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MPSS NEWS

Message from the Principal

It is hard to believe the year has come to an end already. It has been another busy year, both with academic and non-academic endeavours. We have shared in many successes throughout the school year and I have truly appreciated the support from all of the school community.

As the year ends, I want to say thank-you to all of the staff for their efforts throughout the school year in supporting students' learning and achievement, as well as meeting their individual emotional and social needs. From the classroom teachers, to our EAs, secretarial staff and custodians, your contributions make all of the difference to our students. Unfortunately, we must also say some good-byes. Happy retirement to Mr. Kissner, Mr. Panagakos and Ms. Westenberg; you will be missed at MPSS, but the Blue Devil family wishes you good luck in the next stage of your journey. To Ms. Davey, Ms. Furtney, Ms. Hamilton, Mr. Jones and Ms. Stubbs and Ms. Stevenson, good luck in your next teaching assignment, wherever that may be. Keep the 'Blue Devil' spirit alive in you. We appreciated everything that you did for our students.

Graduates, congratulations and good luck in whatever pathway you follow.

Parents/Guardians, please take the opportunity to share the report card successes with your son/daughter and reflect on the areas where improvements can be made. Setting goals for next year is a positive starting point. Also a reminder that student and school information can be retrieved through our website www.granderie.ca/schools/mpss, our Facebook page at McKinnon Park Secondary School or via Twitter. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact the school at 905-765-4466.

To all in the MPSS family, have a safe and enjoyable summer vacation and good luck in the future. I wish you all an excellent 2019-2020 school year. It has been my pleasure and honour to have served as your Principal this year. I look forward to September and all of the renewed hopes and promises it brings.

Dates of Interest

Wednesday August 28th

Grade 9 Welcome/Registration—11 am – 1 pm

Thursday August 29th

Gr. 10, 11 & 12 Timetable Pick Up -11 am –1 pm

Guidance office open both days for timetable changes

Sept. 3—First Day

Sept. 4/5 —Grade Assemblies

Sept. 6—Grade 9 Day

Sept. 13—P.D. Day

Sept. 27—High School Challenge

Oct. 8—P.D. Day

Oct. 10—Interim Report Cards

Oct. 14—Thanksgiving

Oct.17—Parent Teacher Interviews

Oct. 24—Academic Recognition Night

Nov. 6— Take Our Kids to Work Gr.9

Nov. 11— Remembrance Day

Nov. 14— Mid-Term Reports

Nov. 15—P.D. Day

Dec. 20—Last Day of Classes 2019 Jan. 6—First Day of Classes 2020

Jan. 23— Semester 1 Exams Begin

Jan. 30/31 — PD Days

Feb. 4—First Day of Semester 2

Feb. 7— Semester 1 Report Cards

Feb. 17—Family Day

Mar. 6— Interim Report

Mar. 12-Parent Teacher Interviews

Mar. 16-20-March Break

Mar. 23—Classes Resume

Mar. 31-Grade 10 Literacy Test

Apr.10-Good Friday

Apr. 13-Easter Monday

Apr.23-Mid-Term Reports

Apr. 24—PD Day

May 18-Victoria Day

June 11-Extracurricular Awards Banquet

June 19—Exams Begin

June 25- - Graduation

Report Cards to be mailed home

Félicitations

to grade 12 students Grace Brindle, Aleighia Murphy and Eric Ince for successfully passing the DELF (Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française) and earning a lifetime certificate of bilingualism in the French language.

Transportation Services

Did you know that the transportation department is around all summer? If you are moving, changing childcare locations or are in need of transportation information, you can contact their staff by calling 519-751-7532 or by emailing

transportation@stsbhn.ca.

Transportation information is available via the parent portal as of August 15th. Please log in to find the transportation details for the coming school year on or shortly after this date so that any changes in service can be implemented well before the start of the school year!



The Breakfast Program

A big thank you to all of you who contributed through online cash donations to our Breakfast program. We were able to provide healthy breakfast options five days a week to any student's who wanted it. A MONUMENTAL thank you to Jackie Fehrman, who volunteered her time each day in the mornings to keep this program running. She is the reason the program ran five days a week! Thank you Jackie!

Dual Credit Green Industries Program

McKinnon Park is proud to offer a dual credit Green Industries program for the 2019/2020 school year. In one class period the students receive an "M" level high school credit and a college credit by the end of the semester. There is no charge to the student, and the college credit may be transferrable to many post secondary institutions in Ontario. For more information on this incredible learning opportunity, please contact Mr. Runhart.



Thanks to all of our co-op employers for your time and commitment to supervising and training our co-op students. You provide valuable employability skills for our students and assist with the shaping of career goals. MPSS looks forward to working with our co-op community partners again next year.



2019-2020 yearbooks will be available to purchase on School Cash beginning the end of August. Yearbooks for the 2018-2019 School Year will be available for pick up by October 2019.





Reminder: All Grand Erie Schools Are Smoke-Free

The Province's Smoke-Free Ontario Act prohibits smoking tobacco or cannabis and vaping within 20 metres of a school's property line. For reference, 20 metres is the approximate length of 1.5 school buses.

The law covers all indoor areas at schools in Ontario as well as all outdoor spaces, such as playgrounds, parking lots and sports fields. Anyone caught smoking or vaping in a prohibited area could face a minimum fine of \$305.

All Grand Erie schools and Board facility sites are smoke-free. For those looking to quit smoking or vaping, there are supports available through the local Health Unit or our school's Public Health Nurse.



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Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk (STSBHN), the transportation consortium which is responsible for arranging and managing the home-to-school bussing of your child(ren), will continue to have the online portal available for parents and students to access their transportation details for the coming school year.

Transportation information is available online for you to check at any time. The information contained in the portal is updated twice daily and will hold the most current bus information for your child(ren). Information for the 2017-2018 school year will be made available to view on August 15, 2017 and will be continually updated throughout the entire school year. If checking the transportation details prior to the first day of schools, please remember that last minute changes sometime do occur and that it is important to re-check the information prior to sending your child(ren) to their assigned pickup location on September 4, 2018. **ALL students in kindergarten to grade 1 and those students identified by the Special Education departments will receive a custom transportation letter over the summer.**

For those who do not have internet access from home, common locations which will allow you to access the internet are public libraries, internet cafés as well as many cell phones. For specific information relating to your child(ren), please contact the school at which they are registered. If you are having difficulties logging onto the portal, please contact the transportation department for assistance. Please note that STSBHN IS OPEN over the summer; please contact us if you have moved over the summer so that the appropriate changes can be made to your child(ren)'s transportation arrangements.

Please follow the steps below to access your child(ren)'s information via the online portal. The information which will be required to log into the portal is: **1)** OEN/ Student ID #, **2** Primary Residence's Street #/ 911 #, **3)** School that the child will be attending in the selected school year. and **4)** Grade that the student will be entering

1) Go to www.stsbhn.ca

**Parent/Student
Login**

2) Click on the button

3) Select the school Year

4) Enter in the 9 digit OEN/ Student ID (found on each student's report card; example: 123-456-789)

5) Street Number,

6) select the School from the drop down and

7) select the Grade from the drop down.

8) Click Login

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2019



Jeremiah Aaron
Jalen Anderson
Nikkalee Annett
Kevin Babott
Karlee Bachuk
Natalie Bazinet
Brandon Beauvais
Jacob Bergsma
Liam Birks
George Bomberry
Reid Bomberry
Timmia Bomberry
Grace Brindle
Dade Brook
Matthew Burt
Vincent Cain
Samantha Campanella
Marisa Cerasoli
Grant Chalmers
Micheala Christou
Tyler Clark
Kyla Clarke
Claudia Conceicao
Lucas Cowper
Michaela Cukrovani
Rycol Davis
Abbey Dikaitis
Sarah Dosman
Emma Doxtdator
Gavin Dutcher
Jacqueline Elgersma
Maddison Fletcher
Claire Foy
Dylan Fraser
Tian Jian Gao

Alexander Garrow
Gregory Garson
Trevor Gayton-Laing
Ainisa General
Eli Gladysz
Zachary Gladysz
Mackenzie Gunn
Kennedy Hagan
Jasmine Hagey
Gregory Harris
Hannah Hartless
Julia Heath-Rodgers
Danielle Henry
Madison Henry
Alyssa Henzy
Lex Hetram
Samuel Hildreth
Cara Hill
Shirley Hill
Adam Hixon
Noah Hoben
Shane Hodge
Adelaide Holt
Eric Ince
Huntre Jamieson
Michael Jenkins
Joshua Jerome
Cameron Job
Lacey John
Mark Johnson
Spencer Jones
Avery Kichinko
Justine Kick
Carter Kivell
Morgan Kueper

Chelsea Kuipers
Mitchell Lawrence
Myles Lazarevic
Rebecca Longboat
Erin MacCullouch
Ebony Maracle
Jacob Martin
Jazlynne Martin
Robert Martin
Holly Martindale
Chantal Matthews
Rhys Matthews
Owen May
Jamieson McMaster
Ryan McNally
Kailyn McNiven
Dylan Middleton
Austin Miedema
Eric Miller
Rachel Miller
Carter Misner
Conor Misner
Lukas Montour
Madison Moody
Jeffrey Moore
Emily Morrell
Aleighia Murphy
Zackery Myers
Emily Neal
Keira Nix
Sammy Norsworthy
Stephen O'Reilly
Brayden Osinga
Kyra Ouellette
Srushti Patel

Emma Poulin
Trent Randall
Nickolas Ratchford
Taylor Read-Blewitt
Claire Rendell
Mikayla Ritchie
Colby Roberts
Calvin Rowbottom
Megan Salter
Tatyana Samson
Michael Saurer
Jacob Savelli
Courtney Savidant
Joshua Shurvell
Courtney Simington
Hannah Singh-Khera
Dustin Skye
Cameron Smith
Megan Smith
Sarah Sweeney
Ely Thomas
Hannah Thomas
Kalani Thomas
Abigail Thorpe
Thomas Traianopoulos
Brittany Van Mil
Robert VanBeek
Deyon VanEvery
Timothy Veri
Maleigh Walsh
Andrew White
Izaiah Whitlow
Chloe Wilson
Andrew Wise
Anna Zizza
Veronica Zolkowska