

## **WOSS E-News April 2007**

Welcome to **WOSS E-News**, a bimonthly e-mail message to WOSS parents and community members.

### **UPDATE YOUR CALENDAR**

#### **WOSS SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESENTS APRIL 19, 7 pm to 9 pm**

*“Parenting Teens: Secrets of Discipline” Presenter: Ronald Morrish*

Today’s popular discipline is based upon the theory that children learn best when they are allowed to learn from their own experience. To make this possible, children are supposed to be given a wide variety of choices. Now, many teachers and parents believe that the system is not working. They have found that children, provided with freedom of choice, tend to make choices that adults can’t live with. Parents and teachers are now wondering what has gone wrong and what they can do to get discipline back on track. During this presentation, participants come to understand the problems associated with today’s popular discipline and are presented with a set of techniques that effective parents and teachers have always used.

### **APRIL**

**April 5** Vegetarian Food Fest, 11 to 12:15, North Campus

**April 6** Good Friday - No classes

**April 9** Easter Monday - No classes

**April 11** Skills Competition at EC Drury

**April 12** Special guest speaker on Tolerance and multiculturalism at 8:15 Assembly

**April 12** Dinner Theatre (a Drama and Food School co-production) 6 pm dinner, 7:30 show Call for tickets.

**April 15** Walk for MS (Sunday), WOSS students will be involved

**April 16** WOSS School Council Meeting, 7 to 9 pm Staff Room of South Campus

**April 16** Term 1 Ends (Semester 2)

**April 17** Term 2 Begins (Semester 2)

**April 17** University info session periods 1 and 2 with Student Services (for students that have applied for university entrance this fall)

**April 19** Secrets of Discipline with Ron Morrish

**April 19** Hoops for Hearts

**April 23** Semester 2 Mid-Term Report Cards for Semestered courses & Interim Report Cards for Desemestered courses handed out during period 5 class

**April 23** Talent Show 7 pm Open to the public

**April 26** Parent Teacher Interviews

**April 26** Full Disclosure

**April 26** Japanese exchange students arrive and are here until May 9

**April 27** PA DAY - No classes

**April 29 to May 3** Business students visit Wall Street and the NY Stock Exchange

**April 30** Exchange music students from Nova Scotia are here; concert at 7:30

Call the school, 905-845-5200 X227, if you have any queries about the above events.

### **CHECKING YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE AND CREDIT STATUS**

HDSB started a new attendance system last year. If your child is away, you will still get a message (phone and/or e-mail) but you can now go to the HDSB web site and access your child’s attendance record to find out if your child

was late or absent. You can also access your child's credit status. Parents need their child's student number which is on their child's schedule and student card.

Go to [www.wossweb.com](http://www.wossweb.com) and select **Parents Attendance Portal**. Enter the student number and date of birth. A schedule will be displayed and you can choose which class you want to check attendance for. At the top of the display will also be a link to your child's credit summary.

### **CONTACTING YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER**

More and more parents are using e-mail to communicate with their child's teachers. Both parents and teachers are finding it effective and practical. Each teacher's e-mail address is the last name and first initial and then @hdsb.ca (e.g., John Smith's e-mail is [smithj@hdsb.ca](mailto:smithj@hdsb.ca)). Keep a copy your child's Semester 2 schedule so you have your child's teachers' names handy. A staff directory is available on the school web site. Go to Parents and click on Staff Directory.

### **WOSS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Why attend a WOSS School Council meeting? Our meetings involve input from the principal and student council and cover curriculum and extra-curricular activities. Please come with questions or concerns that you have about our school. Your input contributes to making WOSS the best it can be. Next meeting is April 16th, 7 to 9 pm in the Staff Room of the South Campus

### **SPORTS**

The Halton Secondary School Athletic Association website provides info on school sports:

<http://www.hssaa.org/schedule.html>

### **VISIT THE WOSS SCHOOL AND SCHOOL COUNCIL WEB SITE**

Visit [www.wossweb.com](http://www.wossweb.com) to reach the school web site. To get to the WOSS School Council site, select Parents and then WOSS School Council and look for the link at the bottom of the page. You will find past minutes, information about school councils, and links of interest to parents.

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