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Principal's Message

January is about **Teamwork** and that will certainly be the focus for 2020! Our partnership with community organizations to support students with healthy relationships will continue during Wellness Week. We welcome back TurningPoint, Skylark and Sherbourne Health Centre. The TDSB Caring & Safe School Department will be organizing workshops for students Gr. 4-6 and Gr. 7-8! Homework and basketball club for intermediate students beginning in January lead by the Stephen Leacock Foundation -- more information to come when we return from the break. Teamwork is what our SAC certainly strives for, as they have worked together to organize a number of amazing fundraising events, that not only raise money for our school, but bring Winchester Families together! Read through the FIRST Newsletter of 2020 and find out more about what January will hold for our Winchester Community. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Sports at Winchester

The senior boys volleyball team who are the defending division 2 champions, are Conference finalists this year. They defeated Parkdale in the quarterfinals, Cedarvale in the semifinals, then lost to Annette 25-27, 25-21, 12-15 in the finals.

Congratulations to the intermediate girls basketball team for being conference finalists this year! They placed first in their tournament beating Spruce Court, Jesse Ketchum and George Harvey and advanced to the quarterfinals where they defeated Humewood. In the semis we beat Nelson Mandela and in the finals lost a close, hard fought game to Deer Park 42-40. You made us proud girls, way to go.

Library Corner

THANK YOU to all of our Wonderful Winchester Community! The book fair raised \$2000 in new books for the library and classrooms!

"Warm-up with Books" was a huge success! A special thank you to Brenda Martins who has been my lead parent volunteer for the past 2 years in the library. Breanda coordinated a wonderful crew of parent volunteers: Susan, Meghan, Erika, Heather, Jen, Amy and Faye....I can't thank you enough for stepping up! Ms. Charmyne made the student librarians dreams come true with her HOT hot Hot chocolate station! It was amazing to have the Toronto Public Library, MLSE, The Children's French Corner Bookstore, and Author Nadia Hohn with us at our event....sincerest gratitude for joining us!

To my dearest student librarians....our little magical library, remains magical due to all of your help! I can't thank you enough and our whole school appreciates you!

Guidance Message

Happy New Year everyone! We are down to the last few weeks of high school applications. Regular Programs are accepting applications up until January 31, 2020, and there are a few Specialized Programs still accepting applications (please visit their websites for exact application due dates).

During the month of January, I will be working with Winchester students to start selecting courses for grade nine. Students will put together course plans for all schools they have applied to, plus any home schools they are considering. You can find information about course selection on my google site - Mr. Long's Guidance Corner: <https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/mr-longs-guidance-corner/home>, plus information will be sent home at the beginning of January. As always, should you have any questions you are welcome to email me at chris.long@tdsb.on.ca.

Ottawa 2020 -- Grade 8s

Our Grade 8 Students will be going on a 3-day educational field trip to **Ottawa, Ontario** from **April 15-17, 2020**. The purpose of the tour is to connect to the curriculum and show all students what they have learned on a first hand basis. Both the social aspect and the study aspect will prove to be educationally enriching. Our Grade 8 students have been doing various fundraising activities such as candy cane ~ o ~ grams, selling snacks at the December movie afternoon and plan of doing more exciting activities in the new year, to help lower the cost of their trip. Families that would like to help support this fundraising initiative, can connect with Ms Mitchell or Sandy Kennedy at Brightspark, Canada.

SAC

The Winchester SAC would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season! A few updates from us are included below.

Fall Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Fall Fundraiser this year. Together we managed to raise over \$6,000! This will help us buy some much needed supplies for the school year ahead. Stay tuned to Class Dojo for updates on this spending throughout the year.

2nd Annual MINGLE WITH F'AMELIA is coming up: Save the Date for Monday, January 20.

F'Amelia, Cabbagetown's cozy and sophisticated Italian eatery on 12 Amelia Street, is hosting their 2nd Annual MINGLE WITH F'AMELIA Fundraiser on Monday January 20, 2020. It is a rambunctious night that provides opportunity for the community to come together in support of Winchester. Guests will enjoy a delicious assortment of pizza, canapés, beer and wine. Todd Vestby (a Winchester parent and owner of F'Amelia) generously donates the proceeds from ticket sales to the school to help fund our art, music, sports and science programs.

Tickets cost \$100 and include food and drink. The evening starts at 6:30pm and goes till 9pm. There are door prizes to be won and lots of mingling with your neighbours, friends and family. Charitable tax receipts will be issued by the TDSB for the entire ticket cost.

This event is not to be missed! To get your tickets, **RSVP to Todd @ todd.vestby@gmail.com**.

Call for Parent Volunteers to Assist in Classrooms: Art Matters 2020

This year's Art Matters Fundraiser Event is scheduled for Thursday April 30, 2020. We're gearing up for an exciting night to showcase all the wonderful artistic talent of our Winchester students.

We've hosted two successful Art Matters events at Winchester so far — thanks to the involvement and hard work of the students, super dedicated staff and parent volunteers. Funds raised at these events have gone to purchase lighting, microphones and instruments for the growing Winchester music program; not to mention the much-loved School Musical.

Would you like to be a part fo this fun event? This year we're calling for parent volunteers to help out with the artwork! Volunteers will assist teachers in class, working directly with the students to create art pieces that will be auctioned off on the night of the event. What a great way to be involved with your child's school experience! Interested parents please contact Jennifer Torres at jennifer6torres@gmail.com and/or Corrie Sakaluk at corrie.sakaluk@gmail.com

Wishing our Winchester Families -- warmest wishes for the Holidays!

