

### Principal's Message

Time to close the books on a great 2015-16 year! Finished with a bang!  
 PLATINUM certification as an Eco-school – no other school has earned this distinction!  
 Kiwanis Field GRAND OPENING!! Amazing!  
 Beautiful PROM evening – way to go grads!  
 Fitnic Day was so much FUN!! – great weather ☺  
 Grad Mystery Bus – a long night of laughs!  
 SOAR program is about to start – upgraded gym!  
 DD class will be arriving and has had some transition time – a wonderful group of PJ students ☺  
 Blanket Exercise was very educational.  
 A wonderful Athletics Banquet.  
 Our inaugural ELIMINATION DRAW! Wow!  
 Track & Field major successes!  
 And soooooo much more!

Thanks to my staff (teachers, EAs, clerical, custodial), to my students, to the parent community, to our community partners and to my administrative team. Combined, you all make PJ the best school in Ontario!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

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### "Athletes of the Year"

- Jr. Boys – Stewart McLellan
- Sr. Boys – Tristan Blackmore
- Jr. Girls – Emma Burr
- Sr. Girls – Alysha Chryslar



### CONGRATULATIONS

**Mikaela Goodbrand** won a logo contest with the Brantford Youth and Wellness Committee. There were a few other schools involved and her original logo design completed in the media arts class won her an all-expense-paid canoe trip on the Grand this summer!

Twitter: @PJCSPPrincipal

### KIWANIS WAY.....this way to the KIWANIS FIELD

**Brett Street was renamed KIWANIS WAY!**

Thanks to the KIWANIS CLUB for all of their contributions!

### Congrats Shannon Bell! Turning Point writing contest winner of \$500!



### ELIMINATION DRAW A huge success!

PJ's very own staff member Alison Senior was the big winner!



### PJ Eco Club does it – PLATINUM is the New GREEN

PJ has accomplished our goal and is an Ontario Certified PLATINUM Eco-school! We achieved a score of 97% to obtain Platinum status. The team is a partnership of students, staff and administration.

Here at Pauline Johnson, our Eco Club has worked diligently throughout the past year to achieve our new status of Eco Platinum. Receiving Platinum was not an easy task, we all had to work together to accomplish this goal, highlights including our annual Eco Assembly in front of our school, our amazing Bee Garden planted by students, our Yellow Fish Road project done by the E3 class, our monthly Power Down hour, our School wide assembly and our presentation to the Rod and Gun Club. We worked with the curriculum and encouraged classes to be more aware of their environmental impact in classes like Art, Tech and English. We are very proud of reaching our goal and we hope to continue our environmental work at Pauline Johnson and in the surrounding community.



Blanket Exercise: Check out <http://www.brantnews.com/news-story/6519476-when-blankets-are-no-longer-touching/>

Join PJ's Parent Council: First meeting September 14 @ 6:30 pm



### PJ Spotlight Award Winners

The PJ Spotlight Award is given to students who show excellent effort in their classes, their school and their community. Recent winners of the Spotlight Award are J.D. Plumstead, Hunter Blue and Caroline Reisinger.

J.D. Plumstead is very involved in school activities. He has been a member of the chess team, the badminton team, the book club, the Ministry of Grad Affairs and he is the Minister of Finance on Student's Council. He has won awards in math, business, computers, science, history, electronics, guitar, physics, geography and general proficiency. He has been on the High Honour Roll since Grade 9. He had perfect attendance in Grades 10 and 11. He was a participant in The Mind Project, teaching Grade 7 and 8 students about high school.

The final two winners are also the Co-Prime Ministers of Student's Council.

Hunter Blue has been a member of the Eco-Club, Key Club, and the Student Health Action Committee (SHAC). He is a founding member of the school's Global Dignity Group. He represented PJ at the HOBY and SlapShot Conferences, and has maintained his place on the High Honour Roll. In the community he is a member of the Eastward community HUB and he has worked as a City Council Student Page. He is an assistant coach at a Brantford Tae Kwon Do facility.

Caroline Reisinger has been on the High Honour Roll for her first three years at PJ. She has won awards in field ecology, world religions and peer leadership. She is trained in Safe Talk, a program designed to identify and connect people with suicidal thoughts to the help they need. In the community she is a National Lifeguard and a swim instructor. She plays the piano, attends her church's youth group and volunteers at a skating club, a church camp and the Caledonia swimming pool.

Congratulations to these three remarkable young people for showing their PJ Pride through hard work and service to others.



Caroline Reisinger

J.D. Plumstead

Hunter Blue

#### Top BCSSAA Results & CWOSSA qualifiers:

- Cassie Emery – 1<sup>st</sup> -triple jump, 1<sup>st</sup> - 4x100 relay, 2<sup>nd</sup> – long jump
- Rachel Bhual – 1<sup>st</sup> – 4x100 relay, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4x400m relay
- Stella MacBride – 1<sup>st</sup> – 4x100 relay, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 100m, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4x400m relay
- Meagan Shearer – 1<sup>st</sup> – 4x100 relay
- Kaitlin Garside – 2<sup>nd</sup> - steeplechase, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4x400m relay
- Faith Brown – 1<sup>st</sup> 300m hurdles, 2 - 4x400m relay
- Aaron Barton – 1<sup>st</sup> – triple jump, 1<sup>st</sup> – long jump
- Mack Honchar – 1<sup>st</sup> – 800m
- Austin Doxtator – 1<sup>st</sup> – 300m hurdles
- Josiah VanWyngaarden – 2<sup>nd</sup> - shot put



### Budding PJCVS Journalist

Makayla Campbell is not only pursuing her dream – she is getting a chance to live it.

Campbell, a grade twelve student at PJ, has been reporting for the Brant News since the beginning of February as part of her senior co-op placement. The placement has been a dream-come-true for the budding journalist who is set to begin her studies at Carleton University this coming fall in their prestigious journalism program.

"My co-op has given me a great opportunity to explore the career before I actively pursue it," said Campbell. "I have been able to build a portfolio of my work, gain valuable interview, writing and editing skills, and begin making a name for myself as a journalist."

Janet Franklin, the Writers' Craft teacher at Pauline Johnson, noted that, "Makayla really listens to what people are telling her. She makes sure that she understands the facts of a story so you know you can rely on her for accurate and interesting reporting."

"(She) is always willing to ask the hard questions," added Franklin – a point that has been evident during her time with Brant News. Campbell explores issues not common to teenage journalists. Notable topics have included: the experiences of Korean students in Canada, gender disparity at a high school chess tournament, bridging the gap with technology at the John Noble Home, and the impacts of International Women's Day on the local community.

John Zronik, editor at Brant News, pointed out that, "Makayla brings a natural curiosity to her reporting and continually seeks feedback and ideas about how to improve her work. She also possesses outstanding interpersonal skills, a trait that will serve her well as she moves forward with her education and career."

"Makayla is an outstanding writer who shows great promise as an aspiring journalist. She has become a valued member of the Brant News team in the short time she has been with us," added Zronik.

The Pauline Johnson student will continue writing for Brant News until June. Campbell is looking forward to leaving for Ottawa in the fall where she will look to advance her schooling and budding career. "The experiences I have left P.J. with have given me the life skills I need to succeed," she said, "I am ready for the next step in my life."

### OFSAA GOLD MEDAL WINNER – AMAZING!!!!!!

Congratulations to Aaron Barton – On June 4, 2016, Aaron captured OFSAA GOLD in the midget boys' triple jump in Windsor!

### e3 Canoe Trip 2016

The e<sup>3</sup> class travelled to the Massasauga Provincial Park in June for their annual canoe trip. Highlights of the trip included hiking to a 19<sup>th</sup> century homestead, and observing unusual wildlife species, many of which are threatened like the Massasauga Rattle Snake and the Blandings Turtle. The group enjoyed sharing stories, performing skits and singing by the campfire. Skills such as species ID, GPS navigation, paddling techniques and Leave No Trace principals were practiced.

