Course Selections

Most returning students have now completed their course selections for next year. The next step is for homeroom teachers to meet with Vice Principals and Guidance to review each student's selections individually. Based on the requests the school timetable is then created.

Parent signatures are required for these forms. If you have not signed a course selection form for a student, please ask them about it this weekend! You can find the forms at the end of the course selection booklet available on our school website: Academics – Course Selection Booklet 2019.

Hopefully you have also seen the report cards which went home yesterday. Up to date marks and attendance are also always available through PowerSchool.

Celebrating Student Success

Over the past few weeks we have had so much to celebrate! We have had:

- Two teams earned spots at the National Debate Championships
- A student won first place for the Grade 12 level is the Skills Canada Welding competition for New Brunswick
- A student become the only semi-finalist from Atlantic Canada in the Poetry In Voice Competition
- Students earn first and third place in the district oratorical competitions in both English and French.
- Many of our students have been awarded significant scholarships over the past few weeks as well.
- A small group of students presented at the ASD-S Innovation Day to teachers from throughout the district to showcase our Culinary Tech program
- And more....

We are trying to celebrate all of these accomplishments both here at school and through our various social media platforms! Keeping watching for more student accomplishments to be celebrated in the coming weeks. It is such a testament to the variety of areas where our students are excelling.

Grad Class Indigo Fundraiser

The attached flyer provides details on another very simple fundraiser in support of our Grad Class. 20% of gift card purchases through this

fundraiser come back directly to our Grad Class – so if you shop at Indigo anyway this is an easy way to help out. <u>INDIGO FUNDRAISER poster pdf.pdf</u>

Guidance Items

Attention Grade 12 Students: Province of New Brunswick Student Loan and Bursary Information Session

There will be a two upcoming information sessions in the Saint John area for Grade 12 students and/or Parents regarding the 2019-2020 Student Financial Assistance Program for Full-Time Post-Secondary Students:

- Tuesday, April 23rd 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Saint John High School Auditorium
- Tuesday, May 21st 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Simonds High School Theater

Mark your calendars and plan to attend one of these informative sessions and gain insight into the new program.

Attention all students grades 9-12- Do you need help with creating a resume?

Joanna Duplessie Zhao, Certified Resume Strategist & Coordinator of The Career Center located at Simonds High School, will be offering two upcoming workshops to assist students with their resumes. Students should prepare in advance of this session by creating an initial draft and saving it to their student account or by bringing it in on a USB for review. Interested students must sign up in the Guidance Center.

Two workshops will be held:

- Wednesday, April 24th during extended homeroom period 8:55-9:35 a.m. Computer Lab #217
- Wednesday, May 15th during extended homeroom period 8:55-9:35 a.m. Computer Lab #217

Horizon Health Volunteer Program- Deadline for Applications June 1st.

Are you 15 years of age and older and looking for a volunteer opportunity? Drop by the Guidance Department today to pick up an information package regarding volunteer opportunities with Horizon Health. Deadline to apply is June 1st.

Attention Grade 12 students: Have you received a scholarship offer? If so, please let either Ms. Smith or Mrs. Taylor know as soon as possible in the Guidance Center.

Relay for Life

Our annual Relay for Life takes place next Friday, April 26th. The evening begins with a Survivor Lap and short opening ceremony at 6:00 in our bus parking lot. Everyone is welcome for that part of the evening. We set an ambitious goal this year of raising \$30000 for the Canadian Cancer Society. Registration begins at 5:30 – so students participating should arrive by that time to drop off pledge envelopes and get their t-shirts.

Reminder: No school for students on Good Friday or Easter Monday. Students return on Tuesday, April 23rd