

Principal's fall report — News from ESPSS

BY G. CINQ-MAKS
I'd like to welcome all readers of this newsletter back to another school year. All of us here at E.S.P.S.S. are enthused about 1983-84 and it shows in the school spirit and in the way students are joining teams, clubs, and activities.

ENROLMENT
E.S.P.S.S. has 638 students who have chosen to attempt a total of 4353 credits. This makes for a full and active day in all programs. Over 700 credits are taught in French (Francais, Histoire, Geographie, Sciences, Mathematiques) while over 650 are Technical credits. Regarding our technical offerings, all grade 9 students this year have the opportunity to select their courses in packages: for example any 1 or 2 combinations of the following: Electronics Machine Shop; Machine Shop Woodworking; Woodworking Electronics; Auto

Mechanics / Drafting. It is anticipated that next year's grade 9's, who will register this winter, will have the following combinations of packages: Drafting Electronics; Machine Shop / Drafting; Electronics / Auto Mechanics; Auto Mechanics / Sheet Metal. This type of scheduling makes it possible for all grade 9 students to have a wider exposure to all shops, or to concentrate on those shops they like the best.

BARK LAKE EXPERIENCE
Twenty of our Honour students attended a special Outdoor Education trip to the Bark Lake Outdoor Education Leadership Camp from Sept. 9-11. I was in attendance and have no hesitation whatsoever in stating that it was one of the finest outdoor education experiences I have ever witnessed. Three schools were involved: ESPSS, MSS, and ODCVI. All students were exposed to six

activities, including sailing, canoeing, kayaking, orienteering, environmental science, and leadership. The instructors were outstanding as well as the students. This experience will be repeated next September with a new group.

E.S.P.S.S. STUDENT COUNCIL
This year's student council executive is: President: Claude Quesnelle, Vice-president: Tom Rankin, Secretary: Suzanne Gignac, Treasurer: Andrea Lau, Social Convenor: Wayne Robitaille.

The election for grade representatives is underway; the dance schedule is up; assemblies are planned; and fund raising drives are on the way. We seem to have a winner.

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION DAY
Sixty-five of our Senior students participated in the

University Information Day on September 26, 1983. This annual experience is organized by the E.S.P.S.S. Guidance department and is considered a vital experience for all students intending to attend university next year. All Ontario universities are represented and each student has the opportunity to discuss his / her needs at length with them. I would simply remind all readers, parents and students, that still the best way to be assured of a place at the university of your choice is to graduate with a high average, and that requires nothing more than a commitment to hard work during your grade 13 year.

GRADE 9 APPRECIATION DAY
Thursday, September 29 was designated as the Grade 9 Appreciation Day at ESPSS by the Student Council. All

senior students went out of their way on that day to meet as many new faces as possible and make them feel welcome and part of our family.

FALL CONCERT WINTARIO
The ESPSS annual Fall concert is scheduled for the evening of Nov. 24, however this year, ESPSS is offering an added attraction. The Wintario Lottery people and Global Television have expressed an interest in conducting the Wintario Lottery in Penetanguishene that night, and at ESPSS in particular. The plans are still tentative, and more information and publicity will be made available in the near future.

ESPSS MUSICAL
Mr. John Norton has announced that this year's musical at E.S.P.S.S. will be the very popular Godspell. The dates for the presentation are February 9-11, 1984.

PROGRAM OF STUDIES DISTRIBUTION
As you undoubtedly have already heard, read, or seen on television, the Ministry of Education in Ontario has introduced several sweeping changes in secondary education to take effect in September 1984. One of the major difficulties that schools encounter at such times is how to get the information about the

changes and about the school programs to the parents, especially the parents of those students who will eventually come to High School, but who are still in the elementary school systems.

Because Penetanguishene and area enjoys the services provided by 9 different schools under three different school systems, the problem of communicating with the parents of students in grades 7 & 8 is compounded. Therefore, we at ESPSS have prepared a comprehensive Program of Studies, which includes a resume of all imminent changes, a summary of all services offered at ESPSS, and all the courses and advice about these courses which are offered at ESPSS. We feel this information should be in your hands well

before it is time to register your child in High School, so that you have time to read it, digest it, and perhaps even ask questions about it before a Parent Information Night is scheduled. Therefore we are having this Program of Studies printed, in French and English, and we will distribute it to anyone who wishes one.

We hope of course that all parents of students who are presently in grade 7 or 8 will want one. If you do, please call the school, 549-7446, and leave your name, address, and the name of your son / daughter and the grade and school where they are attending and we will mail you a Program of Studies 1984-85.

Or you may wish to pick one up yourself at the school. That is fine too!

Quiz — Answers

- 1) Midland Mayor Al Roach enjoys boating.
- 2) Bruce is a volleyball coach, highly regarded around the circuit.
- 3) Terry Spiker's the main man.
- 4) The team heads over to Haliburton.
- 5) Sept. 9-11 were the dates. Tough question?
- 6) Six teams are slated to play this season.
- 7) Lawn bowling is a sport for people of all ages. Even your quiz-master has thrown the occasional bowls on the green in Midland.
- 8) The gales are known as the Marauders.
- 9) This super column is penned by Dennis Brabant
- 10) The Little Lake Bass Derby, by the way, it is the oldest derby of its kind in not only Ontario but in the country.

Explaining new food

—4H time again—

Penetang I Fall 4-H Unit has started again. This unit we are explaining new foods from different nationalities and learning where the food originated from, and we are also learning about different traditions and the utensils and equipment used to prepare the food.

The unit is called Ontario Heritage. Our club name is the World Wide Smorgasborders. There are 10 members and three leaders.

Our meetings are held at PSS, Tuesday nights 7-9 p.m.

There are seven meetings in the unit. After we have completed the unit we have our achievement night at MSS School. Our club is doing an exhibit on herbs and spices.

We will be welcoming our new Home Economist for North Simcoe County Mrs. Linda Coldwell Lord the evening of our achievement night. We hope she will enjoy the evening in Midland.

We are looking forward to meeting Mrs. Caldwell Lord.

The unit has been an adventure trying different kinds of foods from all over the world. I have enjoyed the unit and I am sure that the rest of the members have enjoyed it as much.

Barb Williams

Brooklea defeats Stompers

In Penetang-Midland Touch Football League action Sunday in Penetang, the Brooklea Eagles defeated

Cumming Nicholson Stompers by a score of 14-6.

John Pickell scored a

touchdown as did Rob Cascagnette plus a convert for the Eagles. Stompers' only touchdown came from

Charlie Dyer.

You can catch this league any Sunday at either Penetang or Midland fields.

Provincial funds will help

Provincial funds to help farmers install tile drainage systems in their fields are being re-allocated to go where the need is greatest, William Doyle, assistant deputy minister of Agriculture and Food, announced today.

The ministry is transferring tile drainage funds from municipalities that are not going to use up their

current allocations, pumping them into areas where there are farmers waiting to have this work done," Doyle said. This could mean up to \$30,000 each to 140 municipalities, he noted.

Each year, the ministry allocates funds to municipalities under the Ontario Tile Drainage Act which they, in turn, loan to local farmers for

drainage projects. "The ministry is today notifying the municipal clerks involved of the changes in these financial arrangements," Doyle said.

Farmers who have been waiting to proceed with tile drainage projects should check with their municipal clerks regarding the availability of additional funds.

Studies have shown that tile drainage increases crop yields up to 50 per cent and that each dollar invested in tile drainage brings a return of \$18.

The Canada Safety Council reminds all drivers to keep alert for school buses and their flashing red stop signals.

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