



# PORT PERRY HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Thursday, April 9, 2026

**Helpers in the House! Melissa, one of our School Social Workers, will be in the Community Partners Hub all day.**

### Honouring Identities

- April 9<sup>th</sup> marks a special Canadian Day of Remembrance for the Battle of Vimy Ridge. On April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1917, during the First World War, Canadian soldiers faced the heavily defended German position at Vimy Ridge in northern France. This high ground had resisted capture by Allied forces for years. It was considered nearly impossible to take. For the first time, all four divisions of the Canadian Corps fought together as one unified force. Over 100,000 Canadians carefully planned and prepared for the attack. They trained for weeks, studying maps, rehearsing movements, and developing new strategies – such as the “creeping barrage”, where artillery fire moved forward in stages, protecting advancing troops. At dawn, in snow and freezing rain, Canadian soldiers moved forward. Fighting through mud, barbed wire, and enemy fire, and finally advanced across the battlefield and up the steep hills of Vimy. By April 12<sup>th</sup>, after four days of intense fighting, the Canadians had amazingly captured the ridge. The victory came at a great cost. More than 10,000 Canadians were killed or wounded. Each of them had a name, a story, and a family back home. The success at Vimy Ridge became a defining moment for Canada. It showed the strength, courage, and determination of Canadian soldiers, and is often seen as a step toward Canada becoming a more independent nation on the world stage. Today, we remember not just the victory, but the sacrifice. We honour those who served, those who never returned, and the legacy they left behind. For some, the victory at Vimy is considered Canada’s “birth of a nation”.

### Clubs

- Join Soul Food today in the library seminar room as we continue with Alpha Youth. This week we look at who Jesus is. Everyone is welcome to join us!

### School Events

- Get ready for a delicious BBQ Day in the cafeteria this Friday! For just \$8, enjoy a full combo plate with your choice of smoked pork side ribs, smoked chicken wings or a combo of both. Each meal also includes your choice of twice-baked potato or mac & cheese, house-made coleslaw and fresh baked cornbread.
- Due to popular demand, the online school store has reopened. This is a perfect opportunity to purchase clothing to support the school – including grad sweaters. The school store will be open for three weeks, so buy early to avoid disappointment. Also, if you have purchased any clothing on the online store last time around, please see Mr. Yaneff as he still has clothing that hasn't been picked up yet.
- Ready for a closet refresh? Our Spring Thrift Swap is happening this Earth week! Drop off your gently used clothes from April 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, then come back April 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> to swap and grab something for free! money and help the. Check out the posters and scan the QR code to learn more!
- Rebels, our Athletic Council is hosting our very first dodgeball tournament April 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> in gym C. Sign up your team at one of our sign-up tables at lunch outside the office. Last day to sign up is Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Attention all Senior Visual Art Students! Our annual trip to the Art Gallery of Ontario and OCAD University is coming up on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Please see Ms. Baxter or Ms. Bingham for permission forms and more information. There are 40 spots available so first come, first serve.

### Sports

- Congratulations to all our single badminton players yesterday who competed at Maxwell Heights SS.