

Welcome once again to another issue of the GAB. For those who might have missed the first issue last month, this monthly communication tool for parents hopes to fill in those gaps of news and information that just doesn't always make it home. Here's hoping that this edition of the GAB will keep you up-to-date on the doings here.

Sound of Music

Mr. Tomlin and company are back in business, preparing for the big play that was to have been performed last spring. He notes in his latest Edsby note to students that:

We are going to get things going soon, but first I need to know if anyone who was supposed to be involved last year needs to back out this year. It is understandable if circumstances change and you are unable to be involved this year. PLEASE let me know ASAP if this is the case.

Secondly, since we lost a number of Grade 12 actors and production staff from last year we need to make some changes. What this means is that you may not have the same role as last year, however if you were in the cast year, you will be this year. So, for example, if you were one of the children in last year's cast you may be moved to one of the roles vacated by the grade 12s, but you will still be in the cast.

You will not need to audition again. We will have some auditions to replace any who have left since last year.

Questions? Just talk to me. (Mr. Tomlin)

So, there will definitely will be a role for new students who would like to be involved in this big production. Encourage your budding "actor" to listen to announcements for further information on auditions.

Remembrance Day Assembly

We'd like to invite you, virtually, to our upcoming Remembrance Day Assembly on Thursday, Nov. 11. This is a much-anticipated was assembly planned several years ago (first it was postponed due to a snow

storm, and then due to COVID restriction). The assembly features the recorded reminiscences of Mr. Jack Schutten, an original Guido board member and long-time Smithville and Hamilton (Cornerstone) church member, who spoke about World War 2 as he remembered events as a young man in the Netherlands. Shortly after the taping of this presentation, Mr. Schutten passed away - in his 95th year - and so the words he speaks on video are extra-special. He really represented a generation which has mostly passed on, and so his words and memories are special and won't be duplicated. Parents - you may tune into this presentation by going to the Guido web page, and then following the links.

Gr. 12 and College and University Plans

It is a busy time around the Student Services office. Mrs. VanVelzen has been busy organizing speakers from many of the post-secondary schools in Ontario, to motivate students to seriously consider their future, and to allow students to make good choices about the schools they would like to attend. We're hoping this helps students make such decisions.

Screenagers

Several years ago in the GAB, I introduced the readers to a helpful resource for parents dealing with the dominance of technology in the lives of our students. So once again, especially for the benefit of new readers/parents, let me mention the value of subscribing to the Screenagers site. This web page has a number of resources you may find helpful, and especially their Tuesday tech talk page helps parents to keep up with on-line resources.

Book Club/Library

The Guido Book Club has started up again, much to the excitement of the avid readers at Guido. This year the librarian, Jennifer Nobels, has welcomed 17 members! The goal is to read 4 books over the school year, with a discussion meeting taking place for each book(spruced

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up with some really great snacks!). This year the first book is called "The Book Thief", written by Markus Zusak. The library continues to add to its collection, with an emphasis in the last year on fiction. There are lots of new titles to choose from! We're thrilled that our library gets the kind of traffic and interest that it does.

SLT Report

Ellie Kampen is our SLT reporter and gives us this informative report:

October was filled with fun, and there is more to look forward to! We had a successful week of Fallfest fun, including rad in plaid and some outdoor activities. We had a fall café with pumpkin pie and coffee, and outside we had pumpkin carving, tug of war, and donut limbo. We also had a whip cream game, where people could "pie" their friends, which was a hit with all the students! The barbeque committee provided us with some burgers, which was an awesome bonus. It was a great couple of days, and we were happy to spend some time outside in God's amazing creation! Last year, the SLT had weekly challenges, but this year we moved to a bigger, bi-weekly morale booster. These will be fun events held every other week that are open to all students and are free of charge. The goal is to add a little extra spice to the week and raise the students' spirits. We had our first morale booster- a chess tournament! We had many participants, and they all showed off their amazing skills! We are looking forward to many more morale boosters, and hope they will continue to be a fun opportunity for the students! Banquet is coming soon! Due to certain circumstances, we will be holding Banquet at Guido this year. Obviously this is different than usual, but it is still going to be an amazing night! The theme was just revealed, and it is secret garden. Lord willing the night will be held mid-November, so Guido students, look out for ticket sales coming soon! The Banquet committee has

been working very hard to plan the night, so we applaud their effort to push through all the challenges that have been put in their path.

The mindfulness committee just re-opened the prayer room! Every other Thursday, students can come in and we will pray with them, and they can also submit prayer requests throughout the week. One of our school's goals for this year is to foster a culture of prayer, and the prayer room is a great part of that. The prayer room is a place for students to be open and honest about what is going on in their lives, and bring their worries before the Lord. We pray that the prayer room will become a useful and fruitful tool at Guido.

October was an exciting month for the SLT, and we hope that the coming ones will be too! We pray that the SLT will continue to be a positive presence at Guido, and promote a God-centered atmosphere in and outside of the classroom. There is so much more to come that we are looking forward to, and we hope you are too!

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

Mr. R. Van Andel

November Calendar

Here's looking ahead:

Thursday, Nov. 4	Coop Meeting - 7:00 pm
Thursday, Nov. 4	Membership Meeting - 8:00 pm
Thursday, Nov. 11	Remembrance Day Assembly - 9:00 am
Friday, Nov. 19	Mid-Semester Reports go home