

Thorold Secondary School

...your community high school

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MEET ORMOND...

... OUR MOST COLOURFUL GOLDEN EAGLE!

Thorold Secondary School students were introduced to our new school mascot at our first school assembly this year. Students and staff submitted ideas for names and everyone voted on a short list selected by the Student Council. Thank you to **Mr. John Martin** - math teacher and Thorold resident - for thinking of 'Ormond'.

Ormond is a gift to the students of TSS from our School Council - a group of active and interested parents who support the students of TSS in a variety of ways. THANK YOU to our School Council!

For more information on the TSS School Council, see page 3!



SUMMUM PETITE... SEEK THE HIGHEST!

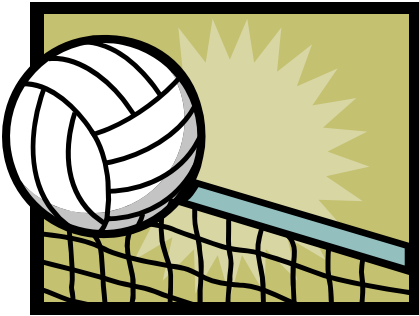


Devan Schlosser, Dylan Lambert, Bryan McKay and Matt Boekestyn, all students in Mr. Mosley's Grade 9 Physical Education class, warm up for class by participating in the Terry Fox School Walk on Friday, September 14. **ORMOND** cheered on TSS students and staff along the route. TSS raised over \$500 for the Terry Fox Foundation in our Second Annual Terry Fox School Walk.

UP AND RUNNING...

The following sports are now underway at TSS this fall. Junior and senior boys volleyball, junior and senior girls basketball, cross-country, football, tennis, swimming and golf. Good luck to all of our students and coaches.

A special **THANK YOU** to all of our parent drivers - we really appreciate your help!



LEADERSHIP COUNTS...

Mrs. Gibbins, Head of Student Services, accompanied **Laura Skellet** and **David Brennan**, co-presidents of Student Council, to the Canadian Student Leadership Conference in London, Ontario in September. They joined over 500 delegates from all over Canada. Workshops and speakers encouraged the students to do things for others using the concept that 'care is contagious'. Students also worked at tree planting and raised money for the Children's Make a Wish Foundation. Laura and David came back to school with lots of great ideas to share with other members of our Student Council.

QUEENSTON HEIGHTS TRIP

The rain did not dampen our spirits on the 4th Annual all school visit to Queenston Heights. Thanks to Mr. Mosley's Leadership class for a fine job organizing activities. Students were involved in soccer and football and karaoke was popular once again this year. Everyone participated in the Tug of War contests and the day wrapped up with a group photo. Though the skies threatened rain, it held off until just before the photo was taken.

Thanks to all students for their impeccable behaviour, which helped to make the event a success again this year!

Clockwise from top right: **Matt Falovo** and **Alex Kuiper** belt out a few tunes at the karaoke station; **Mr. Regier**, **Mr. Christensen**, **Mr. Kwaitkowski** and **Mr. Jackson**; **Mr. Stone** serves up hot dogs by the BBQ, staff and students enjoy a game of soccer while the rains holds out; the whole group gathers for the traditional photograph, students dress their 'dogs'; **Mr. Demers** and **Mrs. Black** barbequed close to a thousand hot dogs that afternoon! Great fun was had by all!



THOROLD SECONDARY SCHOOL

SIGN ON TO GRADUATE IN 2011

On the afternoon of Friday, September 21, all grade 9 students at Thorold Secondary School participated in a Sign-on-to-Graduate ceremony. At this 3rd annual event, students deposited an interest survey into a time capsule and signed a 'Class of 2011' banner. This banner will hang in the gym beside the stage, to remind students of their commitment to graduate with their peers.

Mayor Henry D'Angela, who congratulated each student and wished them well, commented to the students that his term in office coincides with this group's high school career and that he hopes they will all be together again on the evening of their graduation in June 2011.



TRADES TALK

On November 1st there will be a Skills Canada presentation to all Grade 10 students at TSS. The talk highlights trade and apprenticeship opportunities available in Ontario. The wide range of technological studies courses offered at Thorold Secondary School, along with a strong Cooperative Education program, means we can support students entering several areas of apprenticeship. Additionally, our students regularly do well in Skills Canada competitions, which can help to further their interest in the trades.

EXTRA HELP IS AVAILABLE!

The **MATH ZONE** is open at lunch on Mondays and Thursdays in Room 208. Get extra help, catch up or just to work on the day's homework, a math teacher is available to provide assistance to any and all students!

HOMEWORK CLUB is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11:15 and 11:45. Grab your books and head to Room 205 for a little extra help, encouragement and a quiet place to get your work finished up. Everyone is welcome!

THOROLD SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

Would you like to be more involved in your child's education?

Thorold Secondary School, as a community school, has a tradition of having a strong, involved School Council. Our School Council supports our students and school in the following ways by:

- providing input to the principal regarding a wide range of school initiatives and activities
- helping to run the Honour Roll Banquet
- helping with the admission and canteen at the Thorold Christmas Art and Craft Show
- providing a scholarship in the name of the School Council at graduation

The Council meets 6 times a year. If you would like to be involved with this energetic and involved group of parents, please join us at our next meeting on **Monday, October 15**. We meet at **7:00 p.m.** in the **school library**.

New members are always welcome!



FOOTBALL BOTTLE DRIVE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3

The **TSS Golden Eagle Football** players will be coming door-to-door in the Thorold community on **Saturday, November 3** collecting empty wine and beer bottles and cans. If you would like to donate your bottles and cans to support the football team, please leave them on your doorstep.

Coach Mosley and Coach Kemp will redeem them for deposit at the Thorold Beer Store. Funds will be used to support the Thorold Golden Eagles Football Team.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

AIMING FOR THE TOP SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Congratulations to the following students on achieving Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarships, awarded to students with top marks who go on to approved post-secondary institutions:

Tonica Clements, Jaylene Dupelle, Jordan Frost, Cameron Green, Kyle Lehan, Kristen Luciani, Karoni Plut, Rachel Skellet

GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS!

The **Thorold Annual Christmas Art and Craft Show** will be held at the school on **Saturday, November 17th and Sunday, November 18th** this year. Get your shopping lists ready!



GOLDEN EAGLE SPIRIT WEAR!

SHOW YOUR EAGLE PRIDE!

T-shirts (black, grey or white)

- short-sleeved (screen printed)
- long-sleeved (screen printed)

Hoodies (black, grey or white)

- screen printed or embroidered

Track pants (black or grey)

Toques (black knit)



New supplier!

ORDER FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17 from 5 PM to 8 PM!



UPCOMING EVENTS!

TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY

Take Our Kids to Work Day is Wednesday, November 7, when Grade 9 students across the country take a day out of school to sample the world of work. Watch for information coming home regarding this annual event!

A DAY AT HIGH SCHOOL

Also on November 7, TSS will welcome all of the Grade 8 students from Prince of Wales, Ontario, Richmond Street, Westmount and Burleigh Hill for 'A Day at High School' where they will participate in classes in English, math, science, phys ed and geography. Visits are arranged for later in the semester for grade 8 students to experience the technological studies and arts programs at TSS.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY VISITS

Throughout the fall, colleges and universities will be visiting Thorold Secondary School to speak to interested students. Some upcoming dates include:

University of Toronto - November 6; McMaster University - November 12; Mohawk College - November 15.

On Monday, October 29 from 10 to 12 a.m. and again from 6 to 8 p.m., a College Information Program will be held at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Campus of Niagara College. Representatives from Ontario Community Colleges will probe information and answer questions.

Call the Guidance department at TSS (905.227.1188) for more information.

HONOUR ROLL BANQUET

The annual Honour Roll Banquet will be held on **Monday, November 5** at Club Capri. If your child had an academic average of 80% or above during the 2006-2007 school year, he/she will be receiving an invitation.