

# News From LCCVI

## September 2017



A Newsletter for the Community of Lambton Central Collegiate Vocational Institute

### Welcome Back!

We are planning a busy and exciting year here at LCCVI. The purpose of this letter is to welcome you to the start of the school year; it also contains information regarding many of the activities that will be taking place early in the semester. If you have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact us.

*Mrs. Linda Jared, Principal*  
*Mr. Nathan Jeffrey, Vice-Principal*

### From Student Services

The first few days of school are very busy in Student Services. To start the school year we will have appointment request slips available. Our counselors will follow up on these requests on a priority basis. Students are expected to attend the classes on their timetable until they have seen a counselor to make any changes.

### Demonstration of Learning

Our Demonstration of Learning program will continue this year. Students who have

- completed all assignments
- maintained a Level 3 standing
- missed 8 or fewer classes

in grade 9 and 10 applied level math, English, history, geography and science classes will again have the option of not writing the formal final exam. Teachers will be sharing more information during the first few days of school.

### September

- 05 First Day of Classes (day 1 schedule)
- 14 Student Picture Day
- 14 Gr. 9 Meet the Teacher Night (7pm)
- 15 Grade 9 BBQ
- 15 Last day to change a Course
- 22 After School Activity (2:30-6pm)
- 25 School Council Meeting (7pm)
- 29 PD day

### October

- 09 Thanksgiving Holiday
- 10 Picture Retakes
- 17 Progress reports issued
- 19 Parent Teacher Interviews (5-7pm)
- 19 Parent Post-Secondary Info (6:30pm)
- 27 PD Day

### November

- 01 Take Our Kids to Work (Gr. 9)
- 03 Awards Ceremony (1pm)
- 04 Commencement (7:30pm)
- 10 Remembrance Day Assemblies
- 13 School Council Meeting (7pm)
- 17 Report Cards & Newsletter issued
- 24 PD Day
- 29 Full Disclosure Day



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**Transportation** The decision to cancel transportation services shall be made prior to 6:30 a.m. and broadcast on local radio stations and at our website [www.schoolbusinfo.com](http://www.schoolbusinfo.com). When transportation services are cancelled, schools will remain open, unless otherwise deemed necessary by the Director of Education. If buses are cancelled in the morning due to snow or freezing rain, buses will not run in the afternoon (if extreme fog causes a cancellation in the morning, there will still be transportation at the end of the day). Cancellations are listed by zone number only; LCCVI is located in **zone 4**.

If buses are cancelled, and the school remains open, classes will proceed normally. Students who are unable to attend should check their Google classrooms and/or teacher websites for lesson material.

#### **Student Absences**

Students learn best and achieve the most when they are in class every day. In the event of an unavoidable absence please call the school as soon as possible. We appreciate knowing that a student will be absent before the day begins. Our attendance voicemail is available 24/7.

#### **Vacations and Exam Days**

January 26-February 1 and June 22-28 have been designated by the Ministry of Education and the Lambton Kent District School Board as Examination Days. All students are expected to write their exams as scheduled by the school. Medical certificates will be required from students who are absent from exams due to illness. Absence from an exam for reasons such as vacations or work will result in a mark of zero for the exam portion of the course mark. **Exams are not rescheduled to accommodate vacations, work schedules, appointments or other events.** If you are planning a

winter family holiday, please keep in mind that January exams are often delayed due to weather conditions and that students must be available to write rescheduled exams if necessary.

#### **Mark the Date**

This year's Grade 10 Literacy Test will take place on April 10, 2018. After having significant challenges with the online pilot last year, EQAO has announced that this year's test will be on paper. We have no flexibility with the date and time of this test – it will be administered across the province on the morning of April 10. Please make sure to keep that date clear of appointments and other commitments for all students in Grade 10, and for senior students who have yet to successfully complete the test.

#### **Personal Electronic Devices**

The privacy and dignity of others must be maintained through the appropriate use of electronic devices. Cell phones and other devices are not to be used during class-time and / or scheduled school activities without the expressed permission of the classroom teacher. Improper use of these devices could result in disciplinary action.

#### **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.

### **Serious Student Medical Concerns**

Schools are responsible for planning to support students who have serious medical concerns such as anaphylaxis, asthma, diabetes, and other health issues that may be life threatening. If your child has serious medical concerns please contact our vice-principal to further discuss the details. As appropriate the information you provide will then be made available to school staff including your child's classroom teachers, guidance, administration, and the office staff.

### **Off Campus Permission Form**

Our off campus permission form is being sent home along with this newsletter. At LCCVI we are fortunate to be so close to the arena, the community centre, the VPP, public library, and many downtown businesses. By signing and returning this form parents/guardians are giving permission for their student(s) to accompany teachers and classes to planned activities within walking distance of the school. We are hoping you appreciate the convenience of completing this form once, rather than multiple times throughout the school year. Please return the signed form by Friday, September 8.

### **Surveillance Cameras**

In the interest of safety of staff and students in the building, surveillance cameras were installed several years ago. Please note that to protect privacy, the video is only viewed when issues arise. Similarly, to protect our students and drivers, video cameras have been installed on all buses that serve the Lambton Kent District School Board.

### **LCCVI Resource Room**

Mrs. Wilkinson will be meeting with students throughout the month of September to discuss IEP accommodations and update the IEP's. The updated IEP's will then be sent home for parental/student review and input. If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's IEP please call Mrs. Wilkinson at (519)882-1910 ext 11742 or email her at [coreen.wilkinson@lkdsb.net](mailto:coreen.wilkinson@lkdsb.net).

### **Grade 9 Parents**

**You are invited to attend the annual  
Grade 9 Meet the Teacher Night  
Thursday, September 14  
7:00 pm**

This is an orientation evening for Grade 9 students and their parents. The program begins in Gym C with a welcome from administration and is followed by **FOUR** 10 minute classes separated with a 5 minute travel time break. Learn about:

- ✓ **Course Content**
- ✓ **Homework Assignments and Projects**
- ✓ **Evaluation and Assessment**
- ✓ **School and Classroom Rules**
- ✓ **Promotion Standards**
- ✓ **School Clubs and Activities**

**Accident Insurance** The Lambton Kent District School Board does not insure students. For your convenience, the Board has made arrangements for families to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program. For more information or to apply online, please visit [www.kidsplus.ca](http://www.kidsplus.ca), or speak with a Kids Plus™ Client Service Administrator at **1-800-556-7411**.

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### **Provincial government changes to drinking water regulations for schools**

The Ontario government has made amendments to Ontario Regulation 243, which is intended to reduce children's exposure to lead in drinking water. In the future it will be necessary for samples to be collected and tested for lead content at every drinking water fountain and every tap that is used in the preparation of food or drink or to provide drinking water for consumption by children less than 18 years old.

During the summer, the LKDSB installed new signs and developed plans to complete the flushing and testing protocols in keeping with the ministry's requirements. There are now some taps in the schools (such as those in the washrooms) which are labeled as not being for drinking water. We encourage our students to use one of the four water bottle filling stations installed in the school. As always, the health and safety of our students, staff and visitors to our buildings is our number one priority.

### **Temporary Bus Pass**

Students may request the privilege of riding an alternate bus on a temporary basis. There are several steps to this process; you will need to **allow at least 48 hours** to obtain a pass.

- Log on to [schoolbusinfo.com](http://schoolbusinfo.com)
- Click on Bus Pass
- Complete and submit the form
- Print the request and have a parent sign
- Bring the signed request to the main office

If approved by the bus operator and the school an approval email will be sent. The student must have a copy of the approval email in order to board the bus.



## **Specialist High Skills Major**



Our school is currently offering SHSM programs in Art and Culture, Agriculture and Health and Wellness. The following requirements for the program are completed in grade 11 and grade 12.

- **Five courses chosen from an approved list**
- **A co-op placement related to the sector**
- **Sector recognized certifications**
- **Reach ahead and career exploration opportunities such as visits to post-secondary institutions and workplace tours**

Upon graduation, SHSM students will receive an Embossed Red Seal on their Ontario Secondary School diploma, SHSM sector recognition on official high school transcript and a record card documenting certifications and training completed. Students who are interested in the program should pick up an application form from student services or contact Ms. Groves for more details

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# LCCVI School Council

Our first School Council Meeting is on **Monday September 25** at 7pm in the Heritage Room.

## Do you want to...

- Ensure that your child receives the best education possible?
- Have a say in how education takes place?
- Know in general where education is headed?

## If yes, then become a member of the School Council for the school year.

Meeting dates for 2017-2018 are Monday September 25, Monday November 13, Monday March 26, and Monday May 28. Meetings begin at 7pm and generally last about an hour.

Not sure if you can make that commitment? You are still welcome to attend our meetings without being an elected member; all of our meetings are open to the public.

How to become an elected Parent/Guardian representative:

1. Review the meeting dates/times to make sure they will work for you. We cannot meet without a quorum, which includes at least six of the twelve parent representatives.
2. Complete a nomination form (below) and return it to the main office by 3:30pm on Friday, September 15.
3. Elections (if more than 12 parents are nominated) will be held on Monday September 25. Ballots will be available in the main office from 7:30am – 3:30pm, or can be printed from the school website and sent in to the office with a student. All parent/guardians are eligible to vote. Notice of whether or not there is an election will be posted on the school website after the close of nominations.
4. Election results will be posted on the school website as soon as they are available.
5. The School Council chair, vice-chair, and secretary will be selected at the first council meeting.

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## School Council Nomination Form

- I wish to declare my interest in a position as a parent/guardian member on the LCCVI School Council for 2017/2018.

Name:
Email Address:
Phone:
Student name:

Please detach and return to the Main Office **by 3:30pm on Friday, September 15**

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