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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The Ontario Provincial Report Card which accompanies this newsletter represents the academic accomplishments of your child for the first term of semester one of the 2017-2018 school year. Grade 10 Civics and Careers marks are final marks; all other course marks are mid-term marks. Please contact any of your child's teachers if you have any questions or concerns about this report card that you would like to discuss.

ATTENDANCE

Students learn best and achieve the most when they are in class every day. Each course includes 89 classes, and missing classes or coming late to class represents missed learning opportunities. Please encourage your child to make attendance a priority. Parents and students over the age of 18 are asked to contact the school if classes need to be missed for illness, medical appointment, or another necessary reason. We appreciate knowing that a student will be absent before the day begins. For the attendance desk, please contact 519-542-5545 Ext. 12004. Our attendance voicemail is available 24/7.

CULMINATING ACTIVITIES AND EXAMS

Parents and students need to be aware that it is very busy for students when we return to school in January. Thirty percent of students' marks will be determined in the last 15 days of each course in the form of culminating activities and exams. In accordance with EQAO and LKDSB expectations, portions of the Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessment on January 17 and 18 are counted as part of the mark for the grade 9 math course.

Our final exams begin on January 26, 2018 and are expected to conclude on January 31, 2018. Should buses be cancelled on an exam day, the exam schedule will be delayed by one day. If necessary, February 1 and 2 would be used as exam days.

Our exam schedule will follow a new format as follows:

January 26, 2018—Period A Exams
January 29, 2018—Period B Exams
January 30, 2018—Period C Exams
January 31, 2018—Period D Exams

All students are expected to write their exams as scheduled by the school except in the case of illness, bereavement, or court appearance. In all of these situations, documentation will be required. Please note that teachers will use their professional judgment to estimate final marks for students who do not write their exam due to illness, bereavement or court appearance.

Absence from an exam for any other reason will result in a mark of zero for the exam portion of the course mark.

SCHOOL TIMES

Period 1—8:20 a.m.—9:40 a.m.

Period 2—9:50 a.m.—11:05 a.m.

LUNCH—11:05 a.m.—11:42 a.m.

Period 3—11:50 a.m.—1:05 p.m.

Period 4—1:15 p.m.—2:30 p.m.



STUDENTS WITH SERIOUS MEDICAL CONCERNS

If your child has a serious medical concern such as anaphylaxis, asthma, diabetes, epilepsy or any condition that requires special care, we need to have a plan of care in place which outlines contacts and procedures tailored to the individual needs of the student. If you know that this applies to your child, and you haven't met with us yet to develop a plan, then please contact vice-principal Mrs. Garrett (grades 9 and 10) or Mr. Stenton (grades 11 and 12) at 519-542-5545 to discuss. This information will then be made available to school staff including your child's classroom teachers, guidance, administration, and the office staff.

ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL LITERACY TEST

Grade 10 and previously eligible students will write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) the morning of Tuesday, April 10, 2018. Grade 10 and previously eligible students should plan now to avoid vacations, appointments, or other commitments that would conflict with this date. We can't make alternate arrangements to this date and time; students who are absent from or not successful on the April 10th assessment will have the opportunity to participate in the 2019 OSSLT.

PREPARATION FOR ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL LITERACY TEST

On October 11, 2017, our grade 10 students participated in a practice literacy test. A group of teachers scored these tests according to the rubrics set out by the EQAO. The marked booklets, along with a feedback checklist, will be returned to the students on Thursday, November 16, 2017. The purpose of the feedback checklist is to identify for each student exactly what skill(s) need to be further developed in order for the students to be successful on the 2018 OSSLT. Teachers in all of our Grade 10 classes will be working with their students over the course of the next few months to continue to develop each of these skills in different classes where the skill best fits the curriculum.

If students would like extra help, please access the Google Classroom that has been set up to assist them. On this site, there are slideshows and other learning materials for each part of the OSSLT. The class code is 7MOVZLT. Please contact Mr. Stenton, Mrs. Hucker or Mrs. Doornbosch if you have any questions.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT STAFF

There are many school and LKDSB staff who are available to support students. Students can check in at Student Services or the main office if they need assistance with a variety of issues (stress management, social skills, organizational and study skills, time management, etc.)

- **Guidance Counsellors:** Mr. Scott, Mr. Whitlock, Mrs. Pretty
- **Resource Teacher:** Mrs. Colvin
- **Student Success Teachers:** Mr. Davies and Mr. Prozorowicz
- **Psychoeducational Clinician:** Ms. Emily Burns
- **Mental Health and Addictions Nurse:** Mrs. Tracey Palombo
- **Youth Support Worker:** Brian DeWagner
- **Principal:** Ms. Ferguson
- **Vice-Principals:** Mrs. Garrett (9/10), Mr. Stenton (11/12)

PATHWAYS PLANNING

Guidance Counsellors will be visiting grades 9 and 11 classes over the next 3 weeks to work on pathways planning. Students will access the myBlueprint website as a tool for planning high school courses, researching post-secondary options, career exploration, career self-assessment quizzes, goal setting, building a resume, tracking their progress towards graduation and more. Parents can link with their child's myBlueprint account.

BULLYING REPORTING HOTLINE

A dedicated phone line is available for members of our school community to share concerns regarding the well-being of specific students, or situations involving bullying. Just call the school and follow the directions in the voice message. Please note that messages in this mailbox are only checked during regular school hours. In an emergency or when immediate assistance is needed please call the Kids Help Phone at 1-888-668-6868, the Distress Line at 1-888-347-3747 or call 911.

CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

If your child sustains a concussion, it is important that you contact Mrs. Garrett or Mr. Stenton so that we can ensure your child follows the Concussion Protocol. Information on the Concussion Protocol can be found at <http://www.lkdsb.net/Parents/concussion.htm>

STUDENT SUCCESS—BACK ON TRACK

Student Success offers a unique program to our school, the program is Back on Track. Back on Track is to help students with successful credit completion. Students will primarily be given the opportunity to complete homework assignments with teacher assistance, and develop a positive outlook towards homework by learning how to study and ask productive questions in class. This after school program is open to all students.

First Semester Program Dates and Time:
Every Tuesday until January 16, 2018 from 2:30—4:00 PM in room 105.

STAY INFORMED

School website: <http://northern.lkdsb.net/>
Follow us on Twitter: @NCollegiate

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

2016-2017 grades 11 and 12 students will be receiving their academic awards at our Senior Awards Night beginning at 7:00 PM on Thursday, December 21, 2017 in gym D/E. Invitations are being mailed to award recipients.

JUNIOR AWARDS CEREMONY

2016-2017 grades 9 and 10 students will be receiving their academic awards at our Junior Awards Ceremony beginning at 8:30 AM on Friday, December 22, 2017 in gym D/E. Invitations are being mailed to award recipients.

MORNING SNACK PROGRAM— "A GREAT START TO BEING SMART"

Our program is free, inclusive to all students and operates every morning from 7:45 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. in the Resource Room. This is a school initiative to increase levels of readiness among young people and provide a healthy environment at Northern. Our program serves fruit, yogurt, toast, bagels, cheese, and other nutritional foods. All support is volunteer based and is funded through donations as well as various fundraising events held within our school.

If you would like to donate to the Northern Morning Snack Program, please call 519-542-5545 and ask to speak with Mrs. Garrett.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Nov 20 School Council Meeting—7 PM
- Nov 22 Intermediate and Senior Math Contests
- Nov 23 MAC Food Day for students and staff
- Nov 24 PD Day
- Nov 29 Full Disclosure
- Dec 7 Holiday Concert by NCIVS Music Department—7:00 PM
- Dec 21 Grade 9 Holiday Social—2:30-4:00 PM
- Dec 21 2016-2017 Senior Awards Night—7:00 PM
- Dec 22 2016-2017 Junior Awards Ceremony—8:30 AM
- Dec 22 Holiday Extravaganza / Staff-Student Basketball Game
- Jan 8 Classes Resume
- Jan 10-25 Grad Photos
- Jan 17 Grade 9 Math EQAO day one
- Jan 17 University Application Due (OUAC)
- Jan 18 Grade 9 Math EQAO day two
- Jan 18 Grade 7&8 Parent Night
- Jan 19 Locker cleanout and textbook check
- Jan 22 School Council Meeting—7:00 PM
- Jan 24 Demonstration of Learning Letters
- Jan 26 Period 1 Exams 8:30AM
- Jan 29 Period 2 Exams 8:30 AM
- Jan 29 E-learning Exams -afternoon
- Jan 30 Period 3 Exams 8:30 AM
- Jan 31 Period 4 Exams 8:30 AM
- Feb 1 College Applications Due (OCAS)
- Feb 1 Possible make up day for exams
- Feb 2 PD Day / Possible make up day for exams
- Feb 5 First day of Semester Two (Monday)
- Feb 8 Semester One final report cards issued
- Feb 9 Semester One Exam Review