



April 2019

OCDSB

Bengal Tales

Upcoming Dates

Principal Ms. Wendy Verreault Superintendent Mr. Frank Wiley Trustee Donna Blackburn

- ◆ 8 Apr –27 June INT Summer School Registration
- ◆ 24-27 May Music Trip to NYC
- ◆ 26 April Report Cards Issued
- ◆ 3 May SRB Oscars
- ◆ 6-10 May Mini Enrichment Week
- ◆ 8 May AP French Exams
- ◆ 9 May Grade 7 Info Evening
- ◆ 11 May Garage Sale Music Dept
- ◆ 14 May AP Math Exam
- ◆ 14 May School Council Meeting
- ◆ 13-15 May Immunization Gr 7
- ◆ 17 May Relay for Life
- ◆ 23 May Locker Clean Out
- ◆ 26 May NAC Cappies Gala
- ◆ 29 May Gr 7/8 Music Concert
- ◆ 30 May HS Music Night & Art Show
- ◆ 4-14 June Summatives
- ◆ 4 June Athletic Awards
- ◆ 7 June INT PD DAY
- ◆ 11 June School Council
- ◆ 12-13 June Gr 9 EQAO
- ◆ 18 June Grad Breakfast Commencement Rehearsal
- ◆ 19-24 June Exams
- ◆ 26 June Grade 8 "Celebr8"
- ◆ 27 June INT Last day of school
- ◆ 28 June Commencement

Principal's Message

The Intermediate show called "Grimm Nights" and the High School Drama production called "Game of Tiaras", were both a success involving many students both on stage and behind the curtain. Thanks to all the students and staff who worked tirelessly to accomplish such a professional show.

In March, over 200 students wrote the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). The test is a graduation requirement and the results will arrive at school in June and the Individual Student Reports will be distributed with the final report cards. Students who were not successful will be contacted by their guidance counsellor.

Save the date! Grade 6 parents, students, and guardians are encouraged to join us on Wednesday, May 9th from 6 -7:30 pm for our Information Night for new students. Students will be given the opportunity to sample various instruments during our "Honk and Blow" session with our music teacher, Mr. Cooper. WEB crew will be on hand to provide tours. Grade 7 and 8 teachers will be available to meet new students. A presentation by our administration will take place in the auditorium. Please join us.

A request made by parents or students to leave before the end of the school year cannot be approved. This includes requests for early departure for summer jobs, summer camps or training, and travel arrangements. Evaluations of student achievement require that all students remain in classes until the course is completed and that includes the completion of all summative evaluations according to the schedule established by SRB and the OCDSB. Summatives are scheduled by classroom teachers before exams begin. Exams will run from June 19 - 24, 2019. We thank you for honouring these time periods.

Some of our grade 12 students have already received acceptances at universities and colleges and they may think they can coast to the end of the school year. However, this is a time for students to renew their focus on academic goals in order to ensure success. These final months require a concentrated effort especially during the final summative and exam period when 30% of the final grade is earned.

At SRB, we are honoured to host two celebrations for our graduates. The Graduation Breakfast and Rehearsal takes place on Tuesday, June 18, 2019. Commencement takes place on Friday, June 28, 2019 at 10:00AM for the graduating class of 2019 and their parents. The number of guests attending is limited to 2-3 per graduate. Commencement invitations are distributed in class in May and there is a cost of \$25 for this event to cover caps, gowns and food. This cost must be paid online. Students needing financial assistance should speak to the Principal.

Prom is the dinner dance and "after party" organized by a student committee who determines the location and the cost. Currently, the dinner/dance is on June 29th at the Hilton Lac Leamy with a cost of \$113 per ticket. The after party will be held at the Ottawa Gatineau Executive Airport with an estimated cost of \$65. These events are not sanctioned by Sir Robert Borden High School. SRB does not participate in any fundraising or advertising, nor do we assume any responsibility or liability for this event. Staff does not assume a supervisory role nor attend any part of the Prom event. We want to make our position very clear so that you are informed and may have appropriate discussions with your graduating student.

Thanks to all staff, students and families who continue to be involved in our wonderful life at SRB.

Wendy Verreault

New this year.... Students in Grades 9-11 Report Card pick up in the office from July 4th to 12th between 8AM –2PM.



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EQAO Seeking Student Reps



Education Quality and Accountability Office
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AN INVITATION TO STUDENTS!
EQAO'S STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS SEEKING REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR!

Are you a student in a publicly funded school in Ontario?
Will you be between Grades 7 and 12 during the 2019-2020 school year?
Do you want to impact Ontario students' educational experience?

If yes, you should consider submitting an application to be a member of Education Quality and Accountability Office's (EQAO's) Student Advisory Committee!

The Student Advisory Committee is a group that helps foster a two-way conversation between Ontario's students and EQAO. Students are the focus of EQAO's work, and we value learners' perspectives on everything that we do. During its inaugural year, the Student Advisory Committee met three times virtually. These meetings allowed committee members to provide feedback and advice on key areas of focus as well as promising practices to support students writing EQAO assessments.

As EQAO seeks to continuously improve our programs, we want to ensure that students' voices are being heard. The Student Advisory Committee is a unique forum for students to share ideas and experiences.

Think you might be interested? Check out the following details *****➔
For more Information go to the SRB website

OCDSB Speaker Series

When Technology Takes Over: Navigating Through the Teen Years
Thursday, May 2nd, 2019 7 to 9 PM
Sir Robert Borden High School -131 Greenbank Road

This free session offers parents practical strategies to encourage healthy use of technology in teens. This free information session will be led by Liz Parsons and Matt Young, Youth Service Managers from Rideauwood Addiction & Family Services.

No registration required. Everyone is welcome. Free parking is available behind the school.
Due to construction, please use the front/ main entrance.



Character Education at SRB

On April 15th, high school students at SRB welcomed Eva Olsson, a Holocaust (Shoah) survivor to our auditorium to deliver a powerful message of anti bullying, choosing love over hate, and what it means to be a good citizen of Canada. At 94 years young, Eva eloquently talked about the duty of adults and youth to refuse the role of "bystander" and the importance of social acceptance and peace. SRB students are part of the last generation to hear these stories live and use them to inform their personal paths and legacies. The entire auditorium was respectfully silent and many students and staff noted the impact of her words and stories, some embracing her after her speech. After the assembly, several students who had participated in the March of the Living last year stayed to talk to Eva, ask her questions and express their gratitude for her positive message for youth today.



French Department

On April 5th a group of 63 French immersion students went to the Théâtre La Catapulte to see the play *Princess de personne*. The play, which focused on themes of consent and gender stereotypes, was appreciated by the students. After the show, students had the opportunity to exchange with the actors and ask them questions about their work, the play and their view of the themes portrayed in the play. Finally, our very own Cole Haskins, Alban Zgjana, Roni Krasniqi were interviewed by Radio-Canada for their impressions of the play. The students represented the SRB French Immersion Program in great fashion by expressing their appreciation of the play in perfect French. Good work guys!



'Graduation and life beyond secondary school'

If your student is graduating and may require services at the post secondary institution of their choice, they should make an appointment with the school's centre for students with disabilities as soon as they can to provide the necessary documentation to them. Most offices can be reached through the specific school's website. See Ms Griffin for more information.



Link Crew

Link Crew 2018-19 had a successful year with lots of events that helped grade 9's transition and integrate into SRB. WE had a great team of leaders many of whom are reapplying to be in Link Crew next Year. We are conducting interviews for our 2019-20 Link Leaders on April 18th.

**KEEP CALM
I'M A
LINK CREW LEADER**

Music Department



Please think about the Garage Sale when you are doing your spring cleaning. We are collecting items on Friday May 10th from 3:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Our Music students will be happy to help you unload your car. The Rain Barrels must be pre ordered on line and they can be picked up on May 11th when the Garage Sale is running. Thank you for your support! The Music Department would like to invite you to our end of year combined Art Show and Music Concert on Thursday May 30th at 7:00 pm.



Phys Ed Department

SRB athletes had a very successful winter season. Here is a run-down of their accomplishments:

- **Boys Curling** - NCSSAA Tier 2 Champions



- **Nordic Skiing** - Katrina Pegrum competed at OFSAA at the Highlands Nordic Centre (Duntroon, ON) in the High School Category. She finished 15th out of 119 competitors.

- **Alpine Skiing** - Wesley Wang competed in both the Slalom and Giant Slalom Events at OFSAA in Collingwood. He finished 21st in the GS, and won a bronze medal in Slalom.

- **Wrestling** - SRB sent 7 athletes to compete at OFSAA at TD Place in Ottawa. Four of these athletes finished on the Podium: Claire Vandesande (6th), Anas Faid (5th), Luca Brancatelli (Bronze Medal), and Jessica Hong (Gold Medal - for the second straight year).



Spring Sports We are just waiting for the remaining snow to melt so that Spring teams can get on the sports fields. Watch for upcoming action from Girls Touch Football, Boys and Girls Rugby, Junior Girls Soccer, Baseball, and Track and Field. Schedules for these teams can be found on the school's website under the Athletics tab.

Athletic Assembly Our annual Athletic Assembly will take place Tuesday June 4, starting at 8:45am. Graduating student athletes who believe to have a sufficient number of athletic points to qualify for an Athletic Letter should pick up an application from the Phys Ed offices. Please join us in recognizing the hard work of all 2018-19 athletes.

Guidance

The web site is open for Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) applications. There is a calculator on the web site to calculate the amount a student qualifies for. Visit ontario.ca/osap

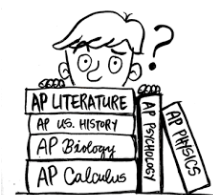


Summer School registration has started and forms are available in guidance. Once a student has registered, a confirmation email will be sent out indicating that the student has been waitlisted. Once there are enough students registered, they will be added in a class and the student will receive an ACCEPTED email. It is a two step registration process. Registration Deadlines are as follows:



- Coop—May 24th
- Learning—June 7th
- Reach Ahead—June 27th

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Advanced Placement Exams

On May 8th, 16 students will write the AP French exam and on May 14th, 16 students will write the AP Calculus

exam in an attempt to earn a university credit. SRB students typically score very well on these global tests on achievement.



News for Graduates

There will be a graduation Breakfast and Rehearsal for all graduating students on Tuesday, June 18th from 7:45-9AM in the cafeteria.



The breakfast will be followed by a **MANDATORY COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL** in the auditorium. SRB is now

using Cash online to pay the \$25 Grad Fee. This includes gown rental, souvenir cap and grad breakfast. You can access this item on your online account, if you don't have an account, you can register through the Quick Link \$ on the SRB website. Potential grads are also reminded of the need to complete their 40 hours of Community Service and submit no later than May 31st. Commencement takes place Friday, June 28th at 10AM in the Auditorium.



Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back.

On May 17th, SRB will be hosting our 4th annual **Relay for Life** to raise awareness for cancer. This 9-hour event starting at noon will be held outside (weather permitting) with several interactive and fun-filled activities such as zumba, relay races, student-teacher sport games and ending off with a luminary walk to remember those that have been impacted by cancer. This years' goal is to raise \$40 000 for the Canadian Cancer Society and we have already reached our halfway mark!!! Corporate donations welcome. Any cancer survivors interested in speaking at or attending this wonderful event, please email cvand3@ocdsb.ca



Science Department

Congratulations to Nick Barton who was selected as the winner of the science competition. The department was extremely impressed with your creativity, ingenuity and the message from your entry.

