

GDHS

Principal's Corner

BRYN DAVIES

This week marked the beginning of semester two at Georgetown District High School. We expect to have another 1,300 students enrolled, even though about 65 students from last semester are now eligible to graduate.

The semestered system has its pros and cons.

People who like the semestered approach appreciate concentrating on up to four courses at a time, for 76 minutes each a day, over a five month time frame. Teachers have an opportunity to get to know a few number of students better, over a more concentrated period of time. As well, many students and staff appreciate the chance for a fresh starts in February.

A non-semestered approach would involve students taking all their courses over the whole year. In the "old days" this meant a nine period day of 35 minute classes.

This year several schools are trying a non-semestered approach in certain Grade 9 courses with varying degrees of success. At Georgetown, we are currently considering this for Math and Phys Ed next year as part of our planning for the Transition Years.

We would welcome your views about semestering. I would prefer your comments in writing. Please address your ideas to Bryn Davies, GDHS, 70 Guelph Street, L7G 3Z5.

Welcome

With a new semester, very often we welcome new staff to our school. I would like to extend my best wishes to Azhar Shemdin, Marcia Morrison and Sam Providenti to GDHS.

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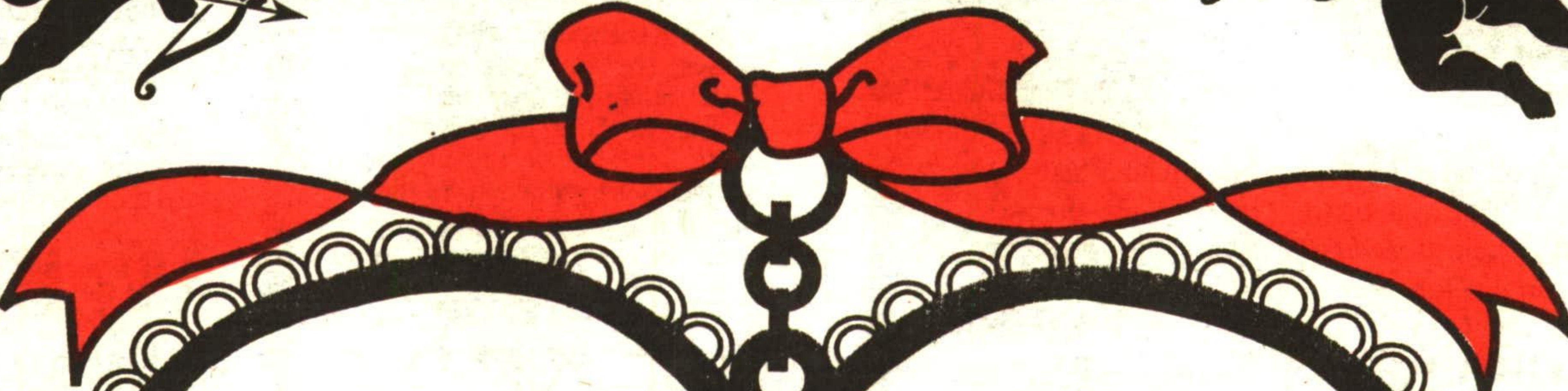
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