

Parents asked to supervise at AHS

By **FRANCES NIBLOCK**
The New Tanner

Five lucky parents will be asked to chaperone the

Acton High School Hallowe'en dance later this month because no teachers will volunteer for the job. "We're just discussing

ways to approach parents so we don't ask the same ones all the time," student council co-president Mallory Dayman said on Sunday, adding they didn't go to the teachers and ask for their usual help because "most of us understand their position."

Some teachers find an increased workload and new curriculum leave no time to volunteer for board-sanctioned activities, most which require teacher supervision.

"Some students are uneasy and not sure if all of the normal activities will start," Dayman said, adding, "some band students are furious" that neither the concert or jazz band have started practices.

Three band members, including OAC student Melissa Creasey, met on Tuesday to line up enough parents to supervise weekly concert and jazz band practices.

"I understand the teachers. Like I'm totally empa-

thetic with them, so I just figured it would be easier if we (the students) got it together," Creasey said, adding she hopes the concert and jazz bands will begin practices next week.

The student council, which for the second year doesn't have a teacher rep but has vice-principal Caroline Conn-Smith as a staff adviser - will attempt to stage as many events as it can, including lunch-time karaoke, Octoberfest and Hallowe'en events Dayman said, adding it's "tough" to encourage Grade 9s to become involved when you're not sure if the activity will be offered.

"I tell the Grade 8s coming in to get involved and do as much extra and after-school (activities) as they can because they will get so much more out of high school. Now some of those activities aren't happening and we have to move on and live with it."



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Thank you also to the many local businesses and groups (Acton Community Centre, Acton IGA, Acton Seniors Centre, Georgetown Golf Club, Halton Four Milling, Tim Hortons - Acton,

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We served over 300 adults and will be donating the profits to the Acton TOPS.

We thank the Acton Community for continuing support and look forward to seeing you on Sunday, October 29.

Mary Ann Austin
Acton Community Brunch Committee

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