

Our school year is humming along. Schedules are well-known, sports and other events have moved into a new season, and we are thankful, as staff and students, for the opportunity to be educated for service in the kingdom. Most of us are remaining healthy which is surely a blessing. Let's share a bit of the happenings in the last weeks, and then look forward to a new month and season.

Dutch students are here

When you read this, our six Dutch students will still be here for a few days. They arrived mid-October, and have not only travelled a fair bit throughout our province, but have also worked hard at mastering the English language. Many of you know we do not have the easiest language to learn, and so easily take for granted our ability to communicate with most anyone we meet. Our six students - Rick, Timon, Mathilde, Marit, Marijn and Sietske - have adjusted well to the Canadian way of life and education. They have not only been following their six hosts - D.J., Kyle, Amy, Kathryn, Theo and Maddie - around to different classes, but have also lived with the six host families, and experienced home, school and church life here in Canada. Certainly a special opportunity to grow.

Belize and Edu-Deo

We have 13 eager Gr. 11 and 12 students who have begun the planning process for their mission trip to Belize next March. After we received a record number of applicants - over 50 - you can imagine it was a really tough job to whittle the list down to 13. We said a few times that if we could have sent three teams down south, we would be glad to do so. These students will travel with Mr. and Mrs. Rich and Jody Tomlin to assist in the building of a Christian school in Central America, and to explore the culture of this small country which borders on Mexico and Guatemala. We wish these students and their chaperones all the best as they begin their preparations, and we want to remind you that they will also be doing some fund-raising to support their trip and the Christian schools in this country, so please consider supporting these young people in their endeavours. Some of you remember Laurie Koning, who taught here at Guido for 10 years. She now works for Edu-Deo and is our contact with this fine organization, and we are appreciating her keen interest in prepping our team for next March.

Yearbook

Many of you have seen (have probably even collected) a number of Guido yearbooks over the years. But do you know the work that goes into each production. It's a large and year-long job which is performed faithfully by a small group of students and teachers. The Yearbook club meets from November to June - sometimes after school and sometimes at lunch. Students will work online with the Lifetouch Yearbook app to design pages to cover all the events of the year - from dress up days to school pictures to sports coverage and lots of other activities. We choose a theme verse to reflect on with the cover design and on the various pages.

So, using the photos from the photography club, students can design layouts, choose colours, add captions and help create the memories of our school year 2022/2023.

SLT

Zoe and Juliana, members of Guido's SLT, once again keep us informed of the SLT activities.

Hey everyone, it's the SLT again! Over the past month we've enjoyed a lot of special, fall themed activities. We held our annual Fall Fest two weeks ago, complete with a cozy fall cafe, whipped cream chaos, and pumpkin carving, as well as a 'Rad in Plaid' theme day. The day before students got to participate in another fall themed activity: the baking contest! Students competed for the best cake, ending in a very close match in which Danya Vandervelde came out on top! Congratulations Danya! And many thanks to the other students who participated in the contest; your cakes were also very delicious, as all the fall cafe customers can attest to.

Things are amping up as we head into the winter months and we've got a lot of exciting events planned. Banquet is coming up soon - on Nov. 25th - and the theme for this year is the Roaring Twenties. This event will be held in the Guido gym, and promises to be a fun night, with photo ops and a delicious dinner.

Peer mentorship has also started up recently. This is a program where the grade nine students get together in groups with SLT leaders, talk about issues that are important to them, and play games. We hope that this program is helpful to the grade nine students as they adjust to high school.

Thank you for the continued support and don't forget to look forward to all the events to come!

Guido 2.0

Lots of plans are going into our new building. You are reminded of an important membership meeting later this week as new plans are unveiled and ideas discussed, and fund-raising is revealed. Try to attend, if possible as your support is absolutely necessary for this huge initiative. Membership meeting takes place on Thursday evening, Nov. 3 at 8:00 pm in the Guido gym. See you there!

High School Sports

Our intrepid reporter Caleb once again provides us with the necessary details:

Guido Athletics has seen a largely successful fall season which is rapidly coming to a close. Our basketball and volleyball teams are circling in on playoffs, and our cross-country runners are preparing for SOSSA and OFSAA!

The senior boys' volleyball team ended their regular season with a convincing sweep at home over the Waterdown Warriors. They finished the season 4-4 and will have a tough first-round matchup against the Ancaster High Royals. Similarly, the junior boys' team finished up their season against the Waterdown Warriors with a win to cap off a 5-3 season. They will head into the playoffs as the #4 seed to take on the Dundas Valley Gryphons on our home court.

On the basketball side of things, the junior girls are plowing through the regular season with a 6-4 record, sitting second in the league at the time of this writing!

The senior girls have also been very competitive this year and are 6-3, also second place, with a few games remaining in the regular season.

Both teams will head into playoff contests in early November.

Since the last Guido Gab, the XC team has built on its stellar start to the season with some amazing results at our previous two meets, the Christian High School Meet and the Hamilton City Championship. All our athletes are continuing to train hard and perform well! Here are a few highlights: At the Christian Meet, Marieka Da Silva finished 4th in the NGs race, Clara Datema finished 5th in the SGs race, Shane DeJager finished 1st in the NBs race, Josh Van Dam finished 5th in the JBs race, and Albert Lanting finished 2nd in the SBs race.

At the City Championship, the following qualified for SOSSA: Marieka Da Silva, Morgan DeKlerk, Cara Vanderwal, Kaylin Sieders, Clara Datema, Shane DeJager, Theo Witten, Austin Alkema, Clark Vanlperen, Josh Van Dam, and Albert Lanting. Special shout out to the Novice Boys who medaled and placed second as a team!!

We are looking forward to SOSSA which will be held Thursday, October 27 at Firemen's Park in Niagara Falls. Look for the update next Guido Gab to see if anyone made it to the OFSAA championship!

Outside of our varsity sports, the whole student body stays involved in intramurals. The Athletics Council finished up Spikeball intramurals with great success! Congratulations to Caleb and Jude, the winners of the competitive division, and Ethan and Trevor, the winners of the recreational division. Volleyball intramurals are now in full swing, and we can't wait to see who comes out on top!

Things are only heating up for our fall sports as we head into playoffs, and in November, a whole new batch of sports teams will start up! 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.

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November at a Glance

Nov. 3	Co-op information evening, 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 3	General Membership Meeting 8:00 p.m.
Nov 9.	First day of term 2
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Nov. 15	Ministers Lucheon
Nov. 17	Mid-semester Reports
Nov. 18	*High School Teachers' Conference
Nov. 23	Last Research and Development Day
Nov. 25	Student Banquet
Nov. 25	Guido hosts Grade 7/8 volleyball