

WOSS E-News May/June 2009

The last E-News for the 08/09 school year

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

UPDATE YOUR CALENDAR

April

- 23 Parent-Teacher Interviews
- 24 Professional Activity Day – no classes (focus is on special education)
- 27 Smart Risk Heroes (see below)
- 29 School Culture Assembly
- 29 M&M Meat Fundraiser (see below)
- 29 Speaker (Dr. Leonard Sax) at Burlington Central High School (see below)
- 30 Hoops for Heart
- 30 School Dance

May

- 1 Online Auction begins (see below)
- 5 WOSS choir is singing the national anthem at the Blue Jays game (see below)
- 5 & 11 Smart Risk Heroes (see below)
- 8 & 9 Cheerleading Competition at Hershey Centre
- 6 School Talent Show
- 11 Grade 11 Transition to Post Secondary Dialogue
- 14 Culturefest
- 18 Victoria Day – no classes
- 7-24 Second year IB students write their final exams
- 22, 23, 29, & 30 Fringe Performances
- 22 Math Contest
- 27 May Concert
- 28 The Eddies
- 29 School Carnival
- 29 Community Forum on Children and Youth in Halton (see below)

June

- 3 Athletic Banquet
- 5 Recognition Assemblies
- 9 & 11 EQAO Mathematics Test for Grade 9
- 12 Drama Banquet
- 17 Last day of classes, Semester 2
- 18-24 Final Exams Semester 2
- 24 School Prom at the Liberty Grand in Toronto
- 25 Exam Return Day
- 26 Professional Activity Day – no classes

July

- 3 Semester 2 Final Report cards for Semestered & Desemestered Courses mailed with Pre-Registration Information

October

- 8 Commencement (for 2009 grads) will be held at the St. Volodymyr Cultural Centre (Highway 5, West of Neyagawa). More info to come. We have about 400 students graduating this year – too many to accommodate at WOSS.
- 24 Parent Involvement Conference (PIC) at WOSS; all day Saturday. More info to come.

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

April 22-26 Arts and Drama Department to Chicago

April 27- May 4 DECA Conference in Anaheim

April 29 Royal Botanical Gardens for Futures Students

May 1 ROM for 2 history classes

May 3-8 E = MC² at Queens

May 5 Stratford for English classes

May 8 OCAD Art Galleries, Visual Arts Council

May 21-24 National Debate Tournament in Halifax

May 22 Ontario Science Center for Grade 9 science and Grade 12 chemistry

May 22-24 Cheerleading Competition in Montreal

June 3 Stratford for Grade 9 English

June 4 Stratford for Drama classes

SMART RISK HEROES April 27 (Oakville), May 5 (Milton), or May 11 (Burlington)

This is an award-winning road show that challenges youth to take smart risks and avoid injury. It is aimed at students in Grades 6 to 10 and their parents. Our Grade 9 and 10 students have been invited to the Oakville show. For more info, contact

Maureen.Andrew@hrps.on.ca or jnoble@smartrisk.ca

M&M MEATS FUNDRAISER APRIL 29th

If you shop at any of the four M&M Meats locations in Oakville, 10% of your purchase will go towards WOSS. Just make sure you indicate what school you are supporting, as this fundraiser is for all schools in Oakville.

April 29th SPEAKER

"Sex, Drugs and Fast Cars—What you need to know to protect your daughter and your son"

Dr. Leonard Sax presents "Sex, Drugs and Fast Cars—What you need to know to protect your daughter and your son". This excellent session, for parents and for staff will be held at Burlington Central High School, Wednesday April 29, at 7 pm in the BCHS auditorium, 1433 Baldwin St. Dr. Sax, author of *Boys Adrift* and *Why Gender Matters*, is a globally renowned leader in the field of single-sex education and childhood development. Tickets are ONLY \$5. All the proceeds will be donated to the Halton Learning Foundation Barriers to Learning Fund. Some of his books will be available for purchase. (cash only) We hope you will encourage your Grade 6, 7, and 8, as well as Grade 9 parents and staff to attend. Contact Sherry Thomson (905-634-7768 X235 OR thomsonmors@hdsb.ca) for ticket arrangements, if you want to be assured of a seat. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

ONLINE AUCTION BEGINS MAY 1st

The WOSS Online Auction is finally ready to go. Please help us fundraise for the students by visiting the site and entering a bid. Go to the school website, www.wossweb.com, and look for the link to the auction.

NOTE: We are still looking for donations of items that can be auctioned. Items such as theatre and sports tickets, sports memorabilia and equipment, electronics, and so on would be appreciated. Contact wossCouncil@cogeco.ca.

WOSS CHOIR BLUE JAYS GAME MAY 5

The WOSS choir is singing the national anthem at the Blue Jays game. There will be a bus going from WOSS. There are 200 level tickets available to anyone interested for \$29 + \$5 for the bus. Call the office at 905-845-5200 X225

COMMUNITY FORUM ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH MAY 29

This forum provides an opportunity for community members to dialogue, network, and collaborate to develop community action plans for the well-being of Halton youth and children. RSVP to joanne.frisby@halton.ca. Royal Canadian Legion, 79 Jones Street. There are other forums in Milton (May 4), Burlington (May 1), Acton (May 11), and Georgetown (May 15).

SIGN VANDALISM

Many of you have probably noticed that our new electronic sign has been vandalized on two occasions over the past month. We expect the sign to be repaired in the new week or so and then a very sturdy plastic cover will be added to the sign to protect it from further damage.

INSIDE RIDE

\$14,000 was raised by WOSS students alone. Go to theinsideride.com.

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Student Council is holding elections for next year's term in early May.

WOSS ENROLLMENT

We expect to grow some more for next year – we have a projected student population of 1775 with a staff of about 120 teachers. We are the largest school, in the district with the most comprehensive programming available from the International Baccalaureate program to technology programs and apprenticeships.

SCHOOL WEBSITE www.wossweb.com Check it out.

AWARDS

Our head custodian, Dave Margetts, has won the Excellent Support Staff award (www.ontario.ca/teachingawards). Sadly (for WOSS), he has accepted a promotion and is now a field supervisor with HDSB, supervising custodians in the West end of the district. He promises to keep in touch and will continue to volunteer at WOSS, helping with the Drama department and tech club.

SPORTS NEWS

All Halton school sports stats and schedules are posted on the following website: www.hssaa.org

NEED AN OIL CHANGE?

Just \$30.24 for an oil change, tire rotation, balance, check, and top up of fluids at the WOSS Auto shop.

WOSS PARENT COUNCIL MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING is May 25)

Meetings start at 7 p.m. and refreshments are provided. Contact wossCouncil@cogeco.ca or wossCouncil@gmail.com if you would like an agenda to be sent prior to the meeting. [Enter through the South Campus main doors (off Montclair), turn right, keep to the left of the stairwell, and enter the first door on your left after the double doors.]

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR FOR 2009-2010 HAS BEEN REVISED

After much feedback and with input from the Ministry, HDSB has agreed to begin school on the Tuesday AFTER Labour Day. Here's the calendar for next year:

School Breaks and Holidays:

September 7	Labour Day	March 15-19	Spring Break
September 8	School Begins	April 2	Good Friday
October 12	Thanksgiving Monday	April 5	Easter Monday
Dec. 21 to Jan. 1	Christmas Break	May 24	Victoria Day
February 15	Family Day	June 29	Students' last day of classes

Professional Activity Days

September 2 & 3	Elementary/Secondary
November 13	Elementary/Secondary
December 4	Elementary/Secondary
February 1	Elementary/Secondary
June 30	Elementary/Secondary

High School Exams: Jan. 22–28, 2010, and June 22–28, 2010

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