



Giant Country News

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South Grenville District High School Web Site:

www.sgdhs.ca

This website will host students projects, the 2006-2007 course calendar, teacher links and other innovative and new information about our school and the things we do.

CONNECT YOUTH, a Community Mobilization Project has been operating out of South Grenville. Melissa Hodgkinson, project coordinator is available to assist young people who are having difficulty coping and managing the pressures of their lives.

CONNECT YOUTH

can be reached at
925-2855 ext. 3373

South Grenville and TR Leger students can drop in to Melissa's office at South Grenville DHS or visit our new web site

www.connectyouth.ca

Reach for the Top

South Grenville's Junior Reach for the Top team captured the local league championship in the playoff tournament at Brockville Collegiate Institute on Friday, March 31. In the regular season the team suffered only one loss in the six school league, and finished a close second to B.C.I., with 1930 points to the Brockville school's 1955 points. These results earned both schools a bye into the semifinals, where South Grenville decisively defeated third place Gananoque Secondary School 420 - 190. In a closely contested final, South Grenville's consistent performance through all three rounds resulted in a 360 - 280 victory over B.C.I. This is the first time South Grenville has won the junior championship since its local inception five years ago.

While other schools seemed to rely entirely on one or two players, South Grenville was unique in that all five team members recorded significant points in every game. Very often it was not a case of beating the opposition to the buzzer for the correct answer, but their own teammates! They are all high academic achievers, but perhaps more importantly, all read extensively and

have varied and wide ranging interests outside of the high school curriculum.

The members of the championship team are: Trent Blanchette, Justin Edwards, Janet Greenhorn, Rachel Reindorf and George Unc.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

Second semester is well underway and our Cooperative Education students have now been at their placements about 8 weeks. Coop is providing students with the opportunity to earn credits while gaining practical experience in the workplace and solidifying their career plans.

This semester, as in the past, we have a large number of students in apprenticeable trades. Any Coop student who is doing their placement in an apprenticeable trade qualifies as an Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) student. We have many OYAP students this semester in a variety of trades including truck and coach mechanic, early childhood education, educational assistant, welding, small engines mechanic, farm equipment mechanic, electrician, chef and carpentry.

Our local employers have continuously provided us with valuable opportunities for learning. We consider ourselves very fortunate at South Grenville to have their support. Coop students this semester are currently placed with the following employers:

Amber Alexander

Kaitlyn Ashby
Lyndsay Biccum
Greg Conlin

Jeff Connell
Jordie Finucan
Scott Hall
Tiffany Hanes
Mike Harding
Terri Jodoin
Samantha Joudoin
Adam Kelly
Derrick Lavery

Brockville Tractor &
Trailer

Prescott Animal Hospital
Riverside Pontiac Buick Ltd.
Weagant Farm Supply
(Winchester)
Knapp's Yamaha
D.C. Snelling Ltd.
Rehau Industries Inc.
Wellington House
Mayfield Retirement Centre
St. Mark Catholic School
Maynard Public School
Prescott Machine & Welding
Casco Inc.

Jessica McNab
Shane McNeely
Jade Meppelder
Mandie Shulist
Kelsey Tobin

Paul Forgues, Accountant
Steve Morris, Farrier
Kriska Trucking
Wellington House
Seaway Physiotherapy Centre

touring the Louvre where we will have the chance to view the Mona Lisa and the Venus de Milo.

Last year's trip was a great success and I look forward to another terrific experience with a great group of students.

Mme Campeau

ARMY COOP

In addition to our regular Coop program, South Grenville is participating in an Army Coop program offered for the first time at the Brockville Armories. This program has been widely publicized. Our students are eager and enjoying, very much, the military experience. Currently six students from South Grenville are participating in the program. They include:

Pte. Will Blair-Beveridge
Pte. Simon Forsyth
Pte. John Lane

Pte. Mitchell Merkley
Pte. Justin Perry
Pte. Thea Versteegen

There will be an information session on the Army Coop program for February 2007 for interested students held **Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.** in Room 115 at South Grenville District High School. Students must sign up in Student Services prior to Monday, April 24 at NOON to attend this presentation. Sgt. Layonnais from the Brockville Armories and some of our current Army Coop Cadets will be talking to interested students at this time. If your son or daughter has expressed an interest in this program, please encourage them to attend this valuable information session to learn more about this great opportunity. Should you wish more information on the program, you can call Jill Montgomery, Cooperative Education Teacher, at 925-3570.

South Grenville Drama Club

The South Grenville D.H.S Drama Club presents 'The Canterbury Tales'. Performance dates are set for Friday May 12th, and Saturday May 13th, starting at 7:00 pm. For more information, contact Ms. Bucking.

FRANCE 2007 !

Plans are under way now for next year's trip to France. Any students who will be in grade 11 or 12 and are in good standing are welcome to join us. We had a parent information meeting the first week of April and there seems to be a lot of interest. This trip will include a visit to Giverny, Claude Monet's home and inspiration for much of his work, a trip to Normandy where we will visit Juno Beach and learn more about the Canadian troops landing during the war. We will be based in Paris the entire time and will enjoy sight seeing Paris' many historic sites, including going up the Eiffel Tower and

Student Exchange

Students are now settled in with their host families in France. We have three South Grenville students currently participating in the second half of their student exchanges.

Applications are underway for students who are interested in going on summer exchange this summer or a three month exchange for next year. We are working with two different board approved exchange services. Students who do not wish to host another student in their home are still welcome to participate. There are many families in other countries who are very willing to host students without a reciprocal exchange.

Students who are still interested in a possible exchange may see Mrs Campeau for more information.

QUEBEC CITY !

The senior French class has started its fund raising activities for our annual trip to Quebec City which is scheduled for May 31, June 1 & 2. Our French Toast Breakfast was a success again this year. The Mother's Day Raffle Basket, valued at \$1,000.00 is on display in the main office. Tickets are on sale during the lunch hour or may be purchased in the main office for \$2.00.

Help support our senior French class as they work towards improving their second language skills in an immersed environment.

News from the Ruth Evanson Library April is Poetry Month!

Who is your favourite poet?

New books in the library:

Chicken Soup for the Canadian Soul Chicken Soup for the Dog Lover's Soul Chicken Soup for the Horse Lover's Soul

all by Jack Canfield et al.

You can never have too much chicken soup. These inspirational stories will make you laugh and make you cry. Check out your favourites

sidestreet series

This series includes titles such as Tattoo Heaven, Klepto, Truth and Lies and Lightning Rider. These are fast paced, popular fiction. Read them all!

Tattoos and Body Piercing, by Leanne K. Currie-McGhee.

This illustrated book gives factual, unbiased information on the history, legal issues and health issues of body art. Be informed.

The Collected Stories, by Carol Shields

This volume is a combination of three of Carol Shields short story collections, plus a previously unpublished story. Check out his Pulitzer Prize-winning author.

The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail, by Michael

Baigent, Richard Leigh and Henry Lincoln.

Originally called shocking and controversial, this book sets out to solve a mystery and explain history. Still controversial, some claim Dan Brown borrowed these ideas for his famous novel The Da Vinci Code (also available in our library). You decide.

Health Unit Offering Meningitis Vaccine to High School Students

The vaccine will be available to all students born between 1985-1991. The vaccine is 92% -97% effective in preventing meningitis-C which has been responsible for most outbreaks in schools and communities. An information package will be distributed students two weeks prior to the school clinic date. South Grenville's clinic date is scheduled for May 25th. For more information call 1-800-660-5853 or visit www.healthunit.org.

Remember:

Friday, April 28th is an early dismissal day. Students will be dismissed at 11:00 am. Teachers will be involved in Professional Development activities.

Key Dates

April	19	Math Contest - Euclid- Grade 12's
	21	Mid-Term Report Cards Issued
	28	Early Dismissal Day - 11: 00 a.m. P.D. Day Senior French Class Elementary Dance 4:00 pm- 10:30 pm
May	3	Blood Donor Presentation to students 1:10 pm- 2:10 pm Gym A/B
	5	TISS/Kinsman Track
	9	Medieval Times/ROM Field Trip
	10	LGSSA Track Youth Fair 8:00 am- 2:00 pm
	11	Blood Donor Clinic 2:00 pm- 8:00 pm
	12-13	Drama Club - 'The Canterbury Tales' 7:00 pm
	15-16	EOSSA Track
	18	LGSSA Finals Video Dance
	20	Sober Suds OSAID Car Wash
	22	Victoria Day

- 23 EQAO Math Testing
- 24 EOSSA Soccer
- 27 French Club Car Wash
- 31-June 2 Quebec City Trip

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Week 1						1
2 Week 2	3	4	5 School Parent Advisory Council Mtg. 6:00 pm	6	7 Semi Formal dance	8 Alumni/Adult Dance 8:00pm-1:00 am
9 Week 3	10	11	12 Envirothon	13	14 Good Friday	15
16 Week 4	17 Easter Monday	18	19 Envirothon- Landon Bay	20 Model U.N.- Kingston	21 Mid Term Report Cards issued	22 Boys B-Ball Tournament 8:00am-6:00 pm
23 Week 5	24	25	26 Envirothon- Charleston Lake	27 Boys B-Ball 5:00 pm-7:00 pm	28 Early Dismissal Day PD Day	29
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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Week 1	1	2	3 Staff/Student Volleyball Blood Donor Presentation 1:10 - 2:10 Gym A/B	4	5 TISS/Kinsman Track	6
7 Week 2	8	9 Medieval Times/ROM Field Trip	10 LGSSA Track Youth Fair 8:00 am-2:00 pm	11 Blood Donor Clinic 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm	12 'The Canterbury Tales' 7:00 pm	13 'The Canterbury Tales' 7:00 pm
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