



Principal's Message

This school year 1999 - 2000 has been extremely successful and rewarding for me as Principal. Many positive events took place this past year. Some of the highlights are the following:

The student council, led by President Jesse Nickel, organized and ran a number of successful activities throughout the school year. Beginning with the Terry Fox Run, then Work-A-Thon, Theme Dances etc., they ended the year with a variety of fundraisers.

Our Academy for the Arts department started with Godspell in the fall then continued with the Sears Drama Festival, Arts Displays, the Gala, Blues Jams, the Chicago Trip and ended the year with concerts in Music, Dance and Drama.

Our school teams were very competitive. The senior boys and girls basketball teams went to O.F.S.S.A. With the cancellation of football, it was great to see a school field lacrosse team start. Cross-country, volleyball, tennis, badminton, soccer, track & field and golf, including a girls team for the first time, all had great seasons.

Through efforts of our staff, students and advisory council we refurbished our courtyard and opened it in May 2000.

Thank you to all the coaches, teachers and volunteers who made this past year a memorable one for our students.

It made me especially proud this past year to see over one third of our students make the Honour Roll with averages of 80% and higher. This is quite an accomplishment for a school. This shows that goals can be reached if you give your best and commit to it.

However, the greatest accomplishment for our school this past year was the positive result obtained from the school review that took place. Our school is to remain open for a number of years to come. It was great to see our community come together to support Niagara District and be a partner in the struggle.

I wish all graduates the best with their future goals and aspirations. Hopefully your time at N.D.S.S. will be treasured and remember, "Winners set Goals - Losers set Limits."

Mr. Watson

President's Message

As I reflect on the year past, I can't help but smile and think that this has been the most memorable and rewarding year a young man of my likeness could possibly hope for. Being President this year was all that I was expecting and more. Last year I spent a great deal of my spare time watching Donnelly as he plunged onward in his year of reign.



The 1999-00 school year was distinct in so many ways. Plainly, the biggest challenge the students, teachers and community members were faced with was the threat to our living, breathing school. Not only was our building in peril, but our school as a spirit was in danger of becoming a memory. During the months of extensive discussion and reasoning, the Trojan spirit could not and would not be dampened, not even by the enduring predominance of the opposition. It was proved to all people far and wide that a victory such as this one would not be an event surpassed by anything for quite some time. I guess it is true, 'We Will Never Die.'

Starting off with an insane grade 9 orientation (sorry about the mud) and ending with a real standup and respectable, awesome senior prom, there is no doubt this year was blasting and I hope it will stand out like a sore thumb in your memories.



I was lucky enough to land in such a position where none other than Audrey Epp, our Sr. Vice President, would be there right beside me. Sometimes I felt as if she was my right arm. The spirit and morale I smelled when I walked down the hallways was very potent thanks to the great dances and social events put on through the hard work of the student council. Also a special thanks to Mr. Watson for all the help and a huge thanks, good-bye and we'll miss you to Mrs. Rodgers, the best secretary ever.

The personal guidance I received from Tom, and the reading ("knowledge is power") and events that gave me wisdom, experience and character all contributed to my efforts as President.

I really, really loved the great men and women of Niagara District and it was a pleasure to be a representative. Sometimes when I'm sitting at home with Jake, a coffee and a good book, I find my mind drifting off into a utopia of illustrious arts, spanking athletics and humans with genius qualities. Not to mention the aroma of humour in the air. I then realize, I am simply reminiscing of the unforgettable and comforting memories I cherish so dearly from NDSS. So long and sleep well.



Love Jesse
99-00 NDSS Students' Council President

P.S. - Vote for me when I run for Prime Minister!

