

The Gillis Gazette

"All the news our principal lets us print!"

September 2005- Special Ninth Grade Edition

2005-2006 Student Council



Welcome To Dr. JH Gillis Regional High School

Greetings, minor niner's as well as fellow returnees to the new and improved Dr John Hugh Gillis Regional High School. We hope you had a great summer. You may notice some changes around the school, such as; our new beach volleyball court outside by the football field. Not a fan of beach volleyball? Well maybe you'll enjoy our new bus loop for faster, more efficient bussing.

We almost forgot to introduce ourselves, its Jon Grant and Katlyn Perro here, this year's class president and vice-president. Thanks to all of you who voted in our favour, we'll try our utmost not to let you down. As for those of you who didn't ... well... you're in for a treat.

Grade Nine's need not worry about getting lost, just look for the blue sleeves. Student council members will be out and about to assist getting you to class on time for the first few days.

We would like to extend a welcome to all students interested in making new friends and contributing to Student

Council committees. There's something to suit almost all your needs, and anyone who has any ideas to make this school year bigger and better than ever, feel free to chat with Katlyn and me anytime (or for those of you who like to remain anonymous we have a suggestions box outside the student council room). Please don't be a stranger; we are more than willing to answer any questions or concerns you might have. We hope you fully enjoy your school year. Cheers,

*Jon Grant and Katlyn Perro
The early bird gets the worm but the second mouse gets the cheese.*

Send us your Pics!

The Gillis Gazette is looking for photos of Walk-a-Thon and other orientation week activities to publish!

Send them to milankie@yahoo.ca or give them to Catherine Holloway.

You could be on the front page!

Grade 9

The Barenaked Ladies

I found my locker and I found my classes
Lost my lunch and I broke my glasses,
That guy is huge! that girl is wailing!
First day of school and I'm already failing.

This is me in grade nine, baby, this is me in grade nine
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I've got a blue and red adidas bag and a humongous binder,
I'm trying my best not to look like a minor niner.
I went out for the football team to prove that I'm a man
I guess I shouldn't tell them that I like duran duran.

Well, half my friends are crazy and the others are depressed
And none of them can help me study for my math test.

I got into the classroom and my knowledge was gone;
I guess I should've studied instead of watching wrath of khan.

They called me chicken legs, they called me four-eyes
They called me fatso, they called me buckwheat,
They called me eddie

I've got a red leather tie and pair of ruggar pants,
I put them on and I went to the high school dance.

Dad said I had to be home by eleven
Aw, man, I'm gonna miss stairway to heaven.

This is me in grade nine, baby, this is me in grade nine
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Editorial

This is the first official editorial of the Gillis Gazette for 05/06, a.k.a. the Catherine-tries-to-convince-the-new-kids-to-join-newspaper-and-become-her-minions ahem. writers. If you like to write, take pictures, draw, or express your school acceptable opinions, the Gillis Gazette can be your outlet. We're always looking for new material, from every grade. I also need people to help out with the editing, production, etc. etc.

So many of you may be wondering, WHAT IS STUDENT COUNCIL? Student Council is made up of 40 or so students, mostly seniors, although students from other grades are allowed to participate as well, and we make the 'big decisions' such as what types of events to have, what bands to hire for dances, what types of theme days we should have, and the like. The council members are also the leaders of the 20 sub-committees listed on the next two pages. Want to get involved? Here's how:

1. Read the Gillis Gazette or listen to the speeches at the pep rally next week and decide what committees suit you. (you're allowed to join more than one)
2. Sign up at the appropriate booths after the pep rally
3. Attend the meetings
4. Write for the suggestion box or contact one of your local Student Council members when you have an idea you'd like to have addressed next Student Council meeting.
5. Vote in the school elections, and most importantly,
6. Show your ROYAL SPIRIT!

Grad

This year is going to be awesome but we need lots of help from you! The Grads of 2006 deserve the best Grad week ever, that's why we need you guys to help us with all the activities such as the BBQ, the Grad dance, and the biggest event of them all, Grad Party! It's going to be a lot of fun, so sign up for the Grad committee at the Pep Rally! -Britney & Courtney

Spring Fling

Hey guys this is Sarah Michelson and Kailee MacDonald and we're your heads of spring fling this year. This year's spring fling will take place in May and with the events we have in store, you're guaranteed to have an awesome time. There's lots of new stuff as well as the old classics from previous years!

We're also looking for lots of help to make this week happen so make sure you join our committee!

~Kailee and Sarah Prom

Prom

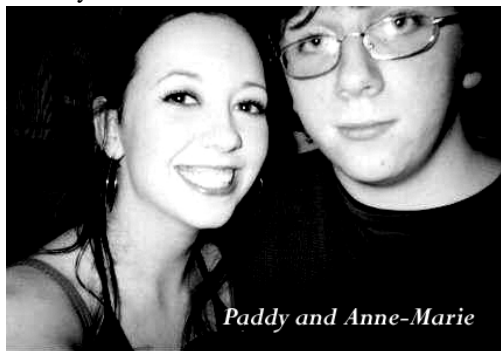
If you know what Prom is you know it's only for grade 12's, but there is a way you can go! You can help the three of us by bringing your creative side and making this a prom to remember. It's a lot of work but even more fun. So join our tripod today. Cheers, Laura Arsenault, Kelly-Anne Bryden & Megan Coady.

Semi

Hi, I'm Nicol DeYoung and I'm Sarah Kelly, and we're your co-heads of Semi Committee for 05/06. Semi is a formal dance, dress nice, but don't treat it as prom. Even if you're in Grade Nine and can't attend you should still join and help out.

Social

Greeting from the Social Committee! We are Paddy MacDonald and Anne-Marie Armour! We are very excited to start the new school year as the heads of this committee in which we will try our best, with help from you, to bring the school the best dances its ever seen! We are open to any suggestions, and encourage you all to sign up and help out. We have all kinds of great ideas lined up for the year with different bands/djs and themes for each dance! See you on the dance floor!



Paddy and Anne-Marie

Walkathon

Mud... we know you love it, and that's what Walkathon is all about! This year, along with all the fun you will have walking over Brown's Mountain, we promise a special twist, as well as a surprise waiting for you at the bottom of the mountain. This year is all about change. Change is good. We hope that this year we can raise a record-breaking amount (\$20,000). There will be fruits for your efforts, and we will be surprising you guys throughout the weeks leading up and there will be lots of prizes to be won. Walkathon will be the kickoff to a great year. Cara Gammon & David Thompson.

Orientation

Hey grade 9's! This is Andrea Hanifer and Mike Murphy, just filling you in on the upcoming events of orientation. The first event is on a Thursday, the notorious BBQ, This is based around the grade 9's but we want everyone to show up and we'll show you all a good time, guaranteed! Then after recovering from the awesomeness of the BBQ there's going to be a dance on Friday featuring the Band "Chucky Danger." Sure to be a good time, so everyone Go!

Awards Committee

The awards committee is lots of fun, and we need a lot of help in order to pull off the annual awesome celebration of the 2005-2006 students' accomplishments. At the banquet, awards are given to student athletes, outstanding students, musicians, and artists. The banquet is a time to reflect and emphasize the importance of participation in school sport and activities. It also comes with a delicious meal, which includes dessert! There are guest speakers and special presentations and with your help we can make this year's Awards Banquet the best one ever. Thanks, Leah MacEachern & Tara Chisholm

S.A.G.E.

Sage, Students Acting for a Greener Earth, is the School's environmental committee. My name is Alex Marshall, and this year I'm the head of SAGE. The 05/06 school year is going to be absolutely great, and what better way is there to round off your extracurricular activity list than by joining SAGE and lending a hand to nature? Besides, it's something Captain Planet would do. **THE POWER IS YOURS!**

Food Bank

We (Leah Mac & Devanne O) are your new Food Bank co-heads. We've got some great ideas for this year to help out the local Antigonish Community Food Bank. We'll conduct the annual food drive, hold Foodstock once again, and have a variety of other fundraisers on the side. The committee is open to anyone interested in helping out with these projects, and all new ideas are welcome.

Audio Visual

My name is Sam Wong and I'll be heading the A/V Committee. This year we're going to abandon the idea of making a video yearbook, and instead, the A/V is going to adopt the goal of producing as many five-minute films as possible. The idea will then be to send all the films we make to a film festival in Halifax, where they will be up for awards, including cash prizes and scholarships. I'm going to need a lot of help with this project, so if you have any interest in making films, be sure to join my committee. You don't need any kind of previous film experience!

Winter Carnival

When winter days drag on and seem as though the snow will never melt, there is a week of fun, Winter Carnival! Winter Carnival consists of outdoor games, (aka sledding, snow sculpting, etc.) a variety show, a coffee house, a fun day, plus many more great activities, which are loads of fun! Winter Carnival is a big week; therefore Kelly Jo Dugas and Sara Klapstein are going to need lots of helpers. (You too grade nines!)

Athletics

Our names are Maria Konchalski and Holly Van Gestel and we are head of the Athletics committee this year. We have a lot of new ideas that we want to get lots of people involved. Some of our ideas include dodge ball and beach volleyball tournaments, as well as the regular slo-pitch tournament. We will need lots of help and participation from all different grades in order to make our ideas work. We hope to see you all through the year! Thanks.

Spirit

My name is Shannon Fraser and I'm head of SPIRIT!! Yeah, that's right, SPIRIT!! Spirit days will go from 'cowboy day' to 'grease lightning day'. We need to have lots of spirit this year and for you guys to be spirited and spirty! So gooooo SPIRIT!! It's gonna be Zwak!

T.A.D.D.

We hope you had a fun and safe summer. TADD would especially like to send out a warm welcome to all the grade nines coming into the Regional this year. For you new guys, and the couple grade 10's, 11's, or 12's who may not know what the TADD Committee is, this acronym stands for **Teens Against Destructive Decisions**. Now "Destructive Decisions" is a broad statement. It encompasses everything from driving under the influence to substance abuse to suicide and self-mutilation. People interested in working within the school to help address these issues are strongly encouraged to join our committee. So at the pep rally be sure to track down James Goldie and Rena Murray at the TADD Committee table and sign up!!

Activities

What's cracking, Crackers? James Arsenault here, and I'm head of activities, comprendé? Let's just say I'm the guy who runs things around here. Two words: Variety Shows. They're chalked full of bands, comedy sketches, dance routines, and a whole bunch more. Our school's finest all wrapped up into one deliciously talented performance. On a final note, I'm so cool my hair froze off.

Murals

My name is Alicia Teasdale, and I'm head of the Murals committee for the upcoming school year. The murals committee provides an excellent opportunity for those with a creative flair to express themselves throughout the school. So join the committee and help add to the collection of the many wonderful pieces of art done in the school through the years.

Join

Publicity!

~Leslie & Stephanie

Band/MOTN

Concert Band rehearses on Tuesday morning from 7:30-8:30 and on Thursday afternoon from 2:30-5:00. Jazz Band rehearses on Tuesday afternoon from 2:30-5:30 and on Thursday morning from 7:30-8:30. Percussion (drum) ensemble will be held Friday after school. Auditions for Music of the Night will be on Sept. 11 in the band room from 1-5pm and 7-9pm for ages 8-15, adult auditions will occur the following weekend. For more information talk to Mr. Bannerman.



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18 Jimi Hendrix's Death, 1970	19 Talk like a Pirate Day	20 	21 FIRST DAY OF FALL Photos	22 Meet The Teacher 7:00-8:30	23 Walkathon	24
25 Comic Book Day	26 	27 	28 Chinese Moon Festival	29	30 Inservic	

