

Principal's Message

One semester in the books and one on the horizon!

Lots of exciting events looming for semester 2 at the best school in all of Grand Erie! Fitnic Day, Prom, Relay for Life, and Grad Mystery Bus are just a few out of many wonderful activities planned.

PJ, as many schools in Grand Erie, are moving towards a "cashless" system. You will find an information card in the reports that should help you navigate the system to register.

PJ is excited to be offering a HOSPITALITY class for the 2017-18 school year. Students will be busy choosing courses in the next couple of weeks too!! Be sure to discuss options with your son or daughter as this can be stressful for many.

I'd like to welcome Lori Oles-Flaherty, Erin Bonham, Jeff Doreen and Anson Avey to the PJ staff for this semester!

I will continue to tell all who listen, "Pauline Johnson is an amazing place for students to be!!"

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

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SOAR Applications

Application packages can be found at:

<http://soar-pj.wixsite.com/soar>

OR:

Pauline Johnson Collegiate
627 Colborne St, Brantford, ON

519-756-1320

Email: soar-pj@granderie.ca



e3 is a Specialist High Skill Major environmental program at Pauline Johnson Collegiate in Brantford. This program allows students to focus their learning on the environment and leadership in an outdoor setting. It features over 30 outdoor activities, in partnership with the Grand River Conservation Authority.

The goal of the e³ program is to provide an opportunity for students to learn about the complexities of ecology in an experiential outdoor setting; foster attributes of responsibility and leadership with respect to the environment; and provide exposure to industry related professionals and careers.

For more information, please visit our web site www.pje3.ca

Applications for next year are due March 10, 2017.



Join PJ's Parent Council: For more info, contact Mr. DeGroot. Next meeting is March 1 @ 6:30 pm

Important Dates

- February 17 – Report Cards for Sem 1
- February 23 – Photo Day (new students)
- February 20 – FAMILY DAY
- March 8 – Semester 2 Progress Reports
- March 13 to 17 – MARCH BREAK
- March 22 – Parent/Teacher Interviews
- March 30 – OSSLT (Literacy Test)
- April 14 to 17 – EASTER
- April 19 – Term One ends
- April 24 to 27 – GRAD photos

Pauline Johnson's Josiah VanWyngaarden is heading to HARVARD!!



Check out his story at:

<http://www.brantfordexpo.com/2017/01/18/hes-going-to-harvard>

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Check out Brelynn Howard's TEDTALKS on Countering Climate Change – Canada's Commitment!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JWxkFe0cPr0&sns=em>



PJ's Brelynn Howard presents a Ted Talk on Canada's Commitment to Countering Climate Change

Check out
TWITTER:
@PJCVSPrincipal

PJ's WALKING TOGETHER Project

PJ's Walking Together artwork is coming home to the Woodland Cultural Centre. The Board continues to work towards fulfilling a couple of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.

This inter-generational art project was the dream of Lorrie Gallant at the Woodland Cultural Centre and she chose to work with PJ students and residential school survivors. The encaustic artwork is the result of education sessions and visits with our survivors.

These student's work was displayed at the Brantford Arts Block, Mackenzie House Museum in Toronto and most recently at the Scarborough Museum where they wrote on their webpage "This exhibition was inspired by the poignant stories of loss and courage shared by survivors of the Mohawk Institute, a residential school from 1831 to 1969. Featuring mixed-media artwork by First Nations students from Pauline Johnson Collegiate Vocational School, Brantford, Ontario, the project is the culmination of an inter-generational community arts program coordinated by the Woodland Cultural Centre."

<http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=3d2ed0057d48f410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD&vgnextchannel=7a23ff203290c410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>

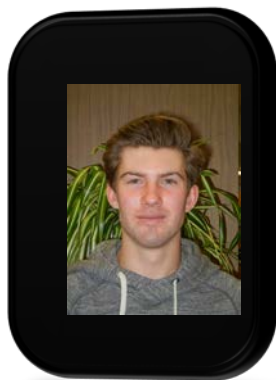
The display has been up for several months at this museum and 33, 958 people have viewed it!! What an impact!!!!

These student's photography of the project was displayed at Toronto's Nuit Blanche where approximately 1,400 people viewed it that night alone. They were also featured in the Globe and Mail as one of the Sweet Sixteen art displays to see out of the hundreds available!!!!

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/toronto/nuit-blanche-16-things-to-see-in-toronto-thisweekend/article26631167/>

The students' work is on display at the Woodland Cultural Centre! Here is the most recent story:

<http://www.brantfordexpositor.ca/2017/02/05/student-artwork-tells-dark-stories>



Spotlight Award

The PJ Spotlight Award is given to students who show excellent effort in their classes, their school and their community.

Our most recent winner is Stewart McLellan. Stewart is an Honour Roll student who has participated in both the PJ Enrichment Program and the E3 Program. He has served as the Co-minister of Athletics on PJ Student's Council. At PJ he has played soccer, hockey and rugby. He was Junior Athlete of the Year in both Grades 9 and 10, and he finished in the Top 5 in BCSSA cross-country. In the community he has played for the AA Brantford 99ers. Congratulations Stewart.

Advanced Placement at PJ

100% of PJCVS students writing the internationally recognized Advanced Placement exams in 2016 achieved a Level 3 or 4. These students are eligible to apply for exemptions from related first year university courses at Canadian and American universities. Well done!

Advanced Placement is offered in: English, Chemistry, Biology, French and Art

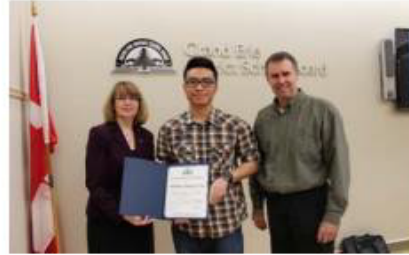
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Weibin (Benny) Liu, Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational School

Weibin (Benny) Liu immigrated to Canada three years ago, and spoke very little English at the time – an experience that was lonely and isolating. It gave him a unique understanding of the experiences and struggles of others. He joined the YMCA Youth Fusion, and soon made it his mission to help other newcomer youth while he continued to learn himself. His aim was to improve experiences for new Canadians to the area, building understanding and awareness to prevent feelings of isolation and instances of bullying. Last fall, Benny received the well-deserved honour of a nomination for the YMCA Peace Medal for his community-building work. He is a role model of compassion, cooperation, and inclusiveness.



PJC Student Services

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Josiah VanWyngarden who received early acceptance to Harvard!

SAVE THE DATE

February 4th to May 2nd – Walking Together Art Exhibit

Woodland Cultural Centre

PJC student encaustic art exhibit about residential school survivors– back from national tour!

February 22nd 7 p.m. - Social Networking and Online Safety

North Park Collegiate Theatre

TOPICS: *Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, Smartphones, Digital Trails, Cyberbullying, Texting, Sexting, Online Gaming, Online Safety*

Grade 9 and 10 students will listen to Paul speak at PJ during period 4 on this date.

OPTIONS SHEETS

Due Date: February 24th

In-Class Workshops: Grades 9-12 throughout February – schedule posted on the PJ website

Instructions: Posted on the PJ website. Students can log into Career Cruising anytime to add courses, submit and print their paperwork. All paperwork needs to be signed by parent/guardians and returned to Student Services.

Applications Required: Co-op, SHSM Programs, Magnets, Enrichment, SOAR

NEW Hospitality Program at PJ next year!

AP/PSAT/SAT PREPARATORY PROGRAM

PJC continues to offer Pre-Advanced and Advanced Placement programs and exams in English, Chemistry, Biology, Art and French. PJ has been recently approved to offer American College Board pre-SAT preparatory exams as well. Students interested in applying to American Schools, and those seeking sports scholarships, should speak to their guidance counsellor a.s.a.p. to start preparing for these exams (which are required by most American schools for admission). Prepare early to maximize your chance of being accepted!

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE APPLICANTS:

Life After High School (LAHS): Thanks to all the grade 12's who participated and applied to University or college for free!

Financial Aid/OSAP: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program>

April/May – we are offering LAHS in-school sessions!

Scholarships/Bursaries – email Mr. Wilson at edward.wilson@granderie.ca and check post-secondary websites for ideas! Give references sufficient time to write support letters.

Students should hear by May where they are accepted. Re

ad all materials thoroughly – see your counsellor if you have questions.

Make sure you have all necessary pre-requisites for your programs – university students need a minimum of 6 grade 12 U/M courses!

LINKS:

PJCVS:

www.granderie.ca/schools/pj

Universities:

www.einfo.ca www.ouac.on.ca

Colleges:

www.ontariocolleges.ca

Apprenticeships:

www.apprenticesearch.ca

Employment:

www.careerlink.ca www.brantjobs.ca www.ca.linkedin.com

www.indeedjobs.ca





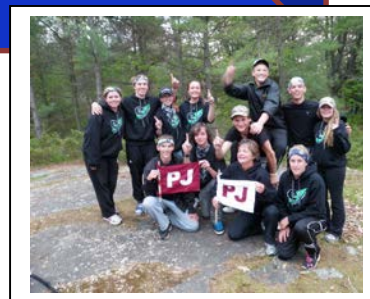
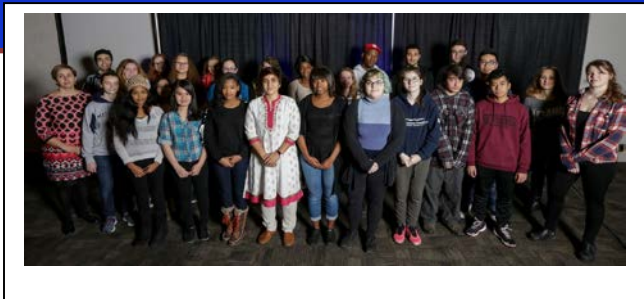
ELIMINATION DRAW – coming to PJ in April!

PJC will be hosting it's 2nd annual Elimination Draw on Friday, April 28 from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. The Grand Prize for the Elimination Draw is \$2,000 based on a total prize pool of \$4,000 for the evening. Tickets for the Elimination Draw cost \$50 each.

An Elimination Draw is a "reverse raffle." Tickets are drawn throughout the evening. Once your ticket is drawn you are eliminated from winning the grand prize. If your ticket is the last one remaining you are the winner of the Elimination draw. Secondary prizes will also be awarded throughout the evening. Only 200 tickets will be sold for the Elimination Draw.

Your ticket to the Elimination Draw includes entry into the Elimination Draw and dinner at the event. Additionally, there will be a cash bar and a silent auction. All proceeds from the Elimination Draw will be used to purchase items to be used at Kiwanis Field. Proceeds from last year's draw were used to buy a full set of 16 elite level starting blocks to be used by track athletes as well as track covers to be used by teams playing at Kiwanis Field and extending the life of the track.

Tickets will be available at the PJC Main Office or by contacting info@kiwanisfield.com. Please help make the night a success and continue the wonderful addition that Kiwanis Field has been to our students, Pauline Johnson Collegiate and the entire community.



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