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Jolly jogger

Among the more than 600 runners who signed up for Sunday's annual Georgetown Runners' Egg Nog Jog at Terra Cotta Conservation Area was Santa Claus who is more used to riding in a sleigh than running up hills. For results see page 24. Photo by Jon Borgstrom

Music teacher's transfer hits sour note for students

By LISA TALLYN
Staff Writer

Some students at Georgetown District High School are outraged their beloved long-time music teacher was abruptly transferred to another school Friday. They're looking for answers and trying to get her back.

They have launched a Facebook page "Return Eleanor Wallace to GDHS" and as of this afternoon (Wednesday) there were 349 members.

The students say the loss of Wallace "the heart and soul of the music program" has left the fate of tonight's (Thursday's) school Christmas concert up in the air—but students have stepped forward to oversee it and the concert will go ahead as planned.

But the students are devastated to lose Wallace.

"On behalf of the whole music program that means a lot to us—a program that's been top-notch—has been reduced to no program at all," said Grade 12 student Matt Driedger.

"She was empathetic, kind, caring and compassionate," said student Thomas Dobrovich.

Dobrovich said they have tried to get answers about what happened to Wallace from school administration, but struck out.

Principal Nick Varrichio said Wednesday he would not comment on why Wallace left the school, "employee and employer confidentiality and privacy is something we need to respect."

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GDHS students, from left, Andrew Goddard, Thomas Dobrovich, Matt Driedger, Dan Wang and Jessica Watson are among many upset at the abrupt transfer of their beloved music teacher Eleanor Wallace. Photo by Ted Brown



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