

Dylan Groves

- Class of 1998 -

Favourite Subject in high school: English

Favourite Teacher: Mr. Lavigne

What did he do after graduating from Monsignor Doyle?

He had a variety of odd jobs – operated a tow motor, greeted at The Gap, tested experimental pharmaceuticals – while working towards completing the honours program (English) at St. Jerome’s University. Following this, he attended teacher’s college at Western University. He then did some supply teaching, and wrote for/edited a local magazine called Qatalyst, which focused on social concerns and the arts.

What is he doing now?

Mr. Groves has been an English teacher at Monsignor Doyle for the past four years (following two years at St. Benedict). It’s been a highly rewarding experience for him, and he simply can’t imagine doing anything else. Aside from teaching itself, he also helps out with the Cross Country Running Team, the Key Club and the We Day Committee.

What are some of his other “accomplishments”?

- His “accomplishments” are mostly dubious and fall squarely in the domain of the “geek” or “super geek”.
- He can imitate characters from The Simpsons rather well. This “skill” invariably comes out at parties and in the shower, where he might break into Mr. Burns’ “See My Vest” number.
- He once interviewed David Suzuki, whose last words to him continue to offer inspiration: “Thanks for your interest. It was a pleasure talking to you, Darren.”
- He can identify any major American jazz horn player (1940-1970) by sound.
- He can recite the dialogue from the Star Wars series in its entirety.
- He can do an unspecified number of push-ups when insulted or goaded.
- He has a ten-year-old son named Daniel. No joke there.

Mr. Grove’s advice to current Doyle students:

“Try; the stakes couldn’t be higher.”