



PANTHER'S PRIDE

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Panthers,

As noted in the upcoming events and on a poster below, our first grade breakfast will take place September 27th in the Foods Room. Early Wednesday morning, staff will be bent over hot stoves preparing pancakes for students. September's breakfast will be for the Grade 9 class along with their LINK Crew mentors. We look forward to seeing many smiling faces that morning.

Just a quick reminder that our photo retake day is Wednesday, October 18th. If you weren't available on our original date or would like to upgrade your photo if you purchased a package, please listen to the announcements and report to the cafeteria when called. Even if you didn't order a package, please have your photo taken because those pictures are used for student ID cards and for the yearbook.

Have a good week,

Richard King
Proud Principal, OTHS

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Click on this link to see our daily announcements:

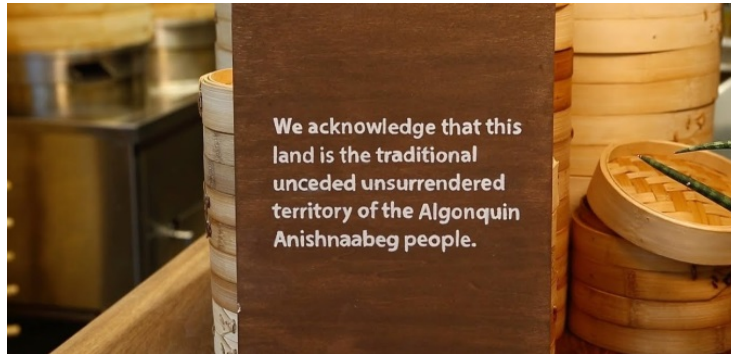
[Daily Announcements](#)

Quote of the Week



"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel"

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



Guidance News

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The OTHS Guidance Team would like to send you information directly regarding volunteer/employment opportunities, college, trades or university information and information around community events and resources. If you would like to be on our email list please fill in this: [Information From OTHS Guidance Department Form](#)



The School Council's first meeting of the year was on September 19th at 7:00 PM in the library. Among the agenda items were the teachers' report, the principal report and the executive election. Congratulations to the following parents who will make up this year's executive:

- **Amanda Janke**
- **Lisa Hyslop**
- **Juliette Klein**
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Thank you for making that commitment. The council also selected the dates for the rest of the meeting for this school year. All meetings will take place in the library at 7:00 PM. Please mark your calendars:

- **November 21**
- **February 20**
- **April 16**

PANTHER PRIDE

On Wednesday, September 20th, many staff Panthers donned colourful attire and wore buttons and name tags to show support for all OTHS students. It was great to see such a high level of participation and hopefully our message that OTHS is a place where everyone can learn and be safe was heard loud and clear. Thank you to Ms. Cranston for rallying the troops. Check out the photo below.



Learning



Well-Being



Social Responsibility

meet our
NEW

Staff



MR. AARON HARVEY

What is your role at OTHS? Co-operative Education Teacher

What inspired you to work in an educational setting Growing up I had a lot of great teachers that supported me and made a difference in my life. I really wanted to give back and be a part of something meaningful for my careers, which leads me to working as a secondary school teacher.

How long have you been in education? 22 years.

Who were your educational influences? The teachers that influenced me the most in high school were the ones that I got to know outside the classroom: my outdoor ed teacher, my coaches, my guidance counsellors. These teachers sacrificed more of their time to get to know the students and share their passion for the outdoors, sport, etc... I respected them and formed a tighter bond that transferred to the classroom environment. They were why I got into teaching.

What is the best thing about being in education? The best thing about education is the students! You get to meet great young people that are very passionate about their growth and their futures. It makes you excited to come to work every day and help them on their journey.

What is your proudest moment as an educator? As a co-operative education teacher I have helped students find very meaning placements that kicked off their career development. When I see those students in the community and they express their gratitude, I am very proud of the way co-operative education helped them.

What do you like to do when you are not at OTHS? When I am not at OTHS, I am either coaching basketball, mountain biking, or chasing my kids around the province for their sporting adventures.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

WED. SEPT. 27

7:45 AM - 8:15 AM

GRADE 9'S ONLY

NORTH UPPER ROOM 223

FREE (TWO PANCAKES & JUICE BOX)



Smoking/Vaping

The smoking/vaping policy is in agreement with the policy of the Ottawa Carleton District School Board, which states that there shall be no smoking/vaping anywhere on Ottawa-Carleton District School Board property. The "Smoke-Free Act" states that the following are subject to a fine from Ottawa By-law officers:

- (a) Giving a cigarette/vaping to a friend under 19
- (b) If you are under 19, buying tobacco from a retailer
- (c) Smoking/vaping anywhere on school property including sitting inside a vehicle.



Free Math Tutoring with Mrs. Lee takes place every **Wednesday after school between **2:45 and 4:15 PM** in **Room 146**. Everyone is welcome.**
A late bus is available for those students who stay.

CARTOON OF THE WEEK



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER:

27: Grade 9 Breakfast (with LINK Crew), 7:45-8:20 PM, Foods Room
30: National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

OCTOBER:

12, 13: Grade 11 Leadership Program, MacSkimming Outdoor Centre
18: **REVISED:** Photo Retake Day
27: Grade 10 Breakfast, 7:45-8:20 PM, Foods Room

NOVEMBER:

10: Remembrance Day Ceremony, 10:30 AM, Gym
21: School (Parent) Council, 7:00 PM, Library
23: Grade 11 Breakfast, 7:45-8:20 PM, Foods Room

DECEMBER:

25-January 5: Winter Break

JANUARY:

19: Grade 12 Breakfast, 7:45-8:20 PM, Foods Room
24-30: Exams

FEBRUARY:

20: School (Parent) Council, 7:00 PM, Library
23: Grade 9 Breakfast (with LINK CREW), 7:45-8:20 PM, Foods Room

MARCH:

28: Grade 10 Breakfast, 7:45-8:20 PM, Foods Room
11-15: Spring Break

APRIL:

16: School (Parent) Council, 7:00 PM, Library
26: Grade 11 Breakfast, 7:45-8:20 PM, Foods Room

MAY:

JUNE:

14: Grade 12 Breakfast, 7:45-8:20 PM, Foods Room