

ESPSS principal issues newsletter to parents, students and teachers

The school year is rapidly growing to a close: there are exactly 32 school days left before the final examinations, and 44 days left before graduation night. I hope you will bring this fact to your children's attention with a view to their preparation for the June exams which are scheduled from June 12-19.

E.S.P.S.S. 1984-85 Timetable

Timetabling for next year was completed last week with each student building his or her own particular timetable in conjunction with all other students of the same grade level. The students presently in grade 12 Advanced classes build the incoming grade 9 timetables, a process which continues to work very well. All students from grades 9-11 are scheduled for a full eight subjects, while grade 12 and 13 students are permitted to select fewer than 8 in order to specialize in an area of their choice.

We have introduced a new innovation in the Music program timetabling for September. In order to permit larger groups of students to work together (and therefore learn to coordinate their play better), all music students of grades 10, 11, 12, and 13 have been timetabled together,

one period each second day. Small group tutorials, according to specific instruments, have also been scheduled to further develop individual skills. This thematic approach to Music timetabling combines the best of the individual and group approaches and will, we believe, manifest itself in better orchestra preparation for our students.

Up-Coming Events:

a) The annual E.S.P.S.S. Spring Concert will be presented on the evening of April 27 from 7-10 p.m. This traditional offering usually serves as a showcase for the E.S.P.S.S. Junior Band and they have stolen the show in recent years. We hope you will reserve this evening of the 27th and be in attendance at what promises to be a very entertaining evening.

b) The Senior Prom is scheduled for Friday, May 11 at the E.S.P.S.S. gymnasium. This affair is in its fourth year now and has always been first class. This year's organizer, Krista Williams, has done much fine work in preparation for May 11 and once again it promises to be a classy occasion.

c) The annual E.S.P.S.S. Athletic Banquet will occur on Thursday, May 31 during an extended

lunch. This is a departure from former years where the banquet has been held in the evening, and should provide an opportunity for all E.S.P.S.S. students to recognize and honour their fellow athletes who represent E.S.P.S.S. so well during the year. Parents and interested community members are invited of course, but we require advance notice; therefore if you are planning to be in attendance for this occasion, please call the school office (549-7446) before May 11. The organizers are Hallie Hartman, Dave Bayfield, Mike Pilon, Cathy Pilon, Pat Dion, and Aimee Marchildon. Mr. Don Beatty, former E.S.P.S.S. principal and present Area 3 superintendent of schools will be the guest speaker.

d) The annual E.S.P.S.S. Awards Assembly is scheduled for the morning of Monday, June 4. Again this will be the fourth occasion for this particular event and it has proven very worthwhile. All deserving students of grades 9, 10, and 11 receive academic awards, prizes, and scholarships at this assembly, in front of the entire school body and those parents in attendance. The grade 10 Basic, grade 12 and grade 13 graduates receive their awards

and honours at the graduation night. Last year a total of 82 awards were presented as well as special recognitions of several students for meritorious department during the year. Parents of the recipients will receive an invitation to attend this special assembly.

Penetanguishene Rotary Scholarship

I'd like to publicly express our appreciation to the Penetanguishene Rotary Club who have advised us that they are prepared to award, annually, a \$500.00 scholarship to a deserving student at E.S.P.S.S. This latest scholarship adds to an impressive list of such awards that are directed to E.S.P.S.S. students from community groups and individuals. I feel that these are significant indications of the support and appreciation the community of Penetanguishene has for E.S.P.S.S. and we are most grateful for that expression. The Rotary Club are presently examining a list of several "ground rules" which might apply to the selection of the successful candidate and will advise us shortly of their decision.

Joint E.S.P.S.S. - P.G.H. Spring Clean-up Plans are underway for a joint E.S.P.S.S. - P.G.H. community

spring clean-up. This effort, initiated by the E.S.P.S.S. Student council would involve E.S.P.S.S. students contracting their services for spring clean-up work to the community, and the proceeds being shared equally between E.S.P.S.S. and the Penetanguishene General Hospital. We look at this possibility as our small effort to support a fine community establishment which provides quality medical and nursing service in our community.

Drive Education News

The main objective of driver instruction is to provide educational experiences which will give pupils the skills, and above all the proper attitudes necessary for the safe and efficient operation of the automobile. This is accomplished through 25 hours of in-class instruction and 6 hours of driving experience.

Carl Manshart and Ralph Battrick conducted the fall and spring in-class courses while Carl Manshart, Doug Pascoe, and Victor Vallee instructed the in-car sessions. In the two sessions 49 students successfully completed the course. They are: Lisa Vivian, Kevin Sharpe, Cheryl King, Hallie Hartman, Carolyn Bissette, David Desroches, Denis

Maurice, Denis Marion, Andrew Bayfield, Linda Gignac, Sherri Edgar, Joy Lesperance, Reema Malik, Wayne Robitaille, Wayne Jehle, Mike Stevens, Michelle Hicks, Greg Mackie, Melissa Meisinger, Jeannette Vander Zwan, Maria Almeida, Rick Ansell, Mark Bertin, Dave Bourgeois, Kathryn Beauchamp, Claire Desroches, Louise Duquette, Kevin Farthing, James Gignac, Janice Gignac, Steve Gignac, John Vrontzos, Dave Hornberg, Steve Lefaive, Charlene Marchildon, Peter Moyer, Mike Morrison, Paula McClinton, John Limoges, Darren Lacroix, Denis Parent, Louis Pilon, Karen Pilon, Robert Pilon, Mike Rennie, Rob Robitaille, Theresa Sandy, Jennifer Zoschke, Janna Zylich.

Computer Education News

An additional 26 Icon computers will be added to E.S.P.S.S. in September bringing our total to some 47 computers at the disposal of E.S.P.S.S. students. These 26 new machines are the new Ministry of Education microcomputers which were designed specifically for educational use. These latest additions allow us to increase our computer education program dramatically next year. In addition to

Introduction to Computers, we have new expanded into such areas as computer keyboarding, computer science and technology (advanced programming), computer technology (geared to future engineers), data processing (for business), and word processing (for business english). Many other departments such as Music, Geography, Science, Mathematics, etc. have developed programs which assist learning and are making limited use of this hardware. At E.S.P.S.S., we look upon the usage of, and facility with computers such as we do the telephone. Where telephone was once a mystery to most and a rare luxury in homes, it is now being used in most homes and by most people with the utmost confidence and skill. The microcomputer is a similar tool which will undoubtedly enhance the quality of life for today's and tomorrow's students and adults. We have a commitment to facilitate that process for our students.

Summary of Up-Coming Dates

April 27 - Spring Concert; May 11 - Senior Prom; May 31 - Athletic Banquet; June 4 - Awards Assembly; June 12-19 - Examinations; June 28 - Graduation.

Tenants get rent rebates

Tenants who were overcharged on rent last year negotiated or were awarded more than \$800,000 in rebates through the Residential Tenancy Commission, Consumer and Commercial Relations Minister Dr. Elgie announced today.

Between April 1 and December 31, 1983, the Commission determined rebates for 1,426 tenants involving \$819,108. The average rebate was \$574.00.

In the previous 12-month period ending March 31, 1983, the Commission determined rebates in 1,140 cases involving \$513,000. The average rebate was \$450.00.

Dr. Elgie attributed the hike to an increased awareness by tenants of

the limits on rent increases imposed by Ontario's Residential Tenancies Act.

Under the Act, rents in most privately-owned rental accommodation cannot be increased more than once a year, regardless of amount. Rent increases cannot exceed six percent unless the landlord receives approval from the Residential Tenancy Commission.

"If there is evidence suggesting an overcharge, a tenant can apply to the Commission to have it determine the lawful rent, and to have the landlord ordered to rebate the overcharge," Dr. Elgie said. The application can be made by the current or former tenant, he noted,

whether or not they knew of or had agreed to the overcharge.

"Applying for a rent rebate is not a difficult or costly step," added Dr. Elgie. "There isn't any application fee, and the form to be filed with the Commission is very easy to complete. In most cases, it can be completed on the spot in the local Commission office."

Tenants often inquire whether they need a lawyer, accountant or other professional to represent them if they are seeking a rebate. The law doesn't require a tenant to have a professional representative, and the Commission says that in most cases, tenants are able to represent

themselves.

However, in some cases, a tenant may find it advisable to have professional representation if their case is more complicated than most.

About 75 percent of all rebates cases are settled with the Commission acting as a mediator between the tenant and the landlord. If mediation is unsuccessful, the application is forwarded to a Commissioner, who holds a hearing where the tenant presents evidence to support the claim. The Commissioner then issues a written order specifying the lawful rent and the amount of rebate owed.

It is an offence under

the Residential Tenancies Act to knowingly disobey an order of the Commission, and prosecution can result. Upon conviction, a court can levy a fine up to \$2,000 in the case of an individual or up to \$25,000 in the case of a corporation.

Tenants can learn about their rights under the rent review legislation by obtaining a brochure published by the Commission titled RENT REVIEW: HERE ARE THE FACTS, available at local Commission offices throughout Ontario.

This Week in Canada
On May 7, in 1763, Pontiac failed to massacre the British fort at Detroit, and in 1877, Sitting Bull arrived in Canada with 4000 Sioux, and in 1885, General Middleton began the attack on the Metis that ended the Northwest Rebellion.

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