

What an amazing week!

Spirit Week - Thanks to all students who participated in our Spirit Week! It was a great success! A special thank you goes to the Athletic Council, the Student Council, the Prefects, the Music Directorate and the Save the Animals Club for taking the lead for one or more activities/events this week! Thursday's Pep Rally was a great gathering and the teachers will be seeking a re-match in the Balloon Race!

Noteworthy – Many families were lucky enough to see an incredible performance by our students at Loretto College on Thursday night, as part of the National Theatre School Drama Festival. Noteworthy is a student written account of the challenges that adolescents face (and overcome) on a daily basis. It was funny, insightful and inspirational. Congratulations to the students on stage and behind the scenes and thank you to Mrs. Burnip for this amazing accomplishment. The production was top notch! We are hopeful that the production will move forward in the competition!

Ontario Vocal Festival – Congratulations to the Vocal Ensemble for their successful performance at the Ontario Vocal Festival, earning an invitation to the National competition later this Spring! The group has worked hard in preparation and overcame challenges during their performance, showing their professionalism and readiness!

Coming up this week:

Tuesday March 6 – PLC Late Opening

Wednesday March 7 – String Chamber Music Night (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, March 9 - Early Closing Schedule (2:30 p.m. dismissal) for the OSSTF Staff Survey

March Break – March 10 - 18

Interim Markbook Reports

Teachers will be sending home Interim Reports next week (Monday, March 5 – Thursday, March 8). A sample of the report is attached (Markbook Interim Exemplar). The reports will include marks from evaluated work to date (Entry Titles), a comment about progress or concerns and an overall standing (upper right hand corner) in the form of:

E = Excellent

G = Good

S = Satisfactory

U = Unsatisfactory

This standing will be based partially on marks earned to date but also reflects work habits, attitude, effort and participation.

The marked work may include 2 different types of work:

Formative assessments as items of work that have been evaluated, recorded and returned to students but will NOT play a role in determining the final mark for a student. The information (marks) are gathered and used by teachers to monitor student progress and to help them best

respond to student needs. The formative work also provides feedback to students allowing them to monitor their own progress and make adjustments in their learning approaches. **Summative assessments** are marked based on established criteria and reflect the quality of student learning. It is these marks that will be used to determine final marks in courses.

Hard copies of any “Unsatisfactory” reports will also be mailed home before the March Break to ensure that they reach parents/guardians.

****Parent/Guardian Teacher Interviews**** – Thursday March 22, 2018

Interviews will run from 1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Please see the attachment for further information about when and how you can book your Parent/Guardian Teacher Interviews. We are using a new online system which will become available at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 8th. You will be able to book your appointments up until March 21 at 11:00 p.m.

Please add to your calendar

Prefect Application Information Assembly: will be held at lunch on Friday, March 23. All students interested in applying to become a Prefect for the 2018-2019 school year and strongly encouraged to attend.

Please encourage your student to not leave belongings unattended. We have had items left in unlocked lockers and in the cafeteria go missing in the past few weeks. All students have been assigned a locker, and students should keep their lock combinations a secret to ensure that their items remain secure. Students wishing to purchase a high security Dudley lock may do so in the main office for \$7.00.

Meaningful instruction and learning will take place in classes up to and after the March Break. It is the school’s expectation that students are in attendance. If your child will be absent, please be sure to notify the school. Students are responsible for catching up on missed work. Please note that teachers may not be able to reschedule evaluations missed because of early/late holidays.

Have a great weekend!

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