

<u> Parent Bulletin – November 2014</u>

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Welcome to this month's bulletin. Here's a glimpse of what took place last month and a look at a glance of what is set to take place in November:

LLHS/LSHS











During this transitional year, one of the aims of both LLHS & LSHS school communities is to host joint activities in order to promote next year's eventual merge as one senior high for all. Both schools selected to put together a BBQ for all students and staff on Thursday, October 2^{nd} . It was a picture perfect day for all who participated!













Student Council Elections



On October 6th the LLHS student body spoke electing Elaina Axais & Lena Do as this year's Prime Minister & Deputy Minister. These 2 young ladies are also the voting voice of students during monthly LLHS Governing Board meetings. All Student Council reps as well as students involved in Leadership have been meeting regularly in order to create, organize and promote school-wide events at every level.

ONE Meetings – Looking ahead



In support of the upcoming merger of the Laval high schools, LLHS Leadership & Student Council along with LSHS Student Council have pro-actively created a unified group called ONE which meets once a month to coordinate, promote joint activities with the aim to gather 75% participation from all students in both schools, unify us all as ONE by always including FUN! We are very proud of the group of students spearheading this vision and to all students who are openly embracing our future as one united senior high school community!

End of the Cadet & Juvenile Soccer Season for both boys & girls

Our Cadet girls finished their season last on October 21st with a strong 1-1 tie against Vincent Massey - the top team in the league. Our team showed a lot of improvement throughout its outdoor season.







Juvenile Girls Soccer Team

The Juvenile girls finished their season with a disappointing 1-0 loss to College Letendre on the 21st as well. They played well throughout the fall season but could not capitalize on their chances during the semi-final game. They played with heart & represented their school with much pride and composure right to the end.



Juvenile Boys Soccer Team

On October 20th, the Juvenile boys beat Laurier Senior with a 3-1 final score to earn their spot to the Finals against College Laval on October 23rd. Both teams were well matched giving it their all. At the end of regulation time and double overtime, the score was still 0-0. During the second set of 5 shootout attempts, we came in 2nd place for the season. Heartbreaker for all but the team played a very strong game.

MADD Canada Presentation



On October 8th, all Sec 5 classes were shown a presentation from Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Its message was clear and poignant. It presented the life-altering aftermath and realities to driving while impaired. This presentation is shown to Sec. 5 students every year as they head in new directions with new civic responsibilities.

School Pictures



Your child's school picture packages have arrived and have been distributed. All students have been requested to pick their package up at the main office if they have not yet received it.

Twitter account for LLHS



LLHS now has a Twitter account. To date, over 100 informational tweets have already been posted. We invite you all to visit Laval Liberty HS (@LLHS_News) on Twitter and become a follower. Our page has a picture of our school on top and our logo with the panther on the right. Feel free to assist us in spreading the word to our entire community. For those who do not have an account, our Twitter page can also be seen and read directly off of our school's website!

Hockey Season is on



Our new & improved Blue & Gold Panthers team began their season with 2 solid wins (5-3 & 6-1). Our Liberty 2 Team suffered a heart breaking 5-4 loss with just 56 seconds left in the game and then rallied all efforts to win their second game in shootouts!

Halloween















Many classes participated in our 1st ever pumpkin decorating contest. We definitely have many creative teams of staff & students! A fun time was had by all who dressed up on the 31st as well.



















2015 Costa Rica Trip

Last chance for students to register for an environmental trip to Costa Rica! This school trip takes place during spring break and connects with the beauty of one of the most biodiverse countries in the world, explores global issues, and shows you how to become part of global solutions. For all students interested in exploring the rain forest and a tropical cloud forest, interested in zip lining, white water rafting, visiting 2 beaches, playing with monkeys, doing a full day of community service and making the world a better place, please contact Mrs. McPherson and join the combined LLHS/LSHS trip to Costa Rica from Feb 24-Mar 7, 2015. Open to sec 4 and 5 students. Pick up an information package in room C 320 (LLHS). Seats are available until November 12. Total cost, including 3 meals per day, snacks and bottled water is \$3025. This trip will not be offered in the 2015-2016 school year.













WELCOME to November ...

Cadet Football team makes it to RSEQ Semi-Final Game

Lest We Forge



On November 1st, our cadet team played a semi-final game against Le Triolet in Sherbrooke to no avail. Congratulations on a well-played season and on making it to the playoffs! Our juvenile football team has one last exhibition game vs. Augustin-Nobert-Morin High School left to play on Friday, November 7th beginning at 7pm on our field.

End of Term 1 & Report Cards

Term 1 is set to end on November 6th. Report cards will be mailed to parents on November 24th. Looking ahead, Parent/Teacher Night will be taking place on December 4th from 6 to 9pm.

Remembrance Day

<u>Poppies</u>

Student Council representatives will be selling poppies every day during period 1 from Monday, November 3rd to Tuesday, November 11th. A minimum contribution of \$1 is requested. The amount collected will be given in its entirety to the poppy fund for our veterans through the Royal Canadian Legion 251 in Chomedey.

Laval's Remembrance Day Parade

Please note that all staff, students and parents are welcome to join the LLHS group participating in the Laval parade which ends at City Hall on Sunday, November 9th. We welcome all who wish to attend to arrive at Sami Fruits by 9:30AM.

<u>Assemblies</u>

Our students are proudly preparing to lead the Remembrance Day Assemblies. In addition to presenting to all Laval Liberty students, they will also present to students from Laval Junior, Mother Theresa, Laurier Senior.

November 11th

A school wide moment of silence of remembrance will take place at 11:11am on November 11th.

Tutorials

We are pleased to announce that Laval Liberty is once again offering tutorials to secondary V students writing January exams for History IV and /or Science IV. Success rate for students participating in such tutorials in the past has been very strong. Students must submit their sign-up sheet and payment to Mr. Ioannidis in Student Services. History tutorials begin Monday, November 3rd at 3:30 p.m. in Room D314. Science tutorials begin Thursday, November 13th at 3:30 p.m. in C318 and C320.

Post-Secondary Info Session

Representatives from cegep, trade schools, adult ed., and the Canadian Armed forces will also be on hand on Thursday, November 13th from 11:30am to 2pm in GYM 1. This information session is for all Sec. 5 students.

Updated school calendar

We wish to remind our community that our updated school calendar goes into effect as of November 14th and can be found on our school's website.

Upcoming Pedagogical Days

As stated in our calendar, November 14th and 28th are this month's pedagogical days. No classes will take place on these 2 days for students.

Grad Breakfast and Grad Pictures

This year's breakfast is scheduled to take place on Friday, November 14th at the Palace beginning at 9am. Tickets are \$15 and are being sold until Friday Nov. 7th. In addition, Grad pictures will be taken on Friday, November 28th. Appointments must be made ahead of time. See Grad committee members selling Grad breakfast tickets during lunch to make arrangements.

RCMP Visit



Our secondary 4 student population will be participating in a RCMP presentation from Nov. 24th to the 27th on drug awareness. It is a 75-minute session which will be held in the library. Students will be attending during English class.

Sec 5 adjustment to student fees

An error in school fees has been made to a vast majority of Sec 5 invoices. Students have been charged an additional \$25 in the French portion of the school fees. In order to correct this, the school will forward \$25 towards your child's prom ticket. Should an alternate arrangement be requested on your part, please contact Ms. Filia at ext.9015.

Citizenship & You

Volunteer hours count! Please make sure your child's volunteer hours are recorded in their student agenda. Students who record 100+ hours will receive special recognition.

March 2016 Trip to Europe



Next year's Europe trip is set for Greece & Italy! All students presently in Sec 4 who are interested in attending this trip in March 2016, please see Mrs. Chyfetz in C310 to pick up a package. Save \$100 if registered before November 30th.













Yours in education,

Mrs. Josée Côté, Principal

Mrs. Helen Kalipolidis, Vice-Principal