

International Plowing Match

By: Carly Judd

The international plowing match that took place in Earlington was a great experience for the students of IFSS. Some students were interested in returning later on



in the

week. Shane Derby commented that “I found it was pretty intense with all the big tractors. And I liked the food.” This plowing match brought the interest in people who are not

usually interested in this sort of thing.

There were many people from all over who came to share this experience with others. They were expecting 70 thousand people to attend, but according to the website their success brought no less than 80 thousand. The event took up 100 acres of land, and was full of excitement. There were showing of different animals, a lot of delicious food , gaming (barel races, flag etc), a tractor square dance, old vehicles, a lot of different types

of music and of course the main event; the plowing match. There were many more activities to attend during this time.

After getting some input from the students of Iroquois Falls Secondary School, I came to the conclusion that although it was a fantastic experience it would have been better if we were there longer.



IFSS Golf Team at NEOAA

By: Anthony Montreuil

During September the IFSS golf team attended the NEOA golf qualifier at Spruce Needles golf course held in Timmins. It was cold in the morning and turned out to be a good day but out of the ordinary there was a furry four legged friend. Near the 1st and the 10th tee a bear was located near the green. The bear was not hurting anyone but may have thrown off some people's games. The



OPP came to the rescue to try and catch it but was not caught. Thankfully it had run into the woods. All of the golfers of IFSS shot solid scores from TJ Trottier, Andrew Devine, Shelby Madden, Jory Lanchance, Preston Lacasse, and Anthony Montreuil. Shelby Madden will be attending OFSAA in early October to represent IFSS. Good Luck Shelby!

Come Dance with Us By: Lin Gao

Dance Club

Hi, everyone welcome! This year we invite you to a new crazy, exciting Dance Club. We hope you will enjoy it and learn much more about dance! We will talk about the popular Hip-Hop dance and there will also be a Chinese dance class. Right after school every Monday from 3:15 -4:00. In forty-five minutes you can learn more about dance and it is going to be fun.

So please - boys and girls - sign up in the main office. Every two weeks we will talk about different dance styles, such as hip-hop, jazz, popping, locking, and many others. We were thinking every two months we will have a real dance battle (if it is possible) for the club students and the winner will get a surprise from the Dance Club.



We will also have extra classes, if you want to learn more than you what you learn in the Dance Club (that means you want extra time with the teachers), Cost is \$5 per person for 45 minutes. Dance is for everybody, so don't be shy to join the club. We offer one class but the dance style is for everybody, so it won't be too girly and it won't be too hard! So please sign up and have fun with your friends.

Supervising teachers are: Ms. Thomson

IFSS Breakfast Club is Back!! By: Kelly Montague

I.F.S.S. holds a breakfast club for students to have a nutritional start to their day. One Thursday a month will be a warm breakfast (bacon, eggs, french toast, etc.) Every Thursday, and hopefully Tuesdays to come, there will be a cold breakfast (yogurt, fruit, etc.) We are limited this year to one warm breakfast a month because there is a short amount of staff members !



Dear Mr. Hall

Dear Mr. Hall,

I believe that I should be excused from the long list of detentions you have assigned me, each for a separate reason. The bright blue stains on the gym floor could not have been caused by me, as I was busy painting crop circles on parking lots across the United States when they were made. The fire alarm going off three days later

was not my fault either, as I was correcting minor errors in the school's wiring at the time. Nor was I responsible for the TVs scattered in pieces across the playing field. After all, it is extremely difficult to do such things while in the clutches of aliens mistaking my crop circles to be an advertisement for *The Hitch-hiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. They weren't happy that we had "run out of copies". I was of course absent when the art room was trashed; I

was in England receiving a Victoria Cross for saving humanity from the now murderous aliens. Even the boiler room next week, but no, that particular incident has yet to happen. Just remember though, it won't be my fault!

Truthfully, Jordan Pepin

Talk of IFSS

Random students were asked the following question:
What are some ways to improve the School?



Tori MacDonald

I think we should have the subs back and healthier food selections in the caf. I also think our school should be repainted with our school colors.



Michelle Trottier

I think cell phones should be allowed outside of the school and drinks and light snacks should be permitted in any class except for the labs.



Tyler Carroll

I think we should get a hockey team and/or boys soccer team. Healthier caf food. The cell phones should be permitted in the caf or outside the school.



Caitlin Romain

There should be more course selections and the classes should be available to take whenever instead of taking them A school. Better garbage cans. The music box back. Recycle more, more selections for sandwiches and I don't like the price for pogos. What's up with biology being offered every second year?



Caleb Towsley

Allow cell phones and Ipods during lunch because it's our time not the teacher's. (no offence to the teachers). Put the schools money towards something we'll actually need like better instruments of props for drama.



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How to succeed in school

If you want to be the most successful student in school, these tips will help.

To start off your successful school day go to bed as late as possible and wake up as early as you possibly can so you can start or complete last night's homework. Skipping breakfast will give you more time in the morning, plus breakfast isn't the most important meal of the day.

The bus ride to school can be used to your advantage. You can catch up on missed sleep or continue the school work you started in the morning. For those students that walk to school, the tips will be covered in our next lesson.

Work that hasn't been complete in the morning for the reason that you have to walk, use your class time wisely. We can't stress this enough. Morning classes are the ideal classes to catch on missed work.

satirical tips by: Nick Monahan, Tim Beaton

Work that has been completed and you have a lack of sleep, morning classes are good for brief naps. After all those long boring lectures always helped me sleep.

This now bring us to lunch. Lunch is a great period to mess around. All I can say is eat lunch then do what ever you want after words. Be creative.

As far as the time you got between classes, use that time to your advantage. Take as much time as possible. After all there is a good chance you will be doing nothing in class anyways, so you don't want to have to sit through class longer then you have to.

A very important in class tip would be washroom breaks. If you take as many as you can without losing bathroom privileges the better, because it gets you out of a boring lectures or the boring moments in class. It will also give you good exercise walking to the bathroom and back.

As the day comes to an end find out which homework you have so you can leave those heavy books in your locker, but this will defeat the purpose of doing your work in the morning. You can do two things at this point, leave books at school and have a light load home and have a reason on why you didn't complete your homework on time or take a heavy load of books home so you can get a head start on the homework. Both ways are very good ways to getting homework done or at least keep you out of trouble for not doing it. Also one more important tip is don't worry if you don't get homework completed, since you will be getting the correct answers in class tomorrow anyways. So you'll always get the right answers in your notes.

Those are the tips on how to be a successful student in school.

Be cool and don't stay in school!

Terry Fox Run By: Kelly Montague

Every year our school goes out for the Terry Fox Run. This year the temperature wasn't the greatest but the majority of the students went. It was nice to see all the students out walking to support Terry Fox's memory.



Terry ran from St. Johns all the way to Thunder Bay. He stopped there as he could continue no further. The heroic Canadian passed away on June 28th 1981 age of 22. To dated over 400 million dollars worldwide for Cancer research in Terry's name.

BOY'S VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY

BY: KALVIN KUJAWINSKI

This past weekend the I.F.S.S senior boys volleyball team traveled to Sudbury to compete with other teams in that region .

They had a lot of fun and played very well . Even without all of the players there they still did very well . They had a strong start winning their first game without any problems. The second game was a tough one as they battled off against the Sudbury Champlain Sharks—the sets were tied 1-1. Unfortunately, when it came down to the third set they came up short. The Tigers third game had them face off against Sudbury Horizon where the Tigers one again came up short .

On Saturday morning, the boys moved on to the quarter finals where they once again faced off against the Champlain Sharks but this time the Tigers were there to play and won all of the sets . The boys then moved on to the semi finals where they played the Chippewa Raiders and came up a bit too short .

Overall the boys spent a good weekend had loads of fun and always played hard .



The Clanging Gong By: Ms. Thomson

It's weird the things we remember and what brings the memories flooding back. I just finished reading Rosie's blog, I go to her site almost daily, and there was a memory of her childhood and her deceased mother. For that reason she and I are kindred spirits. You can never really know what someone feels unless you've felt the same thing. She and I both know the heavy, heavy feeling of loss. My Mother is gone too.

I often think what my Mom was doing at my age and how in just a few short years I will be the same age she was when she died. I think about what she smelled like, what she looked like, how her fingers were always covered with spray paint, in those days flowers were often sprayed in different colours, her talent, and her smile. What I've thought about lately is her clothes and how well matched they were.

I clearly remember her orange housecoat, her white flowing night gown, her blouses and matching skirts, her evening dresses, and of course, her high heeled shoes. After she died, I often looked at her clothes and smelled them because they still smelled like her perfume—Ciara.

I don't remember when her clothes were finally boxed up and taken from the house, but I remember those clothes even to this day. I guess it's because I'm female. I guess it's because I love clothes and shoes that this really stuck with me. It's weird the things we remember and what brings things flooding back...

YE OLDE BOOK REVIEW BY: KATELYNN PORTER

Pansy

Pansy is a book from 1886 about a little girl named Pansy who is quite the handful (to me she just seems like every other six year old.) She is very selfish so her parent's decide to get her a playmate, who turns out to be the daughter of her Mum's playmate who now lives in India.

Pansy is very selfish and the author would like to make that **very** clear to you about every second page. She pulls fits whenever Lina, her playmate, is around. She even throws Lina's doll into a pile of leaves stating "I buried her and she's quite dead." When I first picked up this book, that was the first thing I read and, I will not lie, I was quite interested how a six-year-old managed to kill and bury a baby. To my dismay though, it was only a doll, which made the story **very, very** dull.

I managed to finish this book with minimal page-skipping. I estimate that almost half - if not more - of this book is simply the same "God loves his children, so

we should all be little perfect children with no social change." I mean no harm by those words, that is simply how it read to me.

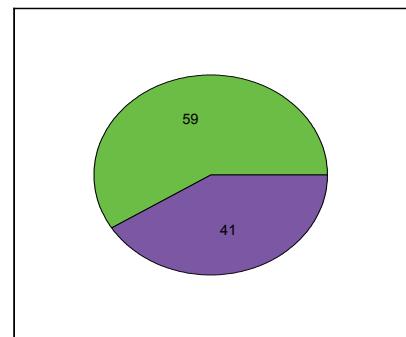
The last chapter of the story is, as always in children's novels, called "Happy Ending." By the end of the book Pansy is ten years old and a "perfect" child. Lina goes moves back in with her family, who now live in the same city as Pansy and her parents, which is London. Pansy and Lina are now the best of friends and don't want to part.

In my opinion, although I have expressed it many a time already, this book could have been very right for the general public of 1886, but in today's world (unless you are a strict catholic) I do not think it fits much like a glove.

If Student Council Were to Sell Dill Pickles,

for 25¢ each, on Popcorn

Fridays, Would You Buy Some?



Yes - 41%

No - 59%