

# HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

## "MUSTANG MESSENGER"



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### MILTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

This past week just flew by with the teens here at MD studying hard for exams, and handing in those final summatives and assignments. It is hard to believe that exams will actually be starting this week. The semester will officially end, and everyone will get a good couple of days off to relax a bit after all their hard studying.

Though the focus of this past week has been mostly staying up late to keep up with assignments and deadlines, the sports teams didn't get any break either from their busy schedules. Last Monday both the Senior and Junior Girls' Volleyball teams had games against Georgetown. The Seniors and Juniors put up an awesome fight but unfortunately lost their games. The girls played again on Thursday against Christ the King and this time the Senior girls were more successful in winning two of the three games played while the Juniors suffered another loss. On that same day, the Senior and Junior Boys Basketball teams also played against Christ the King with the Seniors bringing home a great win. The Girls Hockey team had a great game on Wednesday however lost 6-0 after a hard fight.

Despite tight schedules packed with games, studying, games, and even more studying there are still many things up ahead to look forward to, including Pajama Day this Wednesday! So remember Mustangs on Wednesday you can literally roll out of bed and come to school, a perfect way to spend the last official day of Semester 1. Since we are looking ahead, we might as well start thinking about Semi Formal on February 17th! The halls are already filled with buzz on this topic, and without a doubt, Mustangs can't wait for the "Sweetheart" themed Semi Formal Dance.

While everyone at MD may be looking forward to either Semi, or the fast approaching trips to Rome and Belize, there are those who are actually looking forward to coming to high school. That's right, the annual Grade 8 Info Night was held last week introducing grade eights to Milton District. It is likely that everyone remembers their own Grade 8 Info Night, and the mixed feelings of excitement and nervousness that came with the idea of finally going to "high school". All we have to say to those grade eights is that you'll love it here!

With exams this week remember to study hard, and we wish you good luck! Just think, when it's finally all over, enjoy those couple of extra days off and relax before a new semester starts all over again!

## "DATELINE DRURY"



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### E.C. DRURY HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome to this edition of Dateline Drury, dear readers! We've got loads in store for you today, and we hope you enjoy!

The first semester of the 2005-2006 school year is coming to an end, with exams are just around the corner. Students are cracking open the books and studying like there's no tomorrow for these finals, which will begin on January 26th and continue until February 1st. So study hard, get there on time, and don't forget: exam return day is on February 2nd! Good luck!

Congratulations, grade nine students, who last week participated in the EQAO Math Test. They all exhibited great enthusiasm and spirit. Great work! Furthermore, the grade ten English students at Drury continued their preparation for the March 29th Literacy Test. This last week, the students wrote a "sample" Literacy Test provided by the EQAO. We wish them all luck!

On January 18th, future Drury students had the chance to visit the school and get a feel for the environment. Many seniors, including our own Matt Lalonde and Nathan Laanstra, acted as tour guides for both the parents and students. They toured the hallways and visited such places as the tech wing, and enjoyed some Drury delicacies in the Horticulture room. We look forward to seeing these grade eight students at Drury next year!

In other Drury news, a pep rally will be held on February 8th to raise school spirit! We expect to see many creative activities by both students and teachers. Don't forget to show your Drury spirit!

Join us again, not next week as exams will be in progress, but two weeks from now for more news about life at Drury. We hope to see you then!

## "THE ROYAL REPORT"



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### BISHOP REDING HIGH SCHOOL

Another semester has passed us by. This is exam week Bishop Reding, the week in which students finally get to cast off the stress of classes gone by, and prepare for a new schedule. It's time for new subjects, new teachers, and a new route through the hallways. As we send you off on your way, BR's Inside Sources are here to help you battle through the old, and get acquainted with the new. We've come up with some tips on how to deal with the stress of studying for, and completing your exams. So pull up a desk and get ready! As everyone gears into study mode, we hope that these easy tips will help you maximize your profit from your sometimes minimal study time. Just get through those exams, students, and a fresh start awaits you on the other side!

To help prepare for exams, the inside sources have dug up some helpful studying hints based on our experiences and help from Bishop Reding's Student Services department.

**Hint #1:** Make a study schedule and stick to it! Be sure to leave extra study time for more challenging courses, such as math and science.

**Hint #2:** Study in advance! Even if your exam is not until the last day of finals, review your notes on a regular basis.

**Hint #3:** Use your textbooks as study guides. In most courses, textbooks are the main sources of information and they contain sections devoted to key terms and concepts. Focus on the ideas the textbook labels as most important.

**Hint #4:** If you need clarification, go to your teacher for extra help. If there is a math concept from September that you still cannot grasp, schedule a meeting with your teacher at lunch or after school for some extra help. You will most likely find that they are eager to help you succeed!

**Hint #5:** Make study notes and practice tests. Use highlighters and diagrams to help you focus. Make practice tests based on questions you anticipate will be on the exam; this will give you great ideas for those tough exam questions on your English final.

**Hint #6:** Study in a quiet, uninterrupted environment and take periodic breaks. Do not try to learn an entire course in one night.

Hope these hints are helpful in the upcoming week. Best of luck to everyone!

Although study tips will prove extremely useful as exams approach, it is this reporter's opinion that some insight on life may prove equally useful. This time of year is stressful, since the pressure to get good grades comes from a plethora of sources, and can often become over-whelming. It is at this point that we, as students, must look at the 'big picture'. Of course grades are important and often determine our post-secondary destination, but there is so much more to being a good student that we often over-look. This time of year calls us to reflect on our personal growth, our contribution to other people's lives and the improvements we have made on our own lives. Teenage hood is full of new experiences and challenges, and the lessons we learn about life rarely come from a textbook. All the extra-curricular activities we participate in help us to develop in many different ways, not just academically. These developments should not be overlooked; instead our accomplishments should be celebrated. Before discouragement sets in among those of us who might not get the marks we desire, it is crucial that we look at the accomplishments we have made over the course of this semester. No matter how small these accomplishments may seem, they all have an affect on our mind and spirit as a whole. The main message: intelligence, perseverance, wisdom, kindness and love cannot be measured by a number on a report card. To all students: keep growing as people and find wisdom within the school walls, not just knowledge.

With tension mounting as the semester draws to a close, your Inside Sources hope that some peace of mind can be found. Remember that no matter what your mark is, it is the skills and lessons that are learned within that course that matter. We wish everyone good luck in their academic endeavors and hope that success is found. However, as a famous poem states, "Success is failure turned inside out". This is an interesting concept, since we often see failure as the end, when truly it is the start of something great. Do not get discouraged, as the greatest things in life are usually the most difficult to accomplish.

## "SPARTAN FREE PRESS"



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Well, everyone is back to school after what seems to have been a very busy but fun holiday season. We hope everyone is rested and ready for the busy January ahead of us. The next few weeks are jam packed with activities for all students and staff.

This week is our Showcase Spectacular. Everyone gets an opportunity to showcase their

accomplishments from this semester. Each morning and afternoon a different department gets an opportunity to display the variety of work they have done. There are picture displays, hands on activities, question and answer opportunities etc. Each student gets a chance to visit the displays and look at the work and talk to the student who did the work. Each student has a passport to get stamped and to make comments on which part of the overall presentation that most interested them and why. Displays are in the areas of English, Math, Co-op Experiences, Drama, Science, Geography, Technology, and Hospitality etc and also on the last day there will be an Art Auction. This is always a highlight of each semester.

Teachers are busy working on committees for next semester's activities. Look for

## E.C. DRURY SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

news about the YCTD - tournament for the deaf- held in British Columbia. Presently the committee is interviewing students for the 12 positions on the team. Lots of fundraising activities will continue to add to the fundraising done in first semester including a spaghetti lunch and a student parliament dance.

Students are also busy in their classes finishing up their summative assignments and preparing for the upcoming exams. Exam week is the last week of January so everyone should be studying and reviewing each evening.

In the gym the intramural dodge ball games begin this week. In addition the students will begin try-outs for the ball hockey team, the tournament will be held in Milton next month. The upcoming basketball tournament on Feb. 22nd will be held in Toronto, try outs for both boys and girls also began this week. Presently three of our girls are playing with ECD High School on their volleyball teams.

The House system that started last month is a big success. Students can be seen wearing their coloured shirts to represent their "house" and working towards earning points for their house by being involved in the variety of activities around the school.

So, the school is buzzing with activities and everyone is encouraged to GET INVOLVED!

Good Luck to Everyone on their Exams!

## Robert Burns Night

JOIN US!

Wednesday, January 25

Celebration starts at 7:00 p.m. with  
Pipers & Highland Dancers  
Piping in the Haggis & Haggis Sampling  
Scotch Pie & Mushy Peas

COME EARLY!  
NO COVER CHARGE



## 2 for 1 Dinner Board Features

Monday to Thursday

5:00 p.m. - 9 p.m.

For the month of January, 2006.

## VALENTINES DAY SPECIAL

TUES. FEB 14, '06

2 for 1 Sweetheart Deal

BIG SCREEN TV!

## IVY DAILY SPECIALS

- MONDAY:  
2 for 1 appetizers (4 to 9p.m.)
- TUESDAY:  
2 for 1 Fish & Chips  
35¢ Chicken Wings
- WEDNESDAY:  
Pasta Night \$6.95
- THURSDAY:  
35¢ Wings (all day)
- FRIDAY:  
Rob's Feature Dinners
- SATURDAY:  
Prime Rib Dinner \$14.95
- SUNDAY:  
Ivy Yorkies Dinner \$7.95

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