



# Northern Collegiate Institute & Vocational School

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## GRADE 9 NORTHERN STUDENTS

### WELCOME TO NORTHERN

I hope that this letter finds you enjoying your summer holiday and that you are looking forward to the first days of your high school career. On behalf of the staff, I wish to welcome you to Northern Collegiate Institute and Vocational School (NCIVS). We have been busy making sure that your start here is a positive one. You have been assigned classes based on your requests and interests and we have organized a student mentorship program to assist you in your first year at Northern. You will learn about this program in September.

Northern is a school with great traditions and a strong community. You will find that we offer a wide variety of opportunities in academics, athletics, the arts and numerous clubs and organizations. I hope that you are proud to become a Viking and that you will try to get involved in school activities over the coming years. In this Newsletter, you will find information that will be helpful as you begin the school year. Once again, please enjoy the rest of your summer and see you soon.

Susan Ferguson, Principal

### IMPORTANT DATES AND ACTIVITIES FOR GRADE 9

Wed., Aug. 30	Registration
Tues., Sept. 5	First Day of School
Mon.-Fri., Sept. 11-15	Welcome Week activities
Wed., Sept. 13	Grade 9 Parents' Night @ 7:00 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 15	Photo ID Day (Lifetouch)
Mon., Sept. 18	School Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. (Library)
Fri., Sept 29	PD Day
Wed., Oct. 4	NCIVS Open House
Tues., Oct. 10	Photo Retake Day
Mon., Oct. 16	School Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
Tues., Oct 17	Progress Reports issued
Thurs., Oct. 19	Parent/Teacher Interviews—6:00-8:00 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 27	PD Day
Wed., Nov. 1	Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day
Fri., Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Thurs., Nov. 16	Provincial Midterm Report Cards issued
Mon., Nov. 20	School Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 24	PD Day

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

We would like to extend an invitation to our parents/guardians of grade 9 students to consider becoming involved with the Northern School Council. The council is a group of parents that meet regularly throughout the school year to gain greater insight into the workings of the school community.

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

During all of the above times, senior students from Northern's Peer Mentoring Program will be available to welcome and orient grade 9 students to Northern. Peer mentors will be available to answer questions, help with lockers, provide information about the activities offered at Northern and give school tours. Any grade 9 student who has already registered but wishes to visit the school is welcome to come to Northern during registration hours on August 30 to be assisted by a peer mentor.

At registration, students will pay their school fees (listed below) and receive their timetable, lock and locker assignment and other school information. Students may also wish to order a yearbook at this time.

Please note that physical education uniforms can be purchased from the physical education teachers during the first days of classes.

Cash is preferred, however cheques can be made payable to Northern Collegiate. If paying by cheque, please issue separate cheques for registration fees and yearbooks.

Activity Fee:	30.00
Locker Rental:	5.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>

Yearbook: (optional) \$50.00

Physical Education Uniform: \$15.00 – shirt  
*(Available during first week of each semester)* \$15.00 – shorts

Once students receive their locker assignment, please **DO NOT remove the lock from the locker, nor share combinations with anyone.** This will prevent someone else from occupying your locker. Students are to use school issued locks **ONLY**. If you have any concerns, please see Mrs. Garrett, vice-principal for grade 9 students.

### TECHNOLOGY ENRICHED LEARNING PLAN

As part of the Lambton Kent District School Board Technology Enriched Learning Plan (TELP), all grade 7 students were provided with an iPad in September 2015. Student iPads were collected from their elementary schools in June, and the IT Department has been working to update these iPads over the summer. Northern's grade 9 students will receive their iPads in their homeroom classes on September 6-8.

Students and / or parents/guardians will be expected to hand in the 2017-18 Secondary Student iPad Use Agreement (included with this newsletter) prior to receiving the iPad. Students can hand this form in at registration on August 30 or they can hand it to their homeroom teacher on September 5 or 6.

### SCHOOL BELL 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.

