

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 14	Photo Day
Feb 14-16	Grad Retakes
Feb 21	Family Day
Feb 24	Math Contest
Feb 24 & 25	Ring Day
Feb 25	Semi-Formal
Mar 8	Progress Reports
Mar 14-18	MARCH BREAK
Mar 30	Parent-Teacher Interviews
Mar 31	OSSLT—Gr. 10
April 8-16	Grease Musical
April 13	Math Contest
April 22	Good Friday
April 25	Easter Monday
April 28	Mid Term Reports
May 23	Victoria Day
May 27	Sr. Prom
June 8-9	EQAO
June 7	Athletic Banquet
June 22-28	EXAMS

UPCOMING TRIPS 2011
Ohio Rugby Classic
April 29—May 1, 2011

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE from Ms. Lovett

Work has been continuing all semester on the completion of the new section of the school. Wireless connectivity has been established in the school. While we are still experiencing the occasional glitch, classes can now access the three laptop carts for computer work. Students may also bring their personal laptops to the school and connect wirelessly. This is a major step forward in the availability of technology for all the students at BCI. We have also been busy adding some aesthetic touches to the school, installing bulletin boards and painting walls.

In the meantime, work in the '63 wing is continuing according to schedule. For the most part the work in that wing consists of electrical, plumbing and heating work. We're all looking forward to moving into the final space next September.

FAILURE MARKS

New Board and Ministry policy dictates the marks that can be used to indicate a failure to achieve course expectations.

0%	A mark of "0" indicates that no evaluation took place and there is no evidence to base a mark on.
30%	A mark of "30" indicates that there is very little evidence available to base mark on. What evidence exists indicates that very few expectations have been met and the actual mark calculation would have resulted in less than 30%
31% - 39%	A mark of 31 - 39 indicates that some expectations of the course have been met but the student will need to completely repeat the course.
40% - 49%	A mark of 41 - 49 indicates that many of the expectations of the course have been met. The student will be able to repeat the course in a 2 week summer course or, in some cases, through credit recovery.
"I"	An "Incomplete" indicates that, at the time of the report, the student has not met the expectations of the course. In this instance, the student has an opportunity to provide evidence that would potentially result in a passing grade. An "I" can only be used for Grade 9 and 10 students.

FROM STUDENT COUNCIL

CASINO ROYAL

BCI's semi formal dance will be held on Friday, February 25 in our gym. Cost is \$25 per ticket and tickets will only be sold February 7—11, so don't miss out!



Spirit Wear is on sale daily at lunch at the "Mustang Market". Come and check it out.



B.C.I. BREAKFAST PROGRAM



BCI is pleased to announce the implementation of a Breakfast Program. We know that it is important for adolescents to have a good breakfast in order to work to their potential at school. The breakfast program will make it possible for students to have a healthy breakfast if they don't have a chance to at home. This program will begin on February 15 and will be available in the Foods room at Victoria school. It is open to all students between 8:00—8:30 every morning. We will offer a healthy selection of breakfast items chosen from Canada's Food Guide. For those students who are unable to join us, there will be *Grab N' Go* bags available in the Phys. Ed. Office between Period 1 and 2. In order to run this program we are always in need of donations. If you would like to make a monetary donation, cheques can be made out to "Brant Food for Thought" and can be delivered to the school. Please designate that these monies are to go to the BCI program to ensure that 100% of your money comes directly to us. For a donation of \$10 or more, a tax receipt will be issued. Also, breakfast food donations (i.e. canned goods, boxed cereals, etc. but no baked goods) can be delivered to the main office as well. Thank you in advance for your support in this latest and very important program starting at BCI.

New Staff at BCI

Welcome to new staff members: Mrs. Corey Lockington, our new receptionist, Ms. S. Bihun, Ms. H. Vogt, Ms. T. Robertson, and Mr. R. Caterini, new teachers.
We say good-bye to Ms. Austin, Ms. DiLivio, Ms. Dunham, Ms. Houle, Ms. Stevenson, Mrs. Veber.



**INTERNATIONAL MIDWINTER
CROSS CANADA CHORUS**

Sixteen boys from BCI travelled to Las Vegas to compete internationally with the Cross Canada Chorus. This group consisted of 84 young men from all over Canada. The group was one of four that received a superior ranking (GOLD). There were nineteen choruses in the competition. Check out pictures and video clips at www.crosscanadachorus.ca



SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

The board has developed parent and student school climate surveys. The surveys are designed to gage student perceptions of their learning environment. The school will use the data for its continuous school improvement process. Students will be completing the survey in school over the next few months.

To access the parent survey, go to the Board's website (www.granderie.ca) under the "board survey" tab. Use the following password:

School Climate Survey for Parents uf6R5gm



ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

No idea what to do with old inkjet cartridges or toner cartridges? Do you have old cell phones and mp3 players lying around the house that no longer work? Bring them to school! We are now recycling them through "Think Recycle". This is a cost free fundraiser for the school. It also helps prevent improper disposal of consumer electronics. Just tossed in the garbage, electronics can sit in a landfill up to 1,000 years. The metals in them can contribute to the contamination and pollution of air, water and soil. For more information go to www.thinkrecycle.com. If your digital camera broke on your last vacation, bring it in! There is a recycling box in the main office and in the library.

GIRLS RUGBY TOURNAMENT

BCI Senior and Junior Girls Rugby teams will travel to Columbus, Ohio for the Ohio Rugby Classic Tournament Friday April 29 to Sunday May 1. Please contact Ms. Grierson-Young, Ms. Link or Mr. Martin if you have any questions.



April 8-16 GREASE—THE MUSICAL

The cast and crew of BCI are very excited to be presenting GREASE for the first time in our 100 year history and even more excited for our first musical production in the new "Auditorium". Get your tickets as early as this month from BCI's main office or a cast member. Everyone's favourite musical is sure to sell out fast so get your tickets early.

The Stage and Screen Specialist High Skills Major Students are performing their collective, *At the Grauman's Chinese Theatre* on Tuesday, March 8th in the auditorium. Tickets will be on sale at the door.

2011/2012 COURSE SELECTION SHEET INFORMATION

Students will receive their course selection sheets for next year with their report cards. From February 14-18th Guidance counsellors will be visiting first period classes to answer any questions that students may have. Course calendars are available on the BCI website (www.bcivs.brantford.on.ca). Graduation and individual course information is available in this calendar. Course selection sheets are due on Day 1, to first period teachers by **Thursday, February 24th**.

SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLAN

It is the School Board policy to practice building evacuation and lock-down procedures when school is in session. During a lock-down procedure, parents are advised not to phone the school, call 911 or come to the school, since this may impede police actions. Contact with home will be made by the school as necessary. Every student will be given specific instructions for the school emergency plan.



