

Spartan Speak Newsletter

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Principal's Message

What an amazing year it has been at Lorne Park Secondary School! I am so proud of the incredible accomplishments achieved by our students, staff, families, and school community. We have continued to build on our tradition of excellence at Lorne Park with academics, athletics, the arts, and student leadership.

Our students continue to demonstrate high academic achievement through their exceptional achievement in their courses, through their results on EQAO testing, through high rates of acceptance in post-secondary institutions, through recognition by scholarship, through their incredible success in challenging Advanced Placement examinations, and through their success in academic contests in mathematics and science.

In athletics, we achieved seven gold medals in ROPSSAA championship events, and three silver medals. We had almost 200 student athletes from nine teams compete in OFSSAA Provincial Championships, winning gold medals in Senior Girls' swimming, Senior Boys' Tennis, Senior Boys' Football, and Junior Boys' Football.

In the Arts, our vocal and instrumental music students, supported by multiple staff, parents, and community partners pulled off a spectacular five performance production of Grease, The Musical. Our Senior Band advanced to the national competition for Music Fest where they achieved a silver medal along with the Award of Excellence in Clinic. Our drama students were successful in advancing to the Central Ontario regional finals for

the Ontario Drama Festival. Our Visual Arts program continued to produce breath-taking works in a variety of art mediums.

Our students led more than a dozen leadership clubs that raised money and awareness for many important causes that include Cancer Research, Canadian Blood Services, Animal Welfare, Women's shelters, and the families of the Humoldt Broncos bus crash tragedy. Our excellence in student leadership was especially evident with the success of our Model United Nations team who competed in Vancouver, Montreal, and Toronto this year.

I have a few staffing announcements to share with you. First of all, we have some staff who are leaving Lorne Park at the end of June. On behalf of LP, I wish our teachers Ms. Larsen, Ms. Malo, and Mr. McMonagle all the best in retirement. Congratulations to Ms. Vardy who has been promoted to the role of Vice Principal and so has been transferred to West Credit Secondary School for September. Congratulations to Ms. Lambrakos who has been promoted to the role of Acting Curricular Head of Social Sciences at Sandalwood Secondary School. A large number of long-term occasional staff will also be leaving at the end of June and heading on to new roles in the fall and I wish them much success: Ms. Lovekin, Ms. Di Pasquale, Ms. De Medeiros, Ms. Rawski, Ms. Hong, Ms. Bryce, and Ms. Poonah.

Lorne Park also has a number of new staff who will be joining us in September. Welcome to Mr. Newhook who will be joining LP from Gordon

Graydon Memorial SS as a Guidance Counselor and Special Education teacher. Welcome to Ms. Sadasivan who joins us from Heart Lake SS as an Art, Photography, and English teacher. Welcome to Ms. Sutharsan who will join us from North Park Secondary School to teach Law and English. Welcome back to Ms. Dzolganovski who returns to us from Humberview to teach English. Welcome back to Ms. Sarhan who returns to us from Humberview to teach English. Welcome to Mr. Lewin who joins LP from Louise Arbour SS to teach Computer Science and Mathematics. Welcome to Ms. Shell who joins us from Glenforest SS to teach Mathematics. Also, congratulations to Marlene Faulkner who has been promoted to the role of Curricular Head of Science here at LP. As well congratulations to Ms. Vanstone who has been promoted to the role of Curricular Head of Special Education and Student Success.

A special thank you to our amazing School Advisory Council who worked so hard this year to support our school. In particular thank you to our Chairperson, Shabanah Ullah, our Vice Chairperson, Marija Dokic, our Treasurer Mariya Mazur, our Secretary Bo Yin, and our Past Chairs who continue to provide leadership, Rose Piacentino and Anita Campo. I always appreciate their advice about the school and their efforts with fundraising. Thanks to their efforts and your financial support, over the past two years LP has been able to purchase a 3D printer, an outdoor water station for our athletics program, portable stands for our drama program, sound equipment, and hallway furniture for our students. Please consider supporting Council's current **Red Band Jackets** fundraiser campaign which aims to replace our 25-year-old iconic red band jackets. To make a donation, go to our website lpstartans.ca.

Thank you and best wishes to our graduating Student Council President Tayo Oduyemi and to the rest of the out-going Student Council. Congratulations on your accomplishments this year.

I am looking forward to working with our new Student Council in September who will be led by recently elected President Santana Salcedo.

Our students, staff, and community together accomplished amazing things this year and I am looking forward to continuing to build on this excellence next year. Best wishes to our graduating students who are heading off to post-secondary adventures. I know you will accomplish great things in the future. Please keep in touch, our staff enjoy hearing about your wonderful accomplishments in your life after high school. To everyone else, have a wonderful summer! I hope to connect with you on pre-registration day on August 28th, and throughout the next school year.

Craig Caslick

Principal

STUDENT REGISTRATION SCHEDULE FOR 2018/2019

Tuesday, August 28th

Returning students
(all grades)

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Wednesday, August 29th

ALL GRADE 9's & NEW STUDENTS ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION

9:00 am – 12:00 pm (Grade 9s)

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (all grades)

Tuesday, September 4th

First Day of Classes

8:20 am – 2:35 pm

Day 1

8:30 am – 11:00 am

Registration – all grades

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE

At Lorne Park Secondary School, we provide program enhancements that have a fee associated with them. The program enhancements offer students opportunities outside of their academic classes. Often these experiences become the most memorable part of a student's school career. The student activity fee for the 2018/2019 school year is **\$30.00**. This amount will be used for:

\$15.00 Student Activity Council activities such as intramurals, student club subsidies, special events for student clubs and subsidies for the extracurricular music program.

\$15.00 Athletic activities such as prizes for intramurals, subsidies for extracurricular tournaments, transportation costs, and referee fees.

We also offer students the opportunity to purchase a school yearbook for **\$35.00**.

Students who choose to join athletic teams during the school year will be charged a sport specific fee to support specific team costs.

School Council Contribution

Parents are also invited to consider making a contribution to the Lorne Park School Council fund raising. School Council is an elected group of parents who use funds to support student learning and the learning environment at Lorne Park. Funds are used to support the annual Graduation ceremony, to bring in guest speakers for student workshops and to purchase equipment that supports student learning. Any amount of contribution is greatly appreciated. Contributions of \$25 or more will be eligible for Charitable Donation tax receipts.

Student Activity Fees for 2018/2019

(\$35) Yearbook (voluntary)

(\$30) Student Activity Fee

(\$30) School Council Donation (voluntary)

(\$95)

MUSIC NOTES



Guest Conductor

In early February, members of the Senior Band and Senior Wind Ensemble were treated to a clinic with esteemed conductor/adjudicator Colin Clarke, in preparation for our performances at Musicfest Ontario.

Musicfest

In February, The Senior Concert Band, Senior Jazz Ensemble, and Senior Wind Ensemble all performed at Musicfest Ontario in Ancaster. The Senior Band, Senior Wind Ensemble and Senior Jazz Ensemble all came away with Silver awards, and the Senior Band was invited to perform at the Musicfest Nationals. Congratulations to all performers!

Grease! The Musical

On April 25, 26, and 27, LP was rockin' with 1950's style music, complete with leather jackets, greased hair, and Greased Lightning itself! The staff and students had worked many countless hours for months to prepare for the amazing show. The performances were a HUGE success and thrilled the audiences! Congratulations to all involved in the show for an amazing job!

Music Night

On Thursday, May 10, Lorne Park music students performed "Across the Universe", this year's spring Music Night. Highlights of the evening included the Junior Jazz Ensemble performance of "Girl from Ipanema"; a fun performance of "The Lion Sleeps

Tonight" by the Spartan Singers; as well as performances of "Cold Duck Time" by the Senior Jazz Ensemble, "Pirates of the Caribbean" by the Junior Band and "Doctor Who: Through Time and Space" by the Senior Concert Band. Special mention goes to Ingrid Cui's beautiful performance of Liszt's "Un Sospiro". Overall the evening was a great success. Congratulations to all performers and thank you to all of the supportive audience members! A fond farewell to all of our graduating grade 12 students!

TYWO Concert

On Friday, May 4, music students were treated to a high-energy performance from the Toronto Youth Wind Orchestra (TYWO), which featured many favourite Star Wars-based themes. What a great way to enjoy the incredible music of legendary composer John Williams on May the Fourth (be with you)!

Arts Banquet

After a one-year hiatus, the LP Arts Banquet returned with a HUGELY successful evening. There were awards, a great dinner with Greek food from Colossus, a photo booth, and amazing performances from numerous talented performers. Congratulations to all the award winners and special thanks to the Arts Banquet committee for all of the incredible planning and organizing for this memorable event!

Commencement

The Commencement Band has been rehearsing to perform at this year's June Commencement. The final rehearsal for Commencement Band will take place on Wednesday, June 27th at 10:00 a.m. Students are reminded to return their permission forms as soon as possible. Our performance will

take place on Thursday, June 28th at the Commencement ceremony held at Oasis Banquet Hall on Lakeshore Road. We start loading the bus by 4:20 p.m. and leave the school at 4:45 p.m. Students will return at approximately 10:30 p.m.

Music Award Winners

Special congratulations to our award winners:

Haden Heathcock award for Music Leadership – Ingrid Cui, and Caleigh Copelin

Senior Band Leadership Award – Ingrid Cui

Senior Vocal Leadership Award – Caleigh Copelin

Senior Jazz Leadership Award – Sean Kitson

Senior Composer of the Year – Ryan Tanary

Jazz Improvisation Award – Kevin Hu

Junior Vocal Leadership Award – Maya Reynolds

Junior Jazz Leadership Award – Anh Tran

Junior Musicianship Award – Xiaoting Fan

Up and Coming Musician Award - Luke Foreman, Cynthia Sa, Kielen Scrimgeour

Spirit of LP Music Award – Alwaz Aziz

Music Executive

Thank you to our outgoing Music Executive, who have done a fantastic job this year planning and organizing many events.

The outgoing 2017-2018 Music Executive members are: Ingrid Cui (Instrumental Co-Chair), Caleigh Copelin (Vocal Co-Chair), Paul Huang (Grade 11 Rep), Caitlin Wong (Grade 10 Rep), Maggie Wozny (Vocal Rep), Alwaz Aziz (Musical Assistant), Andrew Scott (Publicity Head), Kevin Hu (Secretary), Emily Chen (Librarian), Emma Kuryluk (Treasurer), Scott Sipkens (Tech Director), Kielen Scrimgeour (Grade 9 Rep). A warm welcome to the newly elected Music

Exec members for 2018-2019: Alwaz Aziz (Co-Chair), Jasmine Smith (Co-Chair), Caitlin Wong (Grade 11 Rep), Luke Foreman (Grade 10 Rep), Maya Reynolds (Vocal Rep), Kevin Hu (Guitar Rep), Paul Huang (Trip Coordinator), Rebecca So (Publicity Head), Margaret Anderson (Secretary), Xiaoting Fan (Librarian), Kielen Scrimgeour (Treasurer), Scott Sipkens (Tech Director).

We look forward to another wonderful year of musical events!

Red Band Jacket Fundraiser campaign

As you may know, the Parent Council has been generously giving their time and energy towards the Red Band Jacket campaign to help purchase new jackets for the Senior Concert Band. Our current jackets are well-loved, but in rough shape. Please donate to help us buy new jackets for the band's future performances! All contributions over \$25 are eligible for a tax receipt, and all contributors of \$200 or more will get their name engraved on a special plaque in the music room. Thank you for your support!

Thank You!

We would like to send out a special thank you to all of the Lorne Park parents and community members who have been so supportive of Music at Lorne Park. We thank you for helping us to make music a special and important part of your children's lives.

GUIDANCE

Grade 12 students who have not received an offer from a University may check <http://www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-101/ais/> for programs that are still available for September. College programs that are still available for September or January entry can be found on ontariocolleges.ca.

Summer School Walk-in Registration is available for Peel on July 3rd and Dufferin-Peel summer school on July 4th and July 18th at the summer school site that offers the course. Only classes with small or no waitlists will be available.

Parents and Students are encouraged to continue exploring post-secondary programs, Secondary School graduation requirements and occupations using MyBlueprint Planner (myblueprint.ca/peel).

After much finessing to minimize conflicts and give as many students their first choice of courses, the school timetable has been set for next year. Students who have conflicting courses have been seen by their counselor to resolve the conflict and build a worktable timetable. Students may request a change to their timetable upon returning to school, but please recognize that course availability is limited and often requested changes cannot be implemented.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Councils play an important role in student success. They encourage a strong partnership between the school and the family and help parents become actively involved in the education of their children. School Councils help good schools become better.

School councils are expected to:

- Advise the Principal and, where appropriate, the Board
- Place the interests of students first - support the Peel Board's school success planning goals
- Encourage parent and community involvement in the educational system
- Promote positive attitudes towards public education

School Council e-mail address:

lornepkss.council@peelsb.com

Upcoming School Council meetings for 2018/2019 – subject to change

Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018
Tuesday, November 6th, 2018
Tuesday, December 4th, 2018
Tuesday, January 8th, 2019
Tuesday, February 5th, 2019
Tuesday, March 5th, 2019
Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019
Tuesday, May 7th, 2019
Tuesday, June 4th, 2019

MAIN OFFICE

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

We would like to take a moment to review our attendance processes, especially on behalf of parents/guardians who are new to the secondary school attendance system.

If students need to be absent from or late for any classes, parents/guardians need to phone the school attendance line and leave a message, as much in advance as you are aware and as early in the day as possible. Any students arriving once classes have started, including after lunch, need to come to the office to sign in.

If students are being picked up during school hours, they need to come to the office in the morning with a signed note from a parent/guardian so that we can provide them with the slip to be excused from class. If they will be leaving during lunch, we still need to be notified of their afternoon absence, and that can be done by calling the attendance line.

If we don't receive a phone call or note regarding a late arrival or an absence, parents/guardians will receive a call in the evening. Lates and absences are tracked as a part of student success as well as safety. Schools are required to notify parents/guardians of their children's absences any time the school office has not been informed.

For planned extended absences beyond four days, students need to obtain an Extended Absence Form from the office. The student needs to have a parent/guardian sign and date this form, and then take it to each of their teachers, who will make a note of any course work that the student needs to keep up on during their absence. The teachers will each sign off on their portion, and then the student brings the completed form in to the main office.

If you have any questions, please contact the school.

SPC CARDS

We will again be selling SPC cards (student discount card - offers discounts at various retailers). The cards will be available for purchase at the school during fall registration. Those who wish to purchase their card NOW, may do so online directly from SPC, with the promo code **34806**. By using this code, you are getting the school pricing, AND supporting LP at the same time! Go to spccard.ca/purchase to get your card today!

