

## **WOSS E-News February/March 2007**

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

### **UPDATE YOUR CALENDAR**

#### ***FEBRUARY***

**February 5** First day of classes, Semester 2

**February 6** Deadline to amend OUAC Applications

**February 9** Semester 1 Final Reports for Semestered courses and Mid-term Reports for Desemestered courses handed out during period 5 class

**February 23** Girls Junior Volleyball Playoffs at WOSS The girls are 8 and 0 going into the playoffs. Come and show your support!

**February 13** Halton Education Industry Council (HEIC) Open House at WOSS from 6 to 9 pm. Representatives from 300 employers from a variety of industries will be here with displays and to answer questions. The public is welcome.

**February 20** WOSS Debate Team goes to Peterborough to compete in the French Debate competition

**February 22 to 19** Option sheets for 2007-2008 will be issued to all students. Students will receive guidance at school in selecting options from their period 1 teachers. As well, guidance counsellors will be on hand to assist. The forms will go home for parent input. Completion of the forms can also be done on-line from home (with student's password) or online at school.

**February 25 & 16** Sears Drama Festival Presentations. The WOSS Drama club will be putting on their two plays (1 h in total) for the WOSS community. The public is welcome. Complimentary tickets will be sent home in all WOSS student report cards for Semester 1. (The Drama Club will go on the compete at the regional level on Feb. 23)

**February 29** WOSS School Council Meeting 7 pm, South Campus Staff Room All are welcome!

**February 23** Letters of Concern Mailed for Semestered Courses

**February 24** WOSS is hosting workshops for students involved in the Sears Drama festival and the regional awards ceremony for the Sears Drama Festival

**February 26 to March 4** WOSS Robotics Team goes to Richmond, Virginia to compete in the FIRST Robotics Competition (The Team will also be competing locally if you would like to see them. Look for updates in upcoming *E-News*.)

#### **MARCH**

**March 6 to 20** Thirty-two senior music students will be travelling to Vienna to perform.

**March 9** Board Designated Holiday

**March 12-16** Spring Break - No classes

**March 26** Letters of Concern Mailed for Semestered Courses

**March 29** OSSLT (Literacy Test for Grade 10 students)

**March 30 to April 2** WOSS Cheerleaders will go to Vancouver to compete in the Nationals.

There is **no school council meeting in March** — the next meeting will be April 16th.

For the full year schedule, visit [www.wossweb.com](http://www.wossweb.com) (Choose Students and then Important Dates).

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

#### **SPORTS**

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

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

## **WOSS SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESENTS**

“Secrets of Discipline” with Ron Morrish, April 19, 7 pm to 9 pm (See more detailed information at the end of this newsletter.)

## **WOSS NEWSLETTER**

There is a link to the White Oaks School news letter on the school website ([www.wossweb.com](http://www.wossweb.com)). It is NOT going to be mailed home with report cards this time, due to the cost of postage. I will also be sending it out (as a PDF) to all the parents on the School Council e-mail list. Look for it.

## **HALTON SCHOOL BOARD'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT is on the board website**

<http://www.hdsb.ca/main.aspx?Newsrelease=newsrelease&sMenuID=152&sNewsID=466>

## **HALTON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS SURVEY RESULTS**

In May of 2006 HDSB students (Grade 4 to 12+), all teaching staff, and parents with children attending HDSB schools were invited to participate in an on-line School Effectiveness Survey. These web-enabled surveys asked students, teachers and parents to provide feedback about issues related to school effectiveness. Survey results will be used to shape system and school effectiveness planning for improving student learning, especially in the area of school community and culture. This is the second year of implementation of both student and teaching staff surveys. All results are anonymous and published as District level reports. Results were presented to the Board of Trustees and are listed below in PDF format.

<http://www.hdsb.ca/main.aspx?sMenuKey=1132&sMenuID=1132&sParentID=219&sPageID=498>

## **WOSS IB PROGRAM STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

The teachers in the IB program are looking for advisors (interested parents) that can be paired up with the students to assist with the essay portion of the program. This will start in the fall of 2007. Contact [blaket@hdsb.ca](mailto:blaket@hdsb.ca) (Teresa Blake) for more info.

## **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.

*Please forward this e-mail to other parents who might be interested in receiving the WOSS E-News. If you would like your name removed from our mailing list, e-mail [wossCouncil@cogeco.ca](mailto:wossCouncil@cogeco.ca).*

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# **WOSS School Council Presents**

## **“Secrets of Discipline”**

**Presenter: Ronald Morrish**

**APRIL 19, 7 pm to 9 pm**

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. It is a system commonly called behavior management.

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.

*Secrets of Discipline* answers these questions. 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.