



Central Senior School

“Home of the Centurions”

December 2017 Newsletter

Principal: Mrs. Sheila Shauf

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Snow and Ice

In case of unsafe road conditions, please listen to local radio stations for the announcement of **bus cancellations**. Information with regard to buses is



available on Y92-91.9, The Wolf-101.5 FM and Country-105.1 FM. Be sure to listen specifically for Trillium Lakelands **in the City of Kawartha Lakes** bus cancellations. Alternatively, you can access www.tlidsb.ca for information regarding bus cancellations.

Remember that *if buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not run in the afternoon*. Any students driven to school will also need to be picked up. Parents of students not using the school bus to get to school are asked to use the Safe Arrival protocol, which includes contacting the school at 705-324-4352 to report your child's absence if students are being kept home when buses are cancelled.

Grade 8 Woodlot Conference

Our Grade 8 classes have been invited by the Fleming College Frost Campus Forestry Technician Class of 2018 to take part in multiple exciting, hands-on workshops focused around current topics in Forestry. Students will arrive at school, and after attendance has been taken, we will be walking to the Frost Campus for the day on Monday, December 18th. Students will need to pack a lunch and dress for the weather (Rain, Snow or Shine).

Volleyball Intramurals

Our annual volleyball intramurals have started up and will continue to run through the month of December and into January. Over 70 students have signed up to participate with 10 staff members helping to round out the 10 teams. Competition has been friendly but fierce so far. Keep it up Centurions!!



Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books is an annual quiz/trivia competition that students participate in and is centred around a selection of 10 age-appropriate books. During the competition, you receive a question or a quote and you either need to answer the question correctly or say what quote is from what book. Examples of books from this year's competition are Pay It Forward by Catherine Ryan Hyde, Fuzzy Mud by Louis Sachar, and Hatchet by Gary Paulsen. All students in Central are invited to participate in this competition. To participate, students need to talk to Mme. Steffler and all the reading you do can be completed at home. We are looking for more people to join and If you plan on coming, you are in for a fun experience. And a lot of reading!

-Tucker D. (Grade 7)

Choir

"Dashing through the snow, in a one horse open sleigh!" You would be delighted to recognize a song or two while listening to the choir and concert band! The Central Senior Choir has been working hard for the last



few weeks, practicing, and getting ready to perform at LCVI on Thursday, December 7th, and at the TLDSB Office, on Tuesday, December 12th. The choir performs "Canon in D Christmas Medley," and "Chimes." The choir has been fortunate to be accompanied by Mrs. Northey on the harp and

piano. The choir was very well received by the audience--both songs getting everyone in the Christmas spirit! We are all looking forward to performing on Tuesday at the Board Office. The choir members send a big thank you to Ms. Byer and Mrs. Smith for volunteering many hours to ensure that we were ready to perform for these shows. Many thanks, and Happy Holidays!

-Mick S. (Grade 8)

Camp Muskoka

Our Grade 7 students are getting really excited to go to Camp Muskoka at the end of January. Just a reminder that the final installment is due on January 15th by cash or cheque made out to Central Senior School.

Ottawa Trip

Just a reminder for Grade 8 students going to Ottawa in the middle of February that the 2nd installment for the trip is due to Denure Tours by December 15th and the final payment is due by January 11th. Rooming lists will be distributed at the beginning of February.

Book Fair Recap

The Scholastic Book Fair that was held in the Central Senior Library was a smashing success. Over the time that the book fair was open, there were many things for sale like pencil cases, craft kits, pencils and books of course. The book fair ran during breaks, lunches and after school so that parents and family members could come and check it out too. The book fair was organized by Mrs. Jones and without our parent and student volunteers, the book fair would have never been the success it was. A special thank you goes out to all of those who helped.

Students felt that the book fair was great and that there were lots of different genres of books to choose from. As a community, we sold \$1,100 in books which will allow us to invest \$160 towards updating our library. All in all, the book fair was a very successful and enjoyable event.

-Amber A. (Grade 8)



Think Of Me (T.O.M.) LCBO Project

This year, the City of Kawartha Lakes OPP and the Kawartha Lakes Police Services have teamed up again with the LCBO and Trillium Lakelands District School Board to promote safety this holiday season. Ms. Byer has been getting students in Grades 7 and 8, during art class, to come up with clever slogans and decorate LCBO bags related to preventing drinking and driving. Each time a person makes a purchase at the LCBO stores throughout the City of Kawartha Lakes, the bags' messages will remind the purchaser that road safety is in his or her hands!

Cell Phones Reminder

At Central, we are aware of students “needing” their phones while at school. However, students are reminded of the appropriate times and use of these devices. These tools can be very productive when used in class appropriately. If students are not using their phones appropriately they will be asked to keep them at home or put away for the day.

Central Senior Holiday Dinner

Wednesday, December 20th will be our school-wide Christmas dinner during lunch. All students are welcome to come to the gym for a nice turkey lunch with all the fixings. Staff will be helping to serve food. Any monetary or non-perishable food donation will be appreciated but is certainly not necessary. We are looking forward to seeing all students at lunch on December 20th. Any parents wishing to volunteer and help prepare or serve food please contact the school.

French Chat Challenge

Mme. Steffler has a daily talking activity called Chat Challenge. Minutes of speaking in French are accumulated, and at 100 minutes classes get to choose a reward. Last month, students had the opportunity to make crepes. This month, in honour of la Ste. Catherine (a French Holiday), classes made traditional pulled taffy called ‘tire’ (pronounced tier).



Adelaide Place Visit

Grade 7 students from Mrs. Buckingham, Ms. Katic and Mrs. Kuiken’s class will be visiting Adelaide Place on Thursday December 14th. The class has been diligently working away at creating Christmas ornaments and cards and they will be spreading holiday cheer throughout Adelaide Place.

Central Senior Spirit Wear

A huge thank you goes out to Mrs. Kuiken for her work in organizing the Central Senior Spirit Wear. Clothing orders should arrive at Central by Thursday December 21st. Staff and students are excited to rock their new clothing over the Christmas break.

Karter Robertson’s Quilt

Students at Central Senior have come together to help support Karter’s fight against Leukemia by signing a quilt that our sewing club, run by Mrs. Brown and Mme. Steffler, has put together for Karter. A huge thank you goes out to Melissa Latter for quilting the blanket free of charge. Her generosity and kindness is so appreciated. If you have a blanket that needs quilting, she’d love your business.



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#55 Strong Bracelets



We still have #55 Strong bracelets available to purchase in the office for \$2 to support Karter in his fight against Leukemia