

Welcome to another issue of the GAB. We continue to try to give you a taste of some of the events and news that occur daily and weekly here at Guido. Some of you may hear regularly from your son or daughter about the news of the day - others, not so much. So this allows all parents (homes) to know what's going on as we start winding down this winter season.

Robotics

Mr. Dykstra gave a brief report on the winter activities of the Robotics club. We're impressed! He writes:

The Guido robotics team has had a good season. Despite having only 1 experienced member, we reached team bests in driver control and automation scoring. We qualified for the playoffs in both tournaments we entered, making it all the way to the semifinals in one of them. We also teamed up to set the second highest total of 192 points in the whole tournament of 53 teams and 77 matches. The team has qualified for the provincial championships, and is ranked #26 in Ontario, but will not be able to attend due to it being on a Sunday. Matches can be viewed on the Guido facebook account. We look forward to having our own space in the new school as we prepare for our next season.

The robotics club has been making good progress as well, and 3 teams will be ready for an internal competition soon.

Belize and Edu-Deo

By the time you receive this GAB, our EduDeo team will be just a week and a bit away from their week-long trip to Belize. It's been a whirlwind of fundraising and promotion, and for the 13 students and Mr. Tomlin and his wife, a period of great anticipation. We wish the students and the Tomlins a safe trip, and a wonderful time of work and fellowship as they contribute their sweat and labour to the renovation of a Presbyterian Day school. Specifically, our Gr. 11 and 12 students are building additional classrooms so that the school can accommodate higher enrolment. Safe travels from all of us. We hope to have a great report next month.

SLT

Our appreciation to the two members of the SLT who keep us faithfully informed as to their doings. Here is Julianna's and Zoe's report:

Hello from the SLT!

Exams are done for semester one and a new semester has begun! Although we didn't have any big events or dress up days in January, the big focus was getting through exams and kicking off the new semester. But we are ready to go forward!

The SLT had a retreat on Friday the 17th to discuss plans for the upcoming semester. Some of the plans we've outlined are the Promote Your Neighbour Week, which is February 27 - March 3, and a final peer mentorship activity coming up soon.

Several events have happened this month. Grade 8 day happened on February 13th, where grade eight students in our feeder schools came to Guido to tour the current building and get some orientation from SLT members and teachers. For Valentine's Day, the theme days committee planned a pink and red dress up day. Participation was high and it was fun to see everyone celebrating their significant others and friends.

The Mindfulness committee is going to host Chapel very soon! It's scheduled for the 3rd of March during the first period so students can start their day by praising God. This is a great fellowship experience between students, as a speaker will be brought in to teach a brief devotional and a worship team will accompany the students in song. This was enjoyed by students and teachers alike last year, so we hope you greet it with just as much enthusiasm this time around!

Please look forward to all the activities we have planned in the new year!

Sports Report

Thanks also to Caleb for his faithful sports reporting. He gives the full scoop on all sports here:

As we near the end of the shortest month of the year, the winter sports season comes to a close for Guido Athletics.

Beginning with our Junior Girls' volleyball, we saw a very successful season. The girls fought hard in the quarterfinals defeating the MacNab Lions, in four sets. In the semifinals, the girls fell short at the hands of a strong Dundas Valley team but had put together a tremendous effort. It was a great season!

The Senior Girls' volleyball team also enjoyed their fair share of success. After qualifying for division one playoffs, they played the #1 seed Ancaster Royals and lost. The Royals went on to win the city championship. The girls then competed at SOSSA but were unable to beat the Saint Jean-de-Breuef Lynx. The girls showed great fight in all of these matchups.

The Junior Boys' basketball team enjoyed an awesome degree of success this year. The boys fought all season long, eventually fighting their way to the division two finals after a convincing win in the semifinals over ES George P. Vanier. The boys fought hard in the finals and came away with silver after falling short to the Westmount Wildcats. Great job bringing home a medal and qualifying for the city finals, boys!

The Senior Boys' basketball team's season was one for the record books. The boys started the season strong, jumping out to a 2-2 record and eventually qualifying for division one. Although they lost in the first round of the playoffs, they qualified for a challenge match against rival HDCH Knights - the winner qualifies for SOSSA, loser sees the end of their season. Despite the Gryphons losing their previous two matchups with this Knights squad, the Gryphs put together a phenomenal performance on HD's home court to end the Knights' season in a 74-68 victory. For just the 5th time in 20 years, the Gryphons had qualified for SOSSA. At SOSSA, the Gryphons lost their first-round matchup to the eventual champions Smithville Storm by a score of 54-50. However, this wasn't the end of the road for the boys as they now will compete in a challenge match against the Great Lakes Lakers. Just like the challenge match against the Knights, the boys will face yet another do-or-die match against the Lakers. The winner goes to OFSAA, loser goes home for good. The boys look to qualify for OFSAA for just the third time in Guido Basketball

history, and the first time in 20 years. This game will take place on February 28, at Smithville Christian High.

The Boys' Hockey team etched their name on a trophy this season, with the 'A' team taking home the HCHS tournament trophy after a 4-0 victory over the HDCH Knights. This came just one day after the hometown showdown, in which the 'A' team also defeated the Knights. The 'B' team came close to competing in the finals, losing in overtime to the Knights in the semifinals. Congratulations to both teams for making us proud and bringing home the trophy!

As we saw the winter season result in many victories and even the defeat of rivals, the spring season sees the start of many new sports teams! Track and field, boys and girls soccer, badminton, and slo-pitch are all on the horizon. The seasons are changing, but Guido Athletics will charge forward as always. Go Gryphs!

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

March at a Glance

Wed. Mar. 1	First R & D (teachers); Early Dismissal (Students)
Fri. Mar. 10-17	Spring Break
Mon. Mar. 20	First Day Back after Break