

# NORTH DUNDAS NEWS

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This newsletter accompanies your teen's mid-term report card. Please review the report with your teen, celebrating the successes and discussing any areas that may need improvement. If you have any questions about your teen's report, please contact the subject teacher.

On Friday, November 18, North Dundas was given an opportunity to showcase what we have learned, and the positive transition that our students have described experiencing here, when the Transition Committee from the Carleton/Almonte families of schools visited. Approximately 30 staff, parents and students toured our facilities including the new multipurpose (physical education) room, learning commons (modern library), the second floor Intermediate classroom area and computer lab. Our Guidance Department would like to remind students and parents that college and university application deadlines are quickly approaching! The deadline for university applications is January 11, 2012 and the deadline for college applications is February 1, 2012. Detailed information can also be found on our school website. A full day of tutorials was offered to graduating students on Tuesday, November 22 to help them with their applications.

As winter approaches, now more than ever, we want to encourage students who are choosing to leave the school property at lunchtime to do so safely, to monitor road conditions, and to make decisions that ensure a safe return.

On behalf of all staff, I would like to wish all families a happy holiday season and a very happy New Year.

## Christmas Craft Sale, Bazaar, Silent Auction and Luncheon

On Saturday, November 26, (tomorrow) from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., a fundraiser for many North Dundas student groups (Athletics, Reach for the Top, Envirothon, Student International Travellers and more) will be held in the cafeteria. There will be handiwork (including a beautiful quilt), crafts, baking, a silent auction, a white

elephant table, a raffle, and much more. Admission is free and a luncheon will be served for \$6.00. We invite you to come out and do some Christmas shopping and to support our many student activities.



## Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)

On March 29, 2012, all students in grade 10 will be writing the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test. It is a diploma requirement that all students successfully complete this test.

In order to help prepare our students, all grade 10 students have participated in a practice test. The marks for this test will be shared with you and with your son/ daughter's English teacher in the near future.

Remediation will take place for those students who did poorly on the test.

Any students in grades 11 or 12 who will be writing the test this year will be working with one of our Literacy Committee teachers.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school and speak to Mrs. Hall. More practice activities can be found at [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com)

November 25, 2011

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Christmas Holidays  
Monday, December 26  
through to and including  
Friday, January 6



### BUS CANCELLATION INFORMATION

On stormy days, please go to [ucdsb.on.ca](http://ucdsb.on.ca) (click on the bus icon on the right hand side) or call 1-866-629-0629 for bus cancellations. This information is available by 6:00 a.m.

## *NDDHS Band News*



The Band Department would like to extend its many thanks to all students and parents who have voiced their support for our efforts in music, both within the school and beyond. We had several parents attend our concert at Chesterville Public School, and several who commented about our performances at the Remembrance Day ceremonies.

I would also like to remind everyone that the NDDHS band rehearses on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 2:30 to approximately 3:45 p.m. Students from all grades and all experience levels are welcome. We have a few band members who are currently in grades 7 and 8, as well as students in grades 9 to 12 – so, don't be shy!

We also have a Djembe and Guitar Club which runs on Tuesdays after school from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. This club is made up mainly of grade 7 and 8 students at this time, but once again, all are welcome.

Instruments are available for students to take home for practice even if a student is not in a music class at this time but is simply considering learning to play



an instrument.

Students interested in joining either of our music clubs, or in taking an instrument home to practice are asked to speak directly to Mr. Pereira in room 127.

The band's next performance will be at the Christmas concert in the afternoon of December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Again, thank for your ongoing support. With your help I believe that we can continue to build and improve upon our music program in the coming years. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the school and ask for Mr. Pereira or send an e-mail to [pete.pereira@ucdsb.on.ca](mailto:pete.pereira@ucdsb.on.ca).

Submitted by Mr. Pereira, Music Teacher and Band Leader

## *Skills Canada Competition*

On November 29<sup>th</sup>, Skills Canada, [www.skillsontario.com](http://www.skillsontario.com) will be hosting the Secondary School Cardboard Boat Race at Confederation High School in Ottawa. The competition involves designing and building a boat to participate in both a speed and a weight challenge in a pool. Teams of four students will have two hours to build and decorate their crafts, using only the following materials: two 4'x8' sheets of ¼" corrugated cardboard, two rolls of duct tape, and 500ml of contact cement.

The 30 plus teams will be judged on safety, planning and design, quality of construction, visual

appeal, teamwork and team spirit, knowledge of the skill trades, speed and weight capacity. Some boats in past competitions have held over 1000 lbs. for 90 seconds.

Please join us in wishing the following students good luck on competition day: Team 1 - Kerry Anne Muir, Carlee Coburn, Laura van Kessel and Will Zandbelt; Team 2 - Darien Mellon, Cassandra Thompson, Meesha Laury and Heather Demers.

Submitted by Mr. Bougie, Construction Technology Teacher and Skills Coach



*The NDDHS annual Christmas concert will be held in the afternoon on Friday, December 23. All parents are welcome to attend. Please check with your student for start time as it has yet to be decided.*

