



LONDON NEWSLETTER

FOR AND ABOUT THE STUDENTS, STAFF & PARENTS OF LONDON SECONDARY SCHOOL

March, 2006

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CHARLES E. LONDON - PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Our **Parent Advisory Committee** meets every month on the second Thursday of the month. All London parents are members of this group and you are encouraged to come to the meetings and share our thoughts and ideas with other parents and the administration. The March meeting will be held on:

Thursday, March 8, 2007
Staff Room
7:00 pm

DRY AFTER GRAD COMMITTEE

London's first Dry after Grad is fast approaching! Our Parent Organizing Committee is busy securing attractions, raising funds and searching for volunteers to work at the Dry After Grad. We need all the help that we can muster to make this event successful. Please mark you calendars and join us to help with this event! The next Dry After Grad Meeting will be held on:

Wednesday, February 28, 2007
Staff Room
7:00 pm

DRY AFTER GRAD - CLOTHING DRIVE

London is teaming up with Big Brothers to raise money for our Dry After Grad.

So, here's the plan...

For two weeks from March 12 - 16 and from March 26 - 30, we will be holding a Clothing Drive at our school. Please gather used clothing (soft goods only) from home, friends or family, pack them into garbage bags and bring them to the school during the Clothing Drive weeks. We are turning this into a bit of a contest between Block C classes. We will collect the clothing in Block C each day. At the end of the Clothing Drive, the class that has collected the most bags of clothes will receive a free Pizza and Pop lunch.

This is a great opportunity to do your Spring Cleaning, get rid of your old clothes and soft goods and help the school all at the same time.

By participating in this program, you help raise money for our school while helping the Big Brothers to fund their programs.

SCHOLARSHIPS WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Like all graduating students in Richmond, qualified London graduates will be eligible for a variety of scholarships: provincial, district, private business/union and our own London awards. Currently, we are trying to build up our London-based scholarship accounts and are in the process of extending an invitation to all members of the London community to contribute to the **Charles E. London Scholarship Fund**. If your family or business connections could help us with a scholarship tax deductible donation, please contact Mr. Cairns at the school at 604-668-6668. Your contributions will give our London grads and future leaders a welcomed head start in their post-secondary pursuits.



EYEGO.ORG

This is a national arts program that offers \$5 tickets to ALL high school students! Come check out your local Richmond eyeGO shows for only \$5 with your goCard. Just go to the ticket box office, show them your goCard and ask for an eyeGO ticket. For more information on shows, partners and other performances across Canada, please visit eyeGO.org. Here is a list of eyeGO shows in Richmond from March 1 – 16, 2007. Tickets are limited, buy early for the best seats!

Tickle Me Pickle

March 1, 7 pm – Richmond Cultural Centre

Musical Expressions Series – Joey Mo

March 3, 8 pm – Richmond Cultural Centre

The Bond

March 8 – 17, 8 pm – Gateway Theatre

The Nylons

March 16, 8 pm – Gateway Theatre

Want to join the eyeGo Youth Council? Meetings are held every Monday at Gateway Theatre from 7 – 8 pm. For more information please contact Vanessa – eyeGO Youth Coordinator vtong@richmond.ca.

OFFICE DEPOT

London Secondary School will receive FREE SUPPLIES every time parents, students and school supporters give our school's 5% Back to Schools ID number when buying school supplies at Office Depot. Our school receives credits equal to 5% of the qualifying purchases to use for FREE SUPPLIES. Our school's **ID number is 80000298**.

CAREER AND COUNSELLING CENTRE

Applications for Langara, Kwantlen, Douglas College and BCIT are underway. Use www.pas.bc.ca for all applications.

Transcripts

Most BC institutions rely on the electronic information that London forwards to the Ministry of Education. Some scholarships and specialized programs require an official school transcript. These can be ordered from the school office. There is a \$5.00 charge. Please allow at least 2 days.

Language Proficiency Index (LPI)

The Language Proficiency Index is a test of written language skills that many institutions require to place students in first year English courses. Register online at www.lpi.ubc.ca.

2007-2008 PROGRAM PLANNING PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

Between now and Spring Break, we will be working with our returning students and the Grade 7 students at our feeder schools helping them design and make choices about their course selections for next year. These are always very important decisions and we hope that parents will take an active role in this process.

We will be hosting a Parent Information Evening on **Wednesday, February 28th at 7:00 pm**. This meeting is for parents of our current grade 8, 9, 10 and 11 London students.

Please take advantage of this excellent opportunity for you to become better informed so that you can help your child make good course selection decisions.

OPPORTUNITY IN TRADES

Richmond School District Pre-apprenticeship programs available:

Automotive Service	McNair
Carpentry	Cambie
Hair Design	Boyd
Plumbing	McMath
Cooking	Richmond
Automotive Parts	Kwantlen
Outdoor Power	Kwantlen
Millwright	Kwantlen
Welding	Kwantlen
Masonry	Kwantlen

Although there is no set deadline it is best to get your application in ASAP.

Note: The application package is quite detailed and requires a fair bit of work. Students should not expect to complete all requirements of the application in one day. Applications should be received at the District Career Programs Office, 9500 No. 4 Road, Richmond V7A 2Y9 by April 7th, sooner if possible. Students will be interviewed and the selection process completed soon there after.

GRAD EVENTS BOAT CRUISE



The Boat Cruise will take place on **Wednesday, May 16th from 7:00 - 10:00 pm.** We will be cruising with Harbour Cruises on board the Harbour Princess. **This event is open and Grade 12 students may apply to bring a guest.** Guest applications are available at the office and must be submitted by **April 13th**. If and when guests are approved, guest tickets may be purchased from the office.

A special Grad Newsletter will be distributed to all of our Grade 12 students. It will outline all of the upcoming Graduation events.

GRAD EVENTS

Below, please find a list of organized Graduation events for the Grad Class of 2007.

Boat Cruise

Date: Wednesday, May 16, 2007
Time: 7:00 – 10:00 pm
Place: Harbour Cruise Centre
North Foot of Denman Street
Cost: \$55.00
Dress: Semi-Formal/Better than casual

Valedictory

Date: Saturday, June 9, 2007
Time: 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Place: The Chan Centre for the Performing Arts
University of British Columbia
Costs: \$50.00
Dress: Cap and Gown

Dinner/Dance

Date: Friday, June 29, 2007
Time: 6:00 pm – 12:00 am
Place: Hyatt Regency, Vancouver
Plaza Ballroom
Cost: \$85.00
Dress: Formal

Dry After Grad

Date: Saturday, June 30, 2007
Time: 12:30 – 4:30 AM
Place: London Secondary School
Cost: \$25.00
Dress: Casual

Grade 12 students may have paid for none, some, or all of these events. As of March 30, 2007, we will post confirmation lists of which students have paid for which events outside of the main office. Students are asked to check these lists for correctness, report any discrepancies to the office staff and register for any events they now wish to attend.

It's not too late to be fully involved in Grad '07!

CAREER OPTIONS FAIR

Cambie Secondary School
Thursday, March 1, 2007
3:00 - 9:00 pm

All Richmond students and parents are invited to attend our 3rd Annual Career Options Fair. The fair will be of particular interest to students in all grades.

There is **no charge** to attend this Career Fair.

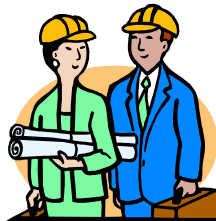
This interesting and worthwhile event will provide students with a great opportunity to learn about career options open to them as they move beyond secondary school.

60+ post-secondary institutions, businesses and organizations will share their knowledge of employment opportunities and training requirements in a broad range of careers.

There will be **65+ exhibits at 110+ tables** representing a broad range of career options. Many of these displays will be hands-on so students and parents can better experience each area.

Exhibitors and Richmond Apprenticeship students will share their experiences and the benefits of exploring career options and possibilities while still in secondary school.

IT'S YOUR FUTURE
OWN IT!
FIND OUT MORE AT YOUR
ONE STOP CAREER SHOP





IMPORTANT DATES

March 7	Steveston-London Day (early dismissal 12:55)
8	PAC Meeting 7 pm
11	Daylight Saving Time begins (clocks move forward 1 hour)
12 - 30	Dry After Grad Clothing Drive
16	Last day of classes before Spring Break
19 - 23	Spring Break (school closed)