

## **WOSS E-News December/January 2006**

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

### **UPDATE YOUR CALENDAR**

#### ***DECEMBER***

There is no December School Council meeting.

**December 4** Flu Clinic 2:30 to 9 pm

**December 5** Parent Info Evening at North Campus—Info on Halton Region Programs

**December 8** Professional Activity Day - No classes

**December 6, 7, 14, and 15** Drama Council presents *Our Town*

**December 6** Info meeting for IB candidates and parents in North Campus cafeteria

**December 12** WOSS Choir and Bands performance at Holiday Concert at Oakville Centre

**December 25** – January 5 Christmas Break - No classes

#### ***JANUARY***

**January 8** Classes Resume

**January 10** OUAC Application Deadline

**January 15** School Council Meeting 7 pm, South Campus, Room C107

**January 24** Last day of classes, Semester 1

**January 25 (Thursday) to 30 (Tuesday)** Exams; go to [www.wossweb.com](http://www.wossweb.com) for the link the January Exam Schedule.

#### ***FEBRUARY***

**February 1** Exam Return Day

**February 2** Professional Activity Day - No classes

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

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**

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

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

### **EQAO RESULTS for 2005-2006**

The percentage of students receiving a level 3 or 4 has increased since 2004-2005:

- Applied students have gone from 24% to 45%. On a board level, the increase was from 30% to 48%. On a provincial level, the increase was from 27% to 35%.

- Academic students have gone from 75% to 82%. On a board level, the increase was from 76% to 77%. On a provincial level, the increase was from 68% to 71%.

### **SCHOOL LITERACY PLAN**

- One focus will be on assessing applied and essential students' reading levels and developing strategies to target problem areas.

- Staff in all disciplines will be integrating the same set of five core reading strategies into their program for all students.

- The school is developing a standard format for writing forms (paragraph, essay, report, and labs) so that all students get a consistent message in all disciplines.

- The five most common errors in student writing have been identified and communicated to staff. This will prepare teachers for assessing student writing and providing feedback to students in all disciplines and for all students.

### **WOSS SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESENTS**

“Secrets of Discipline” with Ron Morrish, April 19, 7 pm to 9 pm

### **WHITE OAKS HAIR SALON**

The WOSS Salon is open Thursday and Friday mornings. Call **905-845-5200 X268** for more info and to book an appointment.

### **WOSS IB PROGRAM 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.

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