



North Addington Education Centre

September 2018



Principal: Mr. James Bonham-Carter

Vice Principal: Bill Dowling

Key Dates

Sept 21 Fall Awards 1:30pm
Sept 25 Girls Softball Tournament
Queen's U visits – 1:30
Sept 25-27 Scholastic Book Fair
Sept 27 Open House 6pm
Terry Fox Run
Sept 28 PA DAY
Oct 3 College Information Day @ Loyalist
Oct 8 Thanksgiving (no school)
Oct 15 St Lawrence @ NAEC 10am
Oct 24 Drive for Life 11am
Oct 26 PA DAY
Oct 29 Spirit Week begins
Oct 31 Halloween
Nov 2 Photo Retakes

Principal's Message



Friendly Reminders

Current Information Sheets

Thank you to the many families who have taken the time to complete the information sheets that were sent home on the first day of school. If you have not returned yours yet, please do so as soon as possible. It is very important that we have current information on your child.



Medical Alerts and Forms

If your child requires special care for a medical condition and/or takes medication while at school, please contact the Main Office so that the appropriate arrangements and paperwork can be completed or updated. We appreciate everything you do to help us keep your children safe at school.

Absences

If your child will be absent from school, please inform us by calling the school at 613-336-8991 or 1-800-565-2911. You may call outside of school hours and leave a message (at ext. 100) stating your child's first and last name and the reason for being absent.

Bus Notes

This is an **important** message about bus notes.



Issuing bus notes continues to be an area of great concern. To ensure student safety, any changes to their regular bussing needs to be requested by a signed note sent with the student in the morning.

Any changes made by phone should be done only in an emergency and the school must be notified before 1pm in order to process the change properly and safely. Also, we are no longer able to accept multiple day bus notes. **We can only accept bus notes for the current day.** Thank you for your assistance. We know how important it is to ensure your child's safe transportation to school.

Bus Stops

Triboard will not allow the drivers to let students off the bus at an unauthorized stop. This means, when you are sending your child to an alternate location, it must already be an existing stop where another child gets on or off. If you would like to arrange for your child to be dropped off at a location that is NOT already an existing stop you must file a Transportation Application Form (available from the office) and wait for approval from Triboard. This process usually takes a day or two.

Picking Up, Dropping Off or Visiting the School

If you are picking up or dropping off your child, please report to the office rather than going directly to your child's class. We will be happy to sign your student in or to call your child down to the office. Although teachers and staff are always happy to meet and talk with parents, please remember that class time or transition time is not a good time; please call and we can arrange a time that works with your schedule. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

Head Lice

We would like to remind parents to please check their children for head lice on a regular basis. The school conducts routine checks as well and with your help we hope to keep the children head lice free.

Volunteers and Field Trips

Parents who wish to be a volunteer within the school or on a class field trip will need to obtain a current CPIC and have it on file here at the school. If you do not have a Current CPIC (within the last three years) you can pick up a signed request form from the school, complete the personal information and drop it off at the OPP office. When you receive the certified form back from the OPP bring it back to the school and we will keep it on file. Thank you for being willing to volunteer your time and talent.

Portable Speakers

Portable speakers attached to devices like student phones and tablets have been creating difficulties at school. Music being played in such a manner can be disruptive to classes and quiet work areas. As well, music played through speakers on buses is



distracting to the drivers and is not appropriate given the range in ages of the students who ride our buses. As we did last year, we are asking students not to bring portable speakers for their devices to school. Students can continue to listen to music at appropriate times using headphones, and if speakers for a class related media presentation are required, they will be available for use through the school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)

This year grade 10 students will be writing the OSSLT on Wednesday March 27, 2019. Students will be working on literacy skills in classes. For

more information please contact Beth Hasler at haslere@limestone.on.ca or 613-336-8991 x155

Meet the Teacher/Open House



Please join us Thursday September 28, 2017 at 6pm for our Open House. It will be a chance to meet the teachers and place some faces with names. You are welcome to tour the school and visit your child's

classroom.

Is your student graduating this year? Student Services will have an information booth at our Open House for parents of our graduates. You will be able to get all your questions answered. Don't miss it!

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the lower library on Sept 25, 26 and 27 this year during school hours. It will also be open during our Open House on Sept 27 from 6-7:30pm. We look forward to seeing you!

Library

There are still some overdue library books from last year, on the elementary and secondary panels. If you see any library materials (cards in the back and spine labels, with a North Addington Stamp inside), please return them to the library. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Welcome back from Student Services

This is a very busy time in Student Services. Students have the opportunity to visit colleges, attend presentations from post-secondary institutions and participate in College and University Information Day. Students are busy exploring pathways and investigating post-secondary goals.

- On Wednesday, October 3, 2018, interested Gr 11 and 12 students will travel to Loyalist College for College Information Day. All Ontario colleges will have representatives present. Bring in your permission forms ASAP.
- On Tuesday, November 6, 2018, interested Gr 11 and 12 students will travel to NDSS for University Information Day. Students will have the opportunity to attend two presentations and speak with other university representatives. Bring in your permission forms ASAP.
- The following Colleges/Universities will be visiting our school:
Algonquin College - Sept 14, 8:30
Loyalist College – Sept 18, 8:30
Queen's University – Sept 25 1:30
St Lawrence College – Oct 15, 10:00
- Early Progress Reports for secondary students will be sent home before the Thanksgiving Weekend!
- Don't forget to complete your community hours. In order to earn an OSSD, each student must complete 40 hours of community service. Please come to Student Services to pick up a tracking form. If you have your tracking form filled out, please return the completed form so that it can be recorded.

IEPs

IEPs are being revised and will be sent home later in October. Contact your elementary student's

teacher or Mrs. Goodfellow (Gr 9 -10) or Mr. Kerr (Gr 11-12) for more information.

Fall Awards

The Fall Awards will take place on Friday, September 21, 2018 at 1:30 pm in the New Gym. We will celebrate the academic and co-curricular achievement of our undergraduate students from the 2017-2018 school year. We invite any interested parents to attend.



Boys' Volleyball

Volleyball season is off and running! We have both a Junior and Senior team again this year. We will be participating in the Bay of Quinte loop and hoping to attend some local tournaments. We are practicing on Monday and Wednesday after school. Students are able to take the late bus home and buses have continued to run North and South. This year there are eleven teams in the league so we will be either playing at home or away on five nights. As well, athletes are reminded to have proper attire (ie. black shorts, court shoes, and knee pads). Mr. Hasler is coaching the Sr. Boys team and Ms. Bovard with help from Ms. Gray and Ms. Latourell will be coaching the Jr Boys team.



Girls Softball

Girls' softball season is underway. Our girls started practicing September 11 and will continue both after school and lunch time practices. We will be playing in a tournament at Granite Ridge Education Centre on September 25 (tentatively), and we are also planning to host our own tournament during the first part of October. The girls will then look forward to continuing the season in the spring when we participate in the annual tournament in Kingston. All new members welcome!

Tidbits

- Are you interested in politics, government, or current issues? Our Political Studies Club will begin soon!
- Municipal Elections are coming up October 22nd, 2018. Plan to attend an event to listen to the candidates and voice your opinions and ask questions! (message from *Political Studies Club, NAEC*). It is very important to get out to vote for your local government on October 22nd 2018. Stay tuned for more information and events to come.
- The 'Vikings Newsletter' for high school students will be re-introduced by the end of September, look for copies at Open House!
- Are you interested in writing? Check out the National Novel Writing Month <https://nanowrimo.org/> which occurs in November. You write every day for 60 minutes in November to write a novel. You can sign up for free and monitor your progress. The grade 9 academic English class is participating and they are looking forward to reading their stories.

