



**Principal's Report  
School Community Council**

**Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
6:00pm in the Library**

**Secondary Report Cards** – Interim Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Mid-term report cards will be sent home on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Secondary Parent/Teacher Interviews** – Parents can book appointments for interviews online. Interviews will take place on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Instructions will be sent home with interim report cards on March 25<sup>th</sup> or they can be found on the school website. Interviews will take place from 4-6pm. Email addresses for staff can be found on the school website if parents need to reach out to a teacher at any time.

**Secondary Final Exams** – Final exams are scheduled for Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be one PD Day at the end of the school year on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Parents are to refrain from booking family vacations on, around, or leading up to this time period. Many semester end final culminating tasks/activities as well as the final exam take place during this time which counts as 30% of the term work for the student.

**Grade 6 Parent Information Night** – On May 13<sup>th</sup>, SDSS will host a parent information night for families who will be transitioning to our school next year as they have a child entering grade 7.

**Transition Visits** – Our learning resource teachers are in the process of scheduling transition meetings with staff and families of students who will be transitioning to secondary or grade 7. Parents are encouraged to reach out if they have questions.

**Literacy** – The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test is scheduled to be written on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. However, there are questions about if schools will proceed given current sanctions. Information will be shared with parents as it is available. Parents are reminded that additional information and practice materials can be found on the EQAO website:

<http://www.eqao.com/en/assessments/OSSLT/parents/Pages/parents.aspx>

**Grade 8 Graduation and Grad Trip** – The grade 8 graduation trip to Niagara Falls will take place on June 17-19. Our inaugural Grade 8 Graduation will be on June 24. If you are interested in being on the grad committee, please sign up tonight or send me your name via email. I was originally hoping to meet earlier in the year but postponed hoping that sanctions would change allowing staff to attend. However, I will be proceeding in the near future.

**Timetabling** – Students are in the process of completing their option selections for 2020-21. Options are completed online using My Blueprint. Parents are encouraged to go online with their children to look at this great planning site. At the end of April we will begin the task of developing a timetable for next year. It is our plan to have timetables available for students just prior to exams in June.

**Relay for Life** – The Relay for Life committee traveled to Relay University in February. The event will take place on May 22<sup>nd</sup> between 5 to 10pm. An information assembly will take place for students. Parents and community members are encouraged to donate and/or participate.

**Mental Health Supports** – We have a number of mental health supports available to students who attend SDSS. External supports include: CMHA, SOAHAC, BWDSB Social Workers, MHAN. In addition, we have guidance staff in elementary and secondary who support our students regularly.

**Student Handbook** – The updated Student Handbook has been finalized and can be found at: [https://sdss.bwdsb.on.ca/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_9166492/File/Students/Student%20Handbook/SDSS\\_Student\\_Handbook.pdf](https://sdss.bwdsb.on.ca/UserFiles/Servers/Server_9166492/File/Students/Student%20Handbook/SDSS_Student_Handbook.pdf)

We are looking for any feedback you might have as a parent. Please send your ideas to me via email.

### **Staffing Updates**

- Andrew Noble – Secondary - French and Learning Strategies
- Kendra Slee – Secondary - Geography
- Kathryn Vogan – Secondary - Science and Learning Strategies
- Karah Miraie – Secondary - Student Success
- Stephanie Mitchell – Secondary - French

**PD Days** – Upcoming professional development days include:

- April 24, June 5, and June 26

### **Celebrations:**

- Jr and Sr Boys Volleyball – CWOSSA Participants
- We Day Participants
- Grade 8 Parent Information Night
- Girls Curling – CWOSSA Participants
- Nordic Skiing – OFSAA Participant
- Swimming – CWOSSA/OFSAA participants
- Basketball – CWOSSA participants
- Off-Site Construction Program
- Rock Climbing – Elementary and Secondary
- Road Hockey – Elementary
- Regional Speech Competition – Elementary

- Playscape Fundraising – Elementary
- Grade 8 Grad Hoodies - -Elementary
- Saugeen Shares Food Drive
- Student Senator Elections – Sonny Pilon and Taylor Legge
- Jeff Gerber – Guest Speaker
- GSA -- Community Forum on creation of Safe Spaces for LGBTQ2+

**Important Dates:**

Mar. 25	Interim Report Cards
Mar. 26	Boston Pizza Fundraiser Night - Elementary
Mar. 31	OSSLT
Apr. 1	Parent Teacher Interviews
Apr. 2	Paul Davis – Guest Speaker
Apr. 2	Musicfest – Secondary
Apr. 5	Indian Dinner
Apr. 10	Good Friday
Apr. 13	Easter Monday
Apr. 17	Leon Logothetis – Guest Speaker from the Kindness Diaries
Apr. 21 - 23	Young Growers
Apr. 24	PD Day
May 1	Mid-Term Report Cards Go Home - Secondary
May 22	Relay for Life
May 18	Victoria Day
May 20	Trip to AGO - Secondary
Jun. 5	PD Day
Jun. 9	“Senior” Prom
Jun. 12	Awards Assembly – Secondary
Jun. 17-19	Grade 8 Grad Trip
Jun. 19-25	Exams
Jun. 24	Elementary Report Cards Go Home
Jun. 24	Grade 8 Graduation
Jun.25	Awards Assembly - Elementary
Jun. 26	PD Day
Jul. 6	Report Cards Available for Pick Up - Secondary

Greenhouse Sales – Every Thursday in May

In the planning process...

- Earth Day Activities
- Spring Concert – Secondary Bands
- Jazz Night
- Diversity Fair