 15

Fri. Jun 16

Mon. Jun 19 - Fri. Jun 23

Tues. Jun 27
(Redeemer)

Year End Assembly @9

Last Day of School

Breakfast with Gr. 12

Exam Days (check
schedule)

Commencement