



A Fond Farewell

Former principal of Glen Williams Public School, Doug Magwood, experienced a mixture of emotions last week when teachers and students held an assembly to wish him well on his retirement. Mr. Magwood has been with the Halton Board of

Education for 31 years and principal of Glen Williams School for the last two. Pictured above, (from left to right) Jenny Dickinson, 6, Jill Pembleton, 6, Mr. Magwood, Michael Willis, 7, and Jennifer Wilde, 6. (Herald Photo)

Rebels return

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Herald Special

Welcome Back Rebels! Another exciting and eventful year has begun at Georgetown High, sports, clubs, dances and contests have already begun to involve all the students in extra curricular activities. We cannot forget that classes have also resumed. There are many great courses and they are all very challenging. This is going to be a wonderful year and there are a couple of things that should be brought to your attention.

Student activities have begun in full force and these are just some of the events that will be happening this year:

The Student Athletic Association (S.A.A.) is organizing many things this year. Intramural sports should be starting in a couple of weeks, students can sign up to play sports; the turkey shoot, 21, beach volleyball, badminton, floor hockey and more. These activities will be organized on lunch hours and will be scheduled throughout the school year.

In addition to these activities the S.A.A. will also be organizing Spirit Assemblies, where awards and special news about the school teams will be brought forth by students and it gives the student body a chance to get together and show their spirit!

The Year End Athletic Banquet is also organized by the S.A.A. and this is a semi-formal event where students are recognized for their athletic achievements throughout the school year.

Other sports news ... The Senior Girls Basketball team has also begun their season and they will be playing several tournaments, their first one will be against Bishop Redding this Saturday. Senior Boys' Volleyball has also begun.

Student Council is also keeping busy, and they need grade nine representatives to be elected. Grade nines are really getting a lot of special attention so they feel comfortable and welcomed at Georgetown High. There is a peer tutoring program where senior students help the juniors with any difficulties they may be having in their classes and a special orientation program has also been set up where seniors do special activities with grade nines to help them feel more comfortable in their new environment.

This year the Drama Club will also be focusing on grade nine and 10 students. They will be learning

how to work in groups, how to express oneself and basically to gain self-confidence.

The students will be learning basic dramatic skills like tableau mime and role playing. The club will also be having guest speakers and at the end of semester one they will be presenting a play to the rest of the school.

Who are the Socially Observant Students? Also known as the S.O.S. Club. If you are not aware of what is going on in the world and would like to know this is where you should be. This group of students talk about current issues going on all over the world. Their goal is to promote social and political awareness throughout the school and the community.

On the more natural and wild side of life The Outers Club is a club that anyone can be a part of. They go on canoe trips and biking trips. They go snowshoeing and even cross country skiing and most importantly they go camping in fall, in the spring and even on those cold winter days. You can explore the wild nature in Northern Ontario and have lots of fun.

For those who prefer to stay indoors, the Chess Club has a lot to offer. Learn to play or perfect your skills. Interscholar tournaments will be held along with national tournaments so if you enjoy a quiet game this is the club to join.

If you know a lot of trivial things join the School Reach Team. You get to meet people, talk to politicians, and even go on a trip to Washington D.C. All this for answering trivia questions!

Meet another bunch of crazy people. The Swim Team is looking for new members. If you want to have fun, stay fit, and act crazy this is the place to be!

On a more environmental note S.A.V.E. is an organization that talks about environmental issues. They have projects, aims and goals they wish to achieve. For example, did you know that 46 bags of garbage are produced daily in the school cafeteria?

That is a lot of garbage. Someone should do something about it. By joining this club you too can become more aware of our environment and even if you do not, participate in their cause and make the world a safer, healthier and cleaner place to be.

GDHS carrying on proud tradition

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In an effort to better inform our community, we have arranged with the Herald to write a weekly column in the Wednesday edition of the paper.

Hopefully this will be an opportunity for us to recognize the many good things that are happening at our school and to encourage your continued involvement and support.

We are off to a very busy start this year, with 1,375 students and 110 teaching, secretarial, custodial and support staff.

As the only high school in town, with a proud tradition of 104 years, we are keenly aware of our mandate to serve the young people of our community.

SCHOOL IS A COMPLEX COMMUNITY

In many respects, we are a community within a community. Our school is organized into 13 teaching departments, each with their own Department Head, teaching staff, curriculum, and budget. The Heads meet once a week to discuss and coordinate school-wide matters.

We believe that learning takes place both inside and outside the classroom. We offer over 200 courses from grades 9 to OAC at the general, advanced and in some cases, enriched levels of difficulty.

In the fall term, GDHS will be competing in cross country, football, and volleyball and girls' basketball and field hockey, involving over 150 students and 21 coaches. Last Friday, students had a chance to learn more about our very extensive co-curricular program through our Club and Team Day displays in the cafeteria during our three lunch periods.

SCHOOL DANCES

One of the valuable services our Student Council provides is the sponsoring of nine school dances during the year.

Students sell 500 numbered tickets per dance. Guests from other schools must be signed-in by a GDHS host.

Students are aware that dances are an extension of the school day and that responsible behavior is expected.

Students who smoke at dances are violating Board policy and are dealt with accordingly.

Students believed to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs are liable to a three-day suspension, criminal charges by the police officers on duty, and loss of future dance privileges.

I am pleased to say that our Rebel Welcome Dance last Fri-

day night was sold out and that there were no incidents of smoking or substance abuse. We are very proud of the way our students and their friends had an enjoyable and safe time.

SPECIAL SUPPORT FOR GRADE 9 STUDENTS

The staff, and senior students are sensitive to the transitions our 250 grade 9 students are going through.

In an effort to ease some of the anxiety, our senior students hosted a special Grade 9 Welcome and Tour on Sept. 3, the day before school started.

Senior students are also involved in a Mentor Program with grade nines. They meet every other Friday with their group of 10 students under the supervision of interested staff. A variety of discussion issues has been planned to fit into the life of the school. Last Friday, students discussed the importance of appropriate hall behavior, good cafeteria habits and how to have safe, trouble-free fun at dances.

We are also planning to have a special, early Grade 9 Report Card. It is a "check-off" format, by subject area, designed to give parents an understanding of how their daughters and sons have done in the first month of high school. The Reports will be sent home with the students on Oct. 4. Parents are to sign the reports and return them through the students by Oct. 8.

Parents of Grade 9 students are also reminded of Grade 9 Parents' Night on Thursday (tomorrow). Coffee will be available in the cafeteria at 6:45 with a special assembly at 7 p.m. Parents will then follow their students' timetables, getting a chance to meet the teachers and learn more about the courses their sons and daughters are taking this semester.

SPECIAL SUPPORT FOR SENIOR STUDENTS

On Wednesday, September 11, over 150 students in their graduating year attended a special workshop conducted by GDHS teachers.

They were provided with information on time management, stress management, note-taking and presentation skills.

A Senior Newsletter is also printed every week to inform students about University and College matters. Newsletters are posted in all senior classrooms and extra copies are available through the Guidance office.

PD FOR PARENTS

Barbara Coloroso, a noted speaker on raising your teenager, will be speaking on "Discipline:

Kids Are Worth It." Her address will take place at White Oaks Secondary School in Oakville, Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Admission is free but you must request tickets by Nov. 1. If you are interested you may pick up a registration form at the school or call Anne Day at 878-1240. Daycare will be provided for children aged 11 and under.

You are also invited to join our Parents' Advisory Council which meets the last Friday of every month in the library from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The purpose of the sessions is to meet school staff, to learn about upcoming events, and to talk to the school's administration about education issues and school policy.

Our first meeting will be Sept. 27. Mrs. Karen Gill, our new Vice-Principal will be on hand to meet and greet you.

Upcoming Events/Topics you may want to investigate:

New Cosmetology Lab opening - week of Sept 15 - Dave Lawrence, Tech Director - Gail Dell, teacher.



Picnic hunger

Park Public School students wait anxiously for hamburgers during a barbecue last week for students, parents and teachers. (From left to right)

Alana Alexander, Christine Zavitz, Jennifer Grace and volunteer parent Glen Sproule. (Herald Photo)