

GDHS students will honour the fallen

*Class project
pays tribute to 23
high school alumni*

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When the 1,850 students at Georgetown District High School (GDHS) observe Remembrance Day at the school Friday morning, there will be a new wrinkle to the service.

Following assemblies with speakers and various acts of remembrance, all students and teachers will march past the newly-completed Wall of Remembrance, and, with an honour guard from the Lorne Scots overseeing the display, will place their poppies on the wreath, to symbolize they are remembering those who died in the wars.

The Wall of Remembrance, and Remembrance Day at GDHS, is the culmination of a project where a number of people who felt that it was time to properly recognize former students and teachers who placed themselves in harm's way, and doing so, gave the supreme sacrifice in the pursuit of freedom.

For decades there had been a pair of bronze plaques in the display cases at Georgetown District High School, with 22 names on them.

The names are those Georgetown District High School (originally Georgetown High School) students and one teacher who left their family, friends and future, to fight for their



GDHS students (from left) Meghan de Chastelain, Parisa Khazra, Haley Veronyak, Diana Pesce, Wayne Fang and Adam Vanderleest admire the Memorial Wall outside the main office on which they have been working since September. The entire IB class re-

searched the 23 names of war dead who attended GDHS and have prepared bios and information of each one. On Remembrance Day, all 1,850 GDHS students will be passing by the wall to honour those who died.

Photo by Ted Brown

country, and in the process, lost their lives.

During the school's 125 years of history, the 22 fought in the Great War (First World War), the Second World War, and the Korean conflict.

After the wars, the names were inscribed on two large honour roll plaques—one for the Great War, another for the Second World War and Korea—to be displayed in the school as a reminder of the sacrifice these sol-

diers gave.

Over the years and several renovations and rebuilding the school, the plaques were moved to other locations, and not displayed prominently.

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