

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

SEPTEMBER 2017



The 2017- 18 school year is off to a tremendous start at Orillia Secondary School. This marks our second school year start-up in the new building and we are all settling in to new routines and opportunities.

This September also marked the opening of our new field for student use and our teams to practice and compete. We not only have a full slate of classes underway, but also a wide array of bands, clubs and teams as well. All of these opportunities help our students continue to grow and develop, not only as students but as individuals and leaders of the future.

Already, in the first month of the school year there have been many school-wide events where our students have rallied together in support of others and to express their social conscience. On Friday September 22, our students participated on Orange Shirt Day, to commemorate those impacted by Residential Schools. Our grade nine students participated in Land Based Learning activities on October 4, and we held our Annual Terry Fox Run on Friday October 7th.

On Tuesday October 10, Interim Progress Reports will be sent home with students. This report will give parents and guardians a snapshot of their student's progress thus far this year, both in terms of achievement and in terms for learning skills and work habits. Please ask you student to see the report when they arrive home that afternoon and feel free to bring it, along with your student, to our first Parent-Teacher Interview Night of the year on Wednesday

October 11, 2017. Please take advantage of this opportunity to partner with your student's teachers in order to support your student and to provide them with the best possible chance of success in reaching their goals.

And finally, we the staff at Orillia Secondary School are concerned with the number of students arriving late to class, especially first thing in the morning. There is a direct correlation between attendance and improved student achievement and success. Arriving to school and class on time allows students to fully benefit from instruction. Since we also wish to minimize disruptions to the learning environment, the focus will be on punctuality. However, we need your help!

Please encourage your children, our students, to be responsible and commit to their success by arriving to all of their classes on-time. Additionally, we are asking that parents who drive their children to school make every effort to have your child/children arrive with enough time to access lockers and make it to class before 8:00 am.

Addressing this issue will ensure that no student will be responsible for disruptions to their own learning or the learning of others. Thank you for helping us with this small, yet extremely important school goal!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the main office at 705-329-4537