

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

"MUSTANG MESSENGER"



Megan Cheema



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MILTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

As the end of the semester workload is starting to pile up, the only thing keepin' us goin' is knowin' that the Christmas break is just ten days away! Yet within those next ten days, things are gonna get pretty crazy at Milton District!

Speaking of craziness, the much-anticipated Christmas dance is only TWO DAYS AWAY! It's going to be a night full of energy pumping music, lots of Christmas cheer and of course, dancing! If you haven't bought a ticket yet, what are you waiting for!? Get yours tomorrow during periods 3 and 4 for just eight bucks!

If the dance scene isn't for you, come see the Christmas Concert put on by our music department! This annual event is always an evening full of delightful holiday tunes and will certainly be an entertaining show. The doors will open to anyone interested at 7:00pm next Tuesday. Tickets are available at the door: \$5 - adults, \$3 - students & seniors, or \$10 per family. So bring your family and friends and come see what the music students have in store! Also, for all those that ordered citrus fruit to support our fundraiser: the orders will be available for pick-up next Monday and Tuesday. For those that will be attending the concert, you can grab your orders at that time, too!

Hopefully everyone was able to attend the amazing assembly by a group called "Absolute" last Wednesday. Many different people shared their personal stories and helped bring awareness to the struggles that teens are facing around us each day. Some of these issues may seem unimportant, but hopefully everyone can see that these problems can be found in our school, too. The assembly was incredibly student-friendly, as a rock band entertained us between the seriousness, and each story was conveyed with humour, while still getting the point across. It was a great experience for the students, and a big thank-you to Absolute for coming to our school and opening our eyes a little more.

Now before we get too excited for the holidays, remember there is still another week and half of classes to go. Try to keep the stress level low, by taking a break and hitting up the dance or checking out a basketball game. Till next week, keep ya heads up, Stangs!

"THE ROYAL REPORT"



Erin Hetherington



Lindsay Johnston



Julia Riddell

BISHOP REDING HIGH SCHOOL

December is a busy month for students at BR, especially for grads. With so many dates to remember, your Inside Sources are here to help keep you on track. This week, we'll be focusing on our seniors to make sure that we're on top of everything.

College and university presentations have all been completed and pin numbers have arrived! Counselors in Students Services would like to have everyone's applications done as soon as possible, to avoid the last minute rush before the deadlines. University applications should have been completed by December 1st, so if you have not met with your counselor to get your pin numbers, book an appointment ASAP!! If you'd like to do your applications online (as described in the tutorial given on November 13th), our wonderful Mrs. Morrison and Mr. Jonker are always willing to lend a hand. Before coming in for your appointment, please ensure you have a working copy of the application. These can be picked up in a package in student services. The final application deadline will be the week of our return after Christmas break. The college application tutorial took place on November 28th. Those who did not attend should also pick up the application package from Student Services. Applications can be done with a counselor online from December 11th to December 21st. Book your appointment early!

Besides applications, seniors must be sure to have volunteer hours completed. Forty community service hours are REQUIRED for graduation. While they do not have to be finished by the time of your post-secondary application, they must be completed and submitted by the end of May. If you have any questions regarding what types of work are acceptable for community services, lists can be provided in student services.

Graduation pictures will be taken the week of February 19th through 23rd. Students will be able to book appointments to have their picture taken during class hours that week. Finally, to make sure you are able to graduate, seniors must submit a graduation application to Student Services. This form is included in the university/college application packages and can be submitted to the box in the Counselors' office.

"DATELINE DRURY"



Ashley Carlisle



Michelle Staples



Stephen Jackson

E.C. DRURY HIGH SCHOOL

We've got a bone to pick with the student government. They have been luring us out into the freezing Canadian cold...for food! Where once a barbecue was a rare occurrence, now Student Government is hosting a barbecue every Friday, selling burgers, chicken burgers and hot-dogs. Just thought we would throw that in before we got down to the serious business.

Our Junior Girls Volleyball team hosted a tournament on Tuesday December 5th coached by the lovely Debbie Duncan. Her Lady Spartans landed in 3rd place out of 10 schools. We hope our boys actually paid attention to the game and didn't give the girls too much trouble...

But who rocks spandex even more than our volleyball girls? Our rookie swimmers! They dominated at the Rookie Swim Meet hosted here at Drury on Friday, November 24th. Special congratulations go out to Elizabeth Manton, who dominated every heat she was entered in, and Coline Craie, our only senior rookie, who also received numerous first place wins in her races. We expect great things from all of our swimmers in the meets to come.

However they aren't the only ones who have been practicing their swimming. How about all those interested buyers swimming in a sea of crafts! The fall Craft Sale took place on November 18th and 19th. It was a huge hit and we thank all the volunteers and creative vendors for their help. All of the proceeds went towards needy school projects. We are looking forward to our next sale in the spring.

Next off we have news from our music department. They have been practicing their holiday carols for their upcoming Holiday Music Spectacular. It's hosted by Mr. Di Giorgio (sorry about the spelling last week! We'll make it up to you!), and takes place Thursday, December 14th, at 7pm. Be sure to be there!

Lastly, we just thought we would throw in the fact that Steve Jackson got hit in the face with a hockey puck. We guess his hockey game went well? Whether or not this actually helped... he's proud either way. Way to go Steve!

"SPARTAN FREE PRESS"



Ryan Harding

There has definitely been a hectic start to the first semester of the school year at Ernest C. Drury School of the Deaf. At the very moment we took off our summer sandals and strapped on the running shoes, we were instantly catapulted through the whirlwind of homework, teachers, the school dances, career days, those tedious essays that were supposed to be due on last Friday, volleyball and soccer teams, the special events organized by the Student Parliament, and interesting cafeteria food..

But, as overwhelming as it may seem to be for you, we all do feel so fortunate to have a rather wonderful and successful start to this school year.

With help from the teachers and students involved with the Student Parliament, the Welcome Back Dance, the special event where old and new students can meet each other and learn to make new friends through the fun icebreaker games, and the Halloween Party were such big hits with the students that we all are thrilled to know that the X-Mas Dance will be up next in early December. It will mean lots of Candy Canes, seeing the Santa Claus hats everywhere in the school halls, and exchanging

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secret gifts. However, it is not only the Student Parliament that had a huge success in hosting the school dances. The HOUSE committee, an organization responsible for promoting the school spirit, held a rather exciting spirit week for us in late September. In each House (Orange, Brown, Blue, Purple, and Burgundy), the students had to work together to try to be the most colourful, brightest, and loudest for the judges. In the end, Blue snagged first place while Burgundy got second. It was evident that school spirit was heightened by that event, but what is a school without sports teams? The boy's and girl's volleyball teams did extremely well in the provincial volleyball tournament for the deaf held in Belleville. The girls won the championship while the boys came home with second place, thanks to the weeks of hard practice and their coaches, Laura Hardman, Lucia Jackson, Tamara Witcher and Justin Dressler. Earlier in October, there was supposed to be a soccer tournament to be held in Rome, New York, but, unfortunately, it was cancelled due to an unexpected blizzard. Although it may be disappointing for both Sr. Girls and Boys soccer teams, we all know they worked hard in their practices and would have done a wonderful job in attempting to win the championship.

PREPARE FOR THE ROAD AHEAD.

Course Dates & Times

Milton
Ph: 905 875 0480

4 Days
Dec 27, 28, 29, 30
Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat.
9:30am to 4:15pm

2 Weekends
Jan 13, 14 &
Jan 21, 21
9:30am to 4:15pm

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