

GDHS open for students

Ohh nooo...! It's September already. Does it feel colder all of a sudden, or something? Why do I feel I should be getting up at 7 a.m. instead of noon? I'm really beginning to appreciate these last few days of being able to sleep in and go to bed late before the start of another school year. Is this the year I'll actually live up to my full academic potential instead of my normal "underachiever" self? That remains to be seen, though I do have good intentions.

Actually, this is sort of a bitter-sweet moment for me. Though it does mark the end of summer, and therefore, the end of my "freedom", this also means that by returning to school, hopefully, my column(s) will become easier to write with the abundance of student activity and anecdotes.

The school was open this past

week for student registration; students who registered this past week could purchase a yearbook for '88, purchase a mandatory student card, pick their locker location, and receive coupons good toward



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purchases made at certain Georgetown businesses. Also, the GDHS guidance counsellors were on hand to help students who had timetable problems.

Are you interested in drumming

for a professional high school rock group? Do your musical interests include such groups as Bon Jovi, Van Halen, Led Zeppelin, Ratt, etc...? If so, First Class wants you! The members of GDHS rock'n'roll sensation First Class are currently auditioning drummers to fill the void in their band. In case you have just returned from a Siberian exile and haven't heard much on First Class during your hiatus, this band is hot and is really going to go places once they have a drummer. For instance, early in 1987, they placed second at the Spanky's Battle of the Bands contest (losing to another Georgetown band, while yet another band from Georgetown came in a strong 3rd), and then they placed third at the Toronto Rocks/Pizza/Pizza Battle of the Bands, Heavy Metal Meltdown, as well as many other club and concert dates.

Talk to your child about safety

Motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death for school-age children. With schools due to open soon, now is the time to talk to your children about safe pedestrian and cycling habits, says the Ontario Safety League.

If your child is attending school for the first time, or if you have moved to a new area, it is a good idea to first find the quickest and safest route to the school. Then walk with your child over the route a few times before school begins, pointing out the various signs and signals. Remember, children tend to copy their parents' behaviour. If you jaywalk or cross on a red light, so will they.

Teach children to cross only at corners, and not to dash out between parked cars. They are safer if they cross at signalled crossings, or corners where a crossing guard is stationed.

Children are also generally safe if they walk to and from school in groups. Discourage your children from walking alone or taking short

cuts through strange neighborhoods.

If your children ride buses, teach them not to roughhouse while boarding or alighting. If possible, meet them at the bus stop and walk home with them.

Make sure that your children understand the rules of the road for bicycles. Check your child's cycling skills before letting him or her cycle to and from school.

Dress children in light or bright-coloured clothes on grey days. If they must be out after dark, look into purchasing reflective clothing or tape. In rural or poorly lit areas, supply each child with a flashlight.

Here are a few other tips for safety on the streets for children:

Children are adventurous. They will frequently devise their own "short-cuts" and travel patterns. Get to know your child's habits and friends better by asking them to take you around the neighborhood to the store, to school, to friends' houses, to the playground.

Emphasize that children should not talk to strangers on the street.

Make sure that they know to report to you any person who approaches them on the street.

Cute though they may be, clothes with the child's name on the outside are not a good idea. Too many children respond trustingly to adults who call them by name.

Make sure your children know their complete names, address, and phone number.

If your child carries his or her own house key, don't mark it with your name and address. If it is lost, the finder has all the information needed to enter your house at will.

19 teachers hired for north Halton schools

The Halton Board of Education approved the appointment of 13 elementary teachers and 6 secondary teachers to Halton Hills Thursday.

Ten elementary teachers and five secondary teachers were appointed to Milton schools.

Three teachers have been appointed to each of Centennial Middle, Robert Little, Mackenzie-Smith and George Kennedy schools. One teacher was also appointed to Harrison Public School.

Acton High School and Georgetown District High School each received three appointments.

Susan Blais, Margaret Davies and Sandra Kelly will teach at Centennial Middle School in September. Jodi Cooper, Margret Schubert and Beatrix Webb will go to Robert Little School. Margaret DeckNadine Mirkivich and Mary Robinson will teach at Mackenzie-Smith in Acton and Tammy Hunter, Marie-France Nantel and Marion Poulvin will teach at George Kennedy.

Valerie Baxter, Diane Ere and Eleanor Wallace will be at Acton High School. Janine Cusan, Lise Massie and Sherry Yanzi have been given teaching appointments at Georgetown District High School.

Susan Orchard, currently a staff member at Aldershot High School in Burlington, has been appointed Head of Physical Education at Georgetown District High School beginning this September.

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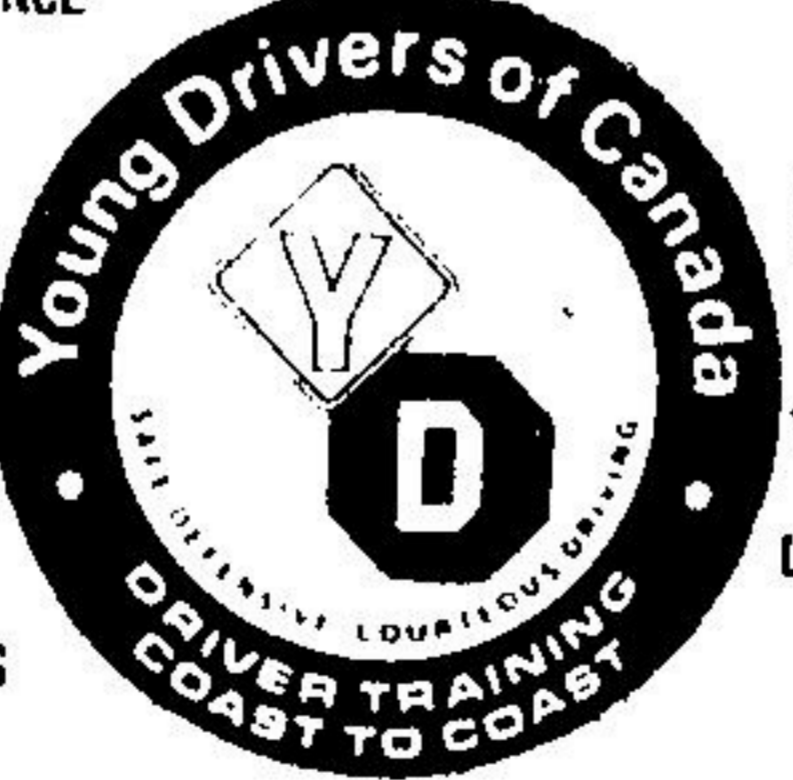
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