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Sports Update

The volleyball season is nearing the end after a great run. The Senior Girls have had a great season and came third in their tournament at Dofasco. The Junior Boys and Girls teams also had a wonderful season with a lot of growth and skill development. They are looking forward to next year! The Senior Boys are not done yet! They are moving on to the City finals on Wednesday —after working really hard as team, and winning the Dofasco tournament, they are looking forward to the challenge and hoping for a win! Go Gryphons Go! All these teams have done a stellar job representing Greenleaf. A huge thank you to Ms. Little for coaching the Junior and Senior boys, Ms. Marion for coaching the Senior Girls, Mrs. Brouwers and Mrs. Woods for coaching the Junior Girls.

It has been a great start for many student athletes in Allan A Greenleaf. First we had a fun, all day 3 pitch tournament for all Junior and Senior teams at Memorial Park. Cross country was a fun time for any runners in Grades 4-8. Thanks Ms. Tilton and Ms. Greco for organizing! Handball intramurals have also begun for the grade seven and eight students and we are loving it. Handball gives several Grade 8 students leadership opportunities. Thanks Ms. Marion! We can't wait for more upcoming sports this school year.
~ Daniel M.



A Message from Our Principals...

It's hard to believe that the calendar has already turned to December. Where have the last few months gone!

Mrs. Johnson and I would like to extend our warmest greetings to each of you and hope that the first few months of the school year have gone well for everyone. Allan A. Greenleaf is truly such a wonderful school and we feel privileged to work with each of you in our community.

With activities returning to a more relative state of "normal" and with more things happening in and around the school, we are happy to have the "Greenleaf Gazette" returning each month. This first one will be sent out in paper and electronic format, but going forward, in trying to be eco-friendly, we will stick to electronic distribution. We will have paper copies available in the office for those who would like one.

School Council Update: The Allan A. Greenleaf School Council is one way in which parents and guardians can become involved in the school. The role of Council is to; increase community and parental involvement in the school, encourage parents, staff and the community to work together, and to work with and advise the Principal to enhance student learning. Our next meeting is on January 19, 2023, and all parents and guardians are welcome to each meeting as an observer. However, if there are any additional parents/guardians who wish to serve as a member on council, please contact the school to inquire, as we do have some member spaces available. Have a great month everyone!

Mr. Yull & Mrs. Johnson

Dates to Remember...

December 5—Senior Boys VB Semis

December 7 —Bulldogs Game

December 20-21 Candygrams Sold,

December 23—P.J. Day

Dec 5- Dec 16—Toy Drive

Tuesdays—Pizza

Thursdays—Popcorn \$2.50

Fridays—Skipping Club, Art Club, Fro Yo \$4


Daily—Handball Intramurals Gr 7&8

* please check our online [Events Calendar](#) and subscribe to get all updates to your Inbox!*




Greenleaf Generosity

We are always so impressed with our spirit of giving at Greenleaf. We began the fall season of giving with our "Halloween for Hunger" drive. Thank you to all our students who donated non perishable food items for our local food banks.

 We continued our generous contributions with our annual Winter Clothing Drive. We received many donations. Greenleaf donated 79 coats, 53 sets of mittens and gloves, 52 hats, 25 pairs of boots, 19 pairs of snow pants, and 11 scarves and neck warmers for Good Shepherd. Greenleaf also donated several pairs of new pajamas to the Children's Aid Society.

Our students have once again asked if we could start up two other holiday charity initiatives. Our annual **Toy Drive** begins Monday, December 5th. We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for children in our community. Please help make the holiday season brighter for others by donating! During the last week of school we will be selling our holiday **Candygrams**. All proceeds from our December candygrams will directly benefit Mission Services in Hamilton. Candygrams will be on sale for \$.50 on Dec 20 & 21 and will be delivered on the 22nd. The candy will be a pre-wrapped candy canes.

A huge thank you to the Greenleaf community for your generosity and compassion. And a thank you to all the grade 7 & 8 students who helped collect, sort, and organize the charitable donations. 

Greenleaf's Indigenous & Human Rights Club

Approximately two years ago, the Indigenous and Human Rights Club was created by several middle school students. During this period of time, they completed many projects centered around Indigenous rights and views. These projects have included several daily announcements in which they share Indigenous views and perspectives, such as during Treaty week, creating bulletin boards acknowledging Orange Shirt Day and celebrating the Souharrisen Natural Area in our community of Waterdown. Most recently, they have honoured our Indigenous Veterans during our Remembrance Day ceremony. The group will continue to focus on various student generated topics throughout the school year.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: GENEROSITY

You are practicing **GENEROSITY** when you think of ways to share what you have. You think about what people need and do things to give them happiness. You share your time, your ideas, your things, or your money. When you give away something that is really special to you, that is a very generous way to show love. It feels good to give freely, just for the sake of giving.

I am generous. I look for opportunities to give and to share. There is plenty of time for thoughtfulness. I give freely, fully and joyfully.



SENIOR BAND @ WDHS

Greenleaf's Senior Band was at Waterdown on Friday, Dec. 2 @ the annual Mass Band Fest hosted by the High School. Bands from all the feeder schools were invited for a "show and share" as well as workshop opportunities for the morning. The kids had a great time working with other music specialists and students from Flamborough schools. Thank you to Mr. Dumont for leading the way! The kids can't wait for their next "jam" session and "gig"!



Ti Cat's First on the Field

In October, thirty Grade 6 students had the great opportunity to participate in the Ti-Cat First On the Field program designed to help students increase their physical activity and learn the importance of a healthy lifestyle, while having fun at the same time. They were able to play and participate in games and skill sessions at Tim Horton's Field under the direction of the Tiger Cat players. At the end of the fun session, all the kids were given Ti Cat swag! It was a great afternoon for all!



Eco Team

Our Eco Team has been hard at work brainstorming ways to make our world a better place! Stay tuned for updates of our activities in the new year. In the meantime... did you know, keeping your gardens messy through the winter provides sanctuary for creatures great and small!

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