

JUNE

Important Dates

- September 1**
Grade 9 Orientation & Activities
- September 5**
Labour Day
- September 6**
School Begins
- September 8**
Grade 9 Welcome Welcome BBQ & Grade 9 Dance
- September 13**
Newcomers Breakfast
- September 13**
Grade 12/Year 2 IB Meeting for Parents & Students
- September 14**
Grade 9 Meet the Teacher Night
- September 15**
Grade 11/Year 1 IB Meeting for Parents & Students
- September 19**
School Council Meeting
- September 21 & 22**
Photo Days
- September 29**
Terry Fox Day
- October 5**
Awards Night
- October 6**
White Oaks Commencement
- October 10**
Thanksgiving Day—No Classes
- October 13**
Letters of Concern Mailed for Semestered & Desemestered Courses
- September 27**
Ontario University Fair
Metro Convention Centre
- October 20**
ALP/IB Open House
- October 25**
Ontario College Information Fair
Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place
- November 2**
Take Your Kids to Work Day
- November 8**
Semester 1, Term 1 Ends
- November 9**
Semester 1, Term 2 Begins
- November 11**
Remembrance Day Observance
- November 15**
Mid-Term Reports distributed for Semestered Courses
- November 16**
Hoops for Heart
- November 18**
PA Day, No Classes



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2010-2011 ATHLETIC AWARDS

On June 1, 2011 WOSS athletes were honoured at our annual Athletic Banquet. We celebrated the involvement and achievement of all athletes and teams. Special thanks go out to the coaches who make extra-curriculars possible and the Athletic Council for their support of all the programs throughout the year and for organizing an excellent evening of celebration. Congratulations go out to the following students for their outstanding achievements this year:



Major Award Recipients

Front Row: Jeff Jones, Anastasiya Tarnouskaya, Ashley Bowbyes, Erin Roach & Ryan Leslie.
Back Row: Taylor Pezzack, Alex Dodds, Laura Pilmoor & Marshall Whitall.

Senior Female Athlete of the Year
Taylor Pezzack

Senior Male Athlete of the Year
Ryan Leslie

Principal's Female Athlete Award
Laura Pilmoor

Principal's Male Athlete Award
Jeff Jones

Junior Female Athlete of the Year
Anastasiya Tarnouskaya

Junior Male Athlete of the Year
Alex Dodds

Most Promising Grade 9 Female
Ashley Bowbyes

Most Promising Grade 9 Male
Marshall Whitall

Wildcat Pride Award
Erin Roach



Most Outstanding & Most Improved Athletes



Erin Roach, Wildcat Pride Award Recipient

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for more athletic awards



NORTH CAMPUS ATHLETIC AWARDS

On Wednesday, June 8, 2011, the North Campus celebrated the success of their athletes at the Athletic Awards Breakfast. Congratulations to the award recipients for their outstanding achievements this year.



Junior Female Athlete of the Year
Genevieve Gareau



Junior Male Athlete of the Year
Kevin Rom



Senior Female Athlete of the Year
Vanessa Rodriguez



Senior Male Athlete of the Year
Sam Drage

<p>Girls Varsity Basketball Most Outstanding Player Shayleen Welch Most Dedicated Player Genevieve Gareau</p>	<p>Boys Varsity Basketball Most Outstanding Player Michael Ault Most Dedicated Player Manpreet Hundal</p>
<p>Girls Varsity Volleyball Most Outstanding Player Vanessa Rodriguez Most Dedicated Player Shayleen Welch</p>	<p>Boys Varsity Volleyball Most Outstanding Player Sam Drage Most Dedicated Player Alan Russell</p>
<p>Junior Badminton Most Outstanding Player Alan Russell Most Dedicated Player Sarah MacLeod-Tregenza & Lubna Ashraff</p>	<p>Senior Badminton Most Outstanding Player Sam Drage Most Dedicated Player Matti Saidyfy & Kailee Budd-Bagnato</p>
<p>Co-ed Softball Most Outstanding Player Genevieve Gareau Most Dedicated Player Kevin Rom</p>	



DEAN OLDERSHAW AWARD – CLEVELAND WILSON

Cleveland Wilson is this year's recipient of the Dean Oldershaw award. This award recognizes the contributions of a senior student over the course of their whole career at White Oaks. Cleveland has played basketball every year he has attended White Oaks and has been a valuable member of those teams. His attitude has been fantastic and he has become a real favorite of his team mates. Although Cleveland never saw a lot of court time, his willingness to support his team mates and be a positive role model for younger players speaks volumes about his character. Congratulations Cleveland.



MR. VANDENBERG

Mr. Henry Vandenberg, a long time basketball coach at White Oaks, is retiring this year after 31 years of teaching. We would like to wish him well in the next chapter of his life. He has developed and fostered a strong rapport with the students he has coached over the years. His approach has always been to develop character in students and use basketball as a means to do it. He has coached White Oaks to three championships and has made a lasting contribution to the school and all the people in it. Thanks Mr. Vandenberg!



FATIM AMMOR SECOND AT OFSAA



Fatim Ammor was the lone representation from the White Oaks Track and Field Team. She qualified coming second place in the shot-put in the South West Regionals. While training, her goal was to throw farther than 10 metres. A week before her departure to OFSAA in Sudbury, she was proud of the fact that she finally threw 10.16 metres. Her goal on OFSAA was to do the best she can and possibly to place in the top 8 due to the fact that the competition is so strong.

While at OFSAA Fatim began the competition with a fault which was a little discouraging. Her next throw was over 10 metres, which left her in good standing to make the finals. Over her next 3 throws she continued to improve to finally throw an incredible 11.22 metres which is over a metre farther than she has ever thrown. This throw was only 10 centimetres less than the gold medallist's throw. We were blown away by Fatim's success. All of White Oaks is very proud of Fatim.



JAMIE PATRICK BRONZE MEDAL

Congratulations to Jamie Patrick, who did well at the Eastern Canadian Trampoline & Tumbling Championships winning a bronze medal!



WHITE OAKS SCHOOL COUNCIL

The WOSS School Council is committed to making WOSS the best it can be by:

- * Supporting both teachers and students in their various curricular and extracurricular activities.
- * Representing WOSS parents to the school administration and staff.
- * Communicating to WOSS parents about what is happening at the school.
- * Promoting WOSS in the parent and local community.

WOSS School Council meets the third Monday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the South Campus Staff Room Conference Room. Refreshments are provided. If you would like an agenda to be sent prior to the meeting, please contact: wossCouncil@gmail.com. Meeting dates are as follows:

September 19	October 17	November 21
December 19 (if req'd)	January 16	February 27
April 16	May 28	June 18 (if req'd)

WOSS School Council sends out regular e-mail newsletters (WOSS E-News) to parents. If you would like to be on our mailing list, e-mail the address below and indicate that you want your name added.

wossCouncil@gmail.com

SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER



Written by:
Lidia Simoes &
Sara Stewart



With a disappointing 2010 season, the White Oaks senior girls' soccer team wasn't expected to be a top competitor this year. However, as a team we rose to the challenge and defied expectations. Our season began in the late winter and consisted of several indoor practices and a fairly successful tournament. We were thrilled to make it to the finals as it was our first time playing together as a team. Unfortunately, our excitement was put to an end when Holy Trinity shut us down 4-0 in the final, but this would only fuel our passion in our next encounter.

Despite starting off with some commitment issues, after setting our priorities straight we came together as a team and never looked back. Our hard work, strong team bond and supportive coaches, led us to a 3-2-1 regular season record and just short of a first place finish. All seemed to be going well until we found out that our quarter final match would be against HT. Fortunately, our coaches reaffirmed our faith in our ability to compete with any team, regardless of reputation. When the big day finally came, the weather didn't let us down, but despite rain and cold temperatures, we played like never before. Regular time, 0-0, over time, 0-0. We lost in penalty shoot outs, but making it that far was an accomplishment in itself.

We couldn't have asked for a more hardworking, kinder group of girls who always gave each other something to look forward to. Nor could we have asked for two more generous, caring, devoted coaches in Mrs. Brabenec and Ms. Hoy, who together formed the rock of our talented team!



COMPUTER SCIENCE @ WOSS ECOO PROGRAMMING CONTEST



Many students are familiar with technology and are capable of using laptops, iPhones and the internet without thinking twice. Students use computers to write essays, make presentations and play games, but have they ever thought of using a computer to solve math problems and create their own games?

On March 29th, the Educational Computing Organization of Ontario (ECOO) ran a Halton-wide contest to encourage computer programming and problem solving. White Oaks had the most teams out of all schools in Halton competing in this competition.



Students from WOSS used a variety of computer programming languages such as Turing, Python (used by companies such as Google and NASA) and Java (the same programming language that many cell phones use to run games).

Our highest placing team was a group of grade 12 computer science students composed of Jafar Al-Haideri, Philippe Guillemont, Brian Premachandiran and Alex Strain. They finished 5th in Halton and were one spot away from qualifying for the regional contest.



Students who are interested in creating computer programs should consider taking grade 10 (ICS2O1) or grade 11 (ICS3U1 or ICS3C1) Introduction to Computer Science courses and are more than welcome to speak to Mr. Van Rooyen or Mr. Ching about computer programming.



GRADE 11 PHILOSOPHY



Miss Shrum's grade 11 Philosophy class did a project runway moral dilemma assignment. They had to design t-shirts that represented a moral dilemma and then incorporate symbolic designs onto their t-shirts. As a reward for their efforts they asked the administrators if they would model in their own project runway. Each administrator modeled the t-shirts accompanied by the song of their choice. The students were really surprised and very ecstatic.



CULTUREFEST

On May 5th White Oaks held its annual Culturefest. This year the event included displays representing 15 different countries, each with pictures and information about the country and food for purchase. The show included singing and dancing, a performance by the WOSS Choir and a fashion show of beautiful clothes from around the world. Students and parents attended the event which was held in the evening.



A portion of the proceeds from Culturefest was donated to the Halton Learning Foundation. Thanks to all who participated and attended. Hope to see you at next year's event!

JAPANESE EXCHANGE 2009-2011



Our Japanese guests from Oakville's sister city Neyagawa, have returned home safe and sound after an exciting two weeks stay. During this stay they visited Niagara Falls and our nation's capital along with countless activities with their homestays. This brings to conclusion a successful two year program which has seen 10 White Oaks students (along with 10 students from both Blakelock and Loyola) complete a language credit in night school, travel to Japan in September, visit Hiroshima and many other sites, and then enjoy being a host family for the reciprocal Japanese visit. Tears were shed as we bid farewell to our dear friends and we are looking forward to starting the next cycle in September. If you are interested in being a part of this amazing international exchange and you are in your grade 9-11 year at White Oaks, please listen for the announcements in September. If you have any questions, please swing by the science office and ask for Mr. Bigham or Ms. Hoy.

WHITE OAKS PRESCHOOL



White Oaks Preschool is still accepting registrations for this school year. It is a dynamic program for children aged 2 1/2 to 5 with the support and guidance of our high school students.

To register your child please contact Debbie Rodgers at: rodgersd@hdsb.ca or call 905-845-5200 ext. 260

THE CANADIAN WARPLANE HERITAGE MUSEUM FIELD TRIP

Written by: Melanie Zetusian



A dream became a reality and history became preserved when in 1971, the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum, located at Hamilton International Airport at Mount Hope, was built. On Monday, April 11, and Tuesday, April 12, Grade 10 WOSS history students had the opportunity to go on a field trip to the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum. The museum preserves Canadian heritage by featuring the aircraft used by our Canadian military during World War II. All kinds of aircraft are stored, from the Hawker Hurricane fighter to the Avro CF-100 Jetfire to the Avro Lancaster Bomber - and some are even in flying condition. With well-informed tour guides, WOSS students took part in interactive activities such as dressing up as a war pilot and receiving a tag which wrote each student's pretend role in the war, such as air gunner or radio operator. In addition, WOSS students got the rare opportunity to sit in warplanes that were flown by Canada's military soldiers during the war. Some tour groups also got the fascinating chance to meet a Canadian WWII veteran who was the first to knock down a plane with a brick! In addition to the amazing displays, the museum offers a gallery featuring items such as artifacts and books preserved from the time of the war, as well as videos and photographs. Connected to the gallery is a gift shop, which offers a variety of souvenirs that visitors can purchase.

White Oaks Grade 10 history students who went to this captivating museum learned about the conditions the Canadian pilots had to fight in during World War II, heard emotional stories of courage and survival, learned about the average life of a teenager during the 1940s and received captivating tours of the museum. It was definitely a fun and educational way to enhance the students'

understanding about World War II. For more information about the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum, you can visit www.warplane.com.



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO BIOLOGY CONTEST



The University of Toronto Biology contest was written in April by 24 students from various years and we are very pleased to congratulate Osama Ahmed on his outstanding achievement. He was ranked in the 91.1

percentile out of the 4592 entries from around North America. Eight of our students ranked above the 80th percentile resulting in the overall school ranking for White Oaks in the top 75 schools. Congratulations to all who attempted this very difficult annual contest!





GERONTOLOGY

On Tuesday May 17th Ms. Reilly's TOJ4C1 Gerontology class hosted a highly successful bake sale. The sale was for a charitable initiative for the seniors of S.E.N.A.C.A., a non-profit organization supporting elderly individuals and providing them with roles in the community.

The student efforts preparing the delicious assortment of goodies were well repaid. In total \$160 was raised to be donated. Thank you to all of those who supported the event.

NEWS FROM THE FUTURES PROGRAM



"Buddies R Us" is an exciting mentorship program where WOSS Futures are "buddied" up with students from Appleby College. Buddies participate in a wide variety of activities: games, swimming, bowling, movies, mini-putt, shopping, talent show. WOSS Futures concluded the end of an amazing year by hosting their fourth Appreciation Dinner and Casino Night for their friends at Appleby. Local band "Superfire" provided lively entertainment while buddies, families, staff, special guests posed with "Elvis" and tried their luck at the games. A big thank you to Doug Buchanan (Health and Physical Education - Curriculum Chair, Appleby College) and his staff for this very successful initiative and to WOSS staff Quinn Crocco, Lynn Dunbar-Landry and Christina Annis for their support at all the events.

For the third year in a row, WOSS Futures Program received the Halton Youth Award for Environmental Excellence and \$500 for their environmental initiatives. They attended the Regional Chair's breakfast along with other Halton schools.

Halton Learning Foundation (HLF) enriched the learning for Futures students for the "Zig Zag Madness" project with a grant of \$1500. Main purchases include a sewing machine and serger. The students are very excited about developing new skills and have already made hats, bags and bandanas and look forward to planning a fashion show for next year. The Futures Program is very grateful for Halton Learning Foundation's generous support!

"Green Apple School Program (GASP) \$1,000 Grant Sew Reusable!" is a Futures project that combines sewing and marketing skills to raise awareness about environmental issues. The Futures Program is very grateful for the generous support of GASP. For more details, click on: <http://www.greenapplegrants.ca/home.en.html>

"State of the Art" Futures student, Connor Bourret, discussed his painting "Plants & The Passage of Time" at the well-attended opening reception of the HDSB annual secondary art show. Artwork by Halton secondary students, including 18 from the Futures Program, was a feast for the eyes and very inspirational.

"Creative Pursuits" is an after school art and design program that connects Futures students with community members in the school and beyond. WOSS art teachers, Helena Lumsden and Ronja Schmidt, introduced the students to clay. They pounded and formed the clay into dish shapes, carefully stamping designs returning for the final glazing session where they buddied up with Art Council students. After consulting with WOSS art teacher Matthew Coleman, Grade 12 WOSS student Ashley Parker, instructed the students how to make funky, fluid sculptures by bending wire, stretching pantyhose, painting in bright colours and sprinkling with glitter. Calligrapher and water colour artist, Maria Aiello, "wowed" the students with her calligraphied alphabet and cool words. Using calligraphy markers they practiced making strokes, initials and words. Thank you to all who volunteered their time to expand the art experience for these highly motivated students and making "Creative Pursuits" such a vibrant program. If you are interested in volunteering or leading a session, please contact Christina Annis at annisc@hdsb.ca





4th Annual PIC Conference

Parents/guardians are invited to attend the
4th annual PIC Conference on

Saturday, October 22, 2011
8:00 a.m – 2:30 p.m.

Milton District High School
(396 Williams Avenue, Milton L9T 2G4)

Key Note Speaker:
Garfield Gini-Newman

Registration opens in August
<http://info.hdsb.ca/picreg/>

Free child-minding available on request.

For more information contact Denise Pearson at
905-335-3663 ext. 3307 or pearsonde@hdsb.ca.



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MSA



Written By: Tasneem Abdel Haleem

The White Oaks Muslim Student Association enjoyed an exciting and productive school year. The MSA held many events and some of them include bake sales, two formal dinners for friends and family and a barbeque that raise money for Japan relief. The MSA also participated in an annual competition, the Muslim Interscholastic Tournament (MIST), which included 40 other high schools from the GTA. White Oaks students showed incredible talent and dedication, and achieved the 2nd place medal overall! The WOSS MSA would like to thank our co-presidents, Maariyah Baig and Ahmed El Gammal, for their constant dedication to the MSA. We look forward to an exciting new school year in September. We meet in room A204 every Wednesday at 3:00 pm.



WOSS SCHOOL REACH: REPEAT CHAMPIONS !!!

The White Oaks Senior School Reach team has been crowned Halton Champions for a second year in a row! In a tournament comprised of the top sixteen teams in the region, White Oaks rolled through the preliminary rounds, defeated a tough team from Notre Dame in the semi-finals, then completed their undefeated run with a thrilling overtime victory over Burlington Assumption High School in the finals.

The team then travelled to Toronto for the Provincial Championships, where they faced the top forty teams in the province and finished with an impressive record of four wins and three losses. Team members were Erik Brown, Aaron DiMaria, Samar Khurshid, Yuhao Lin, Jack Reeves, and Alastair Smith

Congratulations to all the players! All students who are interested in trivia or expanding their knowledge should come out and join us next year. Practices are on Fridays after-school in A119 and are open to both competitive and non-competitive participants. All are welcome; please join us! See Ms. Chohan, Mr. Lebourveau, Ms. Takhar, or Mr. Hamel for further details.



Mr. Hamel, Ms. Chohan, Alastair Smith, Jack Reeves, Samar Khurshid, Aaron DiMaria, Erik Brown, Yuhao Lin, and Director of Education Dave Eule.

DRAMA COUNCIL

Written by:
Katharine Dos Santos
Drama Council Co-President



Drama finished the year off with its annual Fringe Festival at the end of May. Nine one-act, student-directed plays graced the White Oaks stage, offering opportunities for first-time as well as seasoned actors and techies to experience theatre. Next year's Fringe will be in the Fall, so all interested student directors for next year's Fringe are encouraged to either write or find a script over the summer, and be ready to submit proposals for the beginning of September. Auditions for Fringe will be in September as well.

Next year's main-stage musical production, *Fiddler on the Roof* is the cause for much excitement, and will be performed in the Spring of 2012. A short song and 30-60 second monologue is required for the musical auditions in November.

Drama Council is currently gearing up for its annual end-of year banquet, open to all students in the Grade 12 drama classes, Productions course, or any drama-related extracurricular activities, such as the Fall show, Sears, Play in a Day or Fringe. The banquet is sure to be a fantastic event; this year has proven that there is much to celebrate! The new Executive Drama Council for next year is being selected, and we have full confidence that our drama program will continue to be outstanding.

We'd like to thank all parents, staff and students for supporting drama and being a dynamic part of White Oaks life this past year. A special congratulations to Ms. Rodgers and good luck as a new mother next year, you will be missed! We hope everyone has a memorable, well deserved summer. Whether you're coming back next year, or leaving for a new adventure, remember that "Wherever you go, go with all your heart!"



EXCITING TRAVEL/LEARNING OPPORTUNITY APRIL 2012 – THE GREAT ESCAPE

**THERE WILL BE AN INFORMATION MEETING
FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST, 7:00 PM IN ROOM A119
FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN GOING ON THE TRIP**

Next spring, White Oaks will be travelling to Europe to celebrate the 95th Anniversary of Vimy Ridge. This 14 day trip is open to all White Oaks students and parents. We depart April 7th and return April 20th. We will be attending the special ceremonies set for this momentous occasion. In addition, we will be travelling to other cities/sites relevant to World War I and II. (See itinerary below.) This is an incredible, once in a lifetime opportunity. Come to an information meeting Wednesday, September 21st at 7:00 pm in A119. Parents can contact Fonda Loft over the summer by email at: loffthdsb.ca for more information.

- Day 1 Fly overnight to France
- Day 2 Paris, The Louvre
- Day 3 Paris, Vimy Ridge 95th Anniversary Ceremonies
- Day 4 Vimy Region , Amsterdam
- Day 5 Amsterdam, Berlin
- Day 6 Berlin, Checkpoint Charlie Museum



- Day 7 Berlin, Zagan, Dresden, Prisoner of War Camp
- Day 8 Dresden, Theresienstadt, Prague, Zwinger Palace, Ghetto Museum
- Day 9 Prague, St. Vitus Cathedral, Golden Lane



- Day 10 Prague, Krakow, tour of Kazimierz
- Day 11 Krakow, Wawel Cathedral, Auschwitz/Birkenau
- Day 12 Krakow, Budapest
- Day 13 Budapest, Matthais Church, Budapest Basilica, Danube, Evening Cruise
- Day 14 Depart for home



HALTON PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

White Oaks Secondary School sent three students to the Halton Public Speaking Contest held at Robert Bateman High School this past April. WOSS is proud to say that we had the first, second and third place winners in the Senior Category. Students win prize money and gift cards as well as the Trophy for the Junior or Senior speaker categories. We brought home the trophy with Osama Ahmed in first place, Amal Ahmed in second place and Andreea Fatu in third.

Next year, WOSS will host this board-wide event and we hope to have both juniors and seniors competing once again.

We are looking forward to next year!

Ms. Simpson, English Department

RETIREMENTS

Ann Thompson

Ann Thompson was an excellent educational assistant who worked in the kitchen at White Oaks North Campus. She did a fantastic job with our students. Ann was firm but fair and her Scottish wit kept students and staff on their toes. She was very well liked by her co-workers in the kitchen. Ann has two children and two grandchildren. Now that she is retiring, she can do what she really enjoys and that is to travel, either with their trailer or on a cruise ship. Home is a place for her to return, repack and then set out again on another adventure.



Lesley Taylor



Educational Assistant extraordinaire, Lesley Taylor has been a highly valued member of the Special Education Resource & ESL teams at White Oaks Secondary School for many years. Her ability to support students and teachers in academic and university level subjects such as math & science is rare. In addition, she supported new teachers, and sometimes not-so-new teachers struggling with classroom management and very challenging students with her confident, gentle but firm manner. Perhaps those who benefited most were substitute and on-call teachers because Lesley knew the curricula of her classes as well as the teachers and students responded to her as if she were the teacher. Her sense of humour kept her colleagues smiling. Not only did Lesley do her job as an EA with dedication and commitment, she also participated in additional activities and responsibilities in the school community including Daffodils for Cancer Research, the Inside Ride, and as regular member of the school's Health and Safety Committee. Lesley is spending her new-found freedom in retirement enjoying her family, including grandchildren, travelling and spending time with friends.

FREE THE CHILDREN



The WOSS Free the Children Committee is ending the year on a very positive note. We have just learned that we will be the recipients of a "Big Dreamers Award". This award comes from a corporate sponsor of Free the Children. Based on the work we have done over the past year we will be awarded the maximum prize of \$5000.

In May we held our 2nd Annual Art Auction and Pasta Dinner. In the fall we started collecting donations of art and raffle items from students, staff, family, friends & community members. By the date of the auction we had collected well over 100 pieces of art. The food was prepared by our cooking teachers and students. A couple of our very talented and musical students performed for us during the meal. Our own VP Mr. Gallant served as our auctioneer. As a result of this fun evening we earned another \$3500 for Free the Children.

We are so thrilled to be able to combine the money from the Art Auction with the Big Dreamers Award. It's exactly enough money to build a second school. Free the Children have almost completed their work in our original village of Emori Joi, Kenya. We are now set to build a school in the neighbouring village of Eor Ewuaso, Kenya.

To date the WOSS Free the Children Committee has contributed \$8500 to a school in Emori Joi, we have donated \$2500 for livestock in that village as well as \$1500 for their clean water program. When we combine that with the \$8500 for the new school we have raised \$21,000 for Free the Children in Kenya over two years.

Our final event of the year was "Make Your Own Sundae Monday" which raised money for relief efforts in Haiti. In making the decision where to build our second school we decided to lend some support to Haiti whenever possible. While our focus will be on our new village in Kenya we will from time to time hold specific events with the proceeds dedicated to Haiti.

In September we will be attending the "Me to We Day" event in Toronto. Following this will be the "Power of One Campaign", which we hope to expand upon this year.

It is with mixed feeling that we say goodbye to committee members who are graduating. You should be very proud. We would also like to welcome any new members for next fall. We meet on Wednesday's at 3:00 in the north cafeteria. For further information please contact Mrs. Toohy in the north campus office.



DEBATE

This year White Oaks had one of the best years ever in debate. For the first time we won the tournament at Queens University, placing first out of 70 teams. We placed second at McGill, with about 80 teams, being the largest tournament of the year. All four White Oaks teams entered made the quarter finals, placing in the top 8. We placed second in Canada at the Oxford Cup & so narrowly missed going to Oxford to debate. Seniors at the national finals in Halifax placed third of 72 teams, Jake Teufel & Mohamed Sarraj being our top team. Mohamed placed 3rd of 144 speakers, Jake placed 9th. The team of Omer Yusuf & Henry Choi also did very well in the nationals.

In junior debate, the team of Sabrina Frias and Sasha Teteruck placed third in Ontario and represented Ontario at the junior nationals in Estevan, Saskatchewan, where they did well. Other debaters who have done consistently well this year and who deserve special mention for their accomplishments are Jack Reeves, Erik Brown, Shahmir Sohail and Osama Ahmed.

In bilingual debate, White Oaks is first in Ontario. The provincial final this year was White Oaks versus White Oaks; the members of these teams were Kirsten French, Osama Ahmed, Chloe Rourke and Natalie Maskens. The top bilingual debater in Ontario was Kirsten French.

Congratulations to all these speakers and to the several others who contributed strongly to these great results.

Ms. Chohan, M. Faber and Mr. Guthrie, Coaches

LOOKING FOR EXTRA HELP FOR YOUR CHILD?

Here are two excellent resources:

1. Homework Help

Live one-on-one confidential online access to certified mathematics teachers available Sunday to Thursday from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm. Over 6,500 Halton District students are already registered on this site. If your child is not registered or you are not sure of their registration status, all that is needed is an OEN number (found on all report cards). They can be registered or re-registered at: <https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org>



2. The Ontario Educational Resource Bank

The Ontario Educational Resource Bank (OERB) provides over 24,000 resources on any subject and any grade. Find interactive tutorials, educational games, an extensive video library, complete on-line course material just to name a few.

More information on the site can be found through your child's CHATT account. Simply go to **Student Conferences** then select the **Intermediate Students (7-9)** and look for the **Homework Help** conference (same icon as above). Select **Student Access OERB** and find the **Autologin** to the site under **OERB Access for Students**. If you need passwords (ask a teacher) and get access to the site at: <http://resources.elearningontario.ca/>

If you require more information do not hesitate to contact Scott

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Halton District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school premises or during school activities. Accidents can and do happen. Some injuries incur medical, dental or other expenses that are not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans. As a parent or guardian, you become responsible for these expenses. We do make available the insuremykids® Protection Plan for students through Reliable Life Insurance Company. Participation in such a program is voluntary and the costs are to be paid by the parent or guardian. The Board urges all parents to consider the purchase of insurance, to ensure adequate coverage of children at school.

Here is the link:

<http://www.hdsb.ca/ParentInfo/Pages/StudentAccidentInsurance.aspx>

VOLUNTARY, CONFIDENTIAL, FIRST NATION, MÉTIS AND INUIT STUDENT SELF IDENTIFICATION

The Ministry of Education in Ontario identified the success of First Nation, Metis and Inuit students as a key priority. In 2007, the Ministry launched the *Ontario First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework*, involving all 72 school districts in the province. Three main goals provide direction for all school boards:

- High level of Student Achievement
- Reduce gaps in Student Achievement
- High levels of Public Confidence

Our Board established a Voluntary, Confidential, First Nation, Métis and Inuit Student Self Identification process that will help determine if students of Aboriginal ancestry, especially those who experience gaps in their education, are receiving the appropriate level of support to achieve their full potential. The Halton District School Board is committed to helping students realize the fullness of their humanity and providing supports to ensure all students of First Nation, Métis and Inuit Ancestry are successful.

Beginning in September 2011, voluntary, confidential self identification for First Nation, Métis and Inuit students will be part of the student verification process for all elementary and secondary students in our Board.

Students new to the Halton District School Board may choose to have their First Nation, Métis and Inuit Ancestry status recorded during registration.

For further information on Voluntary, Confidential, First Nation, Métis and Inuit Student Self Identification, visit our Board's website at www.hdsb.ca, click on Parent Info and scroll down the left hand side to First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education or the Ministry of Education website at www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/Aboriginal_



HALTON STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Check out the NEW Online Portal for the 2011-2012 School Year!

The new online portal available to parents and students is called GEOQUERY. A link will be available on the HSTS website at: www.haltonbus.ca. Through GEOQUERY you will have secure and easy access to:

- Your child's transportation schedule
- Delays and cancellations (posted by the bus companies)
- E-mail notifications that will notify you when your child's bus route is running late and the length of the delay

Transportation schedules for September 2011 will be available the week of August 22nd. Go to www.haltonbus.ca and look for the GEOQUERY link.

Instructions for GEOQUERY as well as log in requirements will be available on the HSTS website.

Cashless Schools is a convenient 24/7 method for parents to pay for Athletic Fees, Course Fees, Field Trips, Fundraisers, Lunches in the Cafeteria, etc. Cashless Schools offers parents an easy to use account, email alerts & purchase history reporting.

REGISTERING WITH CASHLESS SCHOOLS

- Log onto the website at: <https://halton.cashlesschools.com>
- Click: Register your account now! to begin
- Click the radio button to the left of your school's name
- Click "Next"
- Enter the account holder name in "Your Name" and complete the remaining fields
- Click "Next"
- Click "Finish Registration"
- Activate your new account by verifying your email address
- Click on the activation link in the response email sent to the account supplied
- Can't find the email? Check your spam folder. A reminder message lets you know that you have not activated your account by confirming your email address



SET UP YOUR CASHLESS SCHOOLS ACCOUNT



- Log onto the parent payment centre by launching the following website: <https://halton.cashlesschools.com>
- Click the "Deposit" link. Read the Cashless Account Deposit information and click "Add a Bank Account" link to setup an account
- Click the "Add a Bank Account"
- Click the "Print Authorization Form"
- Complete the form and attach a void cheque or debit authorization form from your bank
- Fax (1-888-729-3331) or email (support@cashlesschools.com) to complete the account setup process. Choose "Back to your Saved Bank Accounts" screen.

STEP 1—DEPOSIT FUNDS INTO YOUR CASHLESS SCHOOLS ACCOUNT

To avoid paying any added fees from the banks we recommend the following steps:

- Log on to your Cashless Schools Account
- Click the "Deposit" Link
- Enter the minimum deposit to avoid bank fees



STEP 2—PAY FOR ON-LINE FEES

Once you have successfully set up your account you are now ready to purchase on-line fees at the school.

- Log on to your Cashless Schools Account
- Click "Pay for Online Fees"
- Select your student and Click "see available fees"
- Select the applicable fee and click "next"
- Click "Save to Shopping Cart"
- Click "Check Out Shopping Cart"
- Choose the shopping cart checkout payment method of your choice/Cashless Account/Bank Account/Interac OnLine
- Receipts are available upon completion of a transaction



ON-CAMPUS WALLET

- Log onto the parent payment centre by launching: <https://halton.cashlesschools.com>
- Select "On-Campus Wallet" link under Fees
- Select the student you wish to set up the wallet for
- Select "See On-Campus Wallet"
- Complete the required fields
- Select "Save Wallet"
- Enter the amount you wish to deposit to the wallet
- Choose "Add Funds to Wallet"
- Choose "Checkout Shopping Cart"
- Pay from a Cashless Account to incur no payment fee (choose the method of payment)



PHONE SUPPORT: 1-866-231-3322

WHITE OAKS S.S.
SCHOOL HOURS

REGULAR SCHEDULE

PERIOD	START TIME	END TIME
Announcements	8:05 am	8:10 am
Period 1	8:10 am	9:24 am
Period 2	9:29 am	10:43 am
Period 3	10:48 am	12:02 pm
Period 4	12:07 pm	1:21 pm
Period 5	1:26 pm	2:40 pm

TRANSITION & SOUTH GRADE 9 SCHEDULE

PERIOD	START TIME	END TIME
Announcements	8:05 am	8:10 am
Period 1A	8:10 am	8:47 am
Period 1B	8:47 am	9:24 am
Period 2A	9:29 am	10:06 am
Period 2B	10:07 am	10:43 am
Period 3	10:48 am	12:02 pm
Period 4	12:07 pm	1:21 pm
Period 5	1:26 pm	2:40 pm



SPC CARDS

Student Council will once again be selling SPC Cards. The cost of the card will be \$9.00. Students can get discounts and deals on fashion, food, shoes, travel and more. See www.spccard.ca for more details about the card. You can pay online at www.CashlessSchools.com or listen to the morning announcements as the Student Council will be selling them in the cafeteria at lunch time. The cards will also be available to purchase from Ms. Loft.

YEARBOOKS

Each year our students and staff produce a high quality yearbook. **You must order your yearbook at the beginning of the year as extra yearbooks are not ordered and we would not want you to miss out on this opportunity.** You can pay online at www.CashlessSchools.com or listen to the morning announcements to find out how to order your copy.



STUDENT MEDICAL INFORMATION

From time to time, we become aware that one of our students has a very serious medical condition. **Please take a moment to review and update any medical notes on the enclosed Student Verification Form.** It is important that the school has current medical information.

If your student has **Diabetes, Asthma, Seizures** or an **Anaphylaxis Allergy**, there are required forms that need to be on file at the school. Please call the school office if you have not already completed and returned the form.

If your child has a medical condition not mentioned above that may require emergency intervention, please call the school office at 905-845-5200 and provide us with details.

ANAPHYLAXIS AWARENESS

There are students in our school with life threatening allergies to peanuts/tree nuts. Some students have such a high sensitivity to the peanut/tree nut protein that even a trace amount from a known peanut/nut product or a food product/item that has come in contact with a peanut/nut source (cross-contamination) and is ingested can result in a life threatening anaphylactic reaction. The most serious reaction being respiratory difficulties, blockage of the airways, which if not medicated immediately, can lead to death.



**THE LAW:
AN ACT TO PROTECT
ANAPHYLACTIC PUPILS**

Sabrina's Law, An Act to Protect Anaphylactic Pupils received royal assent in June 2005 making it law for each school in Ontario to provide an anaphylaxis management plan that will reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic causative agents (e.g. peanuts/tree nut protein) in the classroom and common school areas.



AVOIDANCE AND PREVENTION

Our school anaphylaxis plan conforms to the Halton Catholic DSB and Halton DSB's anaphylaxis policy. The plan is designed to ensure that students at risk are identified, strategies are in place to minimize the potential for accidental exposure and staff and key volunteers are trained to respond in an emergency situation.

To provide the minimized allergen environment required by the legislation, we need the support and cooperation of you, the parents/guardians and the school community. Students are asked to bring lunches and snacks free of peanuts and tree nuts and products that may contain peanuts/tree nuts such as donuts, granola bars, etc. We ask you to read food labels, checking of peanut/nut ingredients prior to sending them to school. If your child eats peanut butter at home before school, please ensure his/her hands are washed thoroughly before attending school. Truly, this is a life saving measure.

2011-2012 SCHOOL START-UP

**All the following are available now to be paid on:
www.CashlessSchools.com**

Information on how to sign up for Cashless Schools can be found on page 11 of this newsletter.

Student Engagement Fee \$25.00

- * Required to be paid by every student
- * Supports all student related programs, clubs and events

Yearbook \$45.00

- * Each year our students and staff produce a high quality yearbook.
- * You must order your yearbook at the beginning of the year as extra yearbooks are not ordered and we would not want you to miss out on this opportunity.
- * You can pay online at www.CashlessSchools.com or listen to the morning announcements to find out how to order your copy.

Parking Permit \$ 2.00

- * All students parking a vehicle at school are required to pay the parking permit fee and have their parent/guardian complete the parking permit form.

Athletic Fee—South \$60.00

- * Each student athlete participating in an HSSAA sport will pay \$60.00 for their first extra-curricular sport/team and \$10.00 for each additional sport/team throughout the year.
- * The initial \$60.00 includes an invitation to our annual Athletic Banquet providing the student athlete picks up a ticket prior to the event.

OR

Athletic Fee—North \$35.00

- * Student athletes participating in the Peel Halton Etobicoke Vocational Athletic Association will pay a one-time fee of \$35.00.
- * Students at White Oaks in a vocational program are encouraged to participate in these teams.
- * This fee includes an invitation to the annual Athletic Awards Breakfast.

- * Students may only participate in one sport in any given season.
- * Many sports will incur added expenses for additional tournaments, including the cost for supply teachers and transportation, if necessary.
- * Some sports have additional fees for things like equipment, outside facility use and their uniforms (which they keep and may be able to use in ensuing seasons).
- * At the beginning of each season the players participating in sports where the uniform is provided will be asked for a deposit of \$100.00. This will be kept until the end of the season and the return of the uniform.

GRADE 9 PRE-REGISTRATION

Date: Thursday, September 1, 2011

Time: 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Where: White Oaks SS South Campus Cafeteria

What: will happen at Grade 9 Pre-Registration?

- * Students pay the applicable fees listed in the left column of this newsletter page and they will receive their student timetables and locker assignments.
- * Students will have their photos taken for their Student ID Cards which will be their School Identification Card, their Library Identification Card and their School Cafeteria Cashless Card.
- * Students may also purchase photo packages from the photographer, Pegasus School Images. The optional photo packages are also available to purchase online at: www.CashlessSchools.com. Students missing the September 1st photo date can also have photos taken on September 21st & 22nd at school. The photographer will take cheques.
- * Students are to hand in the following forms:
 - ⇒ Completed and signed Verification Form
 - ⇒ Authorization for Promotional Use Form
 - ⇒ Medical Forms (if required)
 - ⇒ School Council Request for E-Mail Address Form
 - ⇒ School Council Donation Form (optional)
- * Students will receive their agenda books.
- * Student computer passwords will be distributed in homeroom classes.

WHAT ABOUT GRADES 10, 11 & 12?

- * The majority of grades 10, 11 & 12 returning students have already paid their \$25.00 Student Engagement Fee and received a preliminary timetable. All students who have paid this fee will receive a student timetable in the July summer mailing. Students who have not paid their Student Engagement Fee can do so online at www.CashlessSchools.com or in the main office.
- * Lockers: Students in grades 10, 11 & 12 can bring their own locks to school any time after the first day of school and put it on any available locker that does not already have a lock on it. **Office staff will not be keeping track of locker numbers and combinations, so students are encouraged to keep this information in a safe place.**
- * Student ID Cards: Photos will be taken at school on September 21st and 22nd, so students using their current ID cards in the cafeteria must keep them until their new ID cards are issued.
- * Student computer passwords will be distributed in homeroom classes.
- * More information will follow concerning distribution of agenda books for grades 10, 11 & 12.



Message from the Principal

John Stieva



I would like to thank you for all your support this past year and assisting us in making White Oaks the excellent school it has become. We are very proud of the achievements by your sons and daughters this past year and how they have represented their school. It could not have happened without your support, your willingness to come to school events and to support the many and varied activities that have occurred at school such as sports, drama, music, Inside Ride and Terry Fox day, just to name a few. All owe their success to students, staff and parents willingness to support them and give freely of their energy and time.

This is also that time of year when you will be receiving final cards for semester 2 which reflect how well students have completed their academic studies. Hopefully the marks will be supported by teacher comments but should you be concerned or have questions please feel free to call to discuss your concern.

This year we will not be having the August line-ups for registration for students already attending WOSS. This process has been completed during the last 2 weeks of the semester and will continue during the summer. Our main office will be open Monday to Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm for students who have not had the opportunity to complete the process. We would be interested in hearing if this has made registration more or less convenient for families.

I would like to thank our graduating students for their many contributions during their years at White Oaks. This past year, as our senior students assumed leadership roles, they were role models for younger students concerning behaviour and have left a positive legacy for others to emulate. It has been an honour and privilege to have been your Principal and I wish you all the best as you take on new challenges. I have every confidence that you can and will achieve success in those goals you have set for yourselves.

With the end of the school year, also comes changes in the teaching staff at White Oaks. We would like to say goodbye to Ms. Auraujo, Ms. Lascos, Ms. Podio, Mr. Poulin, Mrs. Wiese and Mr. Wheeler who will be going on to new challenges at other schools. Mrs. Hurst will be taking a one-year leave of absence and will return September 2012.

We would also like to wish the following teachers, who will be on maternity leave next year all the best; Mrs. Beaudin, Mrs. Brabenec, Ms. Dagg, Mrs. Davison-Hardie, Ms. Fairfield, Ms. Houston, Mrs. Lord, Ms. Norton and Mrs. Rodgers.

Officially retiring this year were educational assistants, Lesley Taylor and Ann Thomson. I know you will join me in wishing them well as they find themselves busy in this new chapter of their lives.

White Oaks would like to welcome Mr. Barr, Mr. Burton, Mr. Candlish, Mr. Del Monte, Ms. Haist, Ms. Howson, Ms. MacLachlan, Ms. Mowbray, Mrs. Sachdeva, Mr. Sheridan, Ms. Spencer and Mr. Yhard in September. Also, welcome back from maternity leave to Ms. Baird and Mrs. Belford; and from paternity leave, Mr. Holmes.

We will also be experiencing a number of administrative changes this year. Mrs. DeMan will be moving to W.I. Dick Public School as Principal for September. We want to thank her for all her hard work and for her caring way with students and staff during her time here at WOSS. We will miss her tremendously and we wish her well at her new school.

Also moving to a new school for September is Ms. Ailey. She will be joining the administrative staff at Burlington Central High School as Vice-Principal. We want to also thank her for all her hard work and we will miss her great sense of humour. Burlington Central is very fortunate in having her join their staff.

Joining us this year in a Vice-Principal role will be Mr. Phillips. Mr. Phillips is coming from the board office where he has been working on the e-learning project. Welcome Mr. Phillips, and I am sure students will soon make you feel at home.

Also, congratulations and welcome to your new role as Vice-Principal to Mrs. Lemaire. Mrs. Lemaire has been a teacher at White Oaks over the past several years and more recently was in the position of IB Coordinator. Welcome Mrs. Lemaire, and we wish you the best in your new role here at White Oaks.

I wish everyone a safe and happy summer, enjoy the weather and see you on September 6th.



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Earn your volunteer hours this summer volunteering at any branch of the Oakville Public Library for the TD Summer Reading Program. Pick up a volunteer application at the public library information desk or print an application online at: <http://www.opl.on.ca/teens/volunteer>

Please keep in mind that during exams, students are reminded to please use the school exits during school hours as well as find a WOSS table for studying.

Good luck on your exams and have a safe and happy summer!

Please note: In cases where there is any sort of hardship, we have sponsorships available so that no student is denied the opportunity to fully participate in the life of White Oaks. Please contact the Principal, Mr. Stieva at 905-845-5200 ext. 225; or the Business Manager, Pam Cottingham at 905-845-5200 ext. 223 for additional details.