

# HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

## "DATELINE DRURY"



Kim Hester



Katie Bangay



Prashant Naikwadi

### E.C. DRURY HIGH SCHOOL

One fine day at the Drury School for Magic and Mischief, three young pupils were writing their weekly column for the local paper. While their brains were storming with ideas, Grand Wizard Keane entered the room suddenly.

"You must come right away! There's a troll, in the science lab! We need some extra wands to help get him out of the school!" the Grand Wizard said.

The three magicians eagerly jumped out of their seats, ready for action. Katie, perhaps the most eager of them all, whipped out her wand.

"This is just what we've been waiting for guys, an ADVENTURE!" she said as she ran to the lab. Prashant, who'd been busy with his nose in a book, rose to the challenge.

"With all this studying I've been doing for my exams, we'll have no trouble at all with that troll!" he said.

"Uh, guys?" the third magician, Kim said. "Are you sure this is a good idea? We don't want to get off on the wrong foot with the brand new House System, but more about that next week. What if we lose points?" Katie shook her head and dragged Kim along.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity Kim! We get to battle a troll!" she grinned mischievously.

Upon arriving to the science lab, they heard quite a ruckus. Peering inside, they saw a short, grumbling beast smashing beakers and drinking all the chemicals.

"Grand Wizard Keane, what are we supposed to do?" Kim said, shaking in her magic boots.

"We've tried our best, but perhaps your young, fresh minds will rid us of this terribly smelly beast." And with that, Grand Wizard Keane left the three magicians to fend for themselves.

"Aha! I have an idea!" Katie said. "The wrestling team taught me this awesome move, I'm pretty sure it helped them do so well in their latest tournament in Brampton. Why don't we try that first?" Katie ran over to the troll to attempt this magic move, but the troll overwhelmed her.

"I can't get near him, he absolutely reeks!" She said, holding her nose.

"We have to try something else, something... MAGICAL"

"How about this?" I read something about a mysterious band ghost. He's been working on a tune that will soothe anyone who listens to it. It's his secret weapon for the upcoming Musicfest, I'm sure it will work. Let's summon the ghost." Prashant said.

"Um, P-Dawg?" Kim piped up. "That won't work you silly boy. If the song soothes the troll, it'll soothe us as well. What good will that do?"

"Good point, that was a close one." Katie said. "Why don't we try this trick Mrs. Roberts taught me? In between practices for the Sears Drama festival, she showed me how to act like a troll. Since trolls can't stand other trolls, it'll freak out and run away!"

"Katie, that's a no-go. That trick only works on city trolls, and this is clearly a country troll." Kim said. "Think about it. What do trolls hate most? Love, and that is something that Drury has plenty of. We raised almost \$12 000 for tsunami relief, so this should be no problem. See, if we just put our wands together and think the nicest thing we can, he'll melt."

The three writers joined their wands and closed their eyes. Thinking the most heartwarming thoughts, the trio waved their wands until a glittery light spun out. The troll gave one last grunt, and the magicians opened their eyes while the troll melted into a pool of sparkles. Grand Master Keane walked into the lab just in time to witness the victory.

"Well done my puppies! I couldn't have done a better job myself. Twenty house points apiece!"

## "THE ROYAL REPORT"



Katie Nadalin



Siobhan Desroches

### BISHOP REDING HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome to this week's edition of the Royal Report. It's been a cold but great week here at Bishop Reding while students prep for exams, and put the finishing touches on their ISUs.

Last Monday the senior boys basketball team faced Milton District in an intense game, coming out on top by 13 points. Sean Mathé brought his A game, getting a double-double, and contributing greatly to the Royals' victory of 74-61. Good job boys! The boys' next victims are Acton High, who they will be playing after exam break on Feb. 8th. Bring'er home boys!

Speaking of sports, thanks to BR's Student Athletic Association, Bishop Reding hosted a tournament for Halton junior girls volleyball teams this past week. The Royals put in a great effort and placed third overall. St. Thomas Aquinas came in first place, while Milton District placed second. Congratulations to Erica Minkhorst for winning most valuable player of the tournament!

Also, for all you soccer players, don't let the cold weather get you down, because Mr. Costa is starting up this year's indoor soccer club. To sign up, see Mr. Costa in his office for a permission form. Have fun!

The very talented vocals classes showcased their beautiful voices last Wednesday night for parents and friends. The show began at 7:00 pm, and admission was free. Parents were able to hear the vocal talents their children had acquired this semester, while students had a chance to see their friends perform. They did a great job, and we look forward to hearing more from these great performers.

Before closing, we'd just like to remind everyone that tomorrow is a Civies Day, so remember to dress your best! As well to all students as you face one of the hardest and most stressful times of the year, keep smiling, it's almost over! Good luck on your exams, and have a great exam break! See you later Bishop Reding, we have to go study!!

Civies-Thursdays

Indoor soccer beginning

## "MUSTANG MESSENGER"



Belinda Alzner



Ashley Clerici



Julia Pyper

### MILTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

The halls of MDHS are oddly quiet, with classroom doors shut, and the library full of students buried in their books. Or, at least, that's what ideally goes on at this time of the year. Of course, I am talking about every student's favourite time of the year that actually comes twice: Exam time! With the stress of summatives and ISU's now disintegrated, everyone has been allowed a few seconds of relief and relaxation before they now all realize, "Oh goodness, I have [insert small number here] days to study for my huge exam." This is a reminder to all students that exams start Thursday, January 27. Exam schedules are posted around the school, so please check and make sure you show up early with all necessary materials, a good breakfast in your tummy, and an attitude that will allow you to attain those astronomical marks that parents love to see.

On a much lighter note, all MD students should be proud of themselves for the money that was raised in support of those less fortunate right now over in Southeast Asia. Special Ed ran a Toonie Toll last week, where any vehicle entering MD's parking lot was asked to donate a toonie (or more!) for Tsunami relief. We are proud to announce that our students, parents and teachers managed to raise over \$600 in that single day. Wow, way to go Mustangs! Also, the Study Sheet draw winners were announced last week, leaving a few students feeling rather lucky (and probably rather confident) for their respective exams.

Between Tsunami relief, and of course, the much anticipated trip to Grenada, the humanitarianism never seems to falter as of late at MD. Mr. Orton travelled down to Grenada last week to scope out the sights and finalize plans for the students that will be accompanying himself, Mrs. Lloyd and Mr. Newman. It sure is shaping out to be one heck of a trip! All those who have handed in their deposit checks should be busily fundraising now in order to make this trip feasible for all. If anyone would like to donate to this amazing (and tax refundable!) cause, please contact the school.

MDHS sports were ripping it up last week too, with the Boys' Hockey team getting a much deserved win. Hope they can keep up the amazing work that has been coming along. Congratulations to them and all other MD athletes who have been working hard lately!

Reminder to all grads that their pictures are going to be available to be picked up on January 25th. Grad re-takes will be available at a later date for anyone who happened to miss theirs.

That's all for this week's Mustang Messenger. Study hard 'Stangs, and hopefully everyone can have a great exam break!

He will have less than a second to make a decision.

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