

Whitney Word

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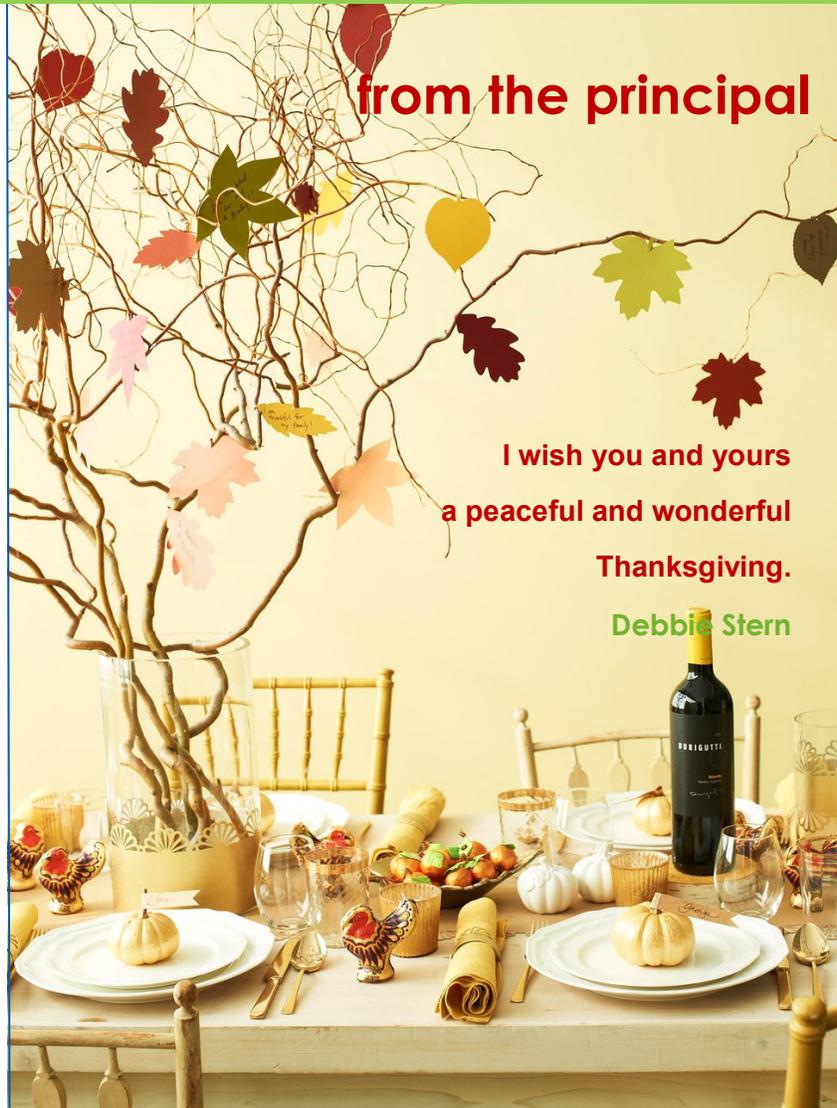
- 7 Friday
PA Day
- 10 Monday
Thanksgiving—No School
- 20 Thursday, Young People's Theater
"Spirit Horse" - Junior Division (gr.4-6)
- 26 Wednesday am
Photo Retake Day

STILL TIME TO DONATE!
Whitney's Terry Fox Run Page
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from the principal

I wish you and yours
a peaceful and wonderful
Thanksgiving.
Debbie Stern



Want to report a student absence? Want to know when the deadline is? Need a copy of a field trip form?

Save yourself a call and program allison.walker@tdsb.on.ca in your smartphone and email Allison in the office for any of your Whitney School needs.



We are looking for 2-3 parent volunteer representatives to participate on a school committee to discuss and review Whitney's sports team philosophy. If you are interested, please email Debbie. The meeting will be on Friday October 21st @ 8am and should run about 45 minutes. If you are not selected to be on the committee, you will be informed as to the reps and you may relay your suggestions to them.

K to 8 @ Whitney: Update

Dear Whitney Parents,

Here is an update on the potential of Whitney PS moving to K to Grade 8 School as early as September 2017.

On October 5th, Andrew Pollock and I attended a meeting with Deborah Stern (our principal), Chris Moise (our Trustee), and Mike Gallagher (our Superintendent) to discuss the plans, propose alternatives and relay questions from our community. Also in attendance were parent council members, trustee and principal from Rosedale Junior PS and Deer Park, other two schools which will be impacted by the change.

The review and potential change is driven by attendance numbers at Whitney which places the current and projected utilization rates at around 70%. Deer Park is looking at over 100% capacity 2018 onwards. The immediate pressure for the change is reduced since spring by a big drop in attendance at Deer Park this year. However, the situation is expected to get worse in the next 3 to 5 years and still needs to be addressed. Any extension in Rosedale is not an option since Rosedale is over capacity and is currently supported by portable on sight.

Meeting was informative and focused on data supporting the proposed solution. We questioned the assumptions, the results and offered alternative avenues to explore. The parents from Rosedale Junior and Deer Park were also in agreement. The alternative proposals included moving the catchment area of Whitney and review of optional attendance in both Rosedale and Deer park. The next meeting will be help on October 13th where TDSB planning committee will provide data on the alternatives solutions for discussion. The final meeting will be open to public, to be held on October 20th.

We will continue to keep you updated. You can reach us for questions at whitneyschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

Best regards,

Meric Koksall, Co-Chair
Whitney School Council



On Monday, September 26th, we hosted the first Whitney School Council - General Council Meeting of this year. We had a great turn-out with many parents interested to learn more about the proposal of Whitney moving to a K-G8 school. The TDSB planning committee presentation included review of relative capacity at Deer Park, Rosedale Junior and Whitney Public Schools which led to the exploration of ideas for the area. The members outlined the timeline for the ongoing review and how Whitney parents can be involved in the decision process.

The Council Meeting also included a review of financials yd. and budget for the 2016/17 school year. Our operating budget is \$67,000 and has been funded from parent donations made in the 2015/2016 school year. Each year, we fundraise for the upcoming year. This enables us to plan ahead and ensure continuity of enhanced programming for Whitney students. We have four fundraising events: the Annual Giving Campaign, Harvest Fest, Pizza Lunches and the Main Event. For those new to Whitney, the Main Event is our school's social evening, fundraiser and silent auction with parents and teachers in May 2017.

At this week's meeting, we reviewed funds raised to date from the Annual Giving Campaign. We included a donation ask letter in the packages sent home the first week of school. To date, we have raised \$20,000 towards our goal of \$25,000 to \$30,000.

We also provided results for Harvest Fest held on September 29, which was a success despite the rain. Total revenue was \$6,800 and we generated just north of \$3,000 in net profit.

For your information, our meetings are minute'd and are available in the office. They are also circulated in the Whitney Word ahead of every meeting.

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Annual Giving Campaign

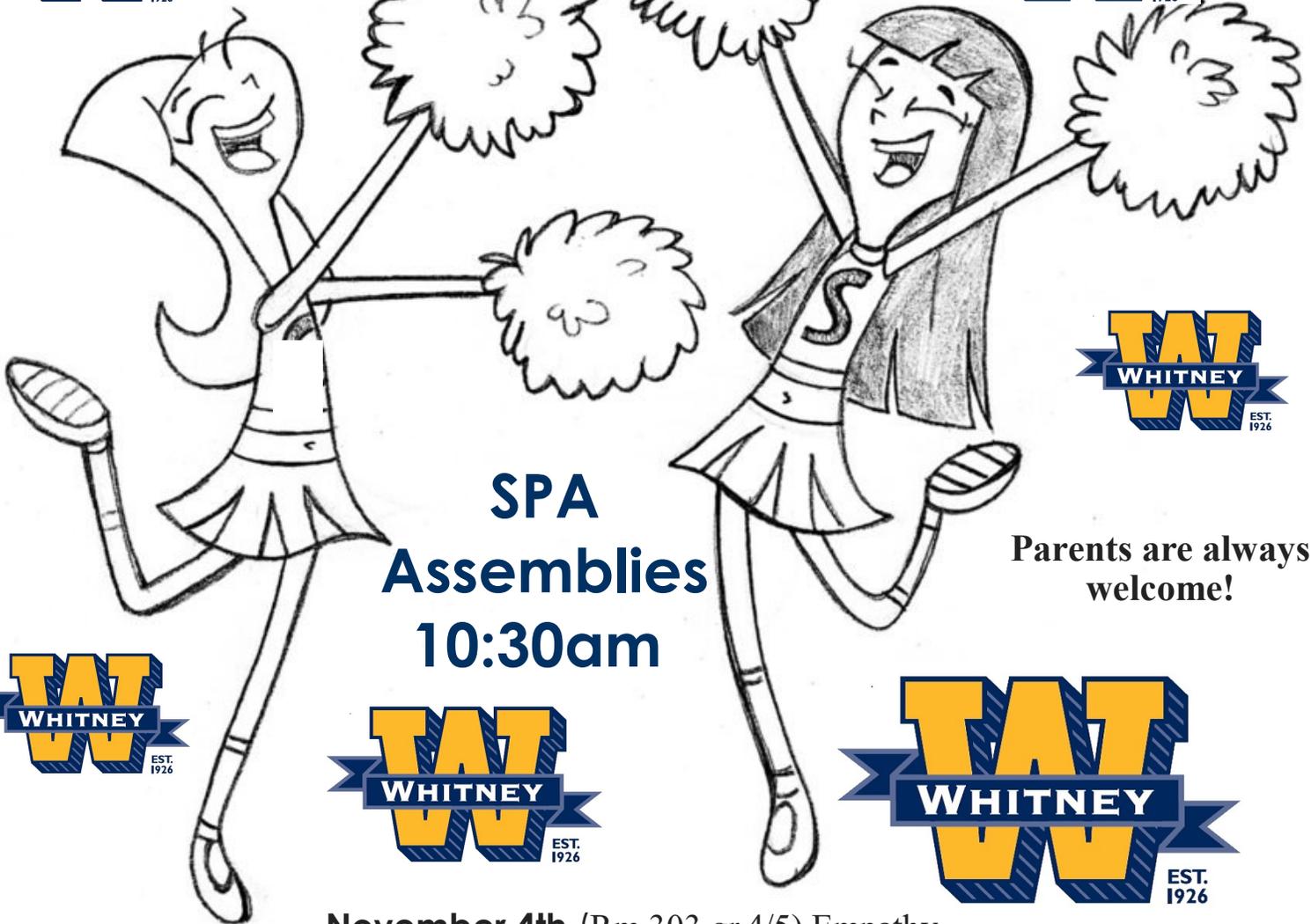
As the Whitney School Council, one of our key responsibilities is to ensure the annual Council budget is well funded for the upcoming school year. These funds enhance the educational experience of all Whitney students. **The total budget is \$67,000, approximately \$240 per student per year.**

Thank you to all the families who have already generously donated.

Donations are gratefully received and are 100% tax deductible:

- **Donate Online** at: www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/whitney-school-council
- **Donate by Cheque:** Payable to "Whitney School Council" (put in Yellow bin in office)
Please include your name, mailing address, email address (for delivery of tax receipt).

Thank you in advance for all your support of Whitney!



**SPA
Assemblies
10:30am**

Parents are always
welcome!



November 4th (Rm 303 gr.4/5) Empathy
Wear a Moustache & PJ Day

December 1st (Rm 308 gr.3/4) Kindness & Caring
Sports Day at Whitney

January 13th (Rm 306 gr.3) Teamwork
Be Different for the Day

February 3rd (Rm 203 gr.2) Fairness
Backwards Day

March 3rd (Rm 205 gr. 2) Honesty
Beach Day

April 7th (Rm 202 gr.1) Co-operation
Crazy Hair & Hat Day

May 5th (Rm 207 gr.1) Integrity
Fashion Disaster

June 2nd (Rm 302/SK - Peer Mentors & Kindies) Perseverance
Whitney Day

June 26th Awards Ceremony @ 9:00am
Go Canada Go! ***NO PIZZA



Whitney Harvest Fest

The rain gave us a run for our money at our first indoor Harvest Fest!

But, it was another wonderful success and everyone seemed to have a great time! I know how much work is involved and the generosity and inclusion of all staff and all the parents continued support it is greatly appreciated!

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank the Whitney parents for a wonderful evening!

Debbie

THANK YOU Donors

Loblaws

(Bayview & Moore
Manager Surge Nunnaro)

Summerhill Market

(Mngr Christy McMullen)

Starbucks

(Yonge & St Clair
Mngr Catherine Van Wert)

What a great evening! We were happy to see such a terrific turnout of students with their families despite the rain!

We can't say enough THANK YOUs to all of the volunteers who made the evening such big success, in addition to Debbie, Allison and fellow Council members for their support of the event. This event requires a lot of "people power" and simply cannot happen without the commitment of many, many volunteers. Special thank you to Jill Spidle, Ros Wilson and Sam Tremaine for coordinating the volunteers and overseeing the event.

Last, but not least, a special thank you to Tom and Roddy for all their help.



terry fox 2016



The 26th annual Terry Fox Run was extremely successful. It was a bright sunny morning and I believe Terry was cheering us on.

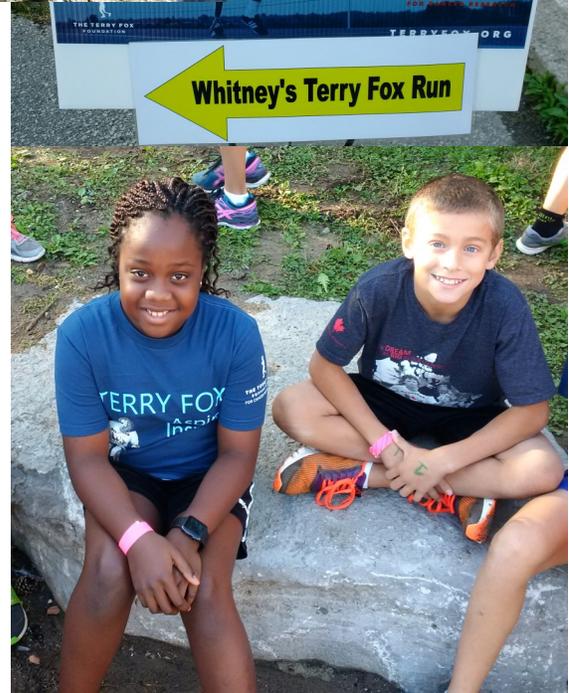
Thanks to **Shelley Moretti** who was instrumental in rounding up our team of volunteers. She put the run together from start to finish. **Charlene Klein** and **Jen Sievenpiper** (along with helpers **Charlie and Scott Sievenpiper, Davis Klein and Mateo and Nolan Moretti**) sold a slew of t-shirts with the final total of \$2,860 in sales. WOW! Thank you to Whitney students and parents for supporting Terry's dream. Our pledges continue to roll in as well and we'll have a total for you shortly.

A special thanks to all parents/caregivers on the route, teachers and students who are at the heart of this event. See you for the 27th annual run in September 2017!

Patti Ann Allen



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Reporting from Whitney's Terry Fox Run FINISH LINE

- By Ms. Werbitsky

The Terry Fox Run Tues. Set. 27th, 2016

On a beautiful Tuesday morning Whitney Junior PS raised money and awareness for cancer research by running in the spirit of Terry Fox. Loblaws from Bayview and Moore provided us with apples & **Charlene & Davis** helped to clean the apples.

Kadin, Quanton & Lachlan were the first pass the finish line. **Shanti** from 205 said it was tiring. **Luka** from 205 said that it was really hard, but "he made it"! **Dexter** from 307 said "it's a good chance to raise money for Terry Fox foundation". **Matt** from 307 said that the birds were chirping & it was nice to get fresh air. **Jeff Miller** ran the 2km with the Grade 1's & he said that it was "great". Jack from Room 303 said the run was "exhausting"! **Aarav** said that "you have to manage your pace".

Valerie saw a beautiful weeping willow on Rose Park drive along the way. (**Ms. Hall's** favourite tree) A grandfather named **Don Miller** said that "it was tricky with all the traffic, but the parent monitors did an excellent job directing traffic". **Cheryl Miller** thought the kindies would walk, but they ran and "MOMMY GOT A WORKOUT"!

Eric & Dean saw a free TV along the way, but it was too heavy to take on the run. **Beats** from 302 noticed some really nice houses along the way while she was running. **Elly** enjoyed being in nature while she did her run. **Camryn** from 303 enjoyed the doggies giving support along the way. **Mr. Gadsden** went the incorrect direction at first, but eventually he found his way. **Sam** from 307 completed his first Terry Fox run of his life. **Ella** from 307 did 10km with ease because she already does running with her mom & cross country. **Scott** from 308 said that the volunteers were very helpful & they were cheering the kids on during his 5km run.

Ms. Karadimas said that the Terry Fox Run was very well organized, thanks to our parent volunteers & **Ms. Allen. Natalie**, a new parent from Barbados, was impressed with the Whitney school spirit & ran 2km with her daughters. **Sarah**, our parent volunteer at the intersection of Rosedale Heights & Hudson, enjoyed the smiling faces of our Whitney children on the beautiful sunny day. **Hudson** from 307 who ran the 10km enjoyed seeing the Harvest Fest posters along the way.

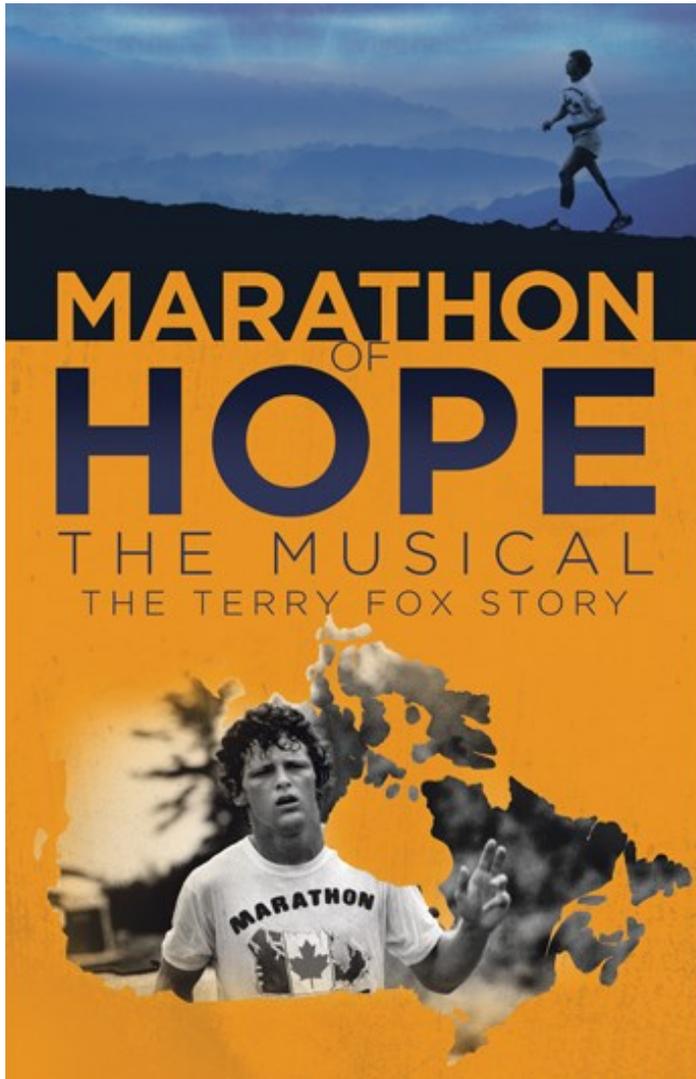
Mr. van Hoeijen walked, with his coffee in hand, 2km and got to chat with students along the way. (of course he wore a tie and dress clothes). He commented that "the kids were very supportive of each other and it's a good cause". **Sophie, Eva & Mackenzie** ran together & completed 10km happily. When **Deacon** from 207 was eating his apple, his baby tooth fell out! **Alfie & Ryan** from 307 crossed the finish line at 10:51am concluding the run.

The Whitney Terry Fox run was a grand success!



'Marathon of Hope: The Musical' to debut in Waterloo Region

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The musical was ten years in the making, and it's having its opening night tonight.

'**Marathon of Hope: The Musical**' that follows the inspirational story of Terry Fox will play at the **St. Jacob's Country Playhouse** from October 5-30th.

The play was workshopped and will be presented through Drayton Entertainment, and Executive Producer Max Reimer says that it just had to be a musical.

"When words aren't enough, we need the emotions to soar, and with such a big theme as Terry Fox's legacy, that's what we needed to do. This musical is beautiful in how it captures the essence of Terry's heart and the commitment to his cause," says Reimer. He added that Terry's family was closely involved to make sure his story was told in a way that would honour his memory.

The original van that Terry and his brother Darrell used in their drive across Canada will be on display at the theatre, and Darrell Fox will be attending the opening night show.

"We're pretty excited, we don't do a lot of world premieres," says Reimer. "We primarily do plays that we know the people will like in advance that are part of our cultural mosaic. But this is one where

Drayton decided to take the reins and really be the leader on this particular project."

Tickets can be purchased at Drayton Entertainment [website](#) or by calling 1-855-DRAYTON.

"There's nothing like seeing a show that's in development for the first time. It will be done across our country, but maybe not in our region ever again. It's something that people will want to be a part of."



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cross-country

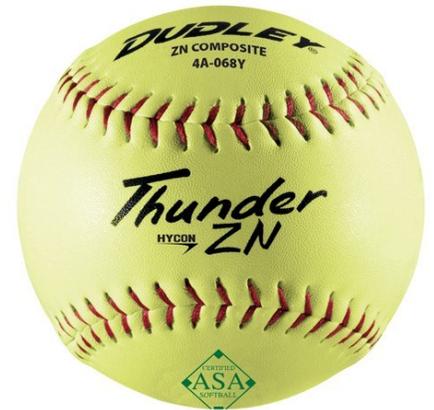
A big thank you to all of our Cross-country runners and their families who came out to support them and all of Whitney's runners at our big meet. Our runners battled through wind, cold and blowing sands showing great determination. Congratulations to all our Wildcats and please wish our advancing runners good luck as they continue their training for our October 19th Conference Finals at Ashbridges Bay.

Please come out October 14th at 8:30 AM for our big Cross-Country team photo! All of our runners are welcome (Grades 1-6)!

slo-pitch

Our Boy's Slo-pitch team battled for a single playoff spot in a very tough pool. Our Wildcats played to the very last out showing grit, sportsmanship and a support for one another like I've never seen. We didn't get the results we were after, but we never gave up and your coaches couldn't be prouder.

As the boy's season draw to a close we wish our Girl's the best of luck in their Slo-pitch tournament October 11th at Forest Hill Memorial Arena! Go Wildcats!



football

Good luck to our Boys and Girls Football teams who get ready for their tournaments October 11th and 17th, respectively.

upcoming sports

Listen for announcements about our next Whitney sport teams. We will be starting Volleyball for the boys and Basketball for the girls. Stay tuned!





Monday 10 — Friday 14

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10	11	12	13	14
	Girls Football Practice (7:30 AM @Whitney) Boys Football Tournament @Carleton Village Girls Slo-pitch Tournament @Forest Hill Memorial Aren	Conference Finals Cross-Country Runners Practice @ Whitney (8am)	Girls Football Practice (7:30-8:30am)	Conference Finals Cross-Country Runners Practice @ Whitney (8am) Cross-Country Team Photo (8:30 AM)

Monday 17 — Friday 21

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
17	18	19	20	21
Girls Football Tournament @Forest Hill Memorial Arena		Cross-Country Conference Finals @ Ashbridges Bay	Boys and Girls Football Practice (7:30 @ Whitney)	City Finals Cross-Country Runners Practice (8am)