

Parents and visitors should set example for students

By **MARIE JACOBS**
GDHS Principal's Corner

You are concerned, as are we, about the image, safety and access problems created by students congregating on Guelph St. to smoke and socialize.

By leaving school property to smoke, students are attempting to comply with the Tobacco Control Act which prohibits smoking on school property by anyone at any time.

While working with adolescents around these issues is challenging, it has proven just as difficult to educate adults. Staff are continually frustrated by delivery people lighting up as they leave the building, by parents smoking in their cars while waiting to pick up students, by after-hours users of the pool or recreational programs smoking in stairwells or just outside the door and by folks

walking up from the street — cigarettes burning, to use the pay phone at our entrance.

Our major concern is the health impact of smoking on both smokers and non-smokers. GDHS parents on our Smoking and Related Issues committee are anxious to begin consultation with elementary schools and their parent groups to step up prevention efforts for, in spite of the education programs of the past decade, the percentage of smokers is increasing. Surveys, including our own, indicate that many students are starting to smoke before they reach high school.

Smoking is a powerful addiction and a serious health hazard. As long as it continues to be tolerated, indeed promoted, in our society, schools are fighting a losing battle. The whole community must take responsibility for keeping young people from

starting to smoke and helping smokers to stop.

Prior to the Tobacco Control Act, young smokers were hidden from view in areas set aside on school property. Now the problem is visible to all, especially so in schools like GDHS where frontage and access are limited. Safety is also a concern and keeping our group from spilling over into the driveway and street is an ongoing problem.

We know too that some people feel intimidated by large numbers of young people assembled in one place.

Schools across Ontario are facing the same problems. Some have sought exemptions to the legislation (unsuccessfully) or tried to make agreements for use of nearby public land for smoking: GDHS decided to "tough" it out.

Thanks for your patience and assistance in this long-term effort.

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Tuesday, May 14, 1996
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- student must be entering grade 5 in September 1996 in a Halton Roman Catholic School;
- in person only - parent, guardian or other responsible adult with a letter indicating they are acting on parents' behalf;
- registration to take place at the designated French Immersion school you wish your child to attend;
- enrolment for the French Immersion Program is limited;
- registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

LOCATION OF DESIGNATED SCHOOLS

Area	Designated Schools
North Burlington	St. Gabriel
South Burlington	Ascension
Halton Hills	Holy Cross
Milton	Holy Rosary
North Oakville	St. Matthew
	St. Bernadette
South Oakville	St. Joseph

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École St-Philippe, Burlington
École Saint-Marie, Oakville
École Sacré-Coeur, Georgetown

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- Veuillez communiquer avec la direction de l'école catholique de langue française de votre communauté scolaire pour obtenir des renseignements supplémentaires ou pour fixer une autre date d'inscription.

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