

# King George VI Public School (Sarnia) Lambton Kent District School Board



## January Newsletter

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Happy New Year! We hope 2010 is shaping up to be great for everyone. It is good to see students wearing hats, gloves, mittens and warm sweaters to battle the cold winter weather. Students should be especially careful crossing roads. When snow is piled high, it can be very difficult for drivers to see children crossing busy streets.



### Planning for Grade Nine

The start of a new year is an excellent time to assess and set new academic goals. This is especially true for Grade 8 students as they make plans for Grade 9 and the transition to Secondary School. King George VI graduates, depending on where they live, may attend either Northern Collegiate or St. Clair Secondary School. Students who qualify and have an IPRC designation are also eligible to attend Alexander Mackenzie Secondary School. During the next few months, Grade 8 teachers and secondary school guidance counselors will be helping students and their parents or guardians determine the best placement for grade 9.

Students in Grades 7 and 8 will start by spending time in the school's computer lab and will visit the Lambton Kent District School Board's Pathways website [www.Step4Step.ca](http://www.Step4Step.ca) which has links to skill inventories, occupational information and self-assessments. Four separate pathways are explored: apprenticeship, college, university and work. We invite you to visit the website with your son or daughter to see what Pathways is all about. It is never too soon to start thinking about a career after school. Guidance counselors from each secondary school will visit King George to discuss mandatory and optional courses and timelines for course selection. All Grade 9 option sheets must be returned by February 26, 2010. Parents and guardians are also invited to bring their Grade 8 children to attend the Open Houses noted below.

**Alexander Mackenzie – Tuesday, January 12 at 7 p.m. Please RSVP at 542-5505 by January 7.**

**St. Clair Secondary – Wednesday, January 20 at 7 p.m.**

**Northern Collegiate – Wednesday January 27 at 7 p.m. in gym BC. Information session for French Immersion parents at 6:30 p.m. on the same evening.**

### Seasonal Flu Shots

Currently, there are no plans to offer seasonal flu shots in the schools. Students and their families can get seasonal flu shots at their physicians' offices and at the Bayside, Petrolia and Forest Community Health Services clinics. These clinics will run until the end of January. For information on community clinics please call the Community Health Services Department at 519-383-8331, or go to their website at [www.lambtonhealth.on.ca](http://www.lambtonhealth.on.ca).

### NEW JK/SK Registration 2010 - 2011

It seems early to be thinking about the fall, but it is time. Please contact Mrs. Robbins if you have a child that may be eligible for JK in September 2010.



## Winter Safety

Due to the arrival of the cold winter weather, the playground equipment is closed until the spring. When the temperature drops below 0 degrees the sandy base around the structures freezes and as a result the normally soft landing surface becomes very dangerous. Also when the wind chill drops below minus 18 degrees, students are kept indoors as per our cold weather guidelines. Please remind your child that snowball throwing is not allowed at school. Safety first! Students are also reminded to have a pair of indoor shoes to wear to protect their feet during the course of the day.

Our school yard is supervised from 8:55 – 9:10 in the morning prior to the start of the school day and after-school supervision is not provided. Students should not arrive earlier than 8:55.

In the event of inclement weather, listen to the local radio stations or check the website [www.schoolbusinfo.com](http://www.schoolbusinfo.com) for information regarding bus cancellations and school closures. King George VI School is in Zone 2. In the event of fog, busses cancelled in the morning will normally run in the afternoon. Busses that are cancelled in the morning due to snow will not run in the afternoon. When busses are cancelled, schools will normally remain open and would only close in the event of extreme conditions. We do continue with our regular academic program on “Snow Days” as much as possible.



## SPORTS NEWS

### King George Volleyball Teams

**The members of the boys’ team were:** Trenton Lowe, Matt Rankin, Dawson Shackelton, Ethan Shackelton, Ty Espinola, Chris Simeonakis, Tim Mac Naughton, Easton Klaudi, Connor Black.

This year’s competition was in the form of a league with games played at Cathcart after school as well as a half day tournament played on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The competitive nature of this league and the strict adherence to the rules assisted our students in developing a great many skills and an appreciation for the game. Our students displayed a very positive attitude and great team spirit. Thanks so much to Mr. Smith for volunteering his time, effort and energy to make this team possible.

**The members of the girl’s team were:** Cassidy Crowe, Jenna Favret, Kyraith DeShane, Kayla Smith, Shelby Gibson, Caitie Brown, Katrina Barnard, Maddie Stewart, Alexa Leonard, Emily Sparham, Mackenzie Davis, Keely Roszell and Brooke Causley.

The girls had a really fun season. We may not have always been the most successful but we certainly displayed the most spirit (and volume). I am very pleased about the growth and attitude all my players demonstrated during the season. Their sportsmanship and enthusiasm set examples for all. Congratulations on a great year.



### Intermediate Girls and Boys basketball Season Begins

Next week marks the beginning of the Intermediate Basketball season. The regular season games are played at Northern in gym BC. Fans are welcome but students under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a parent. Schedules will be given to players this week. Good luck!

**The members of the girl’s team are:** Cassidy Crowe, Kyraith DeShane, Sarah McQueen, Kayla Smith, Caitie Brown, Emily Sparham, Julie Nethercott, Jamie Cobby, Katrina Barnard, Mackenzie Davis, Payton Gleave, Alexa Leonard, Maddy Stewart, Anjali Rawat, Diana Mainye. Thank you to Mrs. Davison and Mr. Murray for volunteering their time to coach.

**The members of the boys’ team are:** Blair McFarlane, Luke Pointon, Rabea Nadeem, John Millsap, Easton Klaudi, Lucas Maenpaa, Ethan Shackelton, Luke Claeys, Logan Bremner, Chris Simeonakis, Alex Lambkin, Connor Black. Thank you to Mr. DeShane and Mr. Miller for volunteering their time to coach.



## **Skating**

We have rented ice time in order for our primary, junior and intermediate students can participate in skating as an extension of our daily quality physical education program. Bussing is provided to the arena and back for students only. Parents who would like to help tie skates are welcome to meet us at the arena. Unfortunately because of our numbers, siblings who are not in school cannot go on the ice. ALSO, it has been strongly recommended by our insurance provider, OSBIE, to tell parents that students should wear a hockey helmet with full cage in order to prevent head injuries. Skating will take place on:



Jan. 12th, Feb 2nd, Feb. 23th - Primary Students

Jan. 19th, Feb. 9th, Mar. 2nd - Junior Students

Jan. 26th, Feb. 16th, Mar. 9th - Intermediate Students

## **Our Writing Focus**

During the months of January and February, your child will be working on report writing. The purpose of a report is to provide a precise, organized, factual record on a specific topic. Some of the features your child's teacher may ask him or her to include in a report may be: a definition, description or summary of a topic; use primary and secondary sources; cite evidence to support a claim or argument. This form of writing does not use the person pronoun "I", rather it is meant to be impersonal and objective.



Many teachers will use cross-curricular links and have students write reports in science or social studies. You can support your child's writing by helping with research (computer or library) and with making sure they understand the content of their source material.



### **Ruby Myrtle Leatherback Turtle Project**

During the week of January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010, the Students of King George School will be introduced to the amazing world of leatherback turtles. Through the founder of the local organization, Tortuga Norte, as well as a pictorial and video presentation, the unique features of the world's largest reptile will be explored. Its epic migration patterns and routes will be explained and students will discover why the Canadian Government recognizes the leatherback turtle on its critically endangered list. Thank you to Mrs. Menheere for organizing this very interesting school wide activity.



### **Next School Council Meeting**

Tuesday, January 12th  
6:30 p.m. Library

## **FEAST FIT FOR A KING**

Thank you to all parents and friends of King George who supported our Domino's pizza night on Wednesday January 6. We earned \$110.00. Alyssa Murray from Ms. Davison's class won her class a free pizza party. The next Feast Fit For A King is Wednesday, February 3rd.



Mr. Miller  
Principal

