

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

"MUSTANG MESSENGER"



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MILTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

With only a few short days until Christmas break officially starts, here at MD we can't help but get into the holiday spirit as we enter the most exciting, fun-filled, and busiest time of season!

Last week was definitely the most hectic week yet with everyone at MD finishing up assignments, and writing those final few tests just before the holidays. Don't worry though, the homework didn't dampen anyone's holiday cheer since the annual Christmas Dance, better known as 'Santa's Christmas Dance Shop' was held on Thursday. This gave everyone the perfect opportunity to take that much needed break, and have some fun. Once again, the dance was a huge success, and Mustangs were especially lucky since Mrs. Claus herself, made an actual appearance at Milton District, and was kind enough to pose with students who wished to have their picture taken.

Along with all the fun we're having during this time of season, we cannot forget to contribute to the annual Christmas Food Drive so we can help to make someone else's holiday the best it can be. Candy Grams are being sold during periods 3 and 4 in the front hall so be sure to buy some for your friends while supporting a great cause!

Speaking of great causes we also cannot forget to mention our terrifically successful Habitat for Humanity Adopt-a-Day trip. Nineteen students had the opportunity to spend a weekend in Etobicoke building houses for a charitable cause. Although the building was done in frigid conditions, everyone who went (including all three Mustang Messengers) will tell you that they had a wonderful time, and are extremely glad they went.

Holiday cheer, a Christmas Dance, a special appearance by Mrs. Claus, a Christmas Food Drive, and giving to charity...these are only a few things to help you get into that festive holiday spirit. Although it seems like we've pretty much covered all there is to cover, MD still has one more thing planned. Milton District's Christmas Concert is being held tonight at 7:00pm by our brilliant music department! Tickets will be sold at the door: \$5 - adults, \$3 - children, or \$10 per family. The show is sure to be very entertaining promising to deliver all your favourite holiday tunes, so don't miss out!

Well Mustangs our much deserved holiday is only around the corner, but before we all leave to enjoy the holidays, on behalf of MD we wish everyone a great holiday, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We'll talk to you next in the year 2007!

"DATELINE DRURY"



Ashley Carlisle Michelle Staples Stephen Jackson

E.C. DRURY HIGH SCHOOL

To start things off, we first congratulate our Senior School Reach team who played in their first tournament of the year just last week. They snagged the first place title with their uncanny knowledge of facts and events. Way to go, guys!

An even better way to "reach" is through the Diversity Committee. They have taken over the locker bay for our annual Culture Fest. All this week we have been celebrating the unique cultures from around the world right here at E.C. Drury. The Committee has planned a different activity to take place at lunch for each day of this week.

Monday was the teacher fashion show. Many of our esteemed educators fashioned an array of costumes from all over the world, from the traditional dress of the Mayan people to dress clothes from Pakistan, to our very own Canadian fashion (consisting of numerous layers of wool and a baklava). The highlight of the show was when Mr. Spragge and Mr. Di Giorgio showed off their knees in traditional Scottish kilts and attire. (Nice accent, Spragge.)

The cultural mayhem continued on Tuesday with Music and Dance. The locker bay was filled with the sounds of drumming as Ali Hill lead a drum circle. There was some excellent traditional dancing involved (none of the usual hip hop and modern dance we usually see). Students got to show off some of the dances of their home cultures. It ended with a rap by Alvin and Rishawn.

Even better than music and dance, Wednesday brought us food!!! (oh, glorious food!) Booths containing delectable treats from around the globe were to be found scattered around the locker bay. "Passports" to try the food were only one dollar, and for the rest of the lunch period we could taste as much of the unique array of delicious treats as we wanted (and believe us, we wanted A LOT). A personal favourite of ours were the coconut milk from Hawaii and Mrs. Robinson's assortment of food from Germany.

Thursday brought "Game Day", which basically involved a Kendo demonstration by Mr. Thomson in the locker bay (we told you they took over the locker bay). Mr. Thomson is a seasoned Kendo fighter, and his skills are sure to thrill our students.

And Friday is the top-secret finale in the auditorium!!! Gasp! What could it be?

With all this cultural excitement, we hope no one has forgotten the Elf Auction on Monday. We're sure this year's batch of seniors will bring in loads of money for the Milton Hospital.

"THE ROYAL REPORT"



Erin Hetherington Lindsay Johnston Julia Riddell

BISHOP REDING HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Milton,

This Inside Source would like to take a break from the everyday hustle and bustle of school life. Instead, I wish to share some thoughts about this holiday season, and hopefully spark some discussion on ways to spread joy this winter. The following is a student-friendly guide to celebrating the holidays:

Break out the Glitter Glue- Giving is what Christmas is all about, but most of the giving is focused on items of monetary wealth. Instead of spending a fortune, make some meaningful homemade gifts. One great idea is making cards that outline the best qualities of the person, your favourite memories together, or funny "inside" jokes. Instead of pushing through crowded malls in search of sales, look within your own room.

Deck the Halls (for someone else!)- One of the most inspiring parts of the holiday season is the focus on helping those less fortunate than ourselves. Although this is incredible, our elderly and other members of the community are sometimes overlooked. There is nothing more rewarding than helping an elderly neighbour decorate his or her home, making Christmas cookies for a seniors' centre, or sharing stories with some of the residents; so give the gift of yourself. Time is truly the most precious thing you can give, so do not be afraid to lend yourself.

Prioritize - A couple of weeks ago, I asked a six year old girl what she was going to ask Santa for this Christmas. She told me that she wanted to go to the zoo with her parents, but she looked disappointed as she uttered these words. I questioned her about the cause of her distress, and she informed me that her parents said it was not possible. I curiously sought the reason for this, since I could not comprehend why anyone would not want to spend time with this fantastic child. She told me that her parents were too busy decorating, shopping and attending Christmas parties. They had told their six year old daughter that, "this was just a bad time of year for that kind of thing". I was appalled, especially since this is the perfect time of year to spend time with your family. It was at this point that my priorities became clear; yet, it made me contemplate the priorities of our society.

So come on- put down the wallet, cell phone, BlackBerry, and agenda, and focus on the reason for our existence. We have the potential to change so many lives for the better, and it takes surprisingly little effort. Getting lost in materialism, consumerism, and perfectionism is so easy, yet none of these things are of value. Sharing life and love is more difficult in this chaotic world, but is of much greater value. Let's forget the -isms and live for each other. Have a wonderful Christmas,

One of your Inside Sources

PREPARE FOR THE ROAD AHEAD.

Course Dates & Times

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Dec 27, 28, 29, 30
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