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WEDNESDAY...

The Georgetown Raiders will begin Jr. A Hockey League playoff action Saturday at Alcott Arena. Look for a full report in Wednesday's *Independent & Free Press*.

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Moon shots

Freelance photographer Jon Borgstrom spent two chilly hours outside Wednesday night to capture these images of the total lunar eclipse, where the moon remains visible although no longer lit by the sun's rays. The moon was illuminated by light scattered and redirected by the Earth's atmosphere. The first photo at left was taken at 8:23 p.m. while the photo at right was snapped at 10 p.m. The next lunar eclipse will occur in 2010.

Photos by Jon Borgstrom



School board facing shortage of bus drivers

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Staff Writer

If you have ever considered becoming a school bus driver, area bus companies want to hear from you!

Both local companies- Tyler Transport Ltd. in Acton and First Student Canada in Georgetown- are hiring drivers to help ease what Halton District School Board (HDSB) is calling a "critical shortage" of bus drivers.

In a press release issued by the board Wednesday it was stated a shortage of school bus drivers is having an impact on the board and it's working with bus companies to inform students, parents and guardians of this issue that's affecting all areas of Halton Region.

The release went on to say the board is working with school bus companies to try to minimize the impact on students, but with such a severe impact, the situation will be difficult to resolve quickly.

"The school bus operators are doing everything they can to minimize the impact on students," said Steven Parfeniuk, HDSB Superintendent of Business Services. "The bus companies we contract with are combining school bus routes where possible, and are working together to help in this critical situation. Some companies have brought in bus drivers from nearby Ontario communities to provide service."

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Holy (Cross) rock 'n rollers

Holy Cross students enjoyed some head-banging AC/DC music as they took part in the school's recent dance-a-thon in the gymnasium. Among those students taking part were (from left), air guitarist Monika Nawrocki, Angus Agnew, Gianni DePaola and (in front) Shannon Weslake.

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