

Good day to all readers - parents and students at Guido! We are heading into the last four weeks of 2022 and thankful that every week we've received this year has been a blessing to teachers, students and support staff here at Guido. While we never know what precisely the future will hold, we do live each day assured that we are in God's hands, safe and secure. It is that certainty that allows us to go on in confidence each day and week, and that same certainty will take us through these busy weeks as we cruise into December. This month's issue is a bit shorter than others in the past. Enjoy the news we have to share with you.

## **SLT Report**

You can imagine that our Student Leadership Team (SLT) composed of 22 hard-working senior students, is always busy with or thinking about activities to keep students engaged, and life a little more interesting. Here is the latest report from Zoe and Juliana:

*Hello all students and parents! As we gear up for the holidays, many exciting things are happening with the SLT. But first, a quick recap of November.*

*The Roaring Twenties Banquet held in the Guido gym was a massive success! Everyone enjoyed the food, great performances, and photo ops. The banquet committee worked hard to plan and decorate, and everyone who attended had a fun time with friends and classmates. It was amazing to see how all the students and teachers dressed to the theme!*

*Sweatpants Day has come and gone—a day where students are **allowed** to wear cozy clothes to school. This is a popular and well-loved theme day!*

*The peer mentorship program for the grade nine students is well underway and has been beneficial in helping our youngest students adjust to high school.*

*December is almost here which means the holidays are coming! We're excited to announce Winterfest, a winter-themed week that takes place the week before Christmas holidays! Throughout the week there will be activities such as door-decorating, candy cane grams, a movie, and a wonderful wintry cafe in the gym. Rewards will be given to the best-decorated door and mini Christmas tree—more on that to come! We can't wait to see you there!*

*The SLT is looking forward to seeing what God does here at Guido as 2022 comes to a close!*

## **Screenagers**

This space has previously informed parents about an online organization called Screenagers. This site focuses on practical ways to minimize the impact screens, of all sorts, can have on younger and older brains. Every Tuesday, a special focus - called Tech Tuesday - educates readers on the dangers of and impact of screens. The title is from a weekly newsletter from filmmaker and physician Dr. Delaney Ruston. As an example of what is presented, the last four weeks have focused on:

- a) Three Steps to Nurturing Mentally Stronger Kids,
- b) Fostering Thanks this Week,
- c) Inappropriate Things Kids do in Secret Online, and
- d) When a School Reversed in Cell Phone Policy.

So check it out....you can find it on

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl&x=q00i127cw8br#search/screenagers/FMfcgzGrbHxvQPRsQpxBCKtRSPCPmxB> or simply google

"Screenagers".

## **Sport Report**

Once again, our faithful sports reporter Caleb gives us good insight into the many sports happenings around our school. He notes:

*This last month was an end as well as a new beginning for Guido athletics. The fall season came to a close, but the winter season has just begun!*

*Our boys' volleyball teams both ended their season in a similar way - falling narrowly in the quarterfinals. The seniors just fell short to the Ancaster Royals, and the juniors lost a five-set battle to Dundas Valley. The seniors still had a shot in SOSSA to qualify for OFSAA, but ultimately were defeated at the hands of a very strong Smithville team in five sets to end their season. Overall, the boys showed great improvement throughout the season!*

*Our girls' basketball seasons also both came to a close. The seniors came on top in a quarter-final clash with the Westmount Wildcats, but were unable to seal the deal in the semi-finals against a very strong MacNab team. Our juniors had a similar path, winning the quarter-finals over the Westdale Warriors before falling to Orchard Park in the semi-finals. The girls were very strong this season and stayed competitive with everyone they stepped on the court against!*

*Best of luck to all of our athletes who will be competing in the all-star games.*

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

## **December at a Glance**

Fri. Dec. 23, 9:00 am	Christmas Assembly
Mon. Dec.26- Fri. Jan. 6	Christmas Break