

NEWSLETTER for the WEEK of 6 DECEMBER 2009

To all VandenBos Air Cadets and Parents:

Returning to the Enterprise Airline Hangar this past Thursday was a nice change of scenery. Sharing the hangar floor with the aircraft brings to life the aviation setting of the Air Cadet Program.

*******NOTE**, that for the coming **THURSDAY** (December 10th) we do not have the Permit at the Captain Michael VandenBos School again. We return to the ENTERPRISE AIRLINE HANGAR. Let's all be sure that no one shows up at the school on that date. We do return to the VandenBos school on December 17th for the last time in 2009.

The **VandenBos Cadet of the Week** on December 3rd was **FCpl Bronson**

The **VandenBos Squadron Team of the Week** was **TEAM #1**

The last three of the Fall 2009 **Tagging Prize** winners were:

Sgt N. Saddler, Sgt Lautenbach & Cadet Mitchell

Congratulations!

On Friday 42 of our VandenBos cadets got all dressed up and enjoyed the **Tri-Service Dance** organized by 151 Squadron. Saturday, 60 Cadets escorted **Santa** into Whitby to the delight of one and all! The **next social event** is on Sunday, December 13th at the Whitby Curling Club – see below.

Important: The next **Recruit Course** will start with a Recruit Information Night for prospective cadets and parents at 7:00 PM, on **Thursday, January 7th, 2010** at the Captain Michael VandenBos PS. The best recruiters are the current Air Cadets and their parents. The recent recruits and other junior cadets have been given recruiting business cards to hand out to prospective new recruits. So, pass the word (and cards) to your friends, school mates, neighbours, co-workers, etc. about the next Recruit Information Night. Do not keep 'air cadets' the best kept secret! We would like to have another 25 recruits join us in January.

Important – The **H1N1 Flu** has not gone away yet, so anyone who displays **H1N1 virus symptoms** needs to be kept away from the squadron until cleared by a doctor. Be sure to advise of the reason for the absence by phone, in the usual way.

***21 books of **Lottery** tickets and money are still to be returned (sold). In addition, the recent recruits were each issued a book of Lottery tickets to sell. There are **ACHIEVEMENT POINTS** earned by selling the books of tickets – the faster they are returned sold, the more points are earned. Remember that the squadron sponsoring committee must pay for all issued books of tickets. Profits go mainly to pay for the gliding program with a smaller portion coming back to the squadron.

We appreciate every cadet's cooperation in keeping our **facilities** clean and in order whether at our two schools, the hangar or other location. Remember that we develop good, community minded citizens – you! Thank you adult monitors!

The staff would also appreciate cadets being **picked up on time** at the conclusion of activities.

(NB - If you are receiving this Newsletter via e-mail you may wish to access the Squadron's SSC **web site** at www.2vandenbos.org where you will find an extensive photo gallery, the Parents Information Handbook and much more.)

Here is the updated schedule of coming Squadron events and activities:

Monday, 7 December 2009 – at the **HANGAR**

Regular Monday Night **BAND PRACTICE**

Civilian Clothes.

Band Officer: Lt L. Cadenhead Band Instructors: CVs R. Taylor & M. Cadenhead

Drum Major: FSgt C. Wylie

Arrive for 6:45 PM. Pick-up at 8:45 PM.

Tuesday, 8 December 2009 –

NO RIFLE PRACTICE tonight (by exception).

Also Tuesday, 8 December 2009 –

Squadron Sponsoring Committee meeting (6:30 PM).

Wednesday, 9 December 2009 – at the **HANGAR**

Regular Wednesday Night **DRILL TEAM PRACTICE**

Civilian Clothes.

Drill Team Officer: Capt R. Hutchuk Sr. Cadet Team Leader: FSgt T. Mason with Sgt Abu-Halagah

Arrive for 7 PM. Pick-up at 9 PM.

Thursday, 10 December 2009 – at the *****ENTERPRISE HANGAR** (We do not have the school Permit)

Regular Training Night.

Dress: Tunic with Turtle Neck Sweater.

NOTE: Cadets wanting to participate in the SHADOW LAKE WEEKEND EXERCISE (29-31 Jan 2010) will be asked to **declare their interest tonight**.

Arrive for 6:45 PM. Pick-up at 9:45 PM.

Friday, 11 December 2009 – **Donald A. WILSON SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Regular weekly **SPORTS NIGHT**.

Capt R. Hutchuk or CI N. Erdelyi

Arrive for 6:15 PM. Pick-up at 9:45 PM.

Also Friday, 11 December 2009 – at the **HANGAR (Durham Flight Centre classroom)**

Scholarship Qualifying Exam Preparation Classes.

Civilian Clothes.

Lt L. Cadenhead or CI N. Erdelyi

Arrive for 7 PM. Pick-up at 9 PM.

Sunday, 13 December 2009 – at the **WHITBY CURLING CLUB** (815 Brock St North, Whitby – immediately north of the railway underpass) (Phone: 905-668-5021)

Holiday Season Social Function –

All VandenBos cadets invited.
Learn-to-Curl and movie. Dinner provided.
SIGN UP.
Bring clean running shoes and a toque (or similar hat).
Arrive just in time for 5 PM; Pick up at 9 PM.

Monday, 14 December 2009 – at the **HANGAR**

Regular Monday Night **BAND PRACTICE**
Civilian Clothes.
Band Officer: Lt L. Cadenhead Band Instructors: CVs R. Taylor & M. Cadenhead
Drum Major: FSgt C. Wylie
Arrive for 6:45 PM. Pick-up at 8:45 PM.

Tuesday, 15 December 2009 – at the **HANGAR**

Rifle Team Practice.
Civilian Clothes.
Qualification Officer: Capt J. Goodall. Sr. Cadet Leader: FSgt T. Mason.
Arrive for 6 PM. Pick-up at 8 PM.

Wednesday, 16 December 2009 – at the **HANGAR**

Regular Wednesday Night **DRILL TEAM PRACTICE**
Civilian Clothes.
Drill Team Officer: Capt R. Hutchuk Sr. Cadet Team Leader: FSgt T. Mason with Sgt Abu-Halagah
Arrive for 7 PM. Pick-up at 9 PM.

Thursday, 17 December 2009 – at the **CAPTAIN MICHAEL VANDENBOS PS,**

Regular Training Night.
Dress: Tunic with Turtle Neck Sweater.
NOTE: Drill Manuals are available for purchase at the canteen. Price: \$2.50
Arrive for 6:45 PM. Pick-up at 9:45 PM.

Friday, 18 December 2009 –

NO SPORTS on this NIGHT.

We don't have the Permit.

Also Friday, 18 December 2009 – at the **HANGAR (Durham Flight Centre classroom)**

Scholarship Qualifying Exam Preparation Classes.
Civilian Clothes.
CI N. Erdelyi
Arrive for 7 PM. Pick-up at 9 PM.
This is the LAST ACTIVITY for 2009.
HAPPY FESTIVE SEASON from the Staff & Sponsoring Committee!

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FUTURE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

****RECRUIT INFORMATION NIGHT** – Thursday, January 7th (7:00 PM) at the Captain Michael VandenBos PS

****POWER & GLIDER SCHOLARSHIPS QUALIFYING EXAMS** – Saturday, 9th January 2010.

Details TBA. Lt L. Cadenhead

****TRIP TO 8 Wing TRENTON** – On Saturday, 16 January 2010. For the TOP 15 CADET ACHIEVEMENT POINT GETTERS (and Lottery Tickets commitment met). Experience the Hercules Aircraft Simulator and other Avionics Training Aids and visit the RCAF/ National Air Force Museum. More details later.

****SHADOW LAKE Weekend FIELD TRAINING EXERCISE** – 29-31 January 2010. One bus load of cadets (40), or 2 bus loads if enough interest indicated on 10 December. More Details TBA.

****SQUADRON EFFECTIVE SPEAKING COMPETITION** – Thursday, 18 February 2010. Plan to participate, Topics and rules at www.aircadetleague.com (under Info for Cadets). More Details TBA.

****SQUADRON SKI DAY** – Saturday, February 27th 2010. Details TBA.

****SQUADRON 'PARENTS-CADETS' DARTS NIGHT** – Friday, March 5th 2010. Details TBA.

****6th ANNUAL SQUADRON BANQUET** – Saturday, April 10th 2010. Details TBA.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS and SEE YOU AT CADETS!!!

Don't forget to carry your HEALTH INSURANCE CARD with you.