

Page 2 of the Report Cards

Students and their parents are asked to complete page 2 of the report card no later than Monday May 5<sup>th</sup>. Please return this page along with the signature of a parent/guardian to your first period teacher.

Student Services

A reminder that full disclosure applies to all senior courses dropped or deleted from a student's timetable after five days having received the mid-tem report card ( Provincial report card). This means that the course and the current mark will appear on the student's transcript.

Summer school applications will be available mid May from Student Services. Listen for announcements.

Potential graduates are to read the special Student Services newsletter very carefully. They will need to return the **Red Awards Information Form**. **Students also planning to graduate need to check that their community hours are complete. A listing of students with outstanding hours has been posted outside of Student Services - be sure to check the list!**

2008-09 timetables are being built as we speak. Conflict resolution will occur during the month of May and June. Students may have to choose between electives as conflict arise.

Accommodation Review

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, the Avon-Maitland District School Board will b holding a meeting in St. Marys to decide on school configurations. Specifically, trustees will be voting on a JK-6 school to be erected at the Pyramid Centre and Grade 7-8 students to be transferred to DCVI. This meeting will be held at the Pyramid Centre (Community Room) beginning at 7 pm.

New Staff at DCVI

Two of our staff members (Mrs. Blight, Miss Black) are now on maternity leave with newborns. Mr. Todd Steel and Ms. Tracy Marshment have been hired in their place. We welcome these teachers to our school community.

Band Trip

Last week members of our school band under the direction of Mr. Sumstad embarked on a trip (cruise) to the Bahamas. The band performed very well on this trip. Thank you to Mr. Sumstad, Miss Jewson and Mr. Chateauvert for chaperoning this trip and for creating a lifelong memory for students.

Spaghetti Dinner

On Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup>, DCVI's Student Council will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner at the school. This is a fundraiser for the school with all profits being turned over to the Music Program and Student Council. The Jazz Band will perform at this venue. The cost is \$10 per person. Please come out anytime between 5-7 pm.

### **Jesse's Journey**

DCVI is also participating in fund-raising for Jesse's Journey. Jesse is Jesse Davidson, the son of John Davidson a former PL Newscaster based out of London. For over a decade, the Davidsons have been raising money and awareness to fight Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. This year Matt Brine (Student Council President), Mr. Gregory and Mr. McAsh have all agreed to be the victims stunts if enough money is raised. Please get involved and aid in the research of fighting this disease.

### **Sigg Water Bottles**

DCVI's Eco-Team has been busy informing staff and students about the perils of plastic, specifically bottles made from hard plastic that may leach the toxin BPA ( bisphenol-A). As a result, the team has been selling Sigg Water Bottles to students. These water bottles are a healthier alternative.

In addition, Mrs. Donnelly, Mr. Richardson and Mrs. Bettger were all instrumental in organizing students to clean up the grounds around the school on Earth Day. This club continues to grow , thanks to the opportunities provided by these staff members.

### **Intra-murals**

Indoor soccer has been on the venue at lunch recently. Lunch at school this year has been very manageable thanks to the efforts of Mr. Marcou in organizing intra-mural activities for students and staff.

### **Crossing Bridges**

In an effort to assist our youth, this support group has been set up. Youth at this support help others who wish to make changes in their substance abuse as well as help those trying to cope with a friend or family member who have problems with substance abuse. This group meets at 3:30 pm, Mondays in the Cope classroom. All are welcome.

### **Character Education**

Recently the school held an assembly to recognize the student body for their participation in school events this year. This assembly was coordinated by Mr. Brunton and Mrs. Donnelly. Students were encouraged to continue to get involved in events during the next 40 school days. To their credit, many students volunteered on Tuesday to help the native people who were residing at the Pyramid Centre. I encourage all students and parents to access the school blog to get a sense of the level of student involvement this year (to access - Google St. Marys DCVI)

In addition, the tone of the school is very positive thanks to the support of students and staff. I also wish to thank Student Services, Special Education, Student Success, Cope teachers and the many community agencies that we have working out of DCVI. All of these people and agencies continue to make valuable contributions towards supporting our youth. We are very privileged to have these caring adults work with us.

Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.