

Message from Administration ... *Pride and ownership produce excellence*

Happy Fall to all parents and guardians. We are enjoying an outstanding year with students demonstrating Tiger Excellence inside the classroom, as well as through extra-curricular activities. It is hard to believe that we are already at mid-terms for semester one. Your student's development and achievement is our main priority as we continuously strive to offer them new engaging experiences through 21st Century learning tools. Please explore this newsletter to see why THS is truly your community school on the move, learning, leading and achieving.

Enclosed you will find your son or daughter's mid term report card which is the new format that aligns with the new Ministry Growing Success Assessment and Evaluation Guidelines. These marks and comments will provide you with feedback regarding achievement to date. It is still early in the semester to improve academic achievement; please contact your student's teacher(s) if you have any questions or concerns. Earlier this year, we sent home a staff developed chart which outlines specifically what our teachers are expecting students to do in each area of the Learning Skills. There is a direct relationship between students with strong Learning Skills and student achievement, and we encourage you to work through this chart with your students. Please spend some time reviewing the comments, marks and attendance with your child. Ask them about each class: the content, the assignments, and how they feel they are doing. The partnership between parents and the school is extremely important, and we look forward to working together to support your student in all areas necessary in order to help them be more successful.

Evidence shows repeatedly that student attendance is one of the strongest indicators of success in the classroom. We ask that parents be mindful that student achievement and school attendance must be the priority if our Tigers are going to be successful. Please reinforce this message at home, and partner with us to keep student absence from classes minimal. If you have any questions or concerns about your student's attendance, please contact the school.

Congratulations to all students who are achieving success in their courses. For those students who are experiencing challenges, I encourage you to reflect on the cause of your difficulties. Teachers and Guidance Counsellors are available for extra help, and will be following up with students who are not being as successful in their courses. It is important that you access these resources. There is plenty of time left in this semester for students to work hard to improve marks and achieve academic success in all of their classes. In the next few days, students will complete the response form component of the mid-term report in class. We ask that parents/guardians sign this form and return it to the school as we appreciate this feedback.

In closing, as we continue to focus on the 21st century skills of critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity, our students are achieving and growing with character, we look ahead in anticipation to the outstanding successes that our students will achieve as the year progresses.

We invite you to stay connected to your 21st century school of choice by logging onto our website www.hpedsb.on.ca/thz. Also, be sure to follow us on **Twitter @Trenton_HS** to receive ongoing updates related to all of the exciting things happening in the THS environment. Thank you for your ongoing partnership as parents and guardians. Please feel free to contact the school at any time to discuss issues or concerns that you may have.

D. McFarlane, R.E. Cummings, T. Jones



Dustin Wilson and Phil Cook show their "Many in Motion" spirit as they represent THS in the 25th Anniversary of the Rick Hansen Man in Motion Relay!

Student Safety

Parents are reminded to notify the school of any changes in address, telephone or emergency contact numbers.
This information is vital to ensure your child's safety.



The ARTS COUNCIL is enjoying a FANTASTIC FALL!

Coffee House

On Thursday Oct 27 our Coffee House featured a "haunted hallway" leading into the decorated cafeteria. The blackened passages, the creepy voices and the occasional hand touching an unsuspecting spectator made the evening even more "thrilling". Two hours of live music which included singers, some dancers, and our own jazz band made a great evening! Thanks to all who participated in costumes and donated food for the Trenton Food Bank.

Arts Extravaganza

On Saturday Nov 12 Arts Quinte West, a collection of local professional artists, invited our THS senior artists to show paintings in their annual fall sale that was being held, for the first time, in our large gym. Seventeen grade 12 students were featured in the "People's Choice" vote, in which the public cast a ballot for their favourite student artist. The top two choices were awarded huge gift baskets that included merchandise as well as gift certificates to Tomassos and Wallacks Art Supply in Kingston. **First place went to Amanda Melanson** for her triple self portrait called "Hear no Evil, Speak no Evil, See no Evil". **Second place went to Stevie Mylles** for her self portrait called "Fuzzy Sweater Party". Thanks to Mr. Thornton and our Jazz Ensemble for some upbeat tunes in the afternoon. Thanks also to Ms. Person's catering class for snacks, and to Mandy Bing and her committee for organizing such a successful show and inviting us to be a part of it!



It's SHOW TIME!

Two of the grade 12 artists (**Monique Arsenault and Stevie Mylles**) will have their paintings displayed at Gallery onetwentyone and the Belleville Art Association from Nov 15 to Dec 10th. They are competing for cash prizes against St. Paul's and other HPEDSB artists, so please go and see their art, and vote for them (sounds like Track Quest!).



Winter Concert

Mr. Thornton will be bringing festive music to the auditorium **Wed Dec 14 from 7-9pm**. Muzikwerx, the Jazz Ensemble and our THS band will be performing. **Cost is only \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students for an evening of live entertainment.** Join us for an entertaining evening and help support the music program!

Real Life eh. Co-op Works

With the first semester underway, we have been able to help our students gain certifications in first aid and fall arrest, along with real life work experience. How great is that. Our next semester will feature our accelerated OYAP program. If you don't know what this means you need to drop in and talk to one of the co-op faculty members. Highlights of this program include: College courses, level 1 certification, training standards book and 440+ hours towards your level 1 certification. **This all equated to a real life, real hands on experience.**

We would like to thank ALL the businesses in the Trenton and surrounding area that continue to support the THS Co-op program. **If you have a business and are interested in having a co-op student, please contact the Co-op Faculty @ 613-392-1227x3147.**

If you are a student at Trenton High and are interested in learning about the possibilities of co-op please drop by the office to see what work you can experience. **Semester 2 interviews will take place in December and January, so students come prepared with an idea of where you would like to work.**



Current Employers
Don't forget about the Employer Appreciation Luncheon
Mon Dec 21st @ 12:00 noon.



Grade 12 Chemistry Students Participate in the Global Water Experiment

This year is the International Year of Chemistry. As part of the celebration, the Global Water Experiment has been launched. The goal of the Global Water Experiment is to have students around the world explore a water source in their community and submit their findings to a global database, contributing to what may become the biggest chemistry experiment to date.

On Friday October 14, students from Ms Reynolds' and Ms Bray's grade 12 chemistry classes participated in the Global Water Experiment. Students collected water samples from the Bay of Quinte and recorded temperature and pH readings. You can see their data at www.water.chemistry2011.org (Experiment 1 Map).

Shown here are: **Victoria Andrews-Kirwin, Samantha Blodgett, Robyn Neri and Josh Galambos.**



News From Social Sciences

Students from Native Studies classes have had a very busy start to the year, attending a Smudging ceremony November 11, as well as the Pow Wow at Toronto Exhibition place on Thurs Nov 17.

The modified History classes noted the names of THS students who went to war on plaques in the school's front foyer. This really impacted students and they wrote about how they would feel if sent to war at their age.

Operation Shoebox initiative is currently underway (Nov 14-18). THS is filling shoeboxes with items to be sent to Africa. Forty Students' Council and Social Justice students will be going to the Distribution Warehouse on Dec 9 to inspect shoeboxes before they are shipped.

In other news, our Genocide class had an emotional trip to the Holocaust Center in Toronto and grade 11 and 12 Law visited Ottawa in November. Grade nine students learned how to use GPS to collect local data. Our Grade 10 history class had a visit from Mr. William Robertson, a WWII veteran.

Music-Theatre Update

After an intensive script writing retreat at Wesley Acres in September and numerous in-school writing sessions, the Music-Theatre class has decided on an original musical which will feature the music of Michael Jackson! **Get ready for an HPEDSB one-of-a-kind event -- coming this May.**



"The students from Mrs. Muskiluke's Art class worked on creating paper mache Hallowe'en masks to display at the Hallowe'en Extravaganza held at Moira Secondary School on Oct. 20. Students from Mrs. White's class also attended the wonderful event."

Travel to Europe!

THS is anxiously awaiting our next European adventure ~ travel through Spain and Italy in **March 2013**. This trip promises to be an adventure of a lifetime!

Students can now register with Mr. McDougall, or check the bulletin board outside room 205. A meeting for interested students will be held Nov 29 at lunch in Rm 205.

Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week November 14 – 18, 2011

On Nov 16, Drama departments from across the HPEDSB sent actors to THS to perform in the auditorium in front of our feeder schools, our grade 9 students, and the general public. The theme of the presentations was "Be Kind to Me".

The THS performance, directed by Ms. Uly was amazing! **Congratulations to Kayla Egas, Nichole Norman, Julianne Marshall and Sam Blodgett.**



Fall Sports

Congratulations to all THS athletes on a great Fall season! Our senior boys' soccer team, senior boys' volleyball team and girls' basketball team all had great participation and very successful seasons!

Our golf team sent 3 athletes to COSSA. Our football teams were very competitive in both the junior and senior leagues. Once again our girls' rugby made us proud - our seniors were **Silver** medalists at Bay of Quinte and COSSA and qualified for another Spring OFSAA. Our junior girls won **Gold** at Bay of Quinte and COSSA and qualified for the Barbarian Cup in the Spring. Our cross country team had another great season capped off with a **Silver** medal for **Rachel Faulds** at OFSAA.



The winter season is starting. Teams include boys' basketball, boys' hockey, girls' hockey, wrestling, girls' volleyball, skiing and badminton. **Check the bulletin board outside the phys-ed office for details.**

Grade 12 University Fair

Trenton High's grade 12 students travelled to Toronto to visit the Ontario University Fair. The University Information Program (UIP) is a fantastic opportunity to find out about Ontario's 21 universities in one place. These events allow you to hear about what different universities have to offer, talk individually to university representatives and collect publications from the schools in which you are interested.



More News from Guidance

On November 1st, Trenton High students had the opportunity to visit the Loyalist College Open House, and a busload of Tigers took that opportunity.

The Open House featured booths from colleges all across Ontario, and booths for each individual Loyalist program. The faculty and students who manned these booths were so helpful that there wasn't any elbow room to be found around them!

Besides the usual Q&A, many took advantage of the free demonstrations that were provided, from CPR dummies to free nail painting. Perhaps best of all, students were allowed to freely roam and explore not just the main building, but also the residence area, the sports dome, and just about every single room in all the various wings. This was encouraged with a "Passport Tour" which enabled students to gather stamps throughout the campus and receive a free water bottle. Loyalist College put on a fantastic and informative event, and our THS students have the bags of freebies and stacks of knowledge to prove it.



Students' Council News

The Students' Council has had a busy start to the year. In the month of October we ran a grade 7, 8 and 9 dance that was well attended by students of our elementary feeder schools, as well as lots of our new grade 9 Tigers.

At the end of the month we ran a Halloween door decorating contest, a pumpkin carving contest and a Halloween Dance! We also sold some fall school spirit-wear (which is still available for sale), including Tigers track pants and long sleeved t-shirts.

Coming up: on Tuesday November 22, we have a hypnotist coming to entertain our students during period 1, then a Retro spirit day on Wednesday November 23. On Sunday November 27 we will be pairing up with other groups and spirited students in our school to participate in the Trenton Santa Claus Parade. This will be a great start for the fun Holiday themed events we have running in December, including our Christmas Auction on December 14, our Semi-Formal dance on the 16th, as well as our Red and Green Spirit day and Festive assembly on the 23rd!

We've also got lots planned for 2012! We're very excited, and we hope the entire THS community is too!

Annual Christmas Auction

Trenton High School is hosting our annual Christmas Auction and Raffle this year on Wednesday, December 14th from 8:30-11am. Last year the auction raised a new record \$8,000 and this year we are setting our sights on the \$10,000 mark. The auction will be comprised of 3 parts: a raffle, silent auction and live auction.

The silent auction will start Thurs, Dec. 8, and will run until noon on Dec. 14, and the raffle will begin Dec. 8 and will run until Dec. 14. Some raffle items include an iPad 2, a Wii system and a Waterproof Digital Camera.

If you have an item, or items that you would like to donate to the auction, please either call the school to make arrangements, or drop it off in the main office. **All items are appreciated! Please feel free to join us at the auction to see what all the hype is about!**

Trenton High School Launches New Sports Management Program

Trenton High School has launched a new program this fall that allows senior students to explore a career path in Sports Management. It is one of the first schools in Ontario to offer the program.

The Specialist High Skills Major program (SHSM) is a Ministry of Education initiative that matches students' skills and interests with economic sectors, while meeting the requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Enrolment in the senior program was limited to 12 senior students this year, with the goal of expanding to 25 students in subsequent years.

Like other SHSM programs, the Sports Management program requires students to complete nine Grade 11 and 12 credits, sector-recognized certifications and training courses, experiential learning and career exploration activities. Once they've completed the requirements, students will receive a special designation on their secondary school diploma and Ontario student transcript.

To date, THS Sport Management students have participated in a Sports Industry Seminar hosted by the Toronto Argonauts, attended a Canadian University National Championship in Peterborough, and experienced a professional hockey game in Ottawa. In addition, students have started exploring post-secondary options with a tour of Durham College's Sports Management program.



"This program is sick for students who love sports," says Grade 11 student Cole Hamilton. "I want to go to Durham College for Sports Management when I graduate, so I wanted to make sure I signed up for it. Getting exposure to the business of sports and meeting with teachers at Durham College is amazing." For more information on the program please contact the school and speak with Angelo Tsarouhas (Lead Teacher for the program), Heather Bossa (Head of Guidance) or Roger Ramsay (Student Success Lead Teacher).

Quinte West Youth Centre

A Program of the Committee for Innovative Thinking for Youth [CITY] has recently opened at 2 Wooler Road, Trenton, Telephone 613-392-6946 cityyouth2010@gmail.com www.qwyc.ca. The Quinte West Youth Centre is now open Tuesday to Thursday from 4:00 to 8:00pm. The city bus has extended its hours to provide youth with a ride home. The youth centre is a great place for 12 -18 year olds to play video games on the big screen, listen to music and play air hockey in the Tim Horton's lounge or you may choose to do your homework in the computer lab, or enjoy food and conversation with your friends in the café.

Hip hop dance lessons are currently available on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00 pm and runs until December 7th. Other programs will begin soon and we want feedback from our youth. Come on in and check it out!

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Trenton High School Celebrates Success

On October 13rd 2011, Trenton High School celebrated 'Tiger excellence' through recognizing academic success. Over 350 students, parents, teachers, as well as school trustee Sam Clements, attended the event. In addition, guest speaker Mandy Savery-Whiteway, Superintendent of Human Resources for the HPEDSB, a former student, teacher and administrator of THS, expressed how wonderful it was to return and congratulate the students on their accomplishments and celebrate with them as a member of the "Black & Gold".

The Fall Recognition Awards and Tiger Way Awards were created to recognize and promote academic excellence among THS students. Over 100 students were recognized for achieving top marks in courses from grade 9 through 11. As well, the 2010/11 Honour Roll recipients were presented their certificates. The night ended with the presentation of the prestigious Tiger Way Awards to 6 deserving Tigers, who were nominated by their teachers, for demonstrating outstanding character, as outlined in the Tiger Way and the HPEDSB Growing With Character attributes. **THS proudly presented these awards to Sam Blodgett, Ben Edwards, Shannon Fitzpatrick, Robyn Neri, Adam Searle and Dustin Wilson.** It was a great evening to celebrate the success of students in all pathways here at Trenton High.



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In closing, the accomplishments of our students and staff already this school year proves that THS is a school that is achieving and growing with character daily. We anticipate many more outstanding successes and accomplishments from our students as the year progresses.

Auto Body in Technology

It's the start of another 'hands on' experience in the auto body class. Students are engaged in the fabricating, fastening and finishing techniques used in auto body shops. Students are enthusiastic about the welding portion of this class to the point of practising their technique on many lunch hours. It is a class of building and problem solving that uses the skill sets learned. The students in this class enjoy the building and design aspect of this course. A piece of metal is taken from flat stock to a shape and then formed into a finished component.



Communication News

It has been a fantastic fall for the Communications Department here at THS. There have been many new resources added to the department, including a new class novel for ENG2D. The students are really responding to "The Book Thief" and it has become clear that this contemporary selection has engaged our readers. This novel has also allowed for a number of cross-curricular opportunities with the Canadian-World Studies Department, as the main subject matter centers on the Holocaust.

Our French Language program is enjoying the creative talents of Madame Workman. With her new SmartBoard, Madame Workman has been able to consistently deliver engaging 21st Century lessons. Furthermore, with the assistance of Monsieur Clair, our French classes will soon be hosting a French festival where students will be able to truly experience Quebecois culture.

On the English side of the department, two classes (ELS2O and ENG1D) have been busy working on their own blogs. A blog is an online journal or log, and these students have been able to connect, reflect, and apply their classroom learning using WordPress as a forum. These blogs will be used in next semester's EWC (The Writer's Craft) class as this course moves towards an online publishing format. Not to be outdone by our junior classes, Ms. Umanetz's Grade 12 University students put on a sensational Hamlet funeral, complete with a banquet. This was truly an amazing event. Well done seniors!

As a lead department in the preparation of our students for the OSSLT (Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test), "Communications " is working closely with the Student Success team. This partnership is providing all junior students with ongoing support while they work to ready themselves for the Spring's test.

The Communications Department would like to remind all parents/guardians to contact their student's teacher if they have any questions regarding Midterm performance.



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