

School Council: Your connection to your school



**PARENT CONNECTION**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS Sharon Molyneaux and Kim Costigan

School Council has once again resumed and we are delighted to welcome 13 new members to the council. As a council we strive to provide a parental voice to the activities that happen at GCVI. Providing information, exchanging ideas and establishing and implementing goals are part of the council meetings. Last year our meetings addressed a number of different topics:

### Wes Coffey

- Clarified the additional fee structure for course and extra curricular activities.

### Aline Cool

- Outlined the College and University application process.

### Lloyd Lewis

- Presented information about the Co-op program.

### Steve Fleming

- Spoke on Specialist High Skills Major program.

### Anita MacFarlane

- Director for the community based program Food and Friends presented an update on the school's Breakfast Club and the requirements of the coordinator role.

### Wes Coffey

- Demonstrated the process of on-line course selection.

### Detective Constables Jason Guardiero and Bruce Hunter (Guelph Police Services Investigative Support Services Child Exploitation Unit)

- Spoke about internet safety and social networking. Council invited parents from the GCVI school community and feeder schools to attend.

### Matt Jack

- A visiting teacher on exchange from Australia talked about his experiences up here and down under.

As parents we hold a very important role in our children's education. Our role is enhanced by keeping informed as to the activities at the school. At School Council you can obtain those updates. So, why not consider attending a meeting? Monday November 9 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria will be our next meeting. The meeting is done by 9 p.m.



There will be a Career Fair on Wednesday November 23 at John F. Ross beginning at 6:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to take your teen to explore career options that are available to them. Colleges, Universities, apprenticeship and job opportunities after High School will be showcased. It is well worth the time to explore these opportunities with your son or daughter.

**Wednesday, NOVEMBER 23**  
**6-8 PM**

## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP 2011-2012

### Executive:

Co-chair: Sharon Molyneaux  
Co-chair: Kim Costigan  
Secretary: Rose Friegang

Michele Altermann  
Brenda Cowbrough  
Leanne Conway  
Vivian Daly  
Lisa Doyle  
Sharon Dolderman  
Lisa Dolderman  
Gill Hudson  
Keri Johnson  
Trish Johnson  
Irenka Keough  
Tina Kleppe  
Cara Kure  
Iris Lambert  
Anu Luthra  
Gabi Luttmann  
Heather McDonald  
Stephanie Miller  
Heather Noble  
Birgit Niggerbaum-Purvis  
Kavitha Prakash  
Deborah Prince  
Mona Robinson  
Linda Rowe  
Robyn Sampson  
Martha Savage  
Robin Smart  
Kathryn Selves  
Marni Struyk  
Dale Soegtrup  
Catherine Sullivan  
Dianne Sutherland  
Ruth Spoule  
Allison Terry  
Tracy Wheeler  
Annie Wiese  
Linda Zytner  
Staff Rep: Melissa McDowall

## SCHOOL COUNCIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2010-2011

1. Held eight meetings. (Details of speakers and topics has been detailed in the co-chairs report.)
2. Revised the Parent Handbook that is still ongoing.
3. Updated Parent information brochure that was distributed to all families in the summer mailing.
4. Designed a new logo for School Council.
5. Purchased t-shirts with the School council logo.
6. Redesigned school magnet.
7. Redesigned header for School council display board.
8. Maintained display board and display case.
9. Supported Breakfast Club through promotion in the school Newsletters and report cards to solicit food and cash donations.
10. Published and distributed newsletter to parents at the fall and spring Parent Teacher interview nights.
11. Hosted Donors' reception on Graduation night.
12. Hosted reception for graduates and their families.
13. Provided two staff appreciation events. One for each semester.
14. Advertised and supported Career Fair.
15. Provided Council representation at the school council annual meeting.
16. Prepared Principal Profile for 2011-2012.
17. Provide ongoing recruitment of parent involvement in School Council.



## DATES and TOPICS for 2011-2012 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

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| Wed November 9 | University and college application process will be presented with opportunity for parents to ask questions.    |
| Wed January 11 | Speciality courses and course selection process  |
| Wed February 8 | Learning Aids to assist students including a Library tour to learn of the resources available to them          |
| Wed April 11   | Panel Discussion with support staff: Resource officer, Social Services, Child & Youth worker and school nurse. |
| Wed May 9      | Learning from GCVI graduates and their Post Secondary experiences.   |

*...meetings are held at GCVI in the school cafeteria, 7-9 pm*

## BREAKFAST CLUB

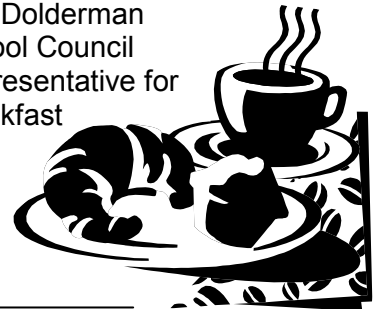
Each morning our school, in partnership with The Church of St. James and The Children's Foundation of Guelph's Food and Friends program, puts on a free breakfast for students of GCVI. The breakfast is open at St. James Church on Glasgow Street each school day morning from 8-9 am and is put on by volunteers from the church, school and community. This "Breakfast Club" served approximately 6629 meals last school year alone, and is an integral part of the day for many of our students. Funding for the breakfast club comes partly from government grants, which cover about half of the expenses, and the rest of the funding relies on donations. We can't run this

program without help from our community. If you know of anyone or any business in our community who is looking for a place to donate, please ask them to consider this program. Tax receipts will be issued for any donation over \$20 dollars. It is a wonderful opportunity to help out the young people in our school who will benefit from a healthy and nutritious breakfast. If you would like to donate to this specific program, please contact Anita MacFarlane at the Children's Foundation of Guelph/Wellington at 519-826-9551. Or you can feel free to donate by cheque. Cheques should be made out to Food and Friends, c/o Children's Foundation of Guelph/Wellington

but please specify GCVI Breakfast Club in the memo line. Cheques may be sent directly to GCVI, or to The Children's Foundation of Guelph/Wellington, 87 Waterloo Ave, Guelph ON N1H 3H6. For other ways to donate, please go to:

[www.childrensfoundation.org](http://www.childrensfoundation.org)

On behalf of the Breakfast Club, thank you,  
Lisa Dolderman  
School Council  
Representative for  
Breakfast  
Club



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## INK CARTRIDGES & ZEHRS TAPES

Due to the limited financial resources that the school has available we need your help. Please bring in your used computer ink cartridges for the Library. The Zehrs tapes to be used for the Music department. Let's do our part in supporting these two departments in our school. You can drop them off at the Main office and identify them as to what department they are to be designated.

## MILK BAG UPDATE

Thank you to all who donated milk bags. The final total was 6,721 bags which will be made into mats for children in third world countries.



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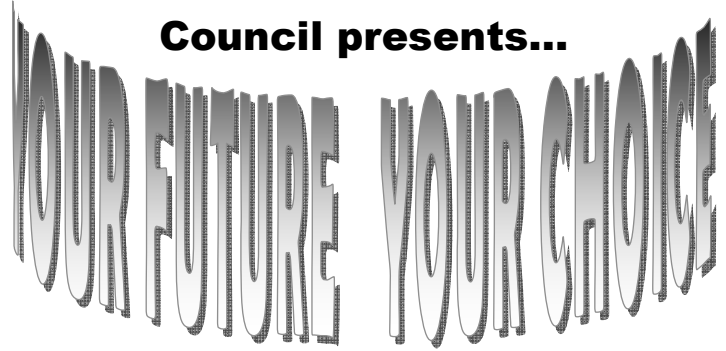
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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Tues Oct 25	• Photo Retakes
Thurs Oct 27	• Honour Roll Luncheon • Dance
Wed Nov 2	• Take Our Kids to Work Day
Fri Nov 4	• Commencement 7pm
Wed Nov 9	• School Council 7-9 pm
Fri Nov 11	• Mid Term Reports
<b>Fri Nov 18</b>	• <b>PD Day</b>
Wed Nov 23	• Grade 11 and 12 early dismissal at 2:25 p.m.
Mon Nov 28-Fri Dec 2	• Grad Photos
Thurs Dec 8	• Music Concert at 7:30 p.m.
<b>Mon Dec 26 - Fri Jan 6</b>	• <b>WINTER BREAK</b>
Wed Jan 11	• Grade 11 and 12 early dismissal at 2:25
Wed Jan 11	• School Council 7-9 pm
Tues Jan 17	• Grade 8 Information Night at 7 pm
Wed & Thurs Jan 18 - 19	• Grade 9 EQAO Math
<b>Fri Jan 27 - Thurs Feb 2</b>	• <b>Semester 1 Exams</b>
<b>Fri Feb 3</b>	• <b>PD Day</b>
<b>Monday February 6</b>	• <b>SEMESTER 2 STARTS</b>
Wed Feb 8	• Final Report Cards from Semester 1
Wed Jan 11	• Grade 11 and 12 early dismissal at 2:25 pm
Wed Feb 8	• School Council 7-9 pm
Thurs Feb 9	• Grade 11 and 12 Early dismissal at 2:25 pm
Thurs Feb 16	• Semi-formal
<b>Fri Feb 17</b>	• <b>Option Choice Deadline</b>
Mon Feb 20	• Family Day Holiday
Mon Mar 5 - Fri Mar 8	• Interim Reports
March Break	• Mon Mar 12 to Fri Mar 16
Mon-Wed Mar 19 - 21	• Grad Photos
Thurs Mar 11	• Parent Teacher Interviews 3-4:30, 6-7:30 p.m.

**The Career Education Council presents...**



**A one-stop career, education and community resource fair**

**November 23, 2011**

**E. L. Fox Auditorium,  
John F. Ross CVI**

**6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

**A one-stop opportunity...**businesses, educational institutions and community organizations connect with grade 7-12 students and parents

**A career fair...**85 business and education exhibitors showcase a wide variety of occupations representing apprenticeship, college, university and the workplace.

**A community resource fair...**Community organizations provide information and resources to support teens and their families.

**Keynote Speaker: Farley Flex Canadian Idol Judge**

Topic "Knowing yourself: Finding and Managing your True Talent"

