



Welcome

To Courtice GSA!

What is GSA?

- GSA stands for Gay Straight Alliance, it's a place for LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Transgendered) youth to talk and get support.
- GSA is also for straight individuals who support the LGBT community or who want to learn more about the LGBT community.
- It is not only a “gay group” but a group that stands for equity and diversity.

Our Goal

- Our goal is to raise awareness and acceptance within the community. We want to promote diversity and create a safe and supportive environment within the school for those who need it.

What we've done so far...

- The GSA started when a group of us spoke to Mr. Perrault.
- Four of us attended a GSA conference on February 13th
- At the conference we went to a seminar on how to start a GSA/support group and a seminar on how to fundraise.
- We also got contact information from individuals in other successful GSAs.
- Since then we have reached one of our many goals. We now have permission to put up the posters on our very own bulletin board.



Our immediate plans



- To put up a “test” poster on the bulletin board outside of Guidance.
- Laminate the rest of the posters.
- Put them up in our glass encased bulletin board.
- Get a GSA link put up on the school website.

**Sometimes
the loudest
statement is
silence**



The Day of Silence is an annual event held to bring attention to anti-LGBT bullying, harassment and discrimination in schools. Students and teachers nationwide will observe the day in silence to echo the silence that LGBT and ally students face everyday. The Day of **Silence** is one of the largest student-led actions in the country.

*What are you going to do to end the
silence?*

National day of **silence
April 25, 2008**

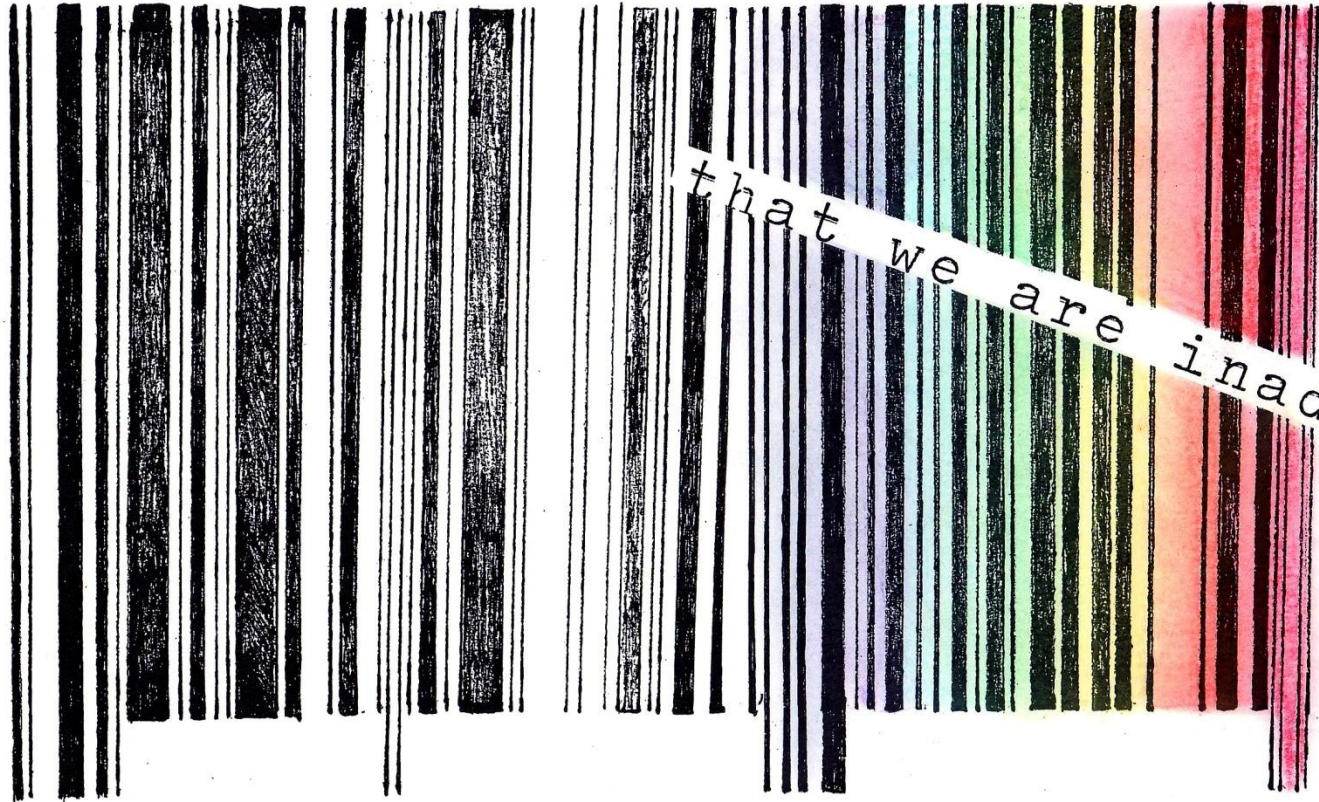
Future Plans

- Start planning for the Day of Silence. This involves finding participants, creating t-shirts and hopefully buttons.

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- Prepare for the “cookie” demonstration at a staff meeting.
- Starting next month, grade representatives will tally how many homophobic, racist or any other discriminatory comments or phrases are said in each of their classes. This data will be used for a visual demonstration of how much discrimination effects our school.

Our greatest fear is not



that we are inadequate,

but that we are powerful

beyond measure.

-Nelson Mandela

GSA '09



love is in the eye of
the beholder

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Comments/Questions?

