

# CHINGLIGHTS

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CHINGUACOUSY  
Secondary School



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## Dear students, parents and guardians,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you're continuing to enjoy the summer. In a few short weeks, school will resume again. On behalf of all the staff and administration, we look forward to your return! To our incoming Grade 9s and new students, we are delighted to have you join our Chinguacousy family!

Congratulations to Mr. Byrne as he transitions into the VP role at Bramalea Secondary School. His exemplary work, tireless support of students and programs, and his sense of humour will be missed! Congratulations also go out to Mr. Malott, Mrs. Young, Ms. Cooper, Mr. O'Gorman, and Ms. Waddon on their retirement! After the many dedicated years of service to education, this is certainly a well-deserved "break" as they each pursue different interests and spend more time doting on family. To Ms. Lebar and Mr. Habib, the Chinguacousy family wishes you well at Roy McMurtry and Harold Brathwaite Secondary School, respectively.

Welcome to Mr. Banhan and Mr. Lam, our incoming vice principals from Turner Fenton Secondary School and Stephen Lewis Secondary School, respectively. We are fortunate to have two very experienced administrators and educators join our Chinguacousy team. As we start the school year, Mr. Banhan will support students with surnames M-Z while Mr. Lam supports students with surnames A-L. Additionally, welcome to Mr. Toban (Physical Education), Mr. Whelan (Global Studies) and Ms. Yannopoulos (Math/Business). I know they are extremely excited to be working with our students! Congratulations to Ms. Young as she enjoys sunsets on the water and welcome to Ms. Donnelly, our new office manager.

This year, Grade 9 orientation activities will be led by our Link Crew leaders on Tuesday, September 6th at 8:00 AM in the auditorium, and will continue to support our Grade 9s throughout the year with academic goal setting and student engagement in co-curricular activities. This is meant to be a transition program as we all know how difficult starting high school can be.

New this year is the Grade 11 SHSM Launch for students in Manufacturing, and Health and Wellness on September 6th at 9:30 AM in the auditorium. **Please note that all other students will begin classes on September 7th.**

Upon your return, you will notice that the parent drop off / pick up zone is along the west parking lot. I ask that cars move as far ahead as possible along that lane to avoid traffic congestion at the lights. Another change is that cars can NOT make a left from the thruway at the front of the school to the traffic lights at the exit of the parking lot during specific times of the day. You must drive around the west lot instead. We hope this will eliminate the chaos so please obey the new signs and markings along our laneway to ensure everyone's safety.

Special thanks to staff and students for all the submissions for our new team name. As announced back in June, after all the votes were counted, the winning name is the Timberwolves! I am delighted to unveil the new mascot found in the bottom left corner. Again, thank you for supporting this very important change.

I look forward to yet another year where together, we: **Belong with purpose, Succeed with support, Excel with character**

Wishing you all a wonderful August. See you in September.

Sincerely,

*Ms. Mork-Gerra*

Ms. Mork-Gerra  
Principal

# REGISTRATION 2016-2017

Parents and students are reminded that all currently enrolled Chinguacousy students are required to register for the 2016-2017 school year. These back to school procedures will occur as follows:

## Tuesday, August 30, 2016:

Grade 9        8:30 am—10:30 am  
Grade 10      12:30 pm—2:30 pm

## Wednesday, August 31, 2016:

Grade 11      8:30 am – 10:30am  
Grade 12      12:30pm—2:30 pm

Students must return all outstanding materials i.e. text and library books or pay the cost of the materials still owing, prior to registering.

**The Registration fee for 2016-2017 is \$40.00.**

*This fee is used for co-curricular enhancements such as guest speakers, athletics, student leadership, arts, awards ceremonies, clubs and print credits.*

**Grade 10-12 SciTech fee is \$200.00.**

**Sorry, No Debit or Credit.**

Lockers will be assigned in Home Form. Students must provide their own combination lock. Chinguacousy does not sell locks.

## FOR YOUR CHING-FORMATION:

### GRADE 9 ORIENTATION & SHSM LAUNCH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

Two great events are planned for the first day of school for our grade 9 and 11 students!

**Grade 9 students** and student Link Crew leaders will be participating in orientation activities all day with a BBQ lunch to be provided. **Grade 9 students will need to:**

- arrive 8:00 am and proceed to the gym
- wear comfortable attire
- bring a lock for their locker

**Grade 11 SHSM** students in **Manufacturing and Health & Wellness** will be participating in a Launch day beginning at 9:30 in the auditorium.

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## CHINGUACOUSY SCHOOL COUNCIL:

Parents or guardians are invited to apply for an executive position on our School Council for the 2016-2017 school year. We have posted a reference document and the **parent nomination form** for 2016-2017 executive council under the **School Council tab**. All parents or guardian are invited to attend our School Council meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to vote for the new 2016-2017 executive council members.

All school council meetings are open to the public and we encourage input from everyone in our school community. If you would like to become part of our team or have a suggestion for the council, we welcome you to attend an upcoming meeting.

The 2016-2017 School Council meetings are scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup>, November 29<sup>th</sup>, February 28<sup>th</sup>, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Have a great summer and see you in September.

## PHOTO I.D. & TIMETABLES:

Students will be expected to have their student I.D. cards with them at all times. If requested, students will show their I.D. card/timetable to any staff who ask. The student I.D. card is required for entry to the library, the cafeteria server and after school events. The I.D. card must be shown to participate in school clubs and teams. The timetable must be shown to verify that you have a study period.



## TIMETABLES:

**It is the student's responsibility to check his/her timetable for accuracy.**

- You must carry 8 courses (4 per semester) unless you are in your graduating year and have earned a minimum of 23 credits.
- Please make sure you have successfully completed the correct pre-requisites for all your scheduled courses.
- Check the sequences of your courses. The pre-requisite course must be in the first semester followed by the next course in semester 2.
- If you attended summer school you may need your timetable adjusted.
- Make sure you have the courses you need for graduation and/or post-secondary plans.

**Counsellors will only make changes due to summer school, missing courses, incorrect sequencing or graduation requirements.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT NO OTHER TIME-TABLE CHANGES WILL BE CONSIDERED**

### Guidance Counsellors Alpha Responsibilities

Mr. Hector:	A—D
Mr. Chahal:	E—O
Mrs. Gordon:	P—Z

**All Students are expected to register in google drive ([studentnumber@pdsb.net](mailto:studentnumber@pdsb.net)) using the following codes:**

2016/2017 Grade 9 - myhk2h  
2016/2017 Grade 10 - vpcrup  
2016/2017 Grade 11 - 003jiqj  
2016/2017 Grade 12 - yf3i4x7

**This will ONLY be used to send out important information from the guidance department/school.** It will not be used as a medium of communication with your guidance counselor. Students are still required to make an appointment to meet with a counselor as needed.

## PARENT WEB:

**Please consider signing up for Parent web** which is found on the Chinguacousy school website listed under the Parent tab. This is particularly helpful for parents as it **tracks attendance, credit history and displays diploma status and marks.**



## ATTENDANCE:

Regular attendance at school is essential for student success. If your son or daughter is going to be absent from school, please call to report it at

905-791-2400, ext 408 or press 3 for attendance. If you forget, then send a note to the attendance office upon return with the information below:

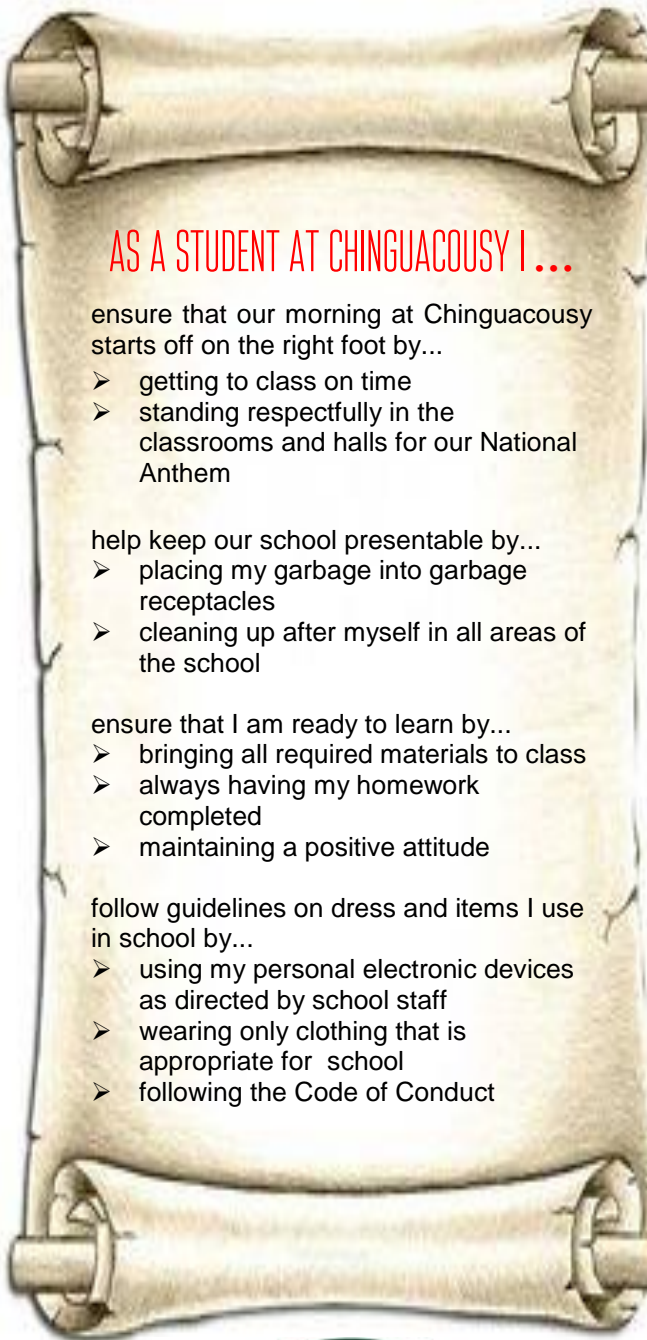
- Parent/Guardian signature
- Child's name
- Child's student number
- Date and reason of absence

If you would like to access your child's attendance electronically through the internet, please sign up for Parent Web.

## STUDENT PARKING:



All students who intend to park a car at school will be required to display in their vehicle a Student Parking Permit for the 2016-2017 school year. The application is available from the attendance office as of Sept. 7, 2016. Permits will be issued once the agreement is signed. One permit is required per vehicle. Students must park their vehicles in the east parking lot near the basketball courts during the school day.



### AS A STUDENT AT CHINGUACOUSY I ...

ensure that our morning at Chinguacousy starts off on the right foot by...

- getting to class on time
- standing respectfully in the classrooms and halls for our National Anthem

help keep our school presentable by...

- placing my garbage into garbage receptacles
- cleaning up after myself in all areas of the school

ensure that I am ready to learn by...

- bringing all required materials to class
- always having my homework completed
- maintaining a positive attitude

follow guidelines on dress and items I use in school by...

- using my personal electronic devices as directed by school staff
- wearing only clothing that is appropriate for school
- following the Code of Conduct



Our commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Parents are asked to ensure that their sons or daughters, who obtained their diploma during the 2015-2016 school year, have indicated their intention to attend to Mrs. Fletcher in the Guidance Department at 905-791-2400 ext. 409

### LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS:

Welcome to Chinguacousy’s Library Learning Commons—a creative, collaborative centre. We are often the first space for students as we open at 7:30 am. We are the largest classroom in the school. Students are here for leisure reading, Independent and group work, board games and with their classes for research. We look forward to seeing you in September as we learn together.

**Mr. Williams (Teacher-librarian/Facilitator)**

### COMMUNICATION WITH ADULT STUDENTS: (AGE 18 & OLDER)

Please be advised that Peel District School Board staff, including teachers and administrators, will communicate with the parent(s)/guardian(s) of an adult student (age 18 or older) regarding educational matters unless and until that adult student provides direction in writing that all further communication by school staff regarding education matters must be with that student only. If you have any questions regarding this practice, please speak to your Vice-Principal.

For students’ last names **A - L** - Mr. Loi Lam

For students’ last names **M - Z** - Mr. Peter Banhan

# CHINGUACOUSY 2016 - 2017 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

September	
6	First day of Classes - Grade 9s ONLY 8:00 am
7	Classes start 8:00 am - ALL GRADES
22	Co-op Placement Day
23-25	Ontario Universities' Fair 2016 (Metro Toronto Convention Centre)
27	School Council Meeting 7:00 pm
30	Terry Fox Run
October	
7	Professional Learning Day - No School
10	Thanksgiving - No School
13	Early Progress Reports distributed
17-18	Ontario Universities' Fair 2016 (Enercare Centre)
20	Parents Night 5:30 - 8 p.m. Post Secondary Fair 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
27	SciTech & Regular Program Open House
November	
2	Take our Kids to Work Day Grade 9s /Pathway Day
4	Undergrad/ChingStar Awards Commencement - 7:00 p.m.
9	Semester 1 Term 1 ENDS
10	Semester 2 Term 2 BEGINS
16	Mid Term Reports distributed
17	Talent Show - 7:00 pm
18	Professional Learning Day - NO SCHOOL
21-25	Grad Photos
23	Co-op Fair
28	School Council Meeting 7:00 pm
December	
7	Early Release Day - Classes end @ 10:49 am
14	Drama Matinee
16	Drama Evening Performance
<b>Winter Break Dec 26 - Jan 6 NO SCHOOL</b>	
January	
9	First day back from Winter Break
11	University On-Line Applications Deadline
17	Last Day of Co-op Placements
17	Grade 9 Math EQAO
19	Grade 9 Math EQAO
<b>SEMESTER 1 EXAMS JANUARY 25 - FEBRUARY 1</b>	

February	
3	Semester 2 begins
8	Final Reports Semester 1 distributed
17	Professional Learning Day - No School
20	Family Day - No School
23	Co-op Placement Day
28	School Council Meeting 7:00 pm
March	
2	Early Release Day
9	Early Progress Reports distributed
<b>March Break Mar 13 - 17 NO SCHOOL</b>	
23	Parent's Night 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Community Fair 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
30	OSSLT
April	
13	Semester 2 Term 1 Ends
14	Good Friday - No School
17	Easter Monday - No School
18	Semester 2 Term 2 Begins
21	Midterm Reports Distributed
25	School Council Meeting 7:00 pm
27	Early Release Day - Classes end @ 10:49 am
May	
3	Co-op Fair
11	Arts Night - 7:00 pm
18	Early Release Day - Classes end @ 10:49 am
22	Victoria Day - No School
26	Grad Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
26	PROM
June	
8	Athletic Banquet
8	Math EQAO - grade 9
9	Math EQAO - grade 9
13	Last day of Co-op Placemenet
<b>SEMESTER 2 EXAMS JUNE 20 - JUNE 23</b>	
29	Final Reports Semester 2 distributed
30	Professional Learning Day - No School

## CLUBS 2016 - 2017

AUDIO VISUAL  
CHESS  
COMPUTER SCIENCE  
DANCE  
DRAMA  
GSA  
GEM and LEAP TECHNOLOGY  
LATIN DANCE  
MOCK TRIAL  
MODEL UNITED NATIONS  
NATIONAL SCIENCE COMPETITION PREP  
FIRST ROBOTICS  
VEX ROBOTICS  
SCIENTISTS IN THE KITCHEN  
Sci Tech ACADEMY DEVELOPMENT  
SEWING  
YEARBOOK  
YO!TC (Youth Opportunities Through Community)  
ZONTA

Ms. Anderson-Reeves  
Mr. Mohanlall  
Mr. Bozz  
Ms. Patel  
Mrs. Bradley  
Mrs. Coates  
Mr. Walton  
Mrs. Tserghanos  
Mr. Gill  
Mr. Williams  
Mr. Walton  
Ms. Nazareth  
Ms. Nazareth  
Ms. Barnes  
Mr. Rattray  
Ms. Barnes  
Mrs. Wilson  
Mrs. Patel  
Ms. Nazareth

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## TEAMS AND INTRAMURALS 2016 - 2017

BASKETBALL - Girls  
FLAG FOOTBALL-Boys/Girls  
BADMINTON-Jr.  
BADMINTON-Sr.  
BALL HOCKEY  
BASEBALL  
BASKETBALL-Jr. Boys  
BASKETBALL-Sr. Boys  
CRICKET-Sr. Boys  
CROSS COUNTRY  
FLAG FOOTBALL-Girls (Tournament Team)  
RUGBY-Boys  
RUGBY-Girls  
SOCCER-Sr. Boys  
TRACK  
ULTIMATE FRISBEE-Co-ed  
VOLLEYBALL-Varsity

Ms. Ash  
Mr. Avramidis  
Mr. McFadgen  
Mrs. Patel  
Mr. Chahal  
Mr. Helm  
Mr. Toban  
Mr. Whelan  
Ms. Nazareth  
Mr. Toban  
Mr. Avramidis  
Mr. Fraser  
Mrs. Fournier  
Mrs. Toban  
Mrs. Fournier  
Ms. Fields  
Mrs. Fournier

Listen to the announcements for start-up in September!