



Sydenham High School

Spirit

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Principal's Message

On Friday, November 13, your son / daughter will have received his / her mid-term report card. I would ask that you review the academic and learning skills marks, as well as the comments. Please ask your son/daughter to reflect on his/her report card, and to create goals for the remainder of the semester. Research indicates that students who set timely and realistic goals are more likely to achieve success. Students should set both a learning skill and an academic goal. The learning skill is the vehicle that will assist students in meeting or surpassing their goal. If you have any questions about your son's/ daughter's report card, please feel free to contact his/her teachers.

I want to thank you for your

assistance with PH1N1. To date, we have not had more than 10% of our school population sick with flu like symptoms. At this point, we would communicate this information to the Health Unit and our school community. I would ask that you continue to be proactive, and if your son/ daughter is ill, that you keep him/her at home, and consult your physician.

I would like to welcome Beth Ford to the SHS team. Ms. Ford is teaching two Hospitality courses and a senior English class. Beth comes to SHS from the Toronto District School Board. Welcome back to Sandra Smith and Jim Russell.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Mr. Shawn Lehman, Principal

School Council Meeting

Our next School Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 1st at 6:00 pm in the Library. We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you to Sherrey Larmour-Trode for chairing this year's council.

Professional Activity Day

Monday, November 16th is a professional activity day. Our staff will be working on professional learning activities that support our school improvement plan. There will be no school for students.

Important Dates

Nov. 16 – PA Day
Nov. 20 – Syd's Cafe
Nov. 25 – MultiCultural Fair
Dec. 1 – School Council 6:00 pm
Dec. 4 – School Dance
Dec. 4 – College Applications Due
Dec. 11 – University Applications Due
Dec. 21 – Jan. 3 – Christmas Break
Jan. 21 – 28 – Final Exams

Handicap Zone

Just a quick reminder to students and parents – please **do not park in the handicap zone** in front of the school. Thank you.



Semester One Final Exams

This is a reminder to families that the January examination period will be held from January 21 – 28, 2010 inclusive.

The Ontario curriculum indicates that 30% of the grade will be based on a final culminating activity in the form of an examination, performance task and/or other method of evaluation suitable to the course content and administered towards the end

of the course. From January 11 – 20, many classes will be conducting in-class summative evaluations. Attendance at this time is critical for students to demonstrate their comprehensive learning. Exams during class time and/or during the exam schedule will not be rescheduled to accommodate vacations, jobs, driving lessons and doctor or dental appointments.

Our Mission

At Sydenham we strive to foster a safe and inclusive community which celebrates spirit, tradition and success for all

Our Vision

Providing innovative learning opportunities for all students

Taking Care of Business

Want to make a difference in the world? Then, to paraphrase Arnold Schwarzenegger: “study business, study business, study business.” This lesson and more has been a constant reminder to senior Management and Entrepreneurship students throughout the semester thanks to example after example of philanthropy and of excellence in Business education. To make this point abundantly clear, students enrolled in the IDC4UB (Management in the 21st Century) have produced public service advertising material with the goal of creating awareness for organizations that, rather than operate for profit, provide much needed services for different walks of life. Add to this the development of business plans that function as a blueprint for a summer camp aimed at disadvantaged kids and more and we

Student Services Update

The 15th annual Take our Kids to Work Day was on Wednesday, November 4th. Well over 70% of SHS Grade 9 students participated locally in this national event. Students were involved in a variety of different job experiences. This day continues to allow students to learn how valuable in-school skills transfer to the world of work.

This semester SHS have had 16 Universities and Colleges from the Atlantic provinces and 18 from Ontario visiting and providing information sessions.

Some important dates for our students applying to a post-secondary institution:

Sports

The fall season is quickly coming to a close and our school teams have been very successful.

Field Hockey competed in the KASSAA finals against Regi and came away after a hard fought game as a proud 2nd place team in our area. Congratulations to both players and coaches.

Both the boys volleyball teams are in the 1/4 finals this week. Good things will be heard from these 2 teams.

JR girls basketball team ended the season in 1st place and will be a threat to contend for the KASSAA championship this week.

have the next generation of business philanthropists ready to make a difference.

Not to be outdone, the Marketing and Entrepreneurship classes have been busy entering contests. Pepsi Inc. is spearheading an effort to find a cheer that Canadians can use at International and Olympic hockey events and SHS is well represented. Do you read the Whig Standard? It might just be that the ads you read come December were created by one or more of our students. Thanks to another competition our kids have been getting a taste of the real thing lately.

Thanks to the interest and effort of Laura Bowman, the BOH/IDC class has planned a field trip this December to visit the management team responsible for the planning, leading, organization

University:

Late October / November – On-line application tutorial

December 11 – Submit on-line application and \$115.00 minimum fee to Ontario University (3 choices), \$38.00 for each additional choice

January 13 – Final Submission deadline

College

Late October / November - On-line application tutorials

December 4 – Submit on-line application with the \$95.00 fee to the Ontario College Application Services (OCAS)

and control of the Yorkdale Mall in Toronto. As well, we’re going to be on TV! Yes, that’s right as no trip to TO would be complete without a stop to the MuchMusic studios for a live broadcast of Much on Demand. Featuring our class as the audience this program involves taking sections from the in-studio visitors to make the show both interactive and reflective of today’s music choices.

Our Grade 9 Information Technology students have been busy utilizing Web 2.0 software to better communicate electronically. Understanding the operating system, what makes computers tick, creating movies and music videos are all part of the good news in Business education at SHS. And, as they say in the movie business: the best is yet to come.

February 1 – All applications received at the Ontario College Applications. Service by this date are considered on an equal basis.



Pietro Cutrona, Jeff Ryan, Derek Joynt, Joel Trickey, Todd Cahill, Pat Tye, Lucas Stott and Kelsey Ross.

Our Senior Team lost in the semi finals to Holy Cross. Thanks to Coaches Mike Love, Garry Rasmussen, Luke Smith, Mark O’Grady, Lynn Snider and Eric Richards.

Congratulations to both teams for their efforts, dedication to the game and representing SHS very well.

Our Phys Ed classes have just started health rotations and classes are busy maintaining a regular routine of activity.

STAY ACTIVE AND STAY WELL.

SR girls basketball team are playing in the 1/4 final round as well and will be very strong in their attempt to get to the KASSAA final as well.

Cross Country team has been very successful this season with KASSAA and EOSSAA championships with the SR and JR boys teams. These 2 teams are representing EOSSAA and SHS at the OFSAA championships in Woodbridge. SR Girls team were KASSAA champs.

Our JR football team played extremely well on Sunday, but lost in a heartbreaker to Holy Cross 22–21. The boys should be proud of their season. Thanks to Coaches Jim Latimer,