



THE GUIDO GAB

Good day. We've all come through some beautiful late fall days, and through some very drab and wet early winter days....as a typical November presents itself. We've even had two snow days already, which is not very "November-like". We're often surprised at what weather challenges we have as we come through this time of year. However, we are daily reminded that God is in control of all things - even "climate change", weekly weather patterns and large storms. And that is immensely reassuring for each one of us.

Welcome to another issue of the GAB. In these few paragraphs, we try to give you a snapshot of life here at Guido, recognizing that some of you as parents will hear regularly from your child, and some of you will not. Hopefully, this page can fill in a few gaps and aim for some better communication between home and school.

GISE (OMF) Information

Once again, Gr. 10-12 students are invited to participate in an exchange trip to the Netherlands next spring. You'll remember that we hosted 12 Dutch students from Greijdanus School in Zwolle last month, and now we get to be hosted in exchange. Application forms were made available to students yesterday and in the next two weeks, we'll receive these back from our students and then make the difficult decision to choose 12 students who will have the experience of a lifetime. Ask your children about the details if you're interested. (by the way, the new title GISE stands for *Greidanus International Student Exchange*, and is the acronym we'll be using in the future!)

Yearbook Club

As you'll remember, we're trying to introduce you to a new club or activity each issue and this year we say something about the oldest club in the school - the Yearbook Club. Each year, a faithful band of students and teachers prepare the lasting books that are likely in your home already from a previous year. To quote one of the members *"In words and pictures, yearbook club members have a unique opportunity to help fellow students preserve the moments, highlights, faces and experiences of their high school years. Club members*

design layouts, carefully selecting photos and composing text to these stories of school life. This club is a great way to demonstrate personal strengths like drive, attention to details, teamwork, time management and communication. As well, our yearbook offers the unique opportunity to create a lasting testimony to how God has led all the students during the school year".

I speak for all, I'm sure, as I thank those students and teachers who work so faithfully, year after year behind the scenes to create such a fine product. Well done!!

Our Library

We have a library! You knew that, of course - right? In an era of rapidly changing technology and less emphasis on written materials (when was the last time you went to your public library??), we have a library that attempts to meet the curriculum needs of both teachers and students. This room in the heart of the school is staffed by our wonderfully upbeat and accessible librarian Mrs. Jenn Nobels. She has, in the past 3.5 years, tried to make the library an accessible place that students can use both for research and to quietly socialize. She has bought many books that students are discovering and enjoying, and has even maintained a student book club that anywhere from 12-15 students enjoy each year. Currently, the book club is reading *Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry. Our library is a wonderful gathering place with not only up-to-date books and magazines, but some comfy furniture for both work and relaxation. Check it out next time you're around.

Sports Report

Our reporter Elliott has this to say this month:

"The month of November saw the close of the senior and junior boys volleyball teams. Both teams had good seasons with lots of close games and plenty of improvement but fell just short of qualifying for SOSSA. Thanks for a great season, guys!

The girls' basketball teams had awesome seasons, especially the senior team. In fact, this team qualified for both SOSSA and then OFSSA. At OFSSA, a great performance saw the girls win one of their three games, losing only to the tournament's



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ultimate two top teams. Great job, girls, and thanks for all your hard work.

Finally, the end of November marks the beginning of the girls' volleyball season and the boys basketball season. Students have been attending tryouts in the past few days and practises are also taking place. Volleyball intramurals run at lunchtime and will be wrapping up next month."

Thanks, Elliott, and from all of us, a special thanks to the coaches and managers for their time and dedication to making sports an important part in the lives of so many of our students. Ask your student about his/her intramural participation. And if you get a chance to come to school to watch a student game, we'd love to see you here. Students also appreciate a good fan base.

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

Ronn VanAndel

By the way, did you already purchase your ticket for this Saturday (the 30th). A whole host of enthusiastic students have been working on presenting several short plays for your entertainment. There's a matinee tomorrow at 1:00 and a second performance at 7:00. \$5.00 a ticket and they are still available at the door. See you there!

Dates to Remember

Nov 30	Drama Club Production 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm
Dec 19	Christmas Assembly 9:00 am
Dec 23	First day of Christmas break