

The Northern Highlights

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October...	8	Thanksgiving Day – No School
	11	Gr 8 IB Info Session for students (optional during am recess) Rm 206
	22	PA Day - NLPS Hosts Municipal Elections
	25	Fall Family Dance (Flyer Attached)
	30	Gr 7 Immunizations (Please make inquiries with York Region Health)
November...	2	Photo Re-take Day
	5	School Council 7pm
	6	Diwali
	16	NLPS Hosts Quest Conference Workshop for Educators
	22	Parent-Teacher Interview Night
	23	PA Day/Parent-Teacher Interview Morning
Extra-curricular opportunities on the go...	Gr 6-8	Student Council with Ms Paivio
	Gr 4-8	Cross Country Team with Mr Higgins
	Gr 7-8	Volleyball Teams with Ms Jackson, Ms Thornley and Mr. Han
	Gr 6-8	Library Leadership Team with Ms McGeorge
	Gr 6	Junior Band (Sign Up) with Ms Brandon
	Gr 7-8	Intermediate Band with Ms Brandon
	Gr 7-8	HW Help/Catch Up/Extra Help (M-Th am recess) with Ms Oppedisano
	Gr 4-8	Healthy Schools Club with Ms DeCarolis
Gr 4-8	Comic/Graphic Novel Club with Mr Schneider and Ms Adams	
<p>Also...thank you to Ms DeCarolis and Ms Oppedisano's classes for running our whole school Snack Program! Bowls are filled throughout the week at convenient locations in hallways and students can take a snack if they so desire.</p>		

News and Updates:

- **School Council Update and Elected Positions** – Last week we held our first School Council Meeting for the school year. We would like to congratulate the following parents on their elected positions.
 - Lindsay Breweda – Co-chair
 - Jackie Barkowski – Co-chair
 - Marcia Mowatt – Treasurer
 - Molly Robertson – Secretary
 - Ashley Campobasso – Fundraising/Member at Large
 - Kim Hine– Fundraising/Member at Large
 - Laura Arsenic– Fundraising/Member at Large
 - Isaac Mor – Member at Large

- Li Li Lee and Michael Yoshida – Members at Large
- Greg Szabo – Member at Large

Our school council dates for this year are: Nov 5, Dec 3, Feb 4, March 4, May 6

All meetings begin at 7:00pm in our Library Learning Commons. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend any/all school council meetings throughout the year.

- **Last Chance Pizza Order** – Students enjoyed their first pizza day today. To ensure all families have an opportunity to order, we have re-opened School Cash Online from today until midnight on Monday, October 8th, for a **Last Chance Ordering** opportunity.
- **Grade 8 Secondary School Information Nights** – Please see the following [link](#) for a list of information sessions at all YRDSB secondary schools.
- **Hot Lunch Programs** – The following hot lunch options for students are **now available**
 - [Kids Kitchen](http://www.kidskitchen.ca) www.kidskitchen.ca (Mondays to Thursdays)
 - create an account and order directly on their website
 - food made directly by Kids Kitchen
 - you can choose how often and what to order from their menu
 - Pizza (Fridays)
 - Must be ordered on [School Cash Online](#)
 - Last chance to order for this whole session is Mon, Oct 9, 2018
- **Math Resource for Parents** – The Ministry of Education has put out an excellent resource for parents entitled [A Parent's Guide to the Fundamentals of Math](#). Making sure that students have a strong understanding of the fundamentals of math is one of the best ways to prepare them for success, now and in the future. What students learn today will help best position them to solve everyday problems and to increase their employability in tomorrow's economy.
- **Family Fall Dance** – Our school council is excited to host our first community engagement event. The Fall Family Dance will take place on the evening of Thursday, October 25, 2018. Be sure to come by to have some fun and view our Storybook Pumpkins, decorated by each homeroom class. Please see the attached flyer for more information about times and grade levels. Snacks will be available for purchase by our student council.
- **Primary Skating Notification** – We want to give families a heads up that our Grade 1, 2 and 3 students will be going ice skating late in November and through December.

If you are able to secure skates and a properly fitting helmet for your child before then, it would be greatly appreciated. We will have a limited number of skates in various sizes available to borrow. More information will follow in the coming months.

Wishing all those who celebrate a Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful long weekend to all!

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Principal

Melissa King

Vice-Principal