



# CAYUGA SECONDARY SCHOOL

November 20, 2017

Principal - David Thomas  
Vice Principal - Rob Wong  
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## IMPORTANT DATES 2017-2018

Nov 9 Term Two Begins  
Nov 17 PA DAY  
Nov 20 Mid Term Reports  
Nov 20-24 Bullying Awareness  
Nov 24 Semi-Formal  
Nov 29 Grade 8 Transition Day  
Dec 1 VB intramural fundraiser  
Dec 4-8 Grad Photos  
Dec 5 Live Different Assembly  
Dec 6 Me-To-We Bazaar  
Dec 6 Grade 8 parent night  
Dec 23-Jan 7 Christmas Break  
Jan 11 Hockey tournament  
Jan 25-31 EXAMS  
Feb 1-2 PA DAYS  
Feb 5 SEMESTER TWO  
Feb 9 S1 FINAL REPORTS  
Feb 19 FAMILY DAY  
Feb 21 Horizons Conference  
Feb 28 Pink Shirt Day  
Mar 9 Progress Reports  
Mar 9 4on4 Basketball  
Mar 12-16 MARCH BREAK  
Mar 21 Parent/Teacher Interviews  
Mar 3 GOOD FRIDAY  
Apr 2 EASTER MONDAY  
Apr 9-11 GSLC  
Apr 13 PA DAY  
Apr 19 Term Two Begins  
Apr 30 Mid Term Reports  
May 21 Victoria Day  
May 25 PROM  
May 28-29 YLCC  
June 1-2 Relay for Life  
June 6 Awards Banquet  
June 8 Memorial Baseball  
June 21-27 EXAMS  
June 28-29 PA DAYS

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings CSS families. We are now halfway through Semester One. How time flies. Cayuga has been a busy place to start the school year. First, I would like to introduce you to several new staff members who have joined us at Cayuga: Mr. Wong (Vice Principal), Mrs. Bishop (Drama), Ms. Furtney (Special Education), Mrs. Innes (Special Education), Ms. Keresturi (English) and Mr. White (Science/Math). It has been great having new additions to our teaching staff.

Many activities have been ongoing to CSS in : athletics, drama, music and students' council. Continue to encourage your teenager to get involved in school activities, it was a message emphasized at the start of the school year. Jon Mann, who is one of our staff advisors with Students' Council was awarded the Staff Advisor of the Year Award at the OSLC (Ontario Student Leadership Conference) in Niagara Falls. This is a Provincial award and recognizes the efforts of Mr. Mann in developing leaders in the student body at Cayuga. You can follow along with what is going on at CSS on the "new" school website: [www.granderie.ca/schools/css](http://www.granderie.ca/schools/css).

Cayuga just hosted our Honours Assembly and Commencement to recognize students for their academic achievements and graduating. Avery Hartwick was the graduating class valedictorian, and presented an excellent address to his classmates.

If you have any questions regarding your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

### A Message from the Vice Principal's Desk

The Semester 1 Midterm Report Card is the first formal report indicating the students' progress in their courses this school year. Please pay particular attention to teachers' comments about the next steps that you child could take to improve his/her success. Effective use of class time to fully participate in all activities, seek assistance from staff to overcome challenges, avoid the distractions of social media while in class are some of the suggestions to make improvements. Attendance is the number one reason leading to success in school. When you get a phone call or email regarding your child's absence in school, please do not hesitate to call the school using option #1 on the voice menu to communicate with us. We can look after our students better when the school and parents are both fully aware of the students' whereabouts and work toward the same goals. While in school, there are many resources available to assist students. The Guidance office with the team of Mr. Drynan, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Mohl is often the first stop. The Student Success Room with Ms. Kononiuk and the Resource Room with Ms. Jenkins are both available for students to access with the support of their classroom teacher. As well, subject teachers may be available to help individual students outside of class time. Throughout this newsletter, you are reading about the many activities that the school is offering. Do support your child to participate in these positive contributions to our school. CSS has heart!

## GUIDANCE

We have had a very busy November in the guidance office and we anticipate it continuing to be busy until the Christmas break!

We recently ran a very successful Honours and Graduation Ceremony. Congratulations to all who participated and received awards!

Also happening this month, we will be having seminars outlining the online application process for both university and colleges. In the meantime, university and college bound students should be researching destinations and making guidance appointments if help is needed. Applications should be completed before the Christmas holidays to ensure that the process runs smoothly. Students should also be researching scholarships and bursaries. Again, help is available in the guidance office for those who need direction.

Students and Parents receiving less than satisfactory midterm reports need to realize that there is still half the semester remaining, which means there is plenty of time to bring marks up to a higher standard. Help is available during lunch time for students who require extra help in certain classes.

We will also begin the process of selecting options for next year early in the new year. We will begin with grade 8 students starting at the end of November, then grade 9 students in mid December, grade 10's in January and then grade 11 and returning grade 12's in early February. We will be selecting courses via career cruising once again. For help with this process, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail the guidance office at [john.drynan@granderie.ca](mailto:john.drynan@granderie.ca) or [ann.smith@granderie.ca](mailto:ann.smith@granderie.ca)



Cayuga Secondary School  
**ME to We**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
*Christmas Bazaar*  
Wednesday December 6th  
C.S.S. Library  
5:00 pm—9:00 pm  
Baked Goods, Refreshments, and Vendors  
Polsterclass 4" pots \$6.50 & 6" pots \$12.00  
Colours: red, white, pink  
Contact Mrs. Dickie at [kimberlydickie@granderie.ca](mailto:kimberlydickie@granderie.ca)  
for more information and polsterclass orders  
**ME to WE**

The Me to We Group has had a busy first term - a day in Toronto at We Day launched our campaign. Our campaigns so far include We Bake for Change, helping host CSS's Haunted Hallways, and are planning our next big event. The Holiday Bazaar/Craft Sale 4-8pm on Wednesday, December 6 - our grade 8 Parent Night! Come on out!!!

**Operation Christmas Child** -- CSS staff and students are participating in the shoebox campaign. Shoeboxes are due on Monday, November 27 (with \$10 shipping fee). As well, there is an opportunity to volunteer at the Packing Plant on Friday, December 1st. Contact Mrs. Dickie for details. [kimberlydickie@granderie.ca](mailto:kimberlydickie@granderie.ca)

## CSS Co-op & OYAP: Advancing the workforce.....one experience at a time!!

The Co-op and OYAP students at CSS are busy and productive at their placements this semester. There are 48 students working in a wide variety of placements including: hairstyling, welding, education, nursing, automotive, physiotherapy etc...Several of our students will be signed as apprentices this semester through the OYAP program whereby they gain hours and experience towards their chosen trade while completing Co-op credits towards their secondary school diploma. Our students are truly lucky to have such wonderful community partners who continue to provide interesting, rich and diverse experiential learning opportunities for our students. There are still placements available for semester two and if your son/daughter is interested in Co-op or OYAP, please direct them to the Guidance office to pick up an application.



### Breakfast Club

The CSS Breakfast Club provides nutritious breakfast snacks daily. Thanks to REACH for supporting us financially, and Jackson and Tivon who prepare and assemble the food daily.

### Yearbook

Any students who would like a yearbook for the current school year must pre-order.

Extra copies will not be ordered. Cost is \$50. Please order online or pay Ms. Kononiuk.

### Remembrance Day

On Friday, November 10th, members of the Air and Army cadets participated in an assembly in the morning at CSS. On Saturday, November 11th, Mr. B. Laidlaw represented CSS placing a wreath at the Cenotaph. Thanks to everyone who support our vets by purchasing and wearing poppies.

### OSLC

Members of Students Council attended the Ontario Student Leadership Conference in early November at Niagara Falls. The speakers and workshops both inspired and motivated our leaders to make connections in the school and community. Our leaders will have a chance to go to a Global Summit in April, involving schools from around the world. More details to come but contact Mrs. Stewart or Mr. Mann if you would like to get involved in that opportunity.

**We are creating a "Warrior Cookbook" for Canada's 150!! It is being created from the recipes students submit and it is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Order forms have been sent home with students. These cookbooks will make a fantastic Christmas gift!!**

### Cross Country

The team trained and competed throughout September and October. Members Carter Stroud, Caleb Lockhart, Logan Harper, Mairi Long, Myles Pearce, Bianca Lastella and Maysie Abbott qualified and competed at SOSSA. Members continue to train for next year and new students are welcome to join.

### Tennis

This fall, CSS hosted the Zone 2 Tennis Tournament on the Cayuga Courts. CSS has won 22 consecutive Zone Tennis championships. The team is convened and coached by Mr. B. Laidlaw and Mrs. Laidlaw. Tennis will continue in the spring.

### Golf

The CSS Boys Golf Team, coached and convened by Mr. B. Laidlaw, competed in the Zone 2 Golf Tournament for the Haldimand Secondary Schools this fall. It took place at the Chipawa Golf Course and SOSSA took place at the 20 Valley Golf Club. Golf continues in the spring.

CSS has heart !!

### Geek Squad

Monday, Dec. 18th

Star Wars Movie at the Strand in Simcoe.

### Hairstyling & Aesthetics

Classes have completed their Halloween Mannequin projects which were very well done. The Senior classes in the mornings, (9:00 - 11:30) are available for services. Call 905-772-3301 ext 729223 to make an appointment.

### Holiday Scavenger Hunt

We are so close to Christmas, that means we will begin our Holiday Scavenger Hunt to support the local food bank. Each homeroom will have a list of items and we ask the students to donate a toonie and work together to collect the items. Classes who complete this task together will be signed out of Periods 1&2 for a Christmas movie in the gym!

*Earlier this year, CSS competed in the Highschool Challenge at the Caledonia Fair coming out with the big win!! Our team members did a great job with lots of effort and the students showed so much school spirit!!*

### Wrestling

The team is back in action again!! Mrs. Woodcroft is excited to have former CSS student and OFSAA and National Champion, Tyler Mathieson, back again to help coach. Also, welcome and thank you to Mr. White for helping this year as well!! Practices are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school. Students are still welcome to come out. Our first tournament is Friday, November 17th at Bishop Ryan in Hamilton. Word hard wrestlers!! Mrs. Woodcroft :)

### Junior Boys Volleyball

The Junior Boys showed a lot of improvement this season. They were all first year players but by the end of the season, were starting to "gel" as a team. The boys played well, but lost in the Zone semi-final to McKinnon Park.

### Senior Boys Volleyball

The Senior Boys had an incredible regular season - going undefeated in Zone play and had a very good success in two tournaments. They smashed Hagersville in the Zone semi-finals in 3 sets, then went on to win the championship in convincing fashion 3 sets to none over McKinnon Park! Good luck at SOSSA!!!

### Europe Trip

Travel the world this March Break! Anyone interested in seeing Italy and Spain in March 2018 can still sign up. See Ms. Kononiuk or Mr. Calder ASAP, or email : christine.kononiuk@granderie.ca

The Business classes have been busy working on activities and events for our school and community. The Grade 12 Business Leadership class organized this year's Terry Fox Run in September. The class created authentic activities and educational experiences for the participants.

Thank you to all those that donated, over \$700 was raised. The Business Leadership class is also currently competing in a Web Design Competition; their task is to design a professional website for Blindside Entertainment, a new start-up business. The class has also been working diligently on their business ventures that will begin operating at the school from December 4th until January 19th. Each business will be open for one week and all profits will be donated back to the school and community.

### Semi-Formal

Cayuga Secondary will hold the annual semi-formal on November 24th.

Students have the chance to come out for a fancy night with their friends for a nice dinner and dance.

Our annual Halloween "Haunted Hallways" was a great success. We accepted canned goods to support the local food bank. Monetary donations went to the Canadian Cancer Society. The Me to We Group also participated in this event, collecting donations for schools in Nicaragua.

*Girls Volleyball tryouts start the week of November 20-25.*

### Girls Basketball

Our girls basketball team had a great growing season. The girls learned many new plays at a tournament in Brantford. The girls finished second in regular season and lost in overtime of the semi-finals. It was a great season for the team!

### Girls Hockey

Mrs. Gee is very excited to be coaching again this season. Our league starts in December. We have been busy practicing and looking forward to a fun year.

### Boys Hockey

We had a great interest in the boys hockey team this year. We have a lot of new players. Our league starts in December. Mrs. Gee and Dale Stroud are very excited to be coaching and look forward to having a successful season.