



Kenner Collegiate Vocational Institute
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KENNERGRAM

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School Council Chair: Janice Currie & Christina Weaver

Superintendent: Steve Girardi

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A Message from School Administration

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new students, parents/guardians and staff to our Kenner community. Kenner CVI has a dedicated and professional staff committed to providing the best education possible to all our students. Our school has a wide variety of programmes designed to meet student interests and needs from Academic, IB, Special Education, and Cooperative Education, a rich variety of Technical Education courses leading to Specialist High Skill Majors, as well as our Girls' Hockey Programme.

In addition to our academic programmes, there are many opportunities for students to get involved in school life at Kenner through the SAC and a variety of athletics, clubs and activities. Students can be involved in any number of extra and co-curricular activities: the Annual Terry Fox Run, Amigos, Fall Frenzy, Grade 9 Day, Take Our Kids To Work Day, Anti-Bullying Awareness Day; Purple Day Child Abuse Prevention Day and Down Syndrome Awareness Day. Members of Student Government also recently returned from the Ontario Student Leadership Conference where students participated in this dynamic and engaging learning and leadership opportunity. A variety of athletic activities and other clubs are also offered - football, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, badminton, rugby, band, Coffee House, Ramnesty and International Night. Upcoming, we will have a variety of activities and learning opportunities to recognize Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week and the White Ribbon Campaign, which is recognized in Canada and supports the International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women.

Finally, we are continuing with the implementation of our Board's new Learning Management System – **Edsby** (please visit, <http://edsby.com/> for more information). As the year progresses, all staff and their respective courses will eventually be accessible through this system. Parents/guardians are encouraged to contact us regarding obtaining access to Edsby.

Sincerely,
Mr. Macdonald, Mrs. Wallace and Mr. Knierim

Emergency Response Information

At Kenner we want to ensure that your son or daughter is as safe as possible. If your teenager has any severe allergies or health conditions of which we should be

aware, please contact the school so that we may develop an Emergency Response Plan. This plan will help us take proper steps to keep your child safe. Examples of severe allergies or health conditions may include: severe allergies to food, insects or medication, diabetes, epilepsy, severe asthma and heart conditions. Many families have already completed the Emergency Response Information which must be updated each year. If you are not sure, please call the school.

Electronic Devices

KPRDSB and Kenner have a very clear policy on the use of PEDs (Personal Electronic Devices) within the school. At Kenner, it is referred to as the N.O. N.O policy (Not Out, Not On). Cell phones and IPODs are not permitted in classrooms and should not be used during the instructional period. Your support in this matter is much appreciated.

Attendance

Parents and guardians are requested to please call the school on the day that their teenager is absent. If unable to call the school, please remember to send a note with your child on the day that she/he returns to school. Students should bring notes to the Attendance desk and Mrs. Baldwin will be pleased to receive the note and present students with an >admit slip= to class. School attendance is directly related to student success and achievement. In addition, we are concerned with student safety so it is important for us to know when a student will be not be coming to school. Please contact us if we can support you or your child in any way with regard to attendance, achievement and involvement.

Community Involvement Hours

All students are reminded that they must complete 40 hours of community involvement and return their completed Community Involvement Hours forms to the Guidance Office as a requirement of graduation. Forms must be returned to the school by June 2016.

Math Department News

Students in Grade Nine mathematics this semester will be participating in an EQAO assessment that is directly related to the Grade Nine course of study. This assessment will be written by Grade Nine math students on January 18 & 19, 2017. Additional information will be coming out to these students and families in early December. For more information, please contact Mr. Kivari – (daniel_kivari@kprdsb.ca)

Mathies.ca, hosted by Ontario Association for Mathematics Education (OAME), is designed for Ontario K-12 students and parents. This website includes games, learning tools, activities and additional supports for students to explore, build and enhance their mathematical thinking. <http://oame.on.ca/mathies/>

Free Online Math Homework Help for Students Grade 7 to 10

Math Homework Help provides free, live one-on-one tutoring from Ontario teachers Sunday to Thursday from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm ET. The program is funded by the Ontario Government and administered by TVO's Independent Learning Centre.

To log in, students will need to register with their nine-digit Ontario Education Number (OEN), found at the top of their report card near their name. Your child's OEN never changes so any of their Ontario report cards will have it - homeworkhelp.ilc.org

Homework Help – Overtime Club

Every Tuesday and Thursday after school in the Library extra help is available in a wide variety of subject areas. No appointment necessary. Students can come for 10 minutes for help with one question or homework problem, or stay longer to study for a test or to get help in completing an assignment. The possibilities are endless, the help is limitless and the company is priceless. Don't be shy. Come check us out!

Literacy Support & OSSLT

Literacy Support happens every day in every classroom. In addition to regular supports in the classroom and at OVERTIME, Ms. Symons and her team meet regularly with students who are looking for a little more individualized support. This is especially helpful for those students who will be writing the Literacy test in March, 2017.

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test will be written on March 30, 2017. All students in Grade 10 during the 2016-17 school year will write this test, as well as any students who are required to re-write the test.

Gay/Straight Alliance

Remember, GSA is for LGBTQ students and their allies, so all are welcome to attend meetings on Thursdays at lunch in Room 222.

Kenner CVI and Intermediate School Council

Parents, guardians and community members are welcome to join us at our monthly meetings. Your voice is our voice and we would like you to be heard. If you cannot attend a meeting but have ideas, questions or concerns, please contact a member of School Council.

School Council Co-Chairs:

Janice Currie and Christina Weaver

Treasurer: Dallas Mann

Faculty: James McRury and Peter Mullins

School Council Meetings:

Monday, January 9/17 – Library – 5:00 p.m.

Monday, March 6/17 – Library – 5:00 p.m.

Monday, May 8/17 – Library – 5:00 p.m.

Monday, June 5/17 – Library – 5:00 p.m.

Peterborough Regional School Council

Regional School Council meetings will be hosted in the KCVI Library Seminar Room at 6:30 p.m. on the following dates:

Tuesday, December 6/16

Tuesday, February 14/17

Tuesday, May 30/17

All KPR community members are invited to attend.

Support Kenner with Chapters/Indigo Gift Cards

Kenner Library has again teamed up with Chapters/Indigo for an amazing fundraising program. Go to <https://indigo.flipgive.com/campaigns/48815-kenner-loves-to-read> (or go to the link on Kenner's homepage) to purchase a Chapters/Indigo gift card and Chapters will donate 20% of what you spend to our library to buy books. It's a win/win situation. This costs you nothing and we get a huge payback!

The gift cards never expire and they are emailed to you immediately for you to print off and use either online or at a store. Please use these gift cards for all your own purchases (just one extra step before you go to the store!) and as gifts. Print some off today to have with you for the next time you end up at Chapters.

Make Someone's Christmas Special!

Kenner is a caring community. Help a Kenner family this year by your generous donation, which will be used to create Christmas hampers for our families most in need. We would appreciate donations of any of the following: cash (which we will use to purchase perishable food just before Christmas), canned goods, or gift cards to Freshco in any amount. Cheques should be made payable to Kenner CVI in trust. Money and gift cards can be dropped off at the main office. Canned goods can be dropped off in Room 231. You can make a family's Christmas a lot better. Please donate today!

White Pine Book Club

Kenner's White Pine Book Club met for the first time in October. The Ontario Library Association chooses 10 new Canadian teen fiction books each year and teen readers across Ontario participate in choosing the winning book. The club meets monthly to discuss the books, and members who have read at least 5 of the 10 nominated titles by May are eligible to vote for the Grand Prize Winner. It's not too late to join – see Mrs. Moloney in the library for more information.

Kenner Dance Recital

The Semester One Dance Recital will take place on December 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the POD. Please join us to see multiple dance pieces choreographed by students and teachers in several genres, including Hip Hop, Contemporary, Tap, Jazz and Latin. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door. We promise a fun and entertaining night and we look forward to seeing you there!

Student Council News

Hey Kenner! We have had two dances so far this semester. Our "Go As You Glow" dance in September and more recently our "Monster Mash" Hallowe'en Dance with 200 students attending. Five boxes of canned goods were collected and sent to the Kawartha Food Bank. Terry Fox Walk was another great event with Kenner raising \$8,000.00 for Cancer Research. Well done! Awesome school spirit on the walk and a shout out thank you to Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Hill for taking the reins on this event. High FIVES!

Thirty one Student Council members just returned from Niagara Falls for a Leadership Conference from Nov. 13 to 15. Students got to hear a number of inspirational guest speakers and took part in workshops throughout the three days. During this time, Kenner's own Camryn Neilson, with the help of a few other media students and Mr. Thompson, created a video of Best Representation of School and her video won best overall at the conference. Congratulations, Camryn for the hours of work put into this video. You will get a chance to view her video at the Christmas Assembly. Our students came back with new ideas and energy for school spirit activities. Coffee house was put on hold this semester but will be back for next semester in the hopes of students practicing on songs and music to debut.

Our Semi formal dance will take place in February in semester two. Stay tuned for lunch time intramurals when we decide on an indoor sport to take place.

Get some acts, music or skits together for the Christmas Assembly the last day of school before holidays. Kenner, always keep the Glue and Gold Ram Spirit!! Student Council has a lot more in store for you.

If it doesn't challenge you, it won't change you.

Advisors: Mrs. J. Prentice, Mr. R. Cook, Ms. M. Russell

Ski and Snowboard Club - makes a great Christmas present!!

Kenner, are you interested in six evenings of skiing or snowboarding? Wednesday nights: Jan. 11, 18 & 25 and Feb. 8, 15, & 22, 2017

Bus leaves school at 3:15, ski from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. and arrive back at Kenner at 9:45 p.m. Bring a friend and enjoy our great Canadian winter.

Cost: for 6 nights

Lift & bus-(Intermediate and Advanced)- \$222.00
Lift, Lesson & bus-(Beginners & Novice)- \$294.00
Rentals- Ski or Snowboard- \$96.00
Helmet (mandatory) - \$36.00
Teacher Advisors: Mrs. J. Prentice, Mrs. J. Small

Kenner Outdoor Adventure Club!

Next Trip: November 24 -25
Backpacking & Camping
Everyone welcome!
Permission forms available from Mr. Kubica

Also, "Kenner Adventures" hats on sale for \$20.
Order through Mr. Kubica, Room 162.

Important Dates

November 25 – PA Day
December 6 – Regional School Council Meeting
December 7 – Kenner Wrestling Tournament
December 7 – Top 100
December 7 – Co-op In School
December 8 – Be IB For a Day
December 10 – Junior Boys Basketball Tournament
December 19-23 – Spirit Week
December 22 – Kenner Dance Recital
December 22 – Co-op In School
December 22 – Last Day of School/Holiday Assembly
January 10 – Classes Resume
January 11 – University Application Deadline
January 18 – Grade 8 IB Open House
January 18-19 – Grade 9 Math EQAO
January 25 – Co-op In School
January 25 - Grade 8 night – 7:00 p.m. - Pod
January 26 – Exams Begin
February 1 – College Application Deadline
February 3 – PA Day
February 6 – Semester II Begins
February 8 & 9 – Grad Photo Retakes
February 24 – Semi-Formal Dance

Wanted: comments on draft 2017-18 calendar

KPR is seeking comments from students, parents, guardians, staff and community members regarding the school year calendar being proposed for 2017-18. Please comment via the online survey – available on the home page of www.kprschoools.ca – by Monday, December 5, 2016. Dates being proposed for next year include Winter Break from Monday, December 25, 2017, to Friday, January 5, 2018, with the last day of classes before the break being Friday, December 22, 2017. This reflects the same dates set by the Ministry of Education.

Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario (STSCO)

Winter Newsletter - November, 2016

Dear Families, Parents and Guardians:

The winter season will soon be here and it is very important that everyone using the school busing system is familiar with STSCO's winter weather procedures.

During the winter and prior to the beginning of the school day, inclement weather and poor road conditions may lead to the delay or cancellation of school transportation services. On such days, bus delay and cancellation information will be posted on the www.stsco.ca website, our primary means of communicating about busing. Also, area radio stations and media outlets will broadcast related information.

As a parent or guardian, it is recommended that you use the "Inclement Weather Days" reference sheet attached to this Newsletter and that you keep it in a prominent place for quick use on inclement weather days.

Also, keep in mind that you should:

- * *know your child's school bus route number and the name of the bus company operating the route;*
- * *listen to your local radio station;*
- * *visit the www.stsco.ca website in the morning for delays or cancellations; or*
- * *access the www.stsco.ca website and choose to receive delay and cancellation information by:*
 - **voluntarily providing your email address for direct email notices from STSCO;**
 - **signing up for the STSCO RSS feed; or**
 - **signing on to receive STSCO's posts on Facebook or Tweets via Twitter.**

Other reminders include:

- * *If a bus is cancelled in the morning, it will NOT run in the afternoon.*
- * *Make sure that your child is at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to the scheduled bus arrival time.*
- * *Review busing procedures with your child to ensure they know what to do if a bus is late or cancelled.*

If you need to confirm your child's route number, you can visit the www.stsco.ca website and click on the "Transportation Bus Lookup" link and follow the onscreen instructions. You will need your child's 9-digit OEN student number, located beside their name on their report card, as well as their birth date. For those who may not be aware of their child's OEN student number, contact your school to get the information. Once logged in, you may provide your email address to be directly emailed when your child's bus route is delayed or cancelled.

On inclement weather days, schools are very busy and rather than calling the school to see if a bus route is cancelled, you should visit the STSCO website or listen to your favourite, local radio station.

In keeping the above information in mind, everyone will be better prepared to deal with winter.

Joel Sloggett, C.A.O.

Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario (STSCO)

Inclement Weather Days

Wondering if your child's or teen's school bus is running during bad weather?

- Visit the Student Transportation Services of Ontario website at www.stsco.ca and click on "Delay and Cancellation Information" at the top of the homepage.
- Listen to your favourite local radio station for bus cancellation.
- Voluntarily provided email address for direct email notices from STSCO by logging into the "Transportation Bus Lookup", at www.stsco.ca, with my child's OEN and Birthdate
- Fill out this handy reminder:

Child's bus company:

Route number/name:

Child's Ontario Education Number (OEN):

(note: OEN is used to access child's bus stop information at www.stsco.ca and to sign-up to receive direct emails from STSCO.)

Please remember:

- Schools normally stay open even when buses are cancelled.
- If buses are cancelled in the morning, they won't run in the afternoon either.
- If your child rides a school bus and it's cancelled, you don't need to call the school to report the absence.
- If your child is a walker who does not ride a school bus, you still need to call the school if he or she is absent, even on an inclement weather day.
- Please don't call the school to check on buses, as it ties up phone lines needed for possible emergency calls.