

Welcome to Blyth Academy Ottawa! We are so pleased you have joined us for a great year ahead! In this email you will find important pieces of information to get you started. Newsletters (much nicer versions of this email!) will be sent out every 2 weeks – but some of this info can't wait for me to figure out formatting, hence the email 😊. In between newsletters, if you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you have not yet returned your child's information forms (sent out by either Ms. Petycia or Ms. Kiros) please do so tomorrow. Likewise, if you have not yet received your Schoology login information from your child's teacher, please send them an email to request it, then login to see what your child has learned so far, and what assignments are upcoming.

DRESS CODE: For those of you who may have missed it, please remember that we do have a dress code – not outrageous – but we don't want to see your bellies, undergarments and other parts that should be under clothing while in a school. If you happen to forget, I'll have a lovely t-shirt for you in the short term to deal with the issue. Thank you for coming to school looking awesome, without going overboard 😊

SCHOOL PHOTOS will be taken **Monday, September 25th** (Lower Campus in the morning for the 7-10s and Upper Campus in the afternoon)

Our re-take day is **November 30th**, and Grad Photos are booked for **January 11 & 12, 2018**

UNIVERSITY and COLLEGE PRESENTATIONS have begun at the Upper Campus, and will continue throughout the next several weeks. We encourage all graduating students to attend at least one of these information sessions, if you're interested in applying to either college or university this year!!

POPCORN! This Friday at lunch, September 15, popcorn in a variety of flavors will be sold by 2 of our students, at the picnic table at Lower Campus, with proceeds going towards Freedom Dog Rescues, a local charity. Students are encouraged to pick up a snack and help donate to charity!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 13 – Clubs Sign Up at Lunch (sign-up sheets posted at both campuses)

Sept. 13 – **Final day to make course change** (appointment required with Mr. Hall or Ms. Vaughn (Yugas), along with completion of Drop/Change form)

Sept. 22 – Student Council nominations deadline

Sept. 24 – Ottawa 67s Home Opener – Come out and support the team! **Student volunteers needed** to supervise 67s Kiddie Zone and Blyth Ottawa Kiosk – See Mr. MacDonald.

Sept. 25 – School photos

Sept. 28-29 – School camping trip

Oct 6 - School Holiday

Oct. 9 -Thanksgiving Holiday

Oct. 10 - Terry Fox Walk at Parliament Hill, with Blyth CIHA Academy

Oct. 11 - Dismissal at 12:00 (Gr. 7-10). Gr. 11-12 students **mandatory attendance** at My Blueprint session with Mr. Hall and Ms. Vaughn (Yuhas), 12:15-1:15

Oct. 11 – 1:00-6:00 Parent Teacher Meetings

Oct 13 – Mid-term report cards mailed

Oct. 13 – Capital City Cross Country Challenge

***A look ahead – Graduation – June 7, 5pm-7pm*

CAMPING

We will be ‘roughin it’ later this month, as students and staff will be camping Sept. 28 & 29. Expect more details in an email from Ms. Ptycia and Ms. Kiros in the coming days.

GRAD TRIP anyone??? It looks like we may be heading to Italy for a grad trip this year! Spaces will be limited to a max of 25 students (for all of the Ontario Blyth Academies) so if this is something you think you may want to participate in, gather a few friends and be ready to respond to the information once it is sent out in the coming days!

CLUBS

Looking for something fun to do?? We’ve got several clubs starting soon, with more to come! Clubs are not mandatory this year, but we really want each of you to try at least one, and hopefully more! If you don’t see a club that interests you, find a teacher and maybe you’ll convince them to offer what you want!!!

RUNNING CLUB with Miss Pranker! Blyth is looking for students who would like to join the running/triathlon club. Open to grades 9-12. First event is the Capital Cross Country Challenge at Mooney's Bay on October 13th 2017.

4km run for Grades 9 and 10

6km run for Grades 11 and 12

Please see Miss Pranker for registration and more details for our first practice. Later events include a triathlon in Toronto, and the Ottawa Marathon in May!

Visit the following website for info on the Cross Country

Challenge: <https://ottawalions.com/capital-cross-country-challenge/capital-cross-country-challenge-hs-division/>

REACH FOR THE TOP with Ms. G and Ms. Talbot! Come out and strut your stuff with Blyth’s competitive trivia team. Whether you’re a serious trivia buff, or you just want to bulk up your repertoire of random facts, Reach for the Top is the club for you. Sign-ups will take place during the first practice, which will take place at lunch on Friday, September 15th, in the MacGill room (formerly the Math room at Upper Campus.) We hope to see you there!

STUDENT COUNCIL with Ms. Searle – Apply to represent your year and your school!! Email Ms. Searle, b.searle@blytheducation.ca by September 22 to get your nominations in!

YEARBOOK COMMITTEE with Ms. Searle

TED TALK CLUB with Mr. Boudreau is like a book club, but for TED talks. We collaboratively choose talks to watch, and get together to discuss the talks every week. The club will meet on Tuesdays at lunch in the upper campus, starting on September 19th, but we will also have an online discussion board.

KARAOKE CLUB with Ms. Mattocks will be Tuesdays at lunch in Newfoundland (2nd floor of Lower Campus)! Students can email Ms. Mattocks at cem.blyth@gmail.com or show up next Tuesday, Sept. 19, to start. The club is 20-30 minutes of singing songs of student's choice and perhaps choosing several songs to focus on and practice. Great for those who can sing and those who love to sing in the shower! All grades and singing abilities are welcome!

From all of us at Blyth, we hope you have a wonderful start to your school year, and look forward to working with each of you!!

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