

The Knightly News



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Principal's Message

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It is hard to believe that it is the middle of November already! It has been a busy first term. Our sports' teams have had a terrific season and winter sports are underway. In addition to athletics, our staff and students have

been involved with numerous extra-curricular events.

In September we welcomed our grade nine students with an orientation evening followed by Grade 9 Day which had students playing games and participating in bullying prevention workshops. September also saw the Friday Night Lights Football games between the Campbellford Flames and the Norwood Knights. The weather was bad, but the football was good! Thank you to all those who supported our teams.

Our senior student Knights lent a helping hand to many seniors in our community in October as we continue the tradition of "Knights and Neighbours". Continuing in the vein of helping others, NDHS took part in the Terry Fox Walk on Oct. 12th. Our spirited Knights cheered loudly as we joined Peterborough schools and Lakefield DHS at Nichol's Oval to raise money to fight cancer.

For those with an eye for fashion, Oct. 29th was the night of the Historical Fashion Show. A marvellous time was had by all who were in attendance. We were treated to a delicious meal prepared and served by the NDHS hospitality programme, and saw an incredible display of fashion throughout the ages. A special thank you to Mrs. Keating and Mr. Conroy who put in many hours of preparation for this event.

November started with "Take Our Kids to Work Day" when our grade 9 students attended a work place with a parent or family friend to experience the world of work. This Ministry initiative is province-wide. On this day, NDHS hosted our

grade 8s . These students participated in co-operative games in the morning and attended Java Fest in the afternoon. Java Fest was performed again that evening to an enthusiastic crowd who enjoyed a sample of the Arts at Norwood DHS.

In the six weeks leading to the Christmas break, I encourage you to sit down with your son/ daughter, and discuss their report card and appropriate goals. Some students may need to increase the effort. Others may need to simply stay the course. Everyone can benefit from an encouraging word from parents/guardians to 'hang in there', and do their best. Please use this mid-term report card in a positive and constructive manner to enhance your child's high school experience.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. We are all working towards the same goal; to provide our youth with the skills and knowledge they require to be successful adults in today's society.

Ms Steinmann

ADVENTURE AT LARRYLAND

On November 9th, the students in Mr. Murray's Phys.Ed class, Mr. Hayton's hockey class and Mrs. Heffernan spent the day at Larryland. Larryland is located in Lang, near Keene. Our day was spent with Larryland coordinator, Larry Pearson. Larry has been an educator and coach of a wide variety of sports for many years. He worked with NHL coach, Roger Neilson for over 30 years and had a number of very interesting and inspiring stories to share with us. During the day we participated in icebreakers and energizers, trust activities and group challenges. As the day progressed we realized that the eventual key to success is not only how hard each team member works, but how much effort they put into working together.

NORWOOD DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL ANTI-BULLYING INITIATIVE

The Student Council are continuing with the quest to minimize bullying at N.D.H.S. Last year a PINK Anti-Bullying Flag was created, ready to be signed by the student body to raise during this year's November's Anti-Bullying Awareness Week. November 18th is PINK T-SHIRT DAY. All students are encouraged to dress in PINK that day! (Pink t-shirts are still available for \$5.00)
At 12:00 noon, on Friday, November 18th the Pink Flag will be raised to solidify our commitment to this initiative.



From the 13th - 18th - all students are encouraged to sign the Anti-Bullying Pledge to also show their dedication to end bullying at Norwood.

Doing the Duke

NDHS is once again participating in the Duke of Edinburgh program. A cold and rainy weekend in Oct. saw the first expedition canoeing the Serpentine Lake loop in the Kawartha Highlands. Despite the blustery conditions, the students, Mr. and Ms. Dobson and Mr. Sherwin completed the entire loop, including over 2 km in portages. The next proposed trip will be camping in Yurts this winter at Silent Lake.

Anti-Bullying Pledge

"I swear to see everyone as equals, in our school and in society.
To respect differences and to keep my mind open to new customs, religions, sexual orientations, and ideas. I recognize that my days of judgement are behind me, and that everyone has the right to be themselves. I am, from now on, fully committed to the initiative to end bullying.
This is my pledge."

Important Dates

Nov. 18 7:00 p.m. School Council Meeting - new parents welcome
Nov. 25 P.A. Day
Nov. 29 - College/University Applications will be done at the school
Dec. 9 & 12 Grad Photos
Dec. 13 Safe and Sober Presentation
Dec. 20 Grade 8 visit from NDPS and Havelock Belmont Public School
Jan. 1 - Deadline for University Applications
Feb. 1 - Deadline for College Application

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