

WOSS E-News October 2006

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

UPDATE YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER

October 4 Awards Night for non-graduating students
October 5 White Oaks Commencement, 7:30 pm (students are to be there at 7 pm)
October 6 Professional Activity Day – no classes
October 9 Thanksgiving Day – no classes
October 12 Picture Retakes
October 13 Terry Fox Day and Walk
October 19 Letters of Concern mailed for semestered and desembered courses
October 23/24 IB Site Visit
Oct. 30 – Nov. 10 Graduation Photos (for students graduating in 2007)
October 31 Jostens Rings Display (for students graduating in 2007)
November 1 Grade 9 Take Your Child to Work Day

For the full year schedule, visit 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.

WOSS LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES

Parents might be interested in knowing about the HDSB and WOSS procedures related to emergency situations at the school:

- Halton Police Services respond to all lockdown situations at Halton schools
- Lockdown in one of WOSS's campuses will extend to the other campus
- Students will remain in their classroom or go to the nearest classroom
- Students in the cafeteria will move to the stage area
- Students who are between north and south campuses will be given directions by Halton Police; they may be ushered to safe locations at Munns, Montclair, Sheridan College, etc.
- North campus contains a daycare; a signal notifies parents not to enter the school in the event of a lockdown
- Lights are turned off; students get out-of-view and remain quiet
- One lockdown drill per semester will likely be introduced in 2006/07
- Students should realize there is a problem if the halls are empty

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM UPDATE

WOSS has its last site visit in October. If approved, WOSS may get the go-ahead as early as April 2007 to begin the program in the fall of 2007. Go to <http://www.wossweb.com/> and click on WOSS IB Program to find out more about the IB program and the ALC (Accelerated Learning Courses) for Grades 9 and 10. At this last site visit, the IB representatives would like to meet with the WOSS parent community, including parents without children enrolled in the ALC or interested in the IB program. If you are interested in attending the meeting, please contact Ms. Lamaire at lemairem@hdsb.ca.

CONTACTING YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

More and more parents are using e-mail to communicate with their child's teachers. Both parents and teachers are finding it effective and practical. Each teacher's e-mail address is the last name and first initial and then @hdsb.ca (e.g., John Smith's e-mail is smithj@hdsb.ca). Keep a copy your child's Semester 2 schedule so you have your child's teachers' names handy. Consider making contact early in the semester to introduce yourself. A staff directory is available on the school web site. Go to Parents and click on Staff Directory.

WOSS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Why attend a WOSS School Council meeting? Our meetings involve input from the principal and student council and cover curriculum and extra-curricular activities. Please come with questions or concerns that you have about our school. Your input contributes to making WOSS the best it can be.

Next meeting is October 16th at 8 pm in Room C107 in the South Campus behind the cafeteria.

SPORTS

<p>Senior Football Games (3:30) Wednesday, Oct. 4 at home against Iroquois Ridge Thursday, Oct. 12 at CTK Thursday, Oct. 19 at home against Georgetown Thursday, Oct. 26 at STA</p>	<p>Junior Football Games (3:30) Monday, Oct. 4 at home against CTK Tuesday, Oct. 10 at Milton Tuesday, Oct. 17 at home against Georgetown Tuesday, Oct. 24 at home against STA</p>
<p>Girls Basketball Senior Games (3:30) Tuesday, Oct. 3 at home against Acton Wednesday, Oct. 4 at BC Tuesday, Oct. 10 at ALD Monday, Oct. 16 at KCC Wednesday, Oct. 18 at home against TAB Tuesday Oct. 24 at home against LBP Thursday, Oct. 26 at home against RB Tuesday, Oct. 31 at home against ECD</p>	<p>Girls Basketball Junior Games (3:30) Tuesday, Oct. 3 at home against Acton Wednesday, Oct. 4 at BC Thursday, Oct. 12 at TAB Wednesday, Oct. 18 at home against TAB Thursday, Oct. 19 at Acton Tuesday Oct. 24 at home against LBP Thursday, Oct. 26 at home against RB</p>
<p>Boys Basketball Junior and Senior Games (3:30) Tuesday, Oct. 3 at HT Thursday Oct. 5 at home against KCC Tuesday, Oct. 10 at home against STA Thursday, Oct. 12 at home against OT Tuesday, Oct. 17 at IR Thursday, Oct. 19 at home against HT Thursday, Oct. 26 at STA Tuesday, Oct. 31 at OT</p>	

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE INFO SESSIONS

These will be held in the library. Parents are welcome.

- Sept. 29 to Oct. 1 University Fair at Convention Centre downtown Toronto
- October 4 York University Info Session, 2 pm library
- October 10 Lakehead University Info Session, 11:30 to 12:30 library
- October 12 University Info Session (20 universities) at Nelson HS in Burlington, 1 to 3 pm
- October 13 Carleton University Info Session, 1 to 2 pm library
- October 16 Concordia University Session, 2 pm library
- October 17 Algoma University Session, 2 pm library
- October 17 Ontario College Information Fair at Trade Center (CNE Grounds), 10 am to 8 pm
- October 18 Windsor University Info Session, 11:30 am library
- October 19 University of Toronto (Mississauga) Info Session, 1 pm library
- October 20 McMaster University Info Session, 1 pm library
- October 23 Guelph/ Humber University Info Session, 1 pm library
- October 24 King's College (Western) Info Session, 11:30 library
- October 25 University of Ottawa Info Session, 11:30 library
- October 27 Guelph University Info Session, 1 pm library
- October 31 University of Ontario Info Session, 11:30 library

WOSS SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESENTS APRIL 19, 7 pm to 9 pm

"Secrets of Discipline" Presenter: Ronald Morrish

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. 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. 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.

VISIT THE WOSS SCHOOL AND SCHOOL COUNCIL WEB SITE

Visit 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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