

NEWSLETTER for WEEK of 11 OCTOBER 2009

To all VandenBos Air Cadets and Parents:

We hope you are enjoying a splendid Thanksgiving weekend.

To close the file on the Fall Tagging, it was a success. Thank you to the organizers, from SSC Chair **Mrs. Stephanie Mazer** to **Mrs. Sharmila Saigaonkar** who obtained the permissions from the merchants to **FSgt Mason** who was the operations cadet and to all those involved, with a special thanks to the drivers and the money counters and rollers. Finally, a big *Congratulations* to the cadets themselves for their successful participation.

A big surprise occurred at closing parade on Thursday. The Squadron Warrant Officer (SWO), **WO1 Morgan Cadenhead**, announced to her VandenBos squadron that it was her last day as an Air Cadet. She is the last remaining squadron cadet from the first recruit intake in September 2003 when the squadron stood up. She has been the dedicated SWO for nearly one and a half years and will be very well remembered. Facing a heavy workload at Ryerson U., she needs to concentrate on her studies. We all thank her and wish her well. **WO2 George Sun** is now the senior ranking squadron cadet.

For the week ahead, **NOTE** that there is no Band Practice on Monday, Oct 12th. Also **NOTE** that a new activity will start on Wednesday, Oct 13th, that is Marksmanship Badge Qualification Sessions.

In closing, we remind cadets and all that we have **strict permit regulations**. In that context we only have access to the gym, the multi-purpose room and classrooms 201, 203, 204 and 206 upstairs. There must be an adult monitor present in each classroom before cadets can enter. As such, cadets will not go to any classroom before opening parade or after closing parade. We are all to ensure that classrooms are left in the state of order and cleanliness that they are found in. We appreciate every cadet's cooperation.

Again, we ask all Parents, especially Recruit parents, to read the
PARENTS INFORMATION HANDBOOK
You'll find it listed on the squadron web site: www.2vandenbos.org

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

Monday, 12 October 2009 – HOME

NO BAND PRACTICE tonight.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Tuesday, 13 October 2009 – HANGAR

First night of **Marksmanship Badge Qualification** Sessions for designated and scheduled squadron cadets.

Flight 1 and Band Team 1 only on this night.

Civilian Clothes.

Qualification Officer: Capt J. Goodall. Sr. Cadet Leader: FSgt Mason.

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

Also Tuesday, 13 October 2009 – HANGAR Board Room

SSC Meeting at 6:30 PM.

Sqn Assigned OPC Director Mr Jim Lonergan attending.

Wednesday, 14 October 2009 – at the HANGAR

Regular Wednesday Night **DRILL TEAM PRACTICES**

Civilian Clothes. More Team members are invited to join.

Drill Team Officer: Capt R. Hutchuk. Sr. Cadet Team Leader: FSgt Mason

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

Thursday, 15 October 2009 – at CAPTAIN MICHAEL VANDENBOS PS,

Regular Training Night for Uniformed Cadets.

The Area Cadet Advisor from the Toronto Cadet Detachment, **Warrant Officer Shipley** is visiting.

Dress: Tunic with shirt and tie.

Third Training Night for the Recruits (Dress: White Shirt and Black Pants).

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

Friday, 16 October 2009 – Donald A. WILSON SECONDARY SCHOOL

Regular weekly **SPORTS NIGHT**.

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

Also Friday, 16 October 2009 – HANGAR (Durham Flight Centre classroom)

Third night of the **Scholarship Qualifying Exam Preparation Classes**. – For interested squadron cadets who will be qualified by age, etc. to apply for either the Glider Pilot Scholarship Camp or the Power Pilot Scholarship Camp next summer, but also for younger/other cadets who have an interest in aviation.

Civilian Clothes.

Lt L. Cadenhead

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

Saturday, 17 October 2009 - ADOPT-A-ROAD

Clean-up of our two roads (Consumers & Country Lane)

Up to 40 cadets can participate.

Earn School Credits for Community Service.

Dress appropriately for the task and the weather.

Arrive for 8:30 AM at the **Captain Michael VandenBos School**.

Lunch provided.

Pick up at 12:30 PM in the **parking lot just West of the Region of Durham building which is situated on the SW corner of Consumers & Hopkins**.

Officer in Charge: Lt L. Cadenhead

Monday, 19 October 2009 – at the HANGAR

Regular Monday Night **BAND PRACTICE**

Civilian Clothes.

Band Officer: Lt L. Cadenhead Band Instructor: CV R. Taylor

Drum Major: FSgt C. Wylie

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

Tuesday, 20 October 2009 – HANGAR

Second night of **Marksmanship Badge Qualification** Sessions for designated and scheduled squadron cadets.

Flight 2 and Band Team 2 only on this night.

Civilian Clothes.

Qualification Officer: Capt J. Goodall. Sr. Cadet Leader: FSgt Mason.

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

Wednesday, 21 October 2009 – at the HANGAR

Regular Wednesday Night **DRILL TEAM PRACTICE**

Civilian Clothes. More Team members invited to join.

Drill Team Officer: Capt R. Hutchuk Sr. Cadet Team Leader: TBA

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

Thursday, 22 October 2009 – at CAPTAIN MICHAEL VANDENBOS PS,

Regular Training Night for Uniformed Cadets.

Dress: Tunic with Turtle Neck Sweater.

Fourth Training Night for the Recruits (Dress: White Shirt and Black Pants).

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

Friday, 23 October 2009 – Donald A. WILSON SECONDARY SCHOOL

Regular weekly **SPORTS NIGHT**.

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

Also Friday, 23 October 2009 – HANGAR (Durham Flight Centre classroom)

Fourth night of the **Scholarship Qualifying Exam Preparation Classes**. – For interested squadron cadets who will be qualified by age, etc. to apply for either the Glider Pilot Scholarship Camp or the Power Pilot Scholarship Camp next summer, but also for younger/other cadets who have an interest in aviation.

Civilian Clothes.

Lt L. Cadenhead

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

FUTURE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

*****HALLOWEEN DANCE**. Saturday, October 31st. At the **420 AFAC Wing Building** (South Side of the Oshawa Airport). No supper will be provided. However snacks will be, at no cost. Prizes for best costumes. Sr. Cadet Leader: FSgt Cadenhead.

Arrive at 7 PM. Pick up at 10 PM sharp (Arrange for it). More Details TBA

*****POPPY CAMPAIGN** with the Legion, Friday to Sunday 6-8 November. Earn School Credits for Community Service. Details TBA.

****RECRUIT SWEARING IN CEREMONY**. Date: on a Thursday TBA. Parents & Families invited.

****JUNIOR LEADERSHIP COURSE** – 14, 15, 28 & 29 November. Details TBA

****TRI-SERVICE DANCE**. Friday 4 December. Details TBA

****WHITBY SANTA CLAUS PARADE** – Saturday 5 December. Details TBA

MARK YOUR CALENDARS and SEE YOU AT CADETS!!!

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

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Message from Mrs Stephanie Mazer, Squadron Sponsoring Committee Chair:

Dear parents:

(Repeat) This year, for the first time, our Captain Michael VandenBos School permit requires us to have an adult MONITOR at all times in each classroom we use on Thursday nights. This is putting a strain on our staff resources. To alleviate the situation, the Commanding Officer is **seeking 4-6 parents to become official volunteers and be monitors in the classrooms**. This need not be a commitment for every Thursday, but at least half of the Thursdays would be appreciated. If you can help, make yourself known to myself, Stephanie Mazer, on any Thursday night at or before closing parade.

(4th Repeat) Each week during parade the sponsoring committee sets up a canteen where the cadets can purchase drinks and snacks. We have tried to keep the costs down so for approximately \$1.00 cadets can buy a drink and a bag of chips, etc. We do not want to increase the cost and we are looking for some assistance. If you would like to donate any of the following items this would be greatly appreciated. We are also open to suggestions to encourage the cadets to eat healthy. If you would like to donate please feel free to drop these off during any parade night or if you have any questions please speak to Bill Rankin our canteen volunteer.

Items currently being available for purchase:

- Chocolate Bars (Peanut free)
- Pop (Coke, Root Beer, Orange and Ice Tea)
- Water (Both regular and flavoured)
- Chips (28g size bag)
- Liquorice (red)
- Sour Keys

THANK YOU very much to parents who have contributed!

Other Important Information

- If there are any parents who are able to provide goods and services at a discount we would greatly appreciate it. Please speak to Stephanie Mazer, our Sponsoring Committee Chair

- We continue this year again to accept gifts of Canadian Tire money, any Thursday night.

Thank you for your assistance.