



BANTING MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Bright, Mindful, Healthy & Successful Community

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PARENT / GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The start of the school year at Banting Memorial High School has been successful and is due to the commitment of the Banting community to excellence in education. We are very fortunate to have a team of dedicated professionals who all share a common interest in helping each and every student at Banting achieve success. The efforts of teachers, educational assistants, custodial staff and office staff make this a place where students can learn and grow in a safe environment. The wide variety of sports and clubs offered to students makes Banting a place where all students have a chance to pursue their interests. Literacy and numeracy initiatives continue to be a strong focus for us in all subject areas, with specific strategies to improve overall student achievement and well-being.

We recognize the importance of working as a partnership with parents/guardians and welcome your input on how we can best help your student achieve success in school. The mid-term report card accompanying this newsletter offers you a chance to review with your student; the grades on the report card, attendance, number of lates and teachers' comments. Please review the student handbook for January and June exam dates and help support student study both during the school year and final evaluations.

My sincerest wishes to each and every student for a successful school year.

— Jo Shako

IMPORTANT DATES

Mid-term Reports	November 20
Grad Photos	November 20-Dec.1
Birdie Bash	November 20-22
Scholarship Talk	November 23 7pm
School Council	November 23 8pm
Fall Coffee House	November 23 7pm
Full Disclosure	November 27
JackTalk Assembly	November 29
Blood Donor Clinic	November 30
Last day for Grad Pictures	December 1
Best Buddies Bake Sale	December 20
Holiday Break	December 25-Jan.5
Classes Resume	January 8
Co-op Appreciation Event	January 11
Gr.12 Art Show -Gibson Ctr.	Jan 11th (install)
Gr.12 Art Show -Gibson Ctr.	Jan 13th (show)
Grade 9 Math EQAO	January 17-18
Exams	January 25-31
PA Days	February 1 - 2

BMHS History Department

Europe Trip March 2019



The History Department is currently planning a trip to Europe in **March 2019** to commemorate the **75th anniversary of D-Day**. The trip will travel from London England, through Northern France, and end in Paris. We will be putting out more detailed information and holding a parent meeting in the future. Please direct questions to Mr. Howatson or Mrs. Valentine.



BMHS BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

Thursday, November 30, 2017

8:30am—12:30pm

Small Gym



COLLECTION GOAL 72 units!

Requirements: 17 years and older, photo ID (student card, license or OHIP), 1 hour of time.

School Year Calendar The school year calendar can be found on the SCDSB's website at www.scdsb.on.ca under 'Schools' - 'School Year Calendars.'

- Winter Break: Dec 25, 2017 to Jan 5, 2018
- March Break: March 12 to 16, 2018





BMHS visual arts DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to Grade 12 student Trinity Wright and Grade 10 student Serena Farrugia for having their artwork selected to represent Banting Memorial High School at the Board level for the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF) Student Achievement Awards.



Gr.12 student Trinity Wright
"Awareness"

This year's theme is "What's Your Superpower?" a challenge to students to interpret the theme in a personal way.

Trinity's piece, "Awareness" has moved on to the regional level where, if successful, will be judged at the provincial level in the new year. Winning entries receive a \$1,000 cash prize.

Banting has a long history of representing the school board in this competition and has had two previous provincial winners: Hayley Powling in 2012, and Svenja Wyss in 2006.

The Student Achievement Awards, which include writing and creative arts competitions, was established in 1984 and named in honour of Marion Drysdale, who was a secretary at OSSTF/FEESO Provincial Office for 22 years.



Gr.10 student Serena Farrugia
"My Strength, My Character"

School Cash Online

*Paying for school items just got easier!
Sign up to get started today.*

What is School Cash Online?

School cash online is an easy way to pay for your student's school fees.

Step One:

Go to the Banting Memorial High School Website

Step Two:

Quick Access List:
Click on 'pay fees' icon



Step Three:



GET STARTED TODAY

*If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the
BMHS main office 705-435-6288*



It's almost winter! Bus Cancellation Information

Winter is just around the corner in Simcoe County and with it comes the possibility of severe weather, challenging winter driving conditions and possible bus and school event cancellations.

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's bus information website at

www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca

Our school is in the South zone. When buses are cancelled, schools are still open for student learning, unless otherwise noted.

The Consortium and bus operators try to make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and make every effort to post announcements between 6 and 7 a.m. Inclement weather cancellations are effective for the whole day and buses cancelled in the morning will not run at the end of the day. You can follow the Consortium on Twitter

@SCSTC_SchoolBus

for bus cancellations and other information. You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications here:

<https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions>

or listen to local radio for event cancellation information.

Safe Schools tool for reporting bullying, drug use or vandalism

The SCDSB has an online Safe Schools Reporting Tool, which is available on our school website homepage, <http://ban.scdsb.on.ca>, as a Quick Access button. Students and parents can use this tool to submit a report online if they witness a student engaged in inappropriate behaviour such as bullying, drug use or vandalism. Students are still encouraged to speak to a trusted adult at school or home if they have any concerns. This form isn't a substitute for having a discussion with your teacher or principal. Student safety and well-being is always our top priority. For more information please contact the school or visit <http://scdsb.on.ca/ReportAnIncident>.



BMHS GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT



Full Disclosure Policy

The "Full Disclosure Policy" which became effective in September 1999, affects all students taking senior (Grade 11 and 12) courses.

- If a student withdraws from a Grade 11 or Grade 12 course on or before 5 school days after the mid-semester reports have been issued, the course will not be recorded on the transcript.
- If a student withdraws from a Grade 11 or Grade 12 course more than 5 school days after the mid-semester reports have been issued, the course will be listed on the transcript showing the student's marks at that time, as well as an indicator that the student withdrew from the course.

The Full Disclosure date for Semester 1 courses is Friday, November 27th, 2017.

Applications to College and University

The College Information Sessions at Banting will be held on Tuesday, November 14th, during Period 1 in the back of the Library. Students can apply using the on-line application available on The Ontario College Application Services website: www.ontariocolleges.ca. College applicants must submit their application by February 1st, 2018 for equal consideration.

University PINs (Personal Identification Numbers) should arrive at Banting during the week of November 13-17.

The application information sessions for students have been held. Students may begin to apply on-line once they have received their PIN. University applicants must submit their applications by January 17th, 2018 if their applications are to receive equal consideration with all other applicants.

It is recommended that College and University applicants apply as early as possible (before the winter break), as the stress on OCAS and OUAC computer resources increases closer to the deadline date.

Advanced Placement Program

A new program at the SCDSB allows high school students to prepare for university or college courses and evaluations. The Advanced Placement (AP) program gives students who have in-depth knowledge of particular subject areas the chance to write evaluations covering over 30 subjects. The evaluations are administered by schools on specific dates in May and students who achieve a score of 4 or 5 can be considered for advanced placement in post-secondary programs that recognize the AP designation.

Currently, Banting Memorial High School is offering Advanced Placement Programs for Senior Biology, English and Psychology. Each program will provide 18 hours of intensive study focusing on evaluation content, taught by qualified teachers, using College Board AP evaluation study material. The fee is \$125 for each evaluation written. If interested, please contact the Guidance Office at 705-435-6288 Ext. 40162 for more information.

Grade 8 Information Night

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? Curriculum Information Nights give an overview of high school curriculum as well as requirements for graduation. Guidance teachers will be visiting our elementary schools in early January to explain the high school program. Dates and times for these evenings will be made available to parents by elementary schools at a later date. In addition, Banting's Grade 8 Open House will take place on Thursday, February 8th, 2018, 7:00 -8:30 p.m. at the high school. Please save the date and accompany your student that evening; it is a valuable experience to see the many opportunities we offer, tour the school, and ask questions.

**Starting
Grade 9
next year?**

Find out what to expect at our Grade 8 Information Night!



Thursday, February 8, 2018
7 to 8:30 p.m.



<https://www.myblueprint.ca>

PARENTS/GUARDIANS,
Ask your student, grades 9-12, about this software that helps them make the most informed decisions about their future. It's a wealth of information at their fingertips!

Students in grade 9 have had the opportunity to check out an amazing website and create their own personal accounts! The website is designed to help students set goals, build resumes and portfolios, plan courses and graduation requirements in high school, gather information for post-secondary, and investigate opportunities for careers. Students can access this website from anywhere, and parents are encouraged to check it out as well. The blog even has many interesting articles to read!

In addition, Guidance is also working with grade 11 students to assist them with pathway planning for next year. This includes examining post-secondary options and admission requirements for programs at colleges and universities. Grade 11 students are using myBlueprint to look at these opportunities!