

Conduct Code well received

By Chris Garbutt
Recently, Stouffville District Secondary School introduced its Code of Conduct, more properly named "The Rights and Responsibilities of the Stouffville District Secondary School Community". If you received a copy or read it, you may be wondering about the reason for it or what it really means.

The Code is something soon to be in effect in every secondary school across Ontario. It was decreed by the Ministry of Education. Here at S.D.S.S., it was developed by a committee of teachers, parents, students and board trustee Harry Bowes. The Code outlines not only the rights and responsibilities of the student, but also those of the teacher and the parent.

Generally Positive
As a field test, fifty students, (ten from each grade), were selected at random and given a copy along with a questionnaire. As well, fifty parents received a copy. Thus 100 families were represented.
Response was generally positive. However, there were a few negative replies concerning such issues as radios in

the halls and need for an in-school smoking area. But generally, most seemed satisfied with the document.
"People were glad to see it written down in black and white," said Mr Krol, our vice-principal.

Some Indifference
Reaction by the student body bordered on indifference. Some considered it a lot for each student to remember (over seven pages long). Others believed it wouldn't change anything.

Said Ross Thompson of Grade 12: "It's the same as it was before, just a few words were changed around."
Said Kathy Goldman, also of Grade 12: "It's a list of rules that were previously understood."

Band Impressive
The S.D.S.S. senior band participated in the Kiwanis Music Festival at Birchmount Collegiate, Thursday. Although they didn't place in the top three, members scored an impressive 82 per cent. As an indication of how close the competition was, the first place band received an 86%.

Play Well Received
On Thursday, students of S.D.S.S. were treated to a play entitled "The Exception and the Rule" all about greed and cruelty as depicted by Crow's Theatre Circus. Alas and alack, I was at the Kiwanis Festival and missed the presentation. From most reports it was definitely different and well received.

Power In Volleyball
As the year progresses, Stouffville High continues to be a power in volleyball. The Junior Girls won all four of their matches last week to maintain their first place standing. They now have a record of ten wins and no losses—a shoo-in for a spot in the playoffs. The Senior Girls also fared well last week, going three for one. They now have a seven win, three loss record on the year and also appear playoff bound.

Spirit Week
This is Spirit Week at S.D.S.S. Today, (Wednesday), is Clash Day. Tomorrow, (Thursday), is Red and White Day, in keeping with the Valentine spirit. Friday is Tourist Day. Friday is also the date of the long anticipated Video Dance. Come to school in appropriate attire.

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Students receive literary awards

Several elementary and secondary school students were the recipients of Remembrance Day literary awards at a ceremony, Feb. 4 in the Stouffville Legion Hall. Holding first prize certificates are: Front Row (left to right) Daniel Stainton, Summitview; Elisa Kuusela, Whitchurch-
Highlands; Jenny Smart, Whitchurch-Highlands; Robert Mountjoy, Summitview. Rear Row (left to right) Jeffrey Carney, Stouffville High; Marc Meyer, Stouffville High and Karin Gell, Markham High.
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