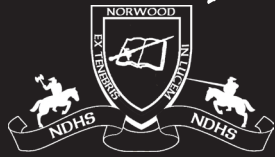


The Knightly News



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Principal's Message

Feb. 2011

We have had a busy start to second semester. Though the weather has not been spring-like, we have passed the half-way mark and it is key that you look closely at your son's/daughter's

report card and discuss a plan to address any concerns. As always, our staff is eager to assist in any way possible. Please do not hesitate to contact your teen's classroom teachers, our Student Success Teacher, Mrs. Heffernan, our Guidance teacher, Mr. Bradshaw, or our Head of Special Education, Mr. McMillan. A timely phone call or meeting can make all the difference.

Our students and staff continue to work hard in the classroom and in extra-curriculars. Both basketball and badminton teams have done NDHS proud, and we are looking forward to an exciting rugby season which will include not only the boys' league games but also the provincial girls' tournament being held here at our school. The arts are always busy at NDHS. On Wednesday, April 20 we have Java Fest with both day and evening performances. What a terrific opportunity for our young people to showcase their talents. Please join us for what is always an enjoyable evening. In drama, our students are preparing a play which they will be performing for our elementary schools and general public later this spring.

At NDHS we are always cognizant of our role in developing well-rounded, responsible citizens. A number of our students participated in the 30-hour famine, raising awareness of world hunger. Our WAK environmental group is running "WAKAPALOOZA" this week, 4 days of environmental initiatives. Terrific! We also have two full-school assemblies planned in May. The first, on May 10 is entitled "Funny Money", a presentation intended to educate our young people about debt, credit cards, etc. James Cunningham is both informative and humorous. The second assembly, slated for May 25, is about anti-bullying and positive friendships. It will be presented by a Toronto-based group, Metrac. We are looking forward to hearing their message. This will be a good follow-up to the two anti-bullying days we have observed in February and in April.

I want to thank all parents and staff who supported our students in writing this year's Literacy Test in March. Everything ran very smoothly and we are looking forward to receiving our results. To help our grade 9s be better equipped to write next year, we will be running a Practice Literacy Test on April 28. If you have a son or daughter in grade 9, please ensure they are in attendance that day. The results of this test will give us important information that we will use to plan a programme to address areas of weakness.

As always, I thank you, the parents of our students, for the support you continue to give your children and Norwood DHS. We can achieve incredible things when we work together towards a common goal: the successful preparation of our youth for their future in today's world.

Duke of Edinburgh Excursion

This February a host of brave souls endured the winter temperatures and embarked on an excursion to Silent Lake Provincial Park. The students engaged in team building activities and on the frozen lake, dined on a gourmet meal, hiked to gaze at the stars in the darkness of the night and conducted a geocache hunt over the two day adventure. A special thanks to Ms. Angermann and Ms. Brinkman for helping to chaperone the trip.

Upcoming trips this spring include a canoe trip to Killareny Provincial Park for students striving for their Gold Awards and a trip to Massassaga Provincial Park for the Silver and Bronze Participants.



NDHS to Host Girls AA OFSAA Event

This spring over 300 athletes from across Ontario will do battle on the playing fields of NDHS. The three day Rugby Tournament, from May 30th to June 1st, will finish with the AA Champions of Ontario being determined.



Chair of the OFSAA committee, Mr. Murray has been hard at work, along with his other committee members preparing for this historic event. Mr. Murray would like to invite spectators to come out and cheer on the participants. Schedules and information can be found at <http://www.ofsaa.on.ca/girlsaarugby/>

Student Council

**It isn't big to make others feel
SMALL ...
Norwood Pledges to eliminate
bullying!**

February 23rd & April 13th marked the beginning of our collaboration with PARN for an, "Anti-Bullying Initiative". This series of workshops, activities, art work, mentoring programme, mural painting, Pink Flag creation & raising and culminating assembly will run at NDHS until the end of June.

Although Norwood's Student Council will be leading the charge - our hope is that this initiative will be embraced by all staff & students at Norwood for 2011 and

follow into the coming years.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this initiative - please do not hesitate to contact us here at Norwood.

Thank you,
Sarah Graham
Student Council President
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Historical Fashion Show and Dinner

Mark May 14th on your calendar for an evening of fashion and food. This year's Historical Fashion Show and Dinner, held in the NDHS Lecture Hall, is shaping up to be another memorable event. Members of the HFSC, a spin off of the Re-enactment Club, are getting ready to dazzle the audience with fashions of the last three centuries, beginning with the pomp and circumstance of the 1700's. See the huge gowns of the Confederation era, the scandalous outfits of the 1920's, and the fads



of the 60's, and everything in between. Featured at the show will be prom dresses and of course, the wedding dresses. During the fashion show, the NDHS Culinary students will serve a four course meal. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person if purchased by April 29th, and \$18 after that date. Tickets are available from any member of the Historical Fashion Show Club, or by calling Mrs. Keating at the school at 705-639-5332.

2011-12 School Year Calendar

Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board trustees have approved the 2011-12 school year calendar, for submission to the Ministry of Education. The last day of school before Winter Break will be Friday, December 23, 2011, and students will return on Monday, January 9, 2012. The last day of school before March Break will be Thursday, March 8, 2012, and students will return on Monday, March 19, 2012.

Other important dates include:

Classes begin - Tuesday,
September 6, 2011
PA Days - September 1, September
30 and November 25, 2011;

February 3, March 30 (secondary students only), June 8 (elementary students only) and June 29, 2012
Secondary Exams - January
27-February 2 and June 22-28, 2012
Last day of classes - Thursday,
June 28, 2012

The dates for Winter Break are based on an on-line survey of students, parents, guardians and staff; 84% of respondents preferred the dates chosen. The Board has submitted the school year calendar to the Ministry of Education for final approval.

Important Dates

April 28th Grade 9 Practice Literacy Test
May 11th Hoops for Hearts
May 16th Coop Integration
April 20th Grad Breakfast
May 30th-June 1st Girls' OFSAA Rugby
June 7th Beach Volleyball Tournament
June 23rd Final Exams begin

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