

A welcome once again to our monthly “keep-in-contact” magazine for parents. We remain so thankful for the opportunity to remain in school from week to week, and want to share some of the events and experiences which we were able to participate in during the past weeks. So without further ado, here’s a few memories of the past weeks, and some info about events to occur as we transition into the new month of December.

We’re going to start with a sports report this month. This comes from our faithful reporter Jenna Dekker who works on the Guido Athletics Council. She writes:

The athletics council has been hard at work creating fun events for the student body to enjoy. Last month we hosted a soup and chili day which was a success - in fact, we even sold out. We also have been coordinating some volleyball intramurals which is a fan favourite and was a great success. We look forward to doing some more fundraisers to raise money for some upcoming events and projects. We are super excited for the upcoming tournaments and intramurals, but for now that’s all we have for what’s new and happening.

SLT Report

Our active and busy SLT (Student Leadership Team) has had a busy month including a number of activities. But by far, their most ambitious project was organizing the Student Banquet. I include a report on how this went from Abigail VanVliet, a member of this year’s SLT:

After much planning, and then replanning, decorating, and practicing, the banquet night could go on! On November 19th, a little bit before six o’clock, people started to roll in. Almost immediately the picture-taking began! There were multiple photo ops: a balloon arch, two doors, and a white lattice with greenery, all to fit our secret garden theme. Then around seven, our MCs, Ava Van Popta and Djese Kasweka, started with devotions. Next came the food. It was fantastically supplied by Norker food truck. On

the menu was chicken, roast beef, roasted veggies, caesar salad, fries and buns, which was all delicious and enjoyed by everyone! Then the performance started. First was Brooke Vandervelde who played the guitar and sang. Next was Cameron Blokker singing and Arie DeVries accompanying her. Then there was a group that included Nyansha, Chloe, Hailey, Monique and Asher, who all sang while Chloe played the guitar. Between all of these incredible performances we heard many wonderful jokes from Djese, and some awards were also handed out. Then there was more time to take pictures, play big lawn games, socialize and check out the Java Bean coffee truck! Then there was dessert and more performances. After some technical issues were solved, Andrea Tel sang. And the last performers of the night were Hannah Homan and Ilse Ravensbergen playing piano and singing. As tradition we could not forget about the best dressed. Although everyone looked lovely, Niobe Sikkema and Isaac Helder were voted in. Then, to end the evening our marvelous MCs closed off with Bible reading and prayer. We are so thankful for everyone’s hard work put in to make this night possible and the performers who took the time to share their talents. We are also thankful to our heavenly Father who blessed us with such an amazing night, and that we were able to get together as a school community.

Physical Education Report

Thought it would be worthwhile to give your home a sense of some of the variety of activities found in senior P.E. classes. One of the teachers notes: *In our Physical Education classes, we have the opportunity to help students develop their physical literacy, which is essentially the confidence, competence and ability to be physically active in a variety of different settings. In our classes, we explore and develop this literacy within traditional sports settings but also include different environments beyond*

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the gym and the soccer field. This year, some of the classes have had a chance to learn how to golf and play on a 9-hole golf course. The students were taught all aspects of the game, everything from chipping to putting and driving. They were taught golfing etiquette and how the game is played. Other adventures included skating and shinny (on ice hockey with minimal equipment), Treetop Trekking which includes climbing rope courses high in the trees, and even some target practice while going paintballing. These opportunities and more have been an exciting addition to our courses and help us appreciate the beauty of God's creation and help to keep us moving to promote a healthy lifestyle.

College and University Applications

A note from Mrs. VanVelzen helps you to see that the Student Services office has been getting senior students prepared for next year. She writes:

Grade 12 students have been busy with their college and university applications. At this time they should have their applications ready for you to look over and to help them complete the final step of payment.

Deadline reminders:

For all universities: January 13th

FYI - for Redeemer, to get the textbook credit and free application, it is Dec. 15th

For College: Feb. 1st

Looking Ahead

Hard to believe, but we are in the final weeks of this school calendar year and beginning to think of exams in January.

That is all for now. Wishing you the Lord's blessing in the month ahead.

Mr. R. Van Andel

December Calendar

This is what the final weeks of December look like for us:

Fri. Dec. 17	Christmas Assembly
Mon. Dec. 20 - Fri. Dec. 31	Christmas Break
Mon. Jan 3	First school day of 2022