



LONDON

NEWSLETTER

FOR AND ABOUT THE STUDENTS, STAFF & PARENTS OF LONDON SECONDARY SCHOOL November, 2006

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is always amazing how quickly times flies; it seems like just yesterday we were welcoming students back after summer vacation and here we are at the end of October. As we move into November, I believe it is important to remind parents that the pace of a semester school can be quick, as each month represents 20% of the term. Support your teen as they strive to achieve their learning goals by helping them stay on task, organized, and stay on top of their schoolwork. Similarly, we are entering the "cold and flu" season and the importance of balance for adolescents cannot be overstated – help your teen learn to eat better as well as get enough sleep and regular exercise. This will bolster their immune system and help teens manage the many challenges and stresses they face at school.

PAC INFORMATION

We had our second PAC meeting on Oct. 18th and discussed a number of issues including an update on the construction site, the Portfolio Program, Richmond District Parent Association (RDPA), and other items of interest. Come out to our next PAC meeting, which is a joint meeting with the Steveston PAC, to discuss the merger as well as other things. It is a dinner meeting and will be held at London, November 9th starting at 6 pm for dinner. Please RSVP the school by Nov. 6th if you plan to attend.

TAKE OUR GRADE 9 KIDS TO WORK - NOVEMBER 1

The annual Canada-wide **Take Our Kids To Work** day is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, Nov. 1. (An error on the calendar shows it as Nov. 2nd). On this day, Grade 9 students are to accompany a parent/guardian to their place of work for the day to job shadow and get a glimpse into the world of work. All students participating need to return their completed form to the main office. For more information, please contact Mr. R. Steward at the school.

POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION EVENING - NOVEMBER 22

Parents of senior students should mark the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 22 from 7 - 9 pm on their calendars as London will host a Post-Secondary evening for students of both London and Steveston. University and college representatives from various institutions including UBC, SFU, UNBC, UVIC, Kwantlen, Langara, BCIT, etc. will be present to give information and answer questions on admissions, scholarships, bursaries and other important information for life after high school. Post-Secondary Night will provide students with valuable information regarding entrance requirements, admission procedures, application deadlines and special programs.

CANADIAN COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN



We are pleased to announce the winners for this year's "Yes I Can!" Award:

Caroline Zimich Employment
Raquel Schneider Technology

Congratulations!



B.C. SUMMER GAMES

This past July, 2239 athletes took part in the 2006 BC Summer Games in Kamloops. London Secondary was represented by the following students:

Derek Fong Golf
Tanner Oshowy Athletics

Your participation is appreciated.

BLOCK WATCH PROGRAM

The Richmond RCMP Block Watch is a free, community-based, crime prevention program. Our aim is to help prevent crime in our neighbourhoods. For more information please call 604-207-4790.



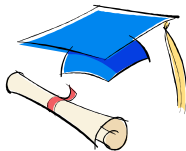
HOW TO GET BETTER GRADES IN SCHOOL

Richmond Continuing Education is presenting a seminar for parents and students to learn study secrets and proven study strategies. This will be given by Terry Small on Thursday, November 16th at MacNeill Secondary from 7:30 – 9:00 pm. Price \$46.00. To register, phone Richmond Cont. Ed 604-668-6123. For more information: www.terrysmall.com



GRAD 2007

The first of the Grad events is the **Winter Formal Dance** and it will be held on January 17th, 2007. For those Grads who do not wish to attend the Dinner Dance and/or the Valedictory Ceremony, please inform Mrs. Campbell so these fees can be removed from your Student Fee invoice. Grads who wish to attend but have not yet paid, please see Mrs. Campbell for a payment schedule.



DRY AFTER GRAD (DAG)

We had our first DAG meeting last week and are in need of more volunteers. We are looking at parents from all grades to assist us with this very worthy activity. Last year's group did a fabulous job and left us with a step-by-step binder of the tasks at hand. What we need are the hands to do it. **Many hands make light work.** If you are interested in helping out or would like to know more before you volunteer, please come to our next meeting: **Tuesday November 7th at 7 pm in the staff room.**



STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PARENT DRIVING

We would like to remind all parents that student drop off should not be done in front of the school or on Gilbert ... even in the rain. We ask that for the safety of our students that you drop them off in the parking area off of Williams Road. The hazard created by students being dropped off on Gilbert or in the parking area at the front of the school is a huge concern to all of us. We ask for your cooperation in this matter. Thank you.

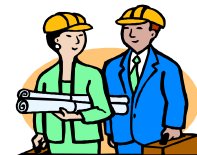


COFFEE/TEA AT LONDON NOVEMBER 7th

All parents new to London received an invitation to "Breakfast at London." Parents will be greeted by our **Charles E. Angels** (community service club), and welcomed by Mr. Cairns. After the presentation the group will have a tour of the school. The next Welcome Coffee/Tea will be held on November 7th. For those new parents who would like to attend, please call the school by November 3rd to confirm your space. We look forward to your visit.

CAREER CENTRE INFORMATION

Please refer to the following Career Centre website for up to date Career Centre news, information: <http://public.sd38.bc.ca:8004/~ccnews/>



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES



November 1	Steveston-London Day 1 pm dismissal
November 1	Take Grade 9's to Work Day
November 7	Dry After Grad Meeting 7 pm
November 9	Joint Steveston - London PAC (Dinner Meeting 6 pm @ London)
November 10	Remembrance Day Ceremony
November 13	Remembrance Day holiday (school closed)
November 14	Block Order Change (Flip Day) DCBA on Mon, Wed, Fri ABCD on Tu, Th.
November 22	Post-Secondary Info Night – 7:00 pm
November 24	First Term Report Card Home
Nov. 29 & 30	Early Dismissals at 1:00 pm
November 29	Parent-Teacher conferences 2 - 4 pm
November 30	Parent-Teacher conferences 2 – 4 & 5 - 7 pm
December 1	Pro-D day