



Twin Lakes Secondary School

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Thunderbird News

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Principal: Julie Underhill

The end of the school year marks different things for different people. The end of another grade, report cards and of course, summer holiday. For others it means graduation and the end of their time in high school. This is a very significant event and is the result of hard work, effort and commitment. These characteristics are necessary for all of our students throughout their time in high school and for whatever lays ahead.

I thoroughly enjoyed my first year at Twin; getting to know students, parents and guardians and our community partners. I would like to thank Ms. Calder for her hard work and commitment to student success in this school year. We wish her all the best as she moves to her next school. Welcome to Julie Richardson who will be our new Vice-Principal. Have a safe and enjoyable summer. Thank you for a wonderful year.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

If any parents/guardians would like a copy of the most recent IEP for your child, please visit the guidance office in the first week of July during office hours to request a copy. Have a great summer!

GRADE 9 ORIENTATION DAY

Orientation Day for all incoming grade 9's is Wednesday, August 29, 2018 (8 a.m. – 1 p.m.). Students received invitations and busing information in their grade 8 newsletter. Please call Mrs. Kerrie Pellarin (ext. 43161) with any questions.

LINK Crew

We wrapped up our 11th amazing year of LINK with many success stories. Thanks to all of our Leaders and A-teamers for their countless hours of commitment and to our Grade 9's for participating in our activities! Congratulations to our new LINK Leaders and A-Teamers who were selected for the 2018-19 school year. Training is on Monday August 27th and Tuesday August 28th (8:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.) and Grade 9 Orientation Day will be Wednesday August 29th (7:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.). No transportation will be provided. Please call Mrs. Kerrie Pellarin (ext. 43161) if you have questions. Thanks again to all our outgoing and incoming Leaders and their families for supporting this school-wide initiative.

Terry Fox Run 2018

Twin Lakes will be holding it's Terry Fox Run on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 "rain or shine". This year's event will be organized by the 2018 PEAC class. Our fundraising goal as a school is \$1,000.00

GUIDANCE NEWS

The guidance office will be open for registration of new students and timetable changes on: August 27 – August 30, 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. The office will not be open again until September 4.

Guidance Counsellors especially want to see:

- Students who have unresolved timetable conflicts. The later you wait to do this, the harder it is to get the classes you want

Vice-Principals: Jaclyn Calder and Doug Campbell

- Students who made an unsuccessful attempt in a course this semester – the timetable may need to be adjusted as a consequence
- Students who have earned a credit in summer school should confirm this with guidance and have their timetable adjusted as necessary

myBlueprint Parent/Guardian Workshop

We will be hosting a workshop for parents to learn how to navigate myBlueprint. This career software program allows students to explore their post-secondary options and plan high school courses to reach their goals. All parents/guardians are welcome to join us on **Tuesday October 30, 6 – 7:30 p.m.** More information will follow in the October newsletter.

PEAC Program

We are thrilled to welcome our new 2018 PEAC students! The inaugural year was a huge success and we look forward to working with our grade 9 and 10 PEAC'ers!

Advanced Placement (AP)

Twin Lakes will continue to provide AP opportunities for secondary school students to write Advanced Placement (AP) exams in the 2018-2019 school year. AP courses offer students an opportunity to study content equivalent to a first-year university course in one or more subjects of interest. Twin Lakes is running AP ENG4U, SCH4U, MCV4U and CHY4U. We will also have a Pre-AP course, ENG3UP. Please see Mrs. Pellarin for further information. General AP information can be found at: www.collegeboard.com

2018-19 Guidance Workshops

Students entering their grade 12 year this coming September, will be making very important career decisions. Our guidance staff hosts numerous workshops to assist in this process and advertises outside service providers as well. We heartily invite parents to join us at these presentations. These are the confirmed dates thus far. *Many more workshops will be added and students will be informed about them in September via school email, announcements and postings.*

Winning Scholarships Tuesday, September 18, 8:30, Guidance Office

Ontario Universities Fair September 28 - 30 at Metro Toronto Convention Centre (www.ouf.ca for details) (students responsible for own transportation)

University 101 Tuesday, October 2, 9:30, Library

Want to be a Teacher? Wednesday, October 19, 8:15, SSR

Ontario College Information Fair October 23 & 24 at Enercare Centre, Toronto (www.ocif.ca for details) (students responsible for own transportation)

College Application Assembly Tuesday, October 23, 8:30, Library

Aboriginal Post Secondary Information Program

Thursday, October 25, 8:30 – 9:20 a.m., TLSS cafetorium

UIP Thursday, October 25, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m., TLSS cafetorium

CIP Friday, October 26, 10:00 – 1:00 at Barrie Georgian College (permission form in guidance)
myBlueprint Parent Session Tuesday, October 30, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Library
University application assembly Thursday, November 1, 9:30, Library
Paying for University or College Assembly Wednesday November 14, 11:50, Library
College Panel Tuesday December 18, 1:05, Library
University Panel Wednesday December 19, 1:05, Library
University Application deadline Wednesday, January 16, 2019
College Application deadline Friday, February 1
Last Day to submit Community Service Hours (grade 12's only) Friday, June 7
Commencement Thursday, June 27

Other Guidance Dates

These are other guidance dates that will be pertinent for all students:

Last day to change courses (semester 1) Monday, September 17, 2018

Aboriginal Post Secondary Information Program

Thursday October 25, 8:30 – 9:20 a.m., TLSS cafe

myBlueprint Parent Session Tuesday, October 30, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Library

Take Our Kids To Work Day Wednesday, November 7 (grade 9's all day)

Gr. 8 Day at Twin Lakes Wednesday, November 7

Full Disclosure (semester 1) Thursday, November 22

Grade 8 Student/Parent Information Evening

Wednesday, January 16, 7- 8:30 p.m.

Last day to change courses (semester 2) Friday, February 15

2019-20 Course Selections Due Friday, March 1

Full Disclosure (semester 2) Monday, May 6

Cooperative Education & Other Forms of Experiential Learning

We currently have approximately 60 students who have taken advantage of the Co-op Education opportunity. This program allows students to work for one half day (2 credits) or one full day (4 credits) to try on a future job, trade or career while working with an employer.

A big THANK YOU to Orillia and area employers who have once again supported the Cooperative Education Program. Your efforts to share with us in the education of our students, has and will continue to provide our community with a more informed and productive work force.

Apprenticeship

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students and employers who have partnered for OYAP (Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program) this term. These students will graduate with their diploma, a whole new skill set, experience in the working world and a head start on a skilled profession. While earning school credits, OYAP students are able to use their Co-op hours toward their training time and government money will help fund their education. We continue to encourage partnerships with employers in the community so stay tuned for more student signings!

Dawson Carrick – Automotive Service Technician at Joe Trombly's Automotive Service

David White – Automotive Service Technician at Mac Lang Chrysler Dodge Jeep

Bailey Latour - Automotive Service Technician at Orillia Mazda

Christian Spurr - Electrician at Esoc Electric

Eric Whalen - Automotive Service Technician at Sunrise Toyota

Cody Brooks - Brick and Stone Mason at Stonemason Inc

Jarrold Blundell - Automotive Service Technician at Subaru of Orillia

Connor Wenzel – Automotive Service Technician at Midas

Travis Rumohr - Automotive Service Technician at Orillia Hyundai

David Young - Automotive Service Technician at Joe Trombly's Automotive

Spencer Leonard – Sheet Metal Installation at Sparling's Propane

Riley Richardson – Automotive Service Technician at Mariposa Auto Inc.

Job Shadowing

This experience gives grade 10 Careers students the opportunity to follow an employee for one day in order to explore a career area of interest. Through observation, students become aware of the demands in the workplace and recognize the importance of education in getting quality employment.

Our Co-op teachers, Jodi Kerr, Robyn LaChapelle and Lisa Sammon invite you to contact the Co-operative Education office (room 313B) at 705-325-1318, Ext. 4 if you have any questions or want to get involved in the program.



Specialist High Skills Major Offerings at TLSS:

Health and Wellness, Transportation, Culinary and Cosmetology

The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) programs at TLSS give students an opportunity to specialize, gain qualifications, and plan a career pathway beyond our existing programs while still in high school. The SHSM program has a number of required components, designed to give students a "leg-up" to pursue post-secondary opportunities in each of the identified sectors regardless of their pathway.

At Twin Lakes the students will complete valuable workplace certifications including WHMIS, CPR and First Aid. In addition, students will have industry-specific training and skills competitions in a variety of skills and topics that are unique to each sector.

Health and Wellness participants will investigate topics such as infection control, concussion training and joint wrapping techniques lead by a local chiropractor.

In Transportation they will have the opportunity to gain awareness training in forced induction, emission standards and hydraulics from leading local industry partners.

Culinary students will participate in advanced cake decorating, off-site catering, culinary competitions, smart serve and service excellence.

Cosmetology students have options for training in various areas such as facial massage, aromatherapy, fashion colouring and extensions.

Students will also participate in co-op programs which often lead to an apprenticeship, dual credit classes at Georgian College and field trips related to their chosen specialist program.

SHSM programs are provincially funded and these certifications, experiences and training are provided to SHSM students at no cost to their family. Many SHSM graduates leave high school a registered apprentice with career centered employment. Graduating students will receive a red seal on their diploma that many schools and employers value.

For additional information on these programs, contact our Guidance office.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE 2018-2019

Student injuries at school, during school events, and extra-curricular activities (athletics, clubs, and out of province/out-of-country trips) are not covered by the board or its insurance company. While every precaution is taken to provide a safe learning environment, accidents can and do happen.

The Simcoe County District School Board has selected the Insure my kids program through Old Republic Canada as an option for students/parents/guardians to consider. This insurance offers a variety of plans and benefits at reasonable annual prices.

Coverage can be purchased online at www.insuremykids.com. Participation in extra-curricular activities (athletics, clubs) or out-of-province/out-of-country trips requires the purchase of this insurance, or other extended health and dental coverage. Student accident insurance packages will be sent home with students in September.

SPORTS

Twin Lakes athletes were celebrated at our annual Athletic Banquet in early June. The following students were recognized for their contribution to Twin Lakes Athletics:

Junior Female: Logan Ross

Junior Male: Josh Foy

Senior Female: Catie Attridge

Senior Male: Evan Running

Athletic Scholar: Rachel Cameron and Dana Long

Coaches Award: Julia Murphy

Randy Kitchen Award for Contribution to Athletic Council: Julia Murphy

Next year promises to bring outstanding results in athletics. Due to rising bus costs, there will be a change in sport fees for next year. The athletic banquet fees will be built in to the athletic fees AND there will be a pay per sport option. The Athletic Fee is \$100 as a one time cost, or \$45 per season. Payments will be made on cash online through the main office. Grade 9's will have a reduced cost at grade 9 orientation in August of a \$75 one-time fee. All athletes and club members are also responsible for paying their activity fee to have a sticker placed on their student card. This is \$15. Money from these cards is distributed within the school to help offset costs.

Athletic Council Year in Review 2017-18

Athletic Council is made up of volunteers who organize athletic events at Twin Lakes. Some of the volunteer roles include score keeping, creating and selling school spirit wear, and organizing special events. Some of the events included the 24 hour Volleyball-a-thon, OPP vs Staff/Student Basketball Buy-in for Special Olympics, the Athletic Banquet and the Elementary Track and Field Meets.

A special thank you goes out to the following students who went above and beyond in their commitment to athletics at Twin Lakes; Avery Carleton, Tayler McComish, Julia Murphy, Lauren Murphy, Jaime Couvrette, Kyle Hann, Kalen MacDonald, Michael Montgomery, Brittney Yurek, and Montanna Slessor. Student athletes who were recognized for the excellence in sport attended the Breakfast of Champions hosted by the Orillia Sport Council. Congratulations to Logan Ross, Jamie Couvrette, Hughie Edwards, Kyle Hann, Avery Carleton, Dana Long, Lucas Earle and Zac Waite.

This year Athletic Council and Sport Coaches honoured outstanding athletic performances as 1 or 2 student athletes were awarded Athletes of the Month. Congratulations goes to Hailey Ellis, Brittney Yurek, Caleb Foy, Cameron Williams, Zac Waite, Rachel Cameron, Evan Running, Kayla Pantone, Gordon Carswell, Jaime Couvrette, Michael Montgomery, Dana Long, Caitlyn Attridge, Dominic Ritchie, Cara Scott, Erica Fell, Josh Foy and Sarah Gibb.

Athletic Council looks forward to next year with continuing to run annual events and organizing new student lead initiatives. Any student can join Athletic Council. Enjoy the summer holidays, stay active and see you September!

**HAVE A SAFE AND
WONDERFUL SUMMER!**