

**“Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family.” Kofi Anan**

## **Being Brilliant... In September**

The 2017-2018 year got off to a great start with many class and school-wide activities planned and implemented early. We have elected our Student Council (names are below) and are experimenting with a new model for this group. Each of these senior students has been asked to identify a mentee that will attend the weekly meetings, help out with the various initiatives and activities the Student Council is responsible for, and will hopefully be in a good position to take over from the senior students in Term 4 after they graduate. We have found in previous years that losing our Grade 12s at the end of April has had an impact on our ability to organize events and maintain leadership in the school. Hopefully our combined model will alleviate this issue moving forward. This year's Student Council is:

**Sal Giugno** – President

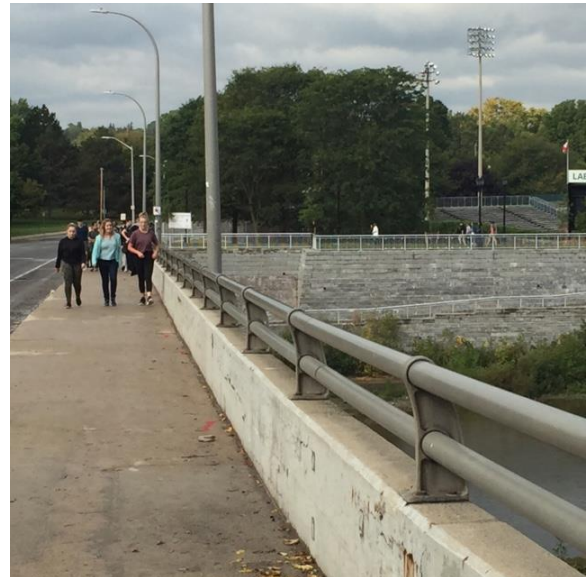
**Arden McKillop** – Student Services

**Quinn Trollope** – Treasurer

*Mentees will be introduced in next month's issue.*

**Terry Fox** – Students took part in our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Terry Fox run on Friday September 29<sup>th</sup>. This year, as is the case every year, the goal is to have 100%

participation of our students in donating any small amount to cancer research. The Student Council is tracking our progress and encouraging students to bring in their donations by this Friday October 13<sup>th</sup>.



Terry Fox Route around Thames River path

## **GUIDANCE**

As always, Guidance has many programs and events planned to support our students throughout the year.

- **Write to Excite** is a series of writing workshops offered to grade 12 students. Workshop presenter Ryan Standil has developed a program to improve students' writing and prepare them for essay writing at the post-secondary level. The workshops are 2 hours long and are being offered in Term 2 (dates and exact

cost to be decided). We will also be offering a version of his program appropriate for grade 9 and 10 students which will run during Foundations.

- **University Info Night** – Ms. Pedersen will be holding an information night for all parents of grade 12 students to prepare them for upcoming post-secondary application season. We will have representatives from local universities as well as parent ambassadors sharing their experiences with this process. Please come and join us on **Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** to find out important deadline dates and be provided with online resources that can support you and your future graduate through this process.
- **Huron Visit Day** – Any interested Gr 12 students are welcome to attend a full day on campus at Huron University on **Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup>**. This will not only orient them to an excellent liberal arts university, but give them a taste of what a day in the life of a university student will be like. Students should sign up with Ms. Pedersen.

## The JFC Files

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year at Blyth Academy London. Our newsletter,

is meant to provide you with important and helpful information like dates you should note on your calendar, or tips and hints from our Guidance Counsellor. We also like to highlight those experiential, fun, or exciting events and opportunities that provide a glimpse into the kind of place Blyth Academy London is and the kind of year your children are having here with us. The JFC Files is a regular item that will provide some information about a particularly relevant or timely topic in education today, including additional resources you can refer to for more information. As always, we welcome feedback and value our connection to our parent community. Email, call, or drop in anytime. We love having visitors. You can also follow us on Twitter **@BlythLO** where I will be posting about events and activities happening throughout the school year.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Oct 11<sup>th</sup>** – Parent/Teacher Interviews  
**Oct 17<sup>th</sup>** – Day at Huron University  
**Oct 18<sup>th</sup>** – University Info Night  
**Week of Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Broken Hockey Stick Road Hockey Tournament Fundraiser

### CLUBS

Debate Club  
Talk Nerdy to Me  
Community Outreach Club