

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – Sept 11, 2018

Secondary Teacher Representative Report:

In late August, Sarah Leahy and her team took the new SRB Link Crew Leaders to a very successful overnight training session held at Rideau Hill Camp. This year's wonderful group of Link Crew leaders enthusiastically and warmly welcomed our new Grade 9s on the first day of school!

Erin Cain (Art Dept) is pleased to announce that the two T-Shirt designs selected by the OCDSB for Orange Shirt Day (Sept 28, 2018) were both designed by SRB students: Aida Bari (Grade 12) and Meret Maltz (International Student Spring of 2018). These T-shirts are being sold to students in all schools in the OCDSB. NOTE: Orange Shirt Day is a day to recognize the experience of First Nations, Inuit and Metis people who were taken from their communities and placed in residential schools.

During the first six school days, the Guidance Department has seen all students in need of timetable changes – possibly a speed record!

Meredith Ball will once again be taking 17+ year old volunteers to donate blood. Details will be provided once known.

Tomorrow, Wednesday, September 12th, Christy Armstrong is taking her Grade 12 Sociology class (29 students) to Ben Franklin Place for the morning to first view a new documentary called, "Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope", regarding how adverse childhood experiences can lead to illness. A panel discussion led by experts from the community will follow, concerning what approaches can be taken build resilience in young people.

Jeff Snyder wants to share that the SHSM course: Justice, Community Safety, and Emergency Services is in 'full swing'. Main events over this semester include: GPS Certification and Fire Extinguisher training in September, a tour of Carleton University in October, attending the Algonquin Open House & visiting the Paramedic HQ in November, and earning First Aid Certification in December.

Jeff adds that the SRB Tennis Team has begun and is busy preparing for their first meet in late September. He is hopeful that this year's team may do as well as they did two years ago when they were third in the city.

Allison Cleary, one of the three teachers running our Autism Unit, is actively trying to enhance the acquisition of vocational skills by her students by further involving them in supervised tasks about the school. The library has been the beneficiary of their assistance on several occasions since last spring -- (for example, sorting and organizing the LEGO station in our Maker Space on a few occasions, and adding new barcodes to a few thousand books!).

The SRB Library Learning Commons is off to a very busy start. By the end of this week, 29 classes will have already visited the library.

Library borrowing statistics for the 2nd semester in the 2017-2018 academic year were generated in late June by the OCDSB's Central Library Coordinator at Curriculum Services. The total provided for each school includes the circulation numbers for books AND Chromebooks. Here are the results for the top five secondary schools

1 st Sir Robert Borden	– 9,009	* SRB is # 1!
2 nd South Carleton	– 8,045	
3 rd Woodroffe	– 5, 507	
4 th Longfields-Davidson	– 4,096	
5 th Bell	– 3,946	

Intermediate Teacher Representative Report:

1. Web Crew - Had a successful training in August and did a great job helping acclimatize the grade 7's on the first of school.
2. Wellness presentations - Youth Net will be coming to speak to the grade 8's sometime in November about maintaining positive mental health.
3. Band - Grade 7 and 8 bands will be commencing in the next couple weeks.
4. Terry Fox Run - Will be happening on September 28th. More details to follow.
5. Sports - Tryouts for Touch Football and Cross country teams will start as early as this week and will continue into the Fall. 3x3 Intramural Basketball will also be starting in the coming weeks.
6. No cellphones - The initiative to ban cellphones during school hours has been overwhelmingly positive so far. Students are encouraged to bring their laptops to class to work on their class work but are otherwise not allowed to use them.
7. Meet the Teacher Night - Will be on September 25th from 4:30-6:00. More details to follow.
8. Bake sale - We are looking to host a bake sale during the Meet the Teacher night. For anyone willing to help out, it would be greatly appreciated.
9. Supporting ESL students - We have high numbers of English as a Second Language students this year and are looking for volunteers to help in their classrooms. Please email Christina Gillanders if interested.