

# HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS SS

## December 2002 - Newsletter

Welcome to the fourth issue of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Newsletter for the 2002 – 2003 school year.

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### ATHLETICS - DECEMBER



GO HAWKS GO!!!

- Wrestling – A Successful First Tournament
- Nordic Ski Team
- PLUS – Upcoming Games Calendar

#### RED HAWK WRESTLING

The Red Hawk Wrestling Team travelled to Port Perry on Thursday November 28<sup>th</sup> to compete in the first tournament of the season. Over 300 wrestlers from 24 high schools participated. All Red Hawk wrestlers improved throughout the day during this high caliber event. Thirty two wrestlers in three divisions represented HHSS: Women's Open, Men's Open and Men's Cadet. Fourteen athletes from HHSS placed in the top 6 in their respective weight categories.

6<sup>th</sup> – Josh Mayhew, Jason Lougheed

5<sup>th</sup> – Jake Ruddy, Ted Ecclestone, Kori Hissa

4<sup>th</sup> – Noelle Johnson, Jeff Griffin

Bronze Medalists – Amelia Ambridge, Abby Haggerman

Silver Medalists – Oleg Romanov, Melanie Howitt

Gold Medalists – Ashley Camerson, Kira Fry, Kyle Austin

#### NORDIC SKI TEAM

Coaches Griffith and Dibblee are looking forward to a new season of nordic skiing. On snow practices will be starting shortly at Glebe Park ski trails. Beginners are encouraged to join this exciting life-long sport. Equipment is provided and fun is guaranteed. Participant's don't have to race, they can just come for the thrills, spills and pizza parties. The team will be travelling to Hardwood Hills and Lakefield College for two fun races in January and then we will be hosting the Kawartha and COSSA championships in February. See Mr. Griffith or Mrs. Dibblee for more information.

UPCOMING GAMES:

Dec 11	Junior Girls Volleyball @ home	2:00pm
Dec 11	Senior Boys Basketball @ LCVI	3:00pm
Dec 11	Junior Boys Basketball @ LCVI	4:00pm
Dec 11	Boys Hockey @ home	6:30pm
Dec 12	Senior Girls Volleyball @ Clarke	1:00pm
Dec 16	Boys Hockey @ St. Thomas	2:15pm
Dec 17	Boys Hockey @ PCVS	3:30pm
Dec 18	Junior Boys Basketball @ home	3:30pm
Dec 18	Senior Boys Basketball @ home	4:30pm
Dec 18	Boys Hockey @ home	6:30pm

**DEPARTMENT NEWS**



**ART  
DEPARTMENT**

**MUSIC NOTES**

Extra curricular music groups will join grades 9 and 11 music classes on Tuesday December 10 for a Christmas Concert. Everyone is welcome to attend, admission is free but voluntary donations will be gratefully accepted at the door. The concert starts at 7:30pm.

Grade 11 trombonist Arlen Davis-Mighton represented HHSS at the Ontario Provincial Honour Band. Arlen auditioned for the band last spring. He and about 50 other students from across Ontario spent a week in Toronto rehearsing for several hours a day. The band performed at the Toronto Centre for the Performing Arts and in Niagra Falls at the Ontario Music Educator's Association conference.

**DRAMA**

Congratulations to all students and staff who participated in the Remembrance Day Ceremony. The many hours put into the production by the Grade 9 Drama Students and Red Hawk Players under the guidance of Mrs. Zilla resulted in a great deal of positive feedback from the local Legion and local veterans. All who participated should be proud of their accomplishments!

Grade 9 Drama will be showcasing Monologues, Duologues and Scene Work in the Theatre in January.

The Drama Department is organizing a school trip to Mamma Mia on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Interested students should watch the Drama Board for details. Sign up will begin on January 6, 2003.

### **Ontario Science Centre**

On Wednesday November 27<sup>th</sup> two busses left Haliburton Highlands SS for a field trip to the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto. Over 80 students from senior Biology, Chemistry and Physics classes attended the excursion. Students spent the day inspecting exhibits, discovering new ideas and realizing applications of the theory presented in class. Students were then presented with one of two OMNIMX film presentations. Biology students watched a documentary on Jane Goodall's revolutionary work with Chimpanzees while Physics and Chemistry students watched a film on the International Space Station.



### **STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

A reminder to all Grade 12 graduating students that they must complete 40 hours of community service if they wish to cross the stage in June with their high school diploma.

Agencies are constantly sending in requests to the Guidance Office where they are posted on the bulletin board and announced during the morning announcements. Students should periodically check the postings for updated community hours opportunities.



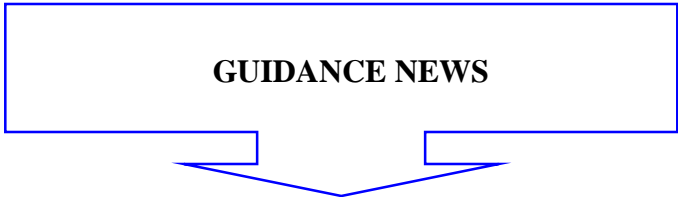
Completed forms should be put in the community hours drop box in the Guidance Office. Students requiring new or replacement cards can get one from Mr. Marsden.

Any questions, concerns, or clarifications should be directed to Mr. Marsden in the Guidance Office.

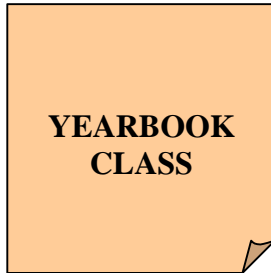


The Library at HHSS is now computerized. Students can look up possible resources from any computer in the school. As a result, they can determine what topics are best suited for research.

The Library now has 12 new Pentium 4-1.8 GHz computers. Which are constantly being used. The new library hours are 8:45am to 11:45am and 12:05pm to 4:15pm. From 8:45 to 3:30 the computers and library are constantly in use.



Mrs. Duchene has just completed on-line application tutorials for all students applying to both college and university. Students received their pin numbers to access their applications, and code books. The due date at HHSS for completion of both the college and university on-line application is Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Students are encouraged to see Mrs. Duchene, Mrs. Shapiera or Mr. Marsden, if they need assistance with either application.



The yearbook class is presently customizing advertisements for this year's Highlander. Anyone who is interesting in supporting this venture by placing an advertisement can contact Mr. Dibblee at 457-2950.

## EXTRACURRICULAR NEWS

### LUNCH BUDDIES

Lunch Buddies is a club run by students. Participants in the program spend time with some of our special students to help with integration into regular school life. These volunteers come to the Community Living Class at lunch breaks to join an activity or to take a student to an activity around the school. Everyone benefits from this rewarding experience. Volunteers can use these activities for Community Involvement Hours, School Letter points or just to have a lot of fun. Interested students should contact Mrs. Brandon in the Special Education Department or student co-ordinators: Josh Wales and Alanna Woodcock.

### SEARS DRAMA FESTIVAL

Any students interested in participating in the Sears Drama Festival in March need to see Mrs. Zilla before the Christmas Break.

## OFFICE UPDATE

### CHARACTER EDUCATION

Mr. Brohman has been visiting grade nine classrooms to underline the school's motto of 'Respect, Commitment, Responsibility'. He finished seeing all classes in November.

## MENTORSHIP

Mr. Sternberg has begun a program of selected senior students mentoring grade 9's. The senior students will visit grade nine classrooms once a month for about 15-20 minutes to talk about a specific topic such as bullying and harassment. A teacher will be in the room but will not be directly involved in the discussion.

## SMOKING SURVEY RESULTS

Age Range of Smokers

13-15 = 32 students    16-18 = 55 students    18+ = 12 students

Do you smoke?

99 students smoke

How often?

Every day = 80      4 x per week = 5      2 x per week = 4      Hardly ever = 10

How many cigarettes do you smoke per day?

1-3 = 20      4-6 = 20      7-10 = 22      10+ = 36      Less = 2

Where do you smoke the most?

At home = 7      At school = 25      Wherever = 66

How do you get your cigarettes?

Buy them from other people = 22

Buy them at a store = 58

Get them from home = 11

Get them free from other people = 31

None of the above = 5

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