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from KCVI School Council

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Greetings!

Greetings All!

Is the dull, rainy, cold fall weather getting you down? At the height of the grey session, between the excitement of Hallowe'en and the arrival of a clear crisp winter, teachers face the additional painstaking task of interim report card preparation. Show them you care (and perk up their spirits) by providing some tasty homemade treats. If you can contribute some squares or cookies please email us at KICVI_council@limestone.on.ca . We will let you know the details as we approach the date.

We're glad you signed up for this newsletter and hope that it is a useful source of information to you. Feel free to contact us if there are things you'd like to know about which we haven't touched on. Many KCVI parents have yet to sign up for this newsletter, so please forward this message onto other parents you know. It's easy to sign up. All they need to do is visit the KCVI website (<http://kcvlimestone.on.ca>) click on the school council link, and follow the directions.

November Council Meeting

The November meeting of the KCVI School council takes place on Tuesday November 10th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Centennial Room at KCVI. The Centennial Room is across from the main office on the first floor. Please come out and join our Co-Chairs, Marlo Whitehead and Sherrey Larmour-Trode to stay informed about what is happening at KC.

The meeting will start with KCVI Science teachers, Matt Saunders, Sandy Prentice, Laura Reid and Stephen Haberer talking about the science curriculum and answering any questions that parents may have.

Notes from Student Services

Academic Awards Evening was October 1st, 2009 and was well attended. It is always such a pleasure to celebrate the achievements of our students. We are presently in the process of having the pictures of the major award winners posted at the KCVI website. In terms of process, we will need to contact each of the recipients first to receive consent to do so. We are hoping to do the same for our major award winners at graduation.

Athletic and Club Information board has been established in the Student Services area.

Scholarship information is advertised through the Student Blues, announcements on the radio station and over the PA system throughout the day, memos to all grade 12 teachers and on the KCVI web site. At this point, KCVI has sponsored one candidate for the University of Toronto National Scholarship and three candidates for the Loran Award and have

supported others in their application to the direct pool. For major awards, such as this one, there is a process students must adhere to. Again, this process is advertised in many ways to allow students to pick up the necessary information in Student Services. Ultimately students will submit their application for consideration and then a selection committee will review the applications to determine which candidate(s) will be selected. In all cases, it is always a very difficult decision to make as all potential candidates have so much to offer. The most recent scholarship that requires a selection committee to review and select is that of the Queen's University Chancellors Scholarship. This scholarship has been advertised and students have been asked to pick up a package in Student Services for submission by 3 p.m. November 12th, 2009. Only one candidate may be sponsored for this particular award. However, the application itself is also used for all other major entrance awards at Queen's University. Students are reminded to sign up a www.studentawards.com for further information on scholarships. In addition, students applying to college must go to the individual college web sites, their financial aid and awards office, to view information on scholarships and bursaries specific to that college. Student applying to university (within Ontario), may go to www.electronicinfo.ca for scholarship information but also to the individual university web sites, at financial aid and awards, for information about bursaries.

OSAP information The actual application for September 2010 will not be available until May 2010. However, students and parents may go to <http://osap.gov.on.ca> and go to the access window in the middle of the page. Follow the links to the estimator - in completing the estimator the student must treat it as though they were presently in college or university. Completing the estimator will give a rough estimate, based on the criteria set out by the government this year, as to what the student will receive for their education year.

Application process for students applying to college and university both in Ontario and out of Province:

- To date the grade 12 students and returning students have met as a group during a lunch twice to receive information on the above. For Students who have missed the meeting have been asked to pick up the information in Student Services.

- Information received is as follows:

1. Career related web sites handout
2. Questions to ask of a college/university representative either in an information session or during a campus visit
3. Schedule of College/University visits to KCVI (also posted at the KCVI web site)
4. Background summary sheet to be filled in by graduating students to be used if needed when writing reference letters and/or determining graduation awards at the end of the school year
5. Handout on how to use www.ouac.on.ca and www.ontariocolleges.ca in researching information about university and college programs
6. Information on TOEFL, SAT's and PIN numbers which are needed for students to apply to Ontario universities. They are not needed to apply to college.
7. "The Challenge" - a handout distributed to students with resource information, key terms, and key dates for college and university deadlines along with information on the out of province process. This information is also available at the KCVI web site.

Students should be receiving their PIN numbers very shortly. There will also be an opportunity for students to attend an application workshop to review the on line application for both university and college. Students applying to college will be encouraged to make appointments to complete their application on line: this particular application is not as straightforward as is the application for students applying to university. Students applying to out of province may also make appointments in Student Services to complete their applications, as every application is different. The only piece of information they will need, apart from their decision on where to apply, will be a parent credit card.

Thank you,
Cyndi

More Highlights from Student Services

"Did you know that"

This phrase will be a link at the KCVI main page linking students and parents to "tidbits" of information on a weekly basis. The information will be career related: for example, why campus visits are so important will be the first "tidbit" of information to be posted. If you have any suggestions and/or perhaps are wondering if there might be information posted on a certain topic please send along an e-mail to forrestgrec@limestone.on.ca

Take A Grade Nine Student To Work Day: scheduled for Wednesday, **November 4th**, 2009. On this day, we have over the past five years, held a Career Conference for the students in grades 10 through 12. This year, we decided to switch things up a bit and will offer a few **Career Panel** presentations over the year. These Career Panels will take into

consideration career clusters such as Architecture and Construction, Sports and Recreation, Education and Social Services to name just a few. It is our plan to offer more than one career cluster as part of any one panel in order to provide the most information to our students. A **Career Fair** will also be a consideration in the spring. We are excited about the possibilities and look forward to bringing this information to our student body.

Tuesday, November 3rd, 2009 we have a bus taking students to **Loyalist College** in Belleville to return just after lunch and on Wednesday, November 4th, 2009 we have a bus taking students to **St. Lawrence College** in Kingston for the morning only. In both cases there will be representation from all the colleges in Ontario. This will allow students to ask questions about their diploma programs, their applied degrees and apprenticeship opportunities.

This concludes a few of the highlights from Student Services at this time. We would like to thank the parent community for their support of our department and look forward to continuing to work with you as we make every effort to meet the needs of our students. Thank you.

Postponed - Liaison Speaker Night

The KFL&A Public Health & LDSB School Council Liaison Speaker night:

Raising Sexually Healthy Teens - What Parents Need to Know scheduled for Wednesday, November 4 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at KFL&A Public Health has been postponed. Information will be sent out once a new date has been set.

Looking for Christmas presents with spirit?

Consider the KCVI clothing sale. An order form is available on the main KCVI web page, or in the main office. The form in the main office includes pictures of the clothing or the designs. Orders are due November 13th.

Online Order Form

Remember, Council meetings take place the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm! If you can't make it to meetings, use the website as a way of keeping in touch with what's going on. We look forward to seeing you in the hallways!

Sincerely,

KCVI School Council

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