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**FEBRUARY 8, 2019**

## IMPORTANT DATES 2018-2019

Feb 4	SEMESTER TWO BEGINS
Feb 8	Grad Photo Retakes
Feb 8	Semester One Final Reports
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 14	Immunization Clinic @ CSS
Feb 18	FAMILY DAY
Feb 27	Pink Shirt Day
Feb 28	Ski Trip – Mt. St. Louis
Mar 4	DRAMA - Tillsonburg
Mar 5	Pancake Supper
Mar 8	4-on-4 Basketball Tournament
Mar 8	Progress Reports
Mar 11-15	MARCH BREAK
Mar 20	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Mar 27	OSSLT Literacy Testing
Apr 12	PA DAY
Apr 18	TERM TWO BEGINS
Apr 19	GOOD FRIDAY
Apr 22	EASTER MONDAY
Apr 29	Semester Two Mid-Term Reports
May 4	CSS Craft/Plant Sale & Car Show
May 5-6	YLCC Orillia
May 10-11	RELAY FOR LIFE
May 12	Mother's Day
May 15	Grand Erie Games
May 20	Victoria Day
May 24	PROM
May 29	Grand Erie Games raindate
May 30 - Jun 6	Europe Trip
June 12	Athletic Banquet
June 16	Father's Day
Jun 20-26	Final Exams
Jun 27-28	PA DAYS
July 1	Canada Day
July 2-5	Semester Two Final Reports

### CSS Co-op and OYAP:

#### Going Beyond....Expanding Futures!!

The Co-op/OYAP/AOYAP programs at CSS are off to another busy and exciting semester with 55 students participating in a wide variety of placements and programs including: automotive service technician, teaching, construction, hairstyling, nursing, and electrical. As well, many of our students working in apprenticeship trades this semester will have the opportunity to join the OYAP program and gain valuable hours toward their apprenticeship. If your son/daughter is entering grade 11 or 12 and would like to test drive a career while earning high school credits, please contact Mr. Passfield, Mrs. Smith or Guidance for a Co-op application.

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This is traditionally a busy time of year for everyone with Semester One having come to a close and the transition into Semester Two now fully underway. Report cards are included as part of this package and should you have any questions with regards to your son or daughter's report card, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school. We have a number of things upcoming during second semester. Parents who are members of our School Council have met twice so far this year and we anticipate another meeting upcoming early in the spring. We would appreciate hearing from anyone who is interested in joining this group. Student athletes are actively engaged as members of our winter sports season school teams, with spring season sports teams slated to begin in April. Student leadership activities are ongoing throughout the school year with various initiatives being organized for this spring including Relay For Life, The Grand Erie Games for our Special Education students as well as the Horizon's Leadership Conference and trip to YLCC leadership camp. In addition, our Grade 10 students will be writing the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) on Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> and Grand Erie will be launching a student census in late March with information related to the initiative included in this package. When here at C.S.S., all students are encouraged to actively participate in school life and to strive to excel to their maximum potential academically. We greatly value and appreciate the support and encouragement that you, as our school community of parents and guardians, provide them with while at they are at home.

### VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As you read through the first semester final report card, this is a good time for reflections as well as looking ahead. It is a time to celebrate the hard work which led to accomplishments, and to consolidate learnings to make improvements in the future. In the coming weeks, your child will be making decisions on course selections for the next school year. Do spend the time to make the selections carefully and make a full commitment in their chosen career direction. Since we spend most of our waking hours working in our adult life, it is definitely worthwhile to be working on something one is good at and enjoys. The school team staff consisting of administration, guidance, learning resource and student success continues to meet on a weekly basis regarding any of our students who may need additional support. We all want our students to be the best they can be in preparation for the real world. Please feel free to contact me by calling the school or email [rob.wong@granderie.ca](mailto:rob.wong@granderie.ca).

### GUIDANCE

Welcome to the beginning of a new semester! Semester 2 schedules should now be complete and all students should be happy with their classes!

Students in grades 9 and 10 have had option sheet presentations. Grade 11 students are next with their options being presented from Feb. 11 – 15, followed by returning grade 12's the week after. ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE CHOICES ENTERED INTO CAREER CRUISING BY MARCH 1, 2019. This process needs to be wrapped up by then or students run the risk of not getting the classes they want in September. All parents and guardians are encouraged to get involved with the course selection process and know what your son/daughter is planning for next year. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this procedure, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me at the school.

Post-secondary bound students may be receiving acceptances to programs between now and June. Please check your status frequently online as acceptances tend to first appear in online applications. After confirming an acceptance, students may wish to explore residence information and financial planning. Please make a guidance appointment to discuss options regarding preparation for post-secondary programs.

Parents are always welcome to phone or e-mail myself or Ann Smith about course choices, student progress or post-secondary information. The guidance number is 905-772-3302 and our email addresses are: [ann.smith@granderie.ca](mailto:ann.smith@granderie.ca) and [john.drynan@granderie.ca](mailto:john.drynan@granderie.ca). You can also follow us on facebook at [www.facebook.com/cayugaguidance](http://www.facebook.com/cayugaguidance).

Thank you and everyone have a great semester 2!



The Drama Club  
Production of

"They Eat Grass, Not Zebras"  
explores the concept of how a  
community can turn against  
those who are different. We  
continue to prepare for the  
National Theatre School  
Drama Festival in Tillsonburg  
on March 4 @ 6PM.

### Breakfast Program

A huge thank you to our Coop  
student Tivon who worked all  
semester to prepare nutritious  
snacks for our Breakfast Program.  
Also, we appreciate the continued  
financial support from REACH ☺

The wrestling team has had a great season so far! Mrs.  
Woodcroft is proud of how hard our wrestlers have been  
working and wants them to continue their efforts  
for the upcoming tournament

February 8<sup>th</sup> at Hillfield Strathallan College,  
our ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS on February 13<sup>th</sup>  
and SOSSA CHAMPIONSHIPS on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Special  
thanks to our outside coach, Chris Morris, who has been an  
amazing help this season.

Keep up the good work wrestlers!!!



All you can eat  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pancake Supper**  
**March 5, 2019 4-7 pm**  
**\$10 per ticket**  
**Call to reserve or just drop in.**  
**Mr. Mann or Mrs. Stewart 905-772-3301**

The 2019 Toonies for Tummies campaign  
will take place February 7-21.

This year, both Food Basics and Metro  
will match funds raised on  
February 9 and 16, 2019 up to \$20,000.  
On behalf of the Child Nutrition Network,  
thank you in advance for your support!!

Yearbooks are  
still available for  
the 2018-2019  
year. Cost is \$50.  
Order online  
(preferred) or see  
Mrs. Mohl in the  
guidance office by  
March 31.  
Yearbooks MUST  
be preordered if  
you want one.

The White  
Pine Book Club  
meets every  
Friday at lunch  
in the Library.  
  
Bring your  
Lunch.

New  
members  
are  
always  
Welcome!

**Concert Band  
begins second  
semester.**  
Rehearsals are  
Wednesdays after  
school  
until 5:00 PM

**Vocal Rock Ensemble begins  
second semester. Calling all  
singers, guitarists, bass players  
and drummers.**  
Open to all grades.  
Rehearsals are Wednesdays  
from 5:00 to 6:30 PM

The Me to We Club had  
a successful semester  
having raised over  
\$500 for Free the  
Children so far. Mrs.  
Cameron and Mr.  
Mann are looking  
forward to new  
initiatives, including  
attending Laurier We  
Day in March.

Our Junior  
Hockey  
program will be  
starting up in  
March.

Relay for Life will be held on  
Fri. May 10 from 7pm to 7am.  
If you are a survivor or know  
someone who would like to  
attend the opening  
ceremonies, email  
jonathan.mann@granderie.ca

Ski Trip – Any  
students interested in  
going to Mount St.  
Louis Moonstone on  
Thurs., Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, see  
Ms. Kononiuk or Mr.  
Passfield for  
paperwork.  
Cost is \$55 (own) or  
\$75 (rent) and  
includes a mandatory  
lesson. There are  
limited seats available  
on a first come, first  
served basis. All  
paperwork and  
payment are due by  
Fri. Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Geek Squad

The Geek Squad meets every Tues. and  
Thurs. at lunch in Mr. Skerrett's room.  
We have a PS4Pro and VR headset for  
gaming as well as a multitude of other  
things to do.

We will also be sponsoring trips once  
again this year to the Cottonwood  
Mansion for Victorian Tea and a trip to  
Niagara Falls ComicCon (last year 25,000  
people attended the event).

The CSS Boys Basketball team  
is having a great season! We  
are currently in second place  
in our zone after upsetting  
Hagersville in a buzzer beater  
win 55 to 53. We have two  
more regular season games  
and then off to semi-finals on  
Feb. 14. Go Warriors!!

### CSS Girls Varsity Lacrosse

If you are a girl in grades 9-12 and would like to  
play lacrosse for CSS this spring, be sure to sign  
up on the list outside Ms. Cameron's classroom  
(Room 206). We will be having a meeting at  
the beginning of March. Attending the  
meeting does not imply commitment, so if you  
are curious you should come out! No  
experience is necessary and you are  
guaranteed to have fun!

The Gr 11 Leadership Class had a successful  
semester! Student leaders organized and facilitated  
a variety of events. A student team helped Ms.  
Kononiuk organize our Gr 8 visits, by training student  
leaders in games that they designed. Over \$900  
was raised for the SPCA through a Dodgeball  
Tournament. A highly successful Holiday Craft  
Bazaar and Santa visit was hosted. Over \$500 was  
raised through a 4-on-4 Basketball Tournament for  
Phys-Ed equipment. And finally, a mural was  
painted in the cafeteria celebrating our community.  
Congratulations, to the class!!

CF hosts "Let's Talk About..." and meets weekly to  
discuss topics that pertain to the events  
surrounding our lives. Come of the discussions  
were Family, Friends, Celebrations, Community and  
Christmas. We used a format that presented our  
thoughts in an edifying manner even if they were  
different opinions/beliefs than others. We  
gathered at Christmas with a Pot-luck lunch which  
celebrated our multi-culturalism here at CSS. All  
staff and students are welcome to join us every  
Wednesday at lunch in room 303.

The goal of Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan is  
*Success for Every Student!* This can only  
be achieved if we truly understand the  
needs of our students and their families.  
To guide us in this work, we are excited to  
announce that in March, we will launch  
Count Us In!, our first student census.



**CSS Hairstyling and Aesthetics  
grade 12 classes will be open for  
business for the months of March-  
June, 9-11:30 am by appointment  
only. Call 905-772-3301 to book  
an appointment.**

The Boys and Girls Hockey teams have two  
league games left and then zone semi-finals  
and finals are on Tues. Feb 26<sup>th</sup> at the  
Caledonia Arena. Good luck to all!!

### CSS World Tour 2021

Overseas trips are now restricted to every other year. The  
next overseas trip offered through our school will be traveling  
to Ireland, Wales and England in March 2021. Highlights include  
Dublin, Blarney Castle, Llanfairpwllgwyngyll-  
gogerychwyrndrobw-llantysilio-gogogoch, London and  
Stonehenge. Monthly payments are approximately \$150 if you  
sign up soon. Contact Ms. Kononiuk  
([christine.kononiuk@granderie.ca](mailto:christine.kononiuk@granderie.ca)) or Mr. Passfield  
([adam.passfield@granderie.ca](mailto:adam.passfield@granderie.ca)) for information. BOOK BEFORE  
FEBRUARY 28 AND SAVE \$200.

Last fall, the Government of Ontario passed the  
Smoke-Free Ontario Act, which prohibits smoking  
tobacco or cannabis as well as all vaping in public  
areas, including schools. A person caught smoking  
or vaping in a prohibited area may be charged with  
an offence and subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 for  
a first offence, if convicted. As a result, we are  
asking for your support and assistance in ensuring  
everyone meets the requirements of this new law.

The Business Leadership class operated a  
variety of unique business ventures over the  
last couple of months, competing for the  
highest profit. The businesses used successful  
marketing strategies to promote and sell their  
goods to CSS students and staff.  
Approximately \$1000 was raised and donated  
back to the school and local charities.  
Congratulations to all the groups, especially  
the winner, Ken & Larry's, owned by: Taylor  
Speers, Mackenzie Martindale, Ardyn Gibbs,  
Hannah Mannell and Lindsay Townsend.