

High School Promotions One Out of Four Failed

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Dear Sir:

Summarizing the promotion list of the Georgetown High School as printed in the Georgetown Herald and analyzing the obtained figures we come to the conclusion that one out of four students failed completely. In addition to this 12.5% of the students passed 16.7% higher grade conditionally and 6.1% failed one or two subjects, which must be repeated in a lower grade. This means that only 56% of the students passed to a higher grade with out any conditions or having to repeat one or two subjects.

These figures are based on a total number of 775 students (grade 13 not included). It is understood that there are 800 students. We estimated that 25 of these wrote grade 13 exams. These examination results are not yet published.

Assuming that the above figures are correct, I can only conclude that there is something wrong. The results are far below what we may expect. Our first reaction is to blame the High School Staff for this poor result. However this is very unfair. After giving it some more thought we must point our finger at the students and indirectly at the parents.

If the parents are not concerned about their child's education, why should the students be? If there is no discipline at home, how can we expect that the teachers are able to maintain the proper discipline in the school. As long as the student thinks that he has the right to spend the family allowance money in restaurants and on sex literature, as long as the girls dress like models, must have their "steady" and have to be popular, so long we can not expect to have the proper atmosphere for educating our teenagers so that they may develop into responsible citizens. The results of this we can observe on the shopping plaza and on the Main Street in Georgetown every night.

To the parents I would like to say that they have the responsibility to see that their child does not waste the tax money of other citizens. Do not try to blame the teachers. It is not in the teacher's interest that so many students fail. There are standards they have to meet. Without the help of the parents they have a near impossible task.

Note: The figures in the attached table are based on what I read in your paper. If for some reason these figures are incorrect, please supply us with the correct ones. I am interested and I know many more tax payers are.

Yours truly,
Jack Newwhof
25 McGillivray Cres.

GRADE	PASSED	CONDITIONAL	Must repeat one or two subjects in lower grade
DA	28		
DB	28	2	
DC	22	2	
DD	16	1	
DE	4		
DF	11		
DG	16	8	
DH	9	8	
Total	137	36	
GXA	22	1	
GXR	33	2	
GXC	28	3	
GXD	18	1	
Total	101	10	
C10A	18	4	
C10B	12	5	
C10C	13	3	
Total	43	12	
T10A	15	2	
T10B	10	6	
Total	25	8	
GXIA	19	3	
GXIB	19	3	
GXIC	11	8	
GXID	8	9	
Total	57	23	
T11A	7	5	
T11AB	9	6	
T11CD	5	2	
Total	21	13	
G12A	19		
G12B	7		
G12C	2		
G12A	18		
Total	46		
Total	430	102	48
%	56	12.9	6.1

FAILED: 25%
Number of students (grade 13 not included): 775 (estimated)

Attend Family Reunion In New York State

Miss Carol Howden recently invited Mrs. Ruth Brown, Jim and Jim to a family reunion of the Brown family at Schenectady, N.Y. last week end. This was the first reunion since 1946. Members attended from Groton, Connecticut; Rochester, N.Y.; Oceanside, California; Honolulu, Hawaii; Miami, Florida.

Miss Ruth Break, Ruth and Barbara, entertained 27 friends at a miscellaneous shower last Thursday night in honor of Miss Gwen Hulse, a bride to be. The room was decorated in pink and white streamers. Games and a variety of gifts were presented. The bride-to-be was assisted in opening her gifts by Barbara Break. Gwen expressed her thanks to all for the lovely gifts she received. Lunch was served by the hostess and her daughters and a social time enjoyed.

Mrs. and John Laurson spent a few days at the home of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Coulson of Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Break, Dina, Dianne and Clifford attended the christening of their grandson, Robert, William Break at St. Paul's United Church, Milton.

Mr. and Mrs. Vadenon, Mrs. and Mrs. T. Doncaster, Mrs. Garet Hamilton visited on Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nye at their summer cottage at Wasala Beach. After a picnic lunch at noon, the group enjoyed a game of cards and the afternoon was a trip to the beach. They will be home on the 14th.

Friends will be pleased to hear Raymond Platt was able to return home on Thursday from the Milton District Hospital after a stay of three weeks.

Dave Taylor had the unfortunate one on Friday night to lose his shoulder in a ball game while playing in a third base. He was taken to the Milton District Hospital for treatment.

William A. Vadenon, great grandson of Mrs. and Mrs. J. H. Shaw, who are celebrating their wedding day on Saturday, July 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred O'Hara of Woodville and Mrs. Gertrude Fleming of Milton visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Jack McGowan.

Get well wishes are extended to Peter Truesler, who had the misfortune to get off his shoulder running in a ball game.

John O'Rourke, 207 East Friday night, he plane from Milton Airport for Calgary on the same trip. He returned home on Friday.

It was a busy day for the boys of the Milton High School on Saturday, July 13.

Mrs. Joyce E. Fisher, accompanied by her nephew, Andy Fisher, visited a vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vane of Seven Hill, Cleveland, Ohio. While there, Andy attended the All Star game between the Montreal Canadiens and the National Hockey League. He also saw a game between the Cleveland Indians and the Yankees.

Robert W. Lee, James Deane, Mrs. H. H. and Danny Clarke are attending Hunter Glen camp at Bolton.

Football practice and practice games will be held at the week end at Hantsville, Ont.

Ray McDoyle, Charlie Hart, Fred King, Mrs. Ernest Boyd, and Fred Boyd, Kevin and Donnie Lee spent the week end at Wasala Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Break and family were invited to a "Stark show" at the Milton High School in the home of Mrs. Barbara Ehrlich of Milton in honor of Mrs. Harry Break. Mrs. Ehrlich gave a very interesting talk which Mrs. Break extended her sincere thanks to. Lunch was served and a social time enjoyed.

Reports of Mrs. Frank this year will be pleased to hear she was able to return home on Friday from the Milton District Hospital where she underwent a series of X-rays and

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