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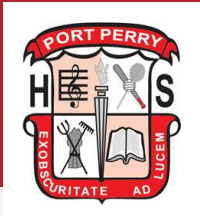
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Letter from the Principal

Students, Parents and Guardians:

As I write this message, Semester 1 has finished and Semester 2 is under way. It has been another incredibly busy semester for our students, teachers, support staff, coaches and advisors. As you read through this newsletter, you will get a glimpse of some of the recent activity at our school. None of this happens without the initiative and perseverance of our students or the dedication and commitment of our staff.

Congratulations to all our students who have successfully completed their final semester at Port Perry High School and will be heading off to the work force to earn money for post-secondary plans. We wish you the best. Grade 9's...WOW....you've made it! Your first semester of high school is done! Congratulations to all of our students for your efforts these past months. Hopefully, you have been able to achieve your goals. Welcome students new to Port Perry High School this February. Get involved and make this your school too.

As semester two begins, it is important to reflect on student progress and to make strategic plans for the upcoming semester as well as longer term plans for September 2020 and beyond. Course selections for next year occur this month. It is important that students and parents select appropriate core and optional courses at the outset, in order to avoid disappointment and difficulties with their timetable later on. Parental involvement in the educational process is a vital piece of a student's success at school. If you have any questions about how to support your child in reaching their goals, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

We do have some staffing changes. Thank you to Ms. Savage (going to Durham Continuing Education) and Ms. O'Neill (leave) for your hard work last semester. Welcome to Ms. Mills (Math/Careers), Ms. Campos (Science), Mr. Phillips (Math/Science) and Mr. Duncan (Special Education) who all join us for the coming semester.

To keep current with what is happening in our school, subscribe to our Twitter feed (@PortPerryHS) and go to our website to view our daily announcements/school calendar. Current day announcements are also posted outside the Main Office for students to review. Students should also check the televisions in the cafeteria and hallways. It is never too late to become involved!

All the best for a successful semester!

Greg Scotchburn,
Principal



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- Superintendent.....Heather Mundy
- Family of Schools Education Officer.....Michael Bowman
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Indigenous Hub opens at PPHS

Port Perry High School is proud to have a space for students to embrace the Indigenous culture. The hub officially opened on

October 15, 2019 with a celebratory ceremony that was attended by students, staff and representatives from both the DDSB and the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation. The room is the first hub of its kind at school board and PPHS is very proud to have this space for our students.



School Cash Online is an online portal for parents/guardians/families that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school fees, field trips, team fees as well as other purchases such as yearbooks or school clothing, 24/7 electronically — anytime. All you need is your child's O.E.N which can be found on your child's report card. Please call the school if you can't locate this number.

Register online at

<https://ddsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

The program allows families to:

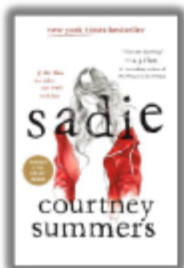
- attach their child/ren to their profile,
- make payments,
- check current balance/account history and,
- print or view receipts.

For more information on how to register, please read the Registration document. (<https://ddsb.ca/Parents/SchoolCash/Documents/StepByStep%20Parent%20Handout.pdf>)

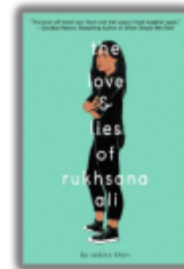


White Pine 2020

Read at least 5 to vote for your favourite.



Voting is in April!



Supporting Reading in Port Perry

The fabulous four authors of the children's series *The Almost Epic Squad* entertain elementary students in Port Perry (from DDSB website)

The Almost Epic Squad is a relatively new book series written by four Canadian authors, and aimed at middle-grade students. The books delve into the lives of four ordinary kids who develop some very unusual superpowers. There are four books in the series, each written by a different author, but all four books are connected and can be read in any order.

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The authors, Ted Staunton, Kevin Sylvester, Leslie Livingston, and Richard Scrimger, stopped by Port Perry High School and the Scugog Memorial Library on November 6th for two sessions of *The Almost Epic Author Visit*.

“We’re seeing students who are familiar with the books, and students who had no familiarity, or didn’t think they would be interested in reading them, becoming engaged in these author events,” says Debbie Vert, the Durham District School Board (DDSB) Innovative Education Officer for Libraries. “That’s the whole point. We want to utilize our community connections to promote literacy and engage our students.”

The events of the day were sectioned into two parts, but both were organized by Vert, BJ Andrews, Library Head at Port Perry HS, the Port Perry HS administration, and Sarah White, Manager of Public Services at the Scugog Memorial Library.

Entertaining Authors

The first author visit was hosted at Port Perry High School during the school day, and invited students in Grades 4 to 6 from the high school’s feeder schools (S.A. Cawker PS, R.H. Cornish PS, Prince Albert PS, Cartwright Central PS, and Greenbank PS). Approximately 600 students were outrageously entertained by the four authors.

Greg Scotchburn, Principal of Port Perry HS, says hosting one of the event sessions at the high school was an excellent opportunity to get the elementary students comfortable with their future school, “This way the younger students can see the high school, and it’ll help make the transition easier for them when the time comes for them to make that next step.”

As a way of bringing the entire Port Perry community together, the second session was hosted at the Scugog Memorial Library in the evening, and it was open to the public.

At both events, the authors read excerpts from their books, answered burning questions, and sang hilarious songs while Staunton played the banjo, Livingston tapped along to the beat on a hardcover book, Scrimger danced his heart out, and Sylvester raced to finish a drawing before the end of the song.

PPHS Student Council

Our student council has been very busy this school year planning various events for our students. They have already held several events and will be busy planning many more. The council organized a theme week leading up to Halloween to get everyone in the spirit including: a day of wearing spooky red PPHS spirit wear and a day of wearing black, orange and purple colours. They also organized a spoozy maze on Halloween and sold spooky grams leading up to Halloween day. On Halloween day, spooky helpers were sent into students classes to deliver a spooky treat. The council also planned a Winter Dance in late November and organized a float for the Christmas Parade in early December. We look forward to seeing what else they plan for this school year!

Teachers: Ms. Evans &



Students participating in the Port Perry Christmas parade.



Winter Dance



At the Durham District School Board, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school each day. Guardians are encouraged to report all absences (full day/half day/sign-ins and sign-outs) using **SchoolMessenger**. Instructions on how to create a new account and download the mobile app (available for Android and IOS) can be found on the Port Perry High School Website under the Families/Report an Absence tab.

Note: Parents can continue to report absences through the automated telephone system by dialing 1-844-350-2646 without creating an account. You can report current day absences, late arrivals and sign-outs up to 11:59 p.m. each day, even after call outs have taken place. The system allows you to report up to 5 consecutive days of absence. Beyond that, please contact the school directly.

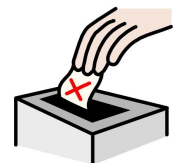
Robotics Competition

PPHS students participated in the Robotics Competition at Ontario Tech University on November 16, 2019. We are proud to offer so many interesting opportunities for our students to participate in!

Teacher: Mr. S. Bailey



Business/Entrepreneurship: Student Vote & Holiday Market



In October, Mr. A. Bailey's business class conducted a student vote in the school to help students get involved in political matters. 696 students participated in the mock vote at the school, each expressing their political voice. Congratulations PPHS on a great student vote and thanks to all those who made the election happen!

In addition, Mr. A. Bailey's entrepreneurship class participated in a class project where they created a business model and a product. The students then organized a Holiday Market in December where they sold their products over the lunch hour to staff and other students. As a wrap up to the project, the students had to tally their cash tills at the end of the market. The students learned valuable business skills on how a business works and were provided with real life customers to purchase their products!!

Teacher: Mr. A. Bailey

FOOD AND TOY DRIVE

Our annual Food and Toy Drive ran prior to the Holiday Break.

Students were very generous in their donations of food and toys to local charities. Special congratulations to Ms. Hills class on being the home room challenge winners.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Mr. Daly's Construction Specialist High Skills Major class had the opportunity to work on a Habitat for Humanity build in Oshawa this fall. Another example of Rebels giving back to the community. Well done!



School Procedures

We want you to feel welcome in your child's school and be active in your child's learning. Research shows that learning improves when parents/guardians work together with the school as partners in their child's education. Durham District School Board teachers and administrators strive to establish a school environment of mutual respect and co-operation. You contribute to this positive environment by following the procedures below:

- * For the safety of all our students, all individuals including parents, guardians, volunteers, and guests are required to sign in at the office upon entering the school.
- * If picking up your child during school hours please report to the Main office, we will call into class, sign the student out, and have the student meet you in the office.
- * At arrival and dismissal time, drop off and wait for your child outside the building to keep the hallways and front foyer clear for students. Be sure to keep the bus pick up/drop off area at the front of the school clear and follow all applicable parking bylaws.
- * Call for an appointment should you wish to meet with your child's teacher, administrator, or other school personnel.

Thank you for your assistance.

Student Recognition Assembly

The Junior Recognition and Awards Assembly took place on Thursday, November 6th and celebrated the academic excellence and the involvement from the 2018-2019 school year for 258 Port Perry High School students. Subject awards honoured students throughout all pathways, Apprenticeship, Workplace, College and University. The Port Perry Legion Ladies Auxiliary awards honoured the students with the highest percentage average in each grade. The Greenbank Lions Club honoured students in a variety of subject areas named after their donors. The Jean Kennedy Music Scholarship was presented to a student taking private voice instruction, and the Co-op Department honoured students that excelled in Cooperative education. Honour roll awards were given to students that achieved an average of 80% or higher in eight courses. Participation Bars, School pins, Junior letters and Senior letters were presented to students for their involvement in extracurricular activities. Thank you to our generous sponsors and donors for continuing to support the students of Port Perry High School.



Good attendance patterns can become an important factor in a student's overall success at school.

Did you know?

- If your child is 20 minutes late every day, they will have missed 12 days of instruction by the end of the school year.
- If your child misses only two days per month of school, they will have missed one month of instruction by the end of the school year.
- Students who are absent 15 days of school each year will have lost one year of instruction by the end of grade 12.
- Students who attend school regularly tend to be more engaged in their learning, feel more connected to the school and tend to have better academic outcomes than students who miss a lot of school.

Families can support good attendance at school by:

- Setting a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Getting clothes, lunches and backpacks ready the night before.
- Communicating regularly with your child's teacher.
- Talking with your child about their school day.
- Taking part in school events and activities to show your child that you value school and education.
- Planning vacations and appointments around the school schedule whenever possible.
- Making sure your child goes to school, unless they are truly sick.



Attendance MATTERS



Act early! Let the school know right away if there is a problem or concern. There are lots of ways we can work together to get attendance back on track or prevent an attendance problem from starting.

TERRY FOX RUN/WALK

Congratulations to all those that donated and took part in our annual Terry Fox outing. With over 140 students and staff participating we were able to raise well over the amount that our school aimed for. A special thanks to Brianna K. and Alyssa K. for all their help along with the numerous staff who went above and beyond to make this event so successful.

Teacher: Ms. Hoard





SPORTS

JUNIOR BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

Our Senior Boys' qualified for OFSSA after winning LOSSA, and going undefeated for the season. They headed to Stratford (seeded 10th in the province) to compete with the best in Ontario. The team played extremely well in pool play, finishing 2nd in their pool. This moved them into the Championship side of the playoff round. Port Perry faced a tough Quebec team in the quarter finals, losing a close match to Franco Cite School, who eventually won Silver. The team tied for 5th in the province, beating any other finish that Port Perry has had in the history of Volleyball at Port Perry High School.

The coaches would like to thank the boys for an outstanding season, you are truly a group of gentlemen who represented your school with dignity and excellence. A special thanks to Mr. Stanley for travelling with the team as a chaperone when Coach Baxter was unable to attend.

Coaches: Mr. Baxter and Ms. Stevenson (Stevie)



Back: Coach Stevenson, Troy L., Aaron H., Zack M., Owen H., Jack S., Lucas W. & M. Stanley

Front: Adam F., Adam H., Thomas M., Evan K., Silver K., Cooper B.

Missing: Mr. Baxter

SENIOR GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Our Senior Girls' team is having an outstanding season! The girls won a silver medal at the Lynx Classic Volleyball tournament in early December, setting the tone for the season to come. And indeed it did! They finished the season 17-1, only losing one set the entire season. This will take the girls into playoffs seeded in first, and hopefully bringing home yet another gold medal at LOSSA and qualify for another Port Perry High School seed at the OFSSA Championships. Playoff action begins on February 19th, here at home with the LOSSA Championships also being held here at Port Perry High School on Thursday, February 20. The Junior Championship match takes place at 5:00pm, followed by the Senior Championships at 7:00pm. Don't miss this awesome event!!

Good luck at playoffs Ladies!!

Coaches: Mr. Baxter, A. Hanson and Ms. Stevenson (Stevie)



Senior Girls' Volleyball Team—January 2020

Student buy-in against Archbishop Denis O'Connor Catholic High School

CROSS COUNTRY



On November 1st the PPHS Cross Country team travelled to Sudbury for OFSSA.

The team faced snowy and wet conditions but persevered and had great performances. Congrats to both team members on a great season!

Coach: Mr. Trefiak

OFSSA in Sudbury

Left to Right: Maya P. & Alex. McD.

JUNIOR GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

The junior girls' volleyball season has seen steady improvements. The girls put on a great performance at the Garnier tournament and are excited to represent PPHS at the Uxbridge tournament next month. The girls hard work and dedication put them in a good position for playoffs mid February. Great job, girls!

Coach: Ms. Winter

Wrestling

The Rebel Wrestling team hosted 170 wrestlers from 12 schools in our annual Northern Classic Wrestling tournament on December 12th. The event was a huge success in all aspects. Our home mats provide a great atmosphere and motivation for our wrestlers to display their skills as we took home 10 medals and 2 of the 3 teams titles.

Gold medals went to captains Jasmine J., Lucy L., plus recent rugby converts Ben. S. and Brent P. Silver medals went to men's captain Josh Mc., Ara J., and Adriena R. Last but not least, 3 newcomers to wrestling earned bronze medals: Lucas F., Matthew H., and Mackenzie M.

From a team stand point the men's team placed 2nd of 12 teams, the girls team and combined teams each captured 1st place finishes.

Mr. Huggins and Mrs. Lefebvre would like to thank the school's custodial staff for all their assistance; Mr. Aldred and the food school for providing food for the wrestlers, coaches and officials; plus the many student volunteers who helped with the draw and score tables. The visiting coaches were very impressed with all parts of our tournament. Well done Rebels on an exceptional performance both on and off the mat!!

In addition, on January 9th, the Rebels Wrestling teams travelled to Uxbridge to compete in the Tiger Open. This tournament drew nearly 300 wrestlers and provided a "mini OFSAA experience". Our men and women of the mats were not intimidated by the draw and had very successful day on the mat. The Rebel team put together a combined record of 30 wins and 13 losses.

Highlights of the tournament included:

- Brent P. being the "beast" of the tournament winning all 4 of his matches against very, very, tough opponents.
- Lucy L.'s 6 matches in under 4 hours and, despite being ill, she won 5 of the 6 matches.
- Captain Jasmine J. going undefeated with a favourable draw, and
- Rookie Mackenzie M. pinning 3 of her 4 opponents.

Medals on the day were earned by Brent P., Jasmine J., and Gabe H. winning gold; Mackenzie M. and Alexia L. winning silver and Lucy L. winning bronze.

Well done wrestlers! Thank you for making Port Perry High School proud.

Coaches: Mr. Huggins and Mrs. Lefebvre



Food Basics in town is fundraising.

Toonies for Tummies.

All proceeds go back into our school!!!

GOLF

LOSSA GOLD MEDALISTS

Congratulations to the boys' varsity golf team on winning Gold Medals at LOSSA. The team won by 8 strokes which advanced them on to play in Windsor at OFSAA. Chase P. won a gold in the High School Division (along with placing second overall), Justin M. won a bronze medal in the Open Division (along with placing fourth overall), Jaden G. placed 6th overall and Nathan B. placed 18th. The boys had an incredible two day round at Royal Ashburn through all of the weather troubles. The boys played with determination and skillfulness allowing them to keep it in the short grass, make putts when needed and produce solid scores. This made Port Perry very proud.

Congratulations!

Coach: Mrs. Hoard



Royal Ashburn Golf Club

Left to Right: Jaden G., Nathan B., Chase P., Justin M.



OFSAA, Kingsville Golf and Country Club, Windsor

Left to Right: Jaden G., Justin M., Nathan B., Chase P.

OFSAA PROVINCIAL BRONZE MEDALISTS

The boys' varsity golf team participated at OFSAA in Windsor at Kingsville Golf and Country Club on October 15th-17th. The team not only were mentally ready but were also skill ready to take on the weather elements along with the intense competition against the provinces top 220 golfers and 20 teams. The team conquered the course on both days seeing both some fantastic shots along with some that required a high level of masterfulness. The team tied for 3rd place and ending up getting the antique bronze. The results: In the high school division Nathan B. placed 11th, Chase P. placed 13th. In the open division Justin M. placed 14th, and Jaden G. placed 80th. The team had a great showing in the 2019 OFSAA Golf Championships and now they have spring match play to defend their gold medals to look forward to. Congratulations on a FANTASTIC season boys.

Coach: Mrs. Hoard



Athletes of the Month

Congratulations to the following students that were nominated by their coaches:

JUSTIN M., CHASE P., NATHAN B., JADEN G.

Boys' Golf—Our LOSSA Champions!

Coach: Ms. Hoard

OLIVIA V.

Junior Girls' Basketball (Fall 2019)

Coach: Ms. Klonowski

ZACH M.

Senior Boy's Volleyball (Fall 2019)

Coach: Ms. Stevenson

DOMINIQUE V. & EMMA S.

Tennis (Fall 2019)

Coach: Ms. Speare

COLE M.

Midget Boys' 7's Rugby (Fall 2019)

Coaches: Mr. Armstrong & Mr. Huggins

ETHAN C.

Junior Boys' 7's Rugby (Fall 2019)

Coaches: Mr. Armstrong, & Mr. Huggins

BRENT P.

Senior Boys' 7's Rugby (Fall 2019)

Coaches: Mr. Armstrong & Mr. Huggins

SHANNON S.M.

Rookie Girls' 7's Rugby (Fall 2019)

Coaches: Ms. Cole and & Mr. Shelswell

KATRINA V.

Junior Girls' 7's Rugby (Fall 2019)

Coaches: Ms. Cole and & Mr. Shelswell

LUCY L.

Senior Girls' 7's Rugby (Fall 2019)

Coaches: Ms. Cole and & Mr. Shelswell

THOMAS M.

Ultimate Frisbee (Fall 2019)

Coach: Ms. Speare

OWEN M.

Junior Boys' Basketball (Winter 2020)

Coach: Ms. Klonowski

BRENT P.

Boys' Wrestling (Winter 2020)

Coach: Mr. Huggins & Ms. Lefebvre

LUCY L & JASMINE J.

Girls' Wrestling (Winter 2020)

Coach: Mr. Huggins & Ms. Lefebvre

CALISTA B.

Girls' Hockey (Winter 2020)

Coach: Ms. Longley & Ms. Brownson

THOMAS S.

Boys' Hockey (Winter 2020)

Coach: Ms. Sneath & Ms. Delaney

IMPORTANT: Upcoming Dates

- Feb. 5—Last Day for Timetable Changes
- Feb. 7—Semester 1 Final Report Card Distribution in Homeroom
- Feb. 6—Parent/Employer Co-Op Info. Meeting—Library— 7 pm
- Feb. 10—Course Planner Assemblies—Grade's 11 & 12
- Feb. 11—Course Planner Assemblies—Grade's 9 & 10
- Feb. 14—P.A. Day—No Classes
- Feb. 17—Holiday—No Classes
- Feb. 21—Course Planner Closing Date
- Feb. 26—Pink Shirt Day
- Mar. 3—Co-op In-School Session
- Mar. 2-3—Graduation Photos—Last Call for Anyone who Missed
- Mar. 5—Café Talent Night—7 p.m.—Drama Room
- Mar. 10—SCC Meeting—6 p.m.— Library
- Mar. 12—Progress Reports
- Mar. 13-20—March Break
- Mar. 25—Destinations: Apprenticeship Bound Research Tutorial
- Mar. 26—Parent/Teacher Interviews —2:30 to 3:30 and 6 to 8
- Mar. 31—Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) (Grade 10)
- Apr. 1—Co-op In-School Session—Room 162
- Apr. 3—P.A. Day—No Classes
- Apr. 16—Term 2 Begins

BROCK/UXBRIDGE/SCUGOG

TRUSTEE

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SCHOOL Community Council

Become more involved in your student's learning. Join our School Community Council

SCC Meetings are at 6 pm

in the Library on the

following dates:

- Mar. 10, 2020
- May 20, 2020

IMPORTANT: IMMUNIZATION



In accordance with the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA), the Health Department is required to maintain up-to-date immunization records for all students under the age of 18 that attend school in Ontario.

Students are required to provide an up-to-date record of immunization, or obtain a legal exemption for conscience or medical reasons. Failure to provide immunization information could result in a student's suspension.

Immunization notices were given out to students on Monday, November 5th, 2018.

Suspension date is Tuesday, February 25th, 2020.

Please refer to the Health Department website www.durham.ca/immunize or contact Durham Health Connection Line at 905-666-6241 or 1-800-841-2729 with any questions.

Missed the Grad Photo Deadline?

There will be a last call during 2nd semester for anyone who missed having their Graduation Photos taken. Lifetouch will be at the school on March 2nd & 3rd.



HELPFUL TIPS FOR PARENTS

1. **Use the Port Perry High School Website**
If you are looking for exam dates, PA days, OSSLT or EQAO dates, they are all listed on the calendar.
2. **Follow us on Twitter**
[@PortPerryHS](https://twitter.com/PortPerryHS)
3. **Use the Parent Portal**
The Parent Portal gives you access to your child's attendance as well as links to important websites like School Cash Online.