



LAMBTON CENTENNIAL SCHOOL

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

The Premiere of Ontario has announced that students will not be returning to in-person learning this school year. While this is a disappointing end to our school year, we are thankful for the time we did have together and appreciate everyone's support with in-school Covid-19 protocols and the challenges that remote learning presents. There will be better more "normal" days ahead.

In the coming days and weeks there will be communication coming about pickup of student belongings from the school, student technology return and other end of year items. As a staff, we will continue to support students and families while preparing for what is hopefully a more traditional school year.

Finally, I wish to congratulate our Grade 8 students who will be graduating from Lambton Centennial in a few weeks. We will miss having you at Lambton Centennial but you are off to bigger and better things. Planning for graduation activities is ongoing.

PRIDE FLAG

The month of June is nationally recognized as Pride Month in Canada. In accordance with the Ministry of Education's commitment to student achievement and well-being, the Lambton Kent District School Board is joining school boards throughout the province in supporting the LGBTQ+ community with the display of the Pride flag during the month of June.

PD Day and Last Day of School

Friday, June 4 is a PD Day with no classes being held for students. The last day of school for students is Monday, June 28th. We anticipate report cards will be mailed to families at the end of June.

Class Placements

At this time of year a significant amount of time and energy is exerted in order to organize classes for the next year. Several important factors to maximize each student's school success will be considered:

Straight vs Combined Grades: As usual, combined or split grades will be the norm of the Lambton Centennial organization for next year. Sometimes parents feel that straight grades are better than split grades. However, in actual fact all classes are in effect "blended" because the teacher will be addressing the needs of the students in each class at varying instructional levels.

Balance: Each class needs to be balanced in terms of strengths, needs and gender. No classes are “streamed” with only strong or weak students in any of the grades. Research has demonstrated that heterogeneous grouping, where strong, average and weak students work together, provides the best learning opportunities for all involved.

Peer Relationships and Group Dynamics: While feeling included in peer relationships is important, sometimes being with friends is not a productive experience that enhances learning. Who gets along with whom? Who should be separated? What kinds of individuals could best come together as a group and develop? Who needs a situation to extend himself/herself and grow in social relationships? We attempt to answer these questions as we construct each classroom.

With the involvement of classroom teachers, resource teachers and administration, careful consideration of each child’s placement will occur. If you feel there are circumstances that we need to be aware of when considering class placement, please contact Mr. Hayward. If you are moving over the summer, we would appreciate knowing this information.

TENTATIVE TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS 2021-22

These are the tentative classroom organizations for September 2021-22. Our classrooms are all at full capacity which could lead to a reorganization of classes if an extra classroom teacher is added in September or before.

FDK (JK/SK)	Mr. Gravelle/Mrs. Strangway	Grade 6/7	LTO to be hired
SK/Grade 1	Mrs. Newport	Grade 7/8	Mrs. Leckie
Grade 1/2	Mrs. Barber	FSL/Prep time	Mme. Syer
Grade 2/3	Mrs. Gordon	Resource/Prep	Mrs. Bird
Grade 3/4	Mrs. Landon	Phys.Ed/Prep	Mr. McGrail (p.m.)
Grade 5/6	Mr. McGrail (a.m.) & TBD (p.m.)		

We have some departing staff that we want to acknowledge for the excellent work they have done while at Lambton Centennial. Ms. Singh, Mrs. Freer, Ms. McPhail and Ms. Rops will be finishing assignments at the end of June. We hope to see them back at our school someday. Mr. Hayward will also be moving into a new assignment at a different school at the end of this school year.

IN CLOSING...

Please monitor our Facebook page and your e-mail for any further updates on end-of-year procedures. As always, please contact the school if you need assistance – we are always happy to help.