School News

GDHS addresses adult needs

By BRYN DAVIES Herald Special

Georgetown District High School has a long tradition of serving the needs of our community. Invariably, these needs change over time.

A current need in Georgetown, and in the province for that matter, is to provide programs for adults in the community. The Board's Adult and Continuing Education Department oversees all such courses in Halton high schools.

At GDHS, we have adults involved in personal-interest, noncredit evening courses. We also have over 65 students earning regular high school "day" credits through our Adult Learners' Program.

A new program, beginning this, month, is called the Trades Exploration and Training Program. This pilot program is offered in

conjunction with the Canada **Employment Centre.**

The program is intended to provide candidates with a glimpse of several trades areas, both through specific classroom units, job search training and community work placements. Approximately 22 adults are involv-

Our welding, electrical, drafting and machine shop classes are being used and several GDHS teachers are providing support. Mr Colin Bennett, formerly from Mold-Masters, is teaching the program.

The introduction of this program has provided our school with additional up-to-date equipment, including four autocad drafting stations and additional CNC machine tools. This equipment is available to the adolescent population in out school as well.

Clearly programs such as this are of benefit to the school and the community. For more information, contact Colin Bennett or Sue Grant at 877-6966.

You will be interested to know that Mr. Bill Bingham has announced his retirement, effective January 31.

Bill has taught at GDHS for the past 25 years in the English He is widely department. respected for his commitment to academic excellence and to GDHS' strong co-curricular program.

Bill's experience, wisdom, insight, boundless energy, concern for the best interests of young people, and yes, his sense of humour, will all be missed. We shall have more information about a farewell reception in the new year.



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New cosmetology course at GDHS mixes business with beauty

Meet the Mayor

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By FLAVIA TESTA Herald special

Grade 1 students from George Kennedy Middle

School got a special treat Friday as they toured the

Halton Hills Civic Centre and met Halton Hills

Mayor Russ Miller. (From left to right), Caroline

As you may already know there has been a new program introduced to the G.D.H.S. curriculum, the cosmetology course taught by Mrs. Dell. On Nov. 27, this course was officially recognized by a number of very important people who attended an open house.

The cosmetology course offers students a chance to learn about hair care, nail care, hair design, health, the scientific aspect of these things as well as the business side of running a beauty shop. At this gathering about 80 people attended. The turn out was quite good and consisted of school trustees, teachers, the architects who designed the studio, officials from the Halton Board of Education, parents and a guest

speaker. Students helped Mrs. Dell out by running workshops throughout the evening that displayed different aspects of the program. For example there was a science display. Students did a pH scale test that showed the acidic quantity in certain chemicals that are

The second used in the class. display was focusing on skills. This basically means the handson experience the students have In this particular in class. display students were braiding manniquin head's hair. Thirdly, the computers were also part of the displays.

The computers in this course play a major role in developing a business understanding that is required when on starts any kind of business. There is the New Images computer that does a before and after make-over.

Students can experiment with different color and lengths of hair as well as experiment with a make-up make over.

The second computer that is used is the business computer which mainly deals with the economic and business aspects of running a beauty salon.

And finally, the Text Book Computer which actually allows students to write their tests on the screen and the the machine marks the answers you typed in. The teacher is then given a copy of the test and the questions the student got wrong are printed out. Mrs. Dell finds this to be a great advantage, "It helps me keep an overview of what kids have and have not understood in each unit. It's been a big help."

Dame, Michael Haddock, Mayor Russ Miller,

Natalie McNeilly, and Erin McKinaly. (Herald

Among the distinguished guests that attended this event, a few teachers of our own should be recognized. Mrs. Tamas, who is in charge of the co-op programs, Mr. Brown was is in charge of drafting, Mrs. Weiss took care of the business aspect of the course and finally Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Davies, the school's principal, the main coordinators of this event.

As sandwiches went around and people mingled they began to understand that cosmetology is not just a hair care and nail care program. It involves many more aspects of beauty that students can learn about in their local high school.

Mrs. Dell got very positive feedback from all her guests and she was generally very pleased with the turn out and the students' participation in the Open House event.

A good time was had by all, and hey maybe you should stop by the school and get a make-over!



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Christmas concert tonight at GDHS

By MICHELLE DEBRAUX

Herald Special The G.D.H.S. Music Department will be presenting its annual Christmas Concert Wednesday, tonight, in the High School cafetorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door and cost \$4 for adults and \$3 for children with a maximum of \$12 per family. Part of the proceeds will be donated to the Love in Christ Food Bank.

Among the groups performing will be the Wind Ensemble, the Junior Band, the Stage Band and the Choir. Santa Claus will be there for the children to have their pictures taken with, and homemade refreshments will be available after the show. There also will be a carol-sing so that the audience can join in the Christmas Spirit with us. The event promises to be fun for all, so come out and support the

Music Department and the Food Bank December 11th.



