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A Newsletter for Parents of Great Lakes Secondary School April 26, 2017

Report Cards and Parents' Night

Mid-second semester report cards were distributed to students on Wednesday, April 26. Since Parent's Night was held on March 30, there will not be a Parents' Night associated with these report cards. Please contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

Musical

Great Lakes Musical Theatre is proud to present "Grease", May 11-13, 7 p.m. Tickets are available from the main office, any cast member, or at the door. Tickets are \$8 for students and seniors and \$10 for adults.

Student Art Show

Please join us in celebrating our first ever GLSS Student Art Show! Come out and celebrate your student's talents! Student artists have worked really hard to create innovative and creative artworks for you to enjoy. There is also an opportunity for you to vote for your favourite artwork for the "People's Choice Award".

Art Show Dates: May 11-13 alongside the school musical

Location: 2nd floor hallways and the landing going up to third floor.

Reception: Please join us for an opening reception on opening night Thursday, May 11, in room 308 at 6 p.m. Refreshments and treats will be provided, and we will also be giving out awards! We would really appreciate your support! See you there!

MySBI App: School Bus Information

Getting information about school bus cancellations and delays just got a little bit easier. CLASS has launched a new mobile app that will provide subscribers with real-time notifications whenever buses are delayed by 10 minutes or greater. The notifications will come in the form of alerts, which will also include service cancellations due to adverse weather conditions. The app allows subscribers to quickly select the morning and afternoon buses for which they wish to receive updates from a simple drop down menu. For additional information about using the mobile app, please visit www.mysbi.ca. Bus delay and weather cancellation information will also continue to be posted on the CLASS website at www.schoolbusinfo.com.

Student Transportation Survey

Parents and guardians are invited to fill out a short survey on student transportation. Your feedback will be helpful for future planning. The survey may be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3DMTY8D>.

Homestays for International Students

We are delighted to announce that our school will be welcoming international students from around the world this upcoming fall, and we could use your help. The plan is for each of these students to live with a host family who will make them feel welcome, share our Canadian ways, and help them improve their English. Hosting a student is a great opportunity for your family to develop a friendship with a young citizen of the world, make memories for your family, be an ambassador for your school community and city, and have fun! We will offer you around the clock support, a generous monthly payment and orientations before your student arrives. If you are interested in hosting a student for a few weeks or for the entire school year, please call 519-916-5290, ext. 2028 or visit www.canadahomestaynetwork.ca.

Staying Connected Well-being Unplugged

The LKDSB Parent Involvement Committee invites you to “Staying Connected: *Well-being Unplugged*”, a panel discussion focusing on the importance of technology in our lives today while balancing its use with other activities that can promote physical, mental, and social health. The panel will consist of local experts and will be facilitated by LKDSB Mental Health Lead, Ellie Fraser. For more information, please go to the LKDSB website.

Details: May 10, Sarnia Education Centre – Board Room, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. NO registration is required. Refreshments will be provided and resources will be available from local mental health and physical health organizations.

Attendance

Attendance is a critical ingredient to being academically successful. Each course includes 89 classes, and missing classes or coming late to class represents missed learning opportunities. Please encourage your son and/or daughter to make attendance a priority. Please contact the school if classes need to be missed for illness, medical appointments, or necessary reasons.

Parental E-Mail Addresses

Information about parents’ rights and report cards will be sent out by e-mail to parents. Some teachers send out progress reports by e-mail. To provide your e-mail address to the school for these purposes, please complete a Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) consent form, and return it to the school office. The form is available on the school’s website.

School Council

The GLSS School Council is made up of parents, staff representatives, community members and the principal. The School Council provides a forum for people interested in public education to work cooperatively in developing common goals and plans to strengthen schools in order to improve student achievement. The Council meets regularly to discuss a variety of topics relevant to the school community. Input from the various council members shapes school policies and priorities. Meetings of the School Council are public, and everyone is welcome to attend. The next meeting is on Monday, May 29, at 7 p.m. See the school website for past meeting agendas and minutes.

Student Wellness and Bullying Intervention Line

Students are able to learn when the school environment is safe. Call the school if there is a concern about a student’s wellness or if there is a bullying situation that you are aware of. Messages may be left anonymously. The line is monitored regularly by the principal, and is available 24 hours a day. Call 519-336-6131 and select option 5.

Staying Informed

The school’s website, <http://glss.lkdsb.net>, contains the daily morning announcements, the monthly calendar of events, and the student handbook. Daily updates are provided to students, parents, and the community via the school’s Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts. These pages can be accessed through the school’s website and do not require a social media account.

Important Dates and Activities

April 28	PD Day
May 11-13	Musical – “Grease”, Great Lakes Student Art Show, 7 p.m.
May 13	2017 GLSS Alumni Golf Tournament
May 18	Indigenous Student Symposium
May 19	Progress Reports
May 25	Music Night, 7 p.m.
June 3	Prom – “Enchanted Forest”, 7 p.m.
June 8	Graduation, Progressive Auto Sales Arena, 7 p.m.
June 9	PD Day
June 13, 14	EQAO Grade 9 Math
June 15	Student Awards and Recognition Assembly
June 22-29	Exams