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2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

Note that classes begin on **Tuesday September 1, 2009**, prior to Labour Day for the 2009-10 school year .

Our pre-registration date for students in Grades 10 to 12 will be Thursday August 27th from 10am to 2pm. Students who pay their \$40 activity fee on August 27th may also pick up their timetables prior to classes beginning September 1.

Grade 9 students' pre-registration day is Monday August 31st from 9am to 1pm.

FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES

We are sad to say goodbye to Peter Knowles, John Menzo, and Larry Shoemaker this past month, but we were happy to celebrate with them as they look forward to new experiences in retirement. Mr. Knowles taught at GCVI for 40 years, Mr. Menzo has 37 years of experience in teaching, and Mr. Shoemaker has been with the board for over 24 years, 14 of them as our night-time custodial supervisor. We will miss the expertise, positive spirit, and special touch that each one of these staff members brought to our school.

There will be other changes at Guelph CVI next year, including a new vice-principal. Ms. Sandra Roberts will be joining us in the fall. Ms. Roberts is currently a Curriculum Leader in the Program Department at the Board and has experience as a vice-principal at Norwell District Secondary School.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council is a group of interested parents, students, teachers and community members who advise the principal on matters relating to The Guelph CVI. They meet at 7pm in the cafeteria every second Wednesday of the month. Their next meeting is on September 9th. New members are welcome. Contact our chair Sharon Molyneaux (519-823-5078) for more information.

Thank you to Ruth Jennison, who has been a co-chair for many years and has been a strong GCVI supporter and school council member for the last four years.

Good luck to Ruth on her "graduation" from GC School Council.

ART DEPARTMENT

ART COUNCIL

Rome, Sicily and Greece tour participants enjoyed a 10-day trip of a lifetime taking in the Coliseum, the Forum, St. Peter's, and the Acropolis.

Senior Award winners

Congratulations to the following artists for their fine achievement; Alice Gao, the Leonardo da Vinci Award; Emma Tarbush, the Mona Lisa Award; Megan Engel, the Emily Carr Award.

ART COUNCIL RAZZLE DAZZLE WORKSHOP

On May 14 the Guelph Collegiate Art Council hosted a day of networking and rare workshops for 25 students from across the Upper Grand District School Board. Students from J. F. Ross, Centennial, Centre Wellington, Norwell and Guelph Collegiate attended. This was the first time in the history of Upper Grand that art students from many schools were able to share ideas in leadership workshops and also learn new art techniques.

Tammy Ratcliffe offered a chine-collé learning experience where students tried their hands at applying beautiful Japanese tissue paper to their original prints. A printing press that is seldom used in the art classes was reconditioned for the event by Andy Beitz and students in our technology department. Special thanks go to them for their technical help.

Andrea Bird also offered a workshop in encaustic. Students worked with melted beeswax and oil paint to create exquisite colourful paintings. Not only did the works have the beauty of stained glass windows, the room had a wonderful fragrance. Thanks go to Anne Knighton for letting our group use her classroom for the whole day.

By the end of the day the students had made new friends, learned about art leadership activities at other schools and were inspired artistically.

SCIENCE OLYMPICS

Sixteen grade 9 and 10 students competed in the Science Olympics at the University of Guelph on May 28th. Students competed in groups of four in various challenges. Some of the activities they participated in were building a catapult, math problem solving, classifying plants, identifying elements based on riddles and even racing hissing cockroaches! The Gaels' team of Remi Long, Riku Pekkola, Krishram Sivendiran and Jenifer Truong won the "Barnyard Science" competition by learning about and then presenting an answer to the question, "Why can cows eat grass but humans can't?" Another team including Fauzia Khanum, Tamara Graham, Katie Jenkins and Remi Long won the "Real Dirt" challenge by identifying various soil types. Ms. Lodge also had some success in the teacher challenge. All participants had a great time and learned a few things along the way. GCVI can be proud of all of their accomplishments!

30-HOUR FAMINE @ GCVI

A BIG thank you to each student who participated in the 30-Hour Famine, especially Tim Campbell, Kara Bonis and Dara Folland who organized the whole event. We raised \$3320.80 to give to World Vision

for projects to fight poverty and disease. This year we managed to have a very successful sleepover with 34 students participating. We played games that made us think, played games that tired us out, and some of us went to the local food bank to volunteer and learn about what they do right here in Guelph. Thank you to Mr. Mahnic and Ms. Goodreau who made the sleepover even more fun than we anticipated, and thank you to each parent who donated towards our goal, as well as making food or snacks for the lunch when we were finished. Next April we plan to do it all over again and hope to raise double this amount of money!

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Music Department had a busy and very long season this year. Three of our groups finished in June with community performances. The Paisley St. Stompers (Dixie Band) played at a sorority New Orleans Night and the Gaels Singers performed at a Kiwanis Club luncheon. However, the highlight of our performance year was the Kiwanis Music Festival where the choir won three golds and the top award for school choirs, the bands won a gold and three silvers. The Symphonic Band came away with the award for best school band performance.

At the awards assembly we honoured three of our students. Hilary Conway received the Sr. Music Council Award, Madeline Turland the Jr. Music Council Award, Jenny Griffioen and Elliott Gwynne were MVP's, Jessica Dorado was recognized for Most Improved, and the Gaels Singers won top group honours.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Parent Music Council for their hard work and dedication in organizing our fundraisers and coordinating our concerts. They will be looking for new members in the fall. Please contact Ms. Vicary at Ext. 333 if you are interested.

Thank you to everyone for making this year a success through your support at concerts, events and fundraising.

ATHLETICS

This year will go down in the GCVI history books as one of the most successful years ever! We thought in 2006 that it could not get any better after winning four D10 Championships. This year the Gaels marched to NINE D10 CHAMPIONSHIPS. We had

fifteen different teams qualify for CWOSSA with a highlight being our Junior Girls Basketball team capping off their perfect season by winning the CWOSSA Championship for the first time in 20 years. We also had excellent representation at OFSAA from our Baseball and Wrestling teams as well as Swimming, where Grant Harding won a Gold and Silver Medal in each of his events. The Girls B Soccer Team had a very successful season. Our girls demonstrated excellent team play throughout our short season, thanks in part to our hard work in the many practices leading up to the first game. We won 5 of 6 games, scoring 14 goals. Several girls who were new to organized soccer made vast improvements to their skills. Congratulations on the third place finish overall! Our awards banquet wrapped up this incredible season and Athletes of the Year were announced Lindsay Thompson and Alex Barr were named Junior Athletes of the Year while Megan Wolters and Chandler McLaren were Senior Athletes of the year. Chandler was also drafted in the 29th round by the Milwaukee Brewers making him the 9th highest Canadian highschooler drafted by professional baseball. He led the Gaels to win two D-10 championships. Congratulations to all who participated in and supported Gaels athletics.

Introducing DEXIT!

The GCVI cafeteria has introduced a new way to pay...just DEXIT! Dexit is a key tag that students carry with them. It is similar to a debit card, and can only be used for purchases at our cafeteria. Benefits:

- Your child will always have enough to pay for a good nutritious lunch at school.
- The DEXIT! Tag is re-loadable at school, or on the web via secure website.
- You can track your child's spending online.
- If the DEXIT tag is lost, simply go online and freeze the tag, so no dollars are lost. A replacement tag can be issued and the balance transferred.

DEXIT! Tags now available in the GCVI cafeteria.

TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY

Students taking Transportation Technology next year will benefit from the generosity of Royal City Automotive and Carquest Canada. GCVI would like to thank Jason Arsis and Bill Starke for their donation.

Upper Grand Learning Foundation

Do you want to contribute to Guelph CVI without buying more chocolate bars? The Learning Foundation asks that as you plan your finances and make decisions about your charitable donations, to please consider contributing to GCVI through the Foundation. 100% of your funds go to the school. What are the advantages?

- ✓ There is nothing to buy, just the assurance that 100% of your contribution will reach the school.
- ✓ Donate any time during the school year.
- ✓ No amount is too small – tax receipts are issued for any amount of \$10 or more
- ✓ Payment can be made by cheque, Visa, Mastercard, or cash

Cheques should be made payable to "Upper Grand Learning Foundation". Please send them to Wendy Darroch, Office Coordinator, at Guelph CVI with the completed contribution form along with payment. Donations will be forwarded to the Foundation.

The Upper Grand Learning Foundation Contribution Form

Please accept my gift of: \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$500

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