

Principal's Message

Moving in to the second half of semester one and so many things to celebrate.

We were all treated to a very respectful and moving Remembrance Day Assembly. Our graduates enjoyed a successful graduation ceremony at the Sandersen Centre. The Terry Fox Walk/Run allowed all of our feeder schools the opportunity to enjoy Kiwanis Field. Our grade 8 Color Night was a blast! Our first Thunderbird Thriller was "scary"! Diversity is Strength was inspirational! Our new Hospitality program begins!

PJ pride is evident in our staff and students. We teach all children the values of respect, responsibility and true character! Being a Thunderbird is something to be proud of and we take it seriously. ☺

Please enjoy the NEWSLETTER photos and short clips related to PJ life. This is just a small piece of the wonderful activities and highlights from a great start to the year!

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

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HOSPITALITY PROGRAM – success!



Check out the stories:

<http://www.granderie.ca/board/news/good-things-cooking-pauline-johnson-cvs>

AND

<http://www.brantfordexpositor.ca/2017/11/02/now-theyre-cooking>

SOAR Applications

Application packages can be found at:

www.soarpj.com

OR:

Pauline Johnson Collegiate
627 Colborne St, Brantford, ON

519-756-1320

Email: soar-pj@granderie.ca



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



TWO YEARS in a row!



Important Dates

November 21 – Mid - Sem 1 Report Cards

December 20 – GRAD Breakfast

December 22 – Christmas Assembly

December 25 to January 5 – Christmas

Holidays / Winter Break

January 17 – Grade 8 Open House

January 17 & 18 – EQAO Math

January 25 – 31 – Final Exams for

Semester 1

February 5 – Semester 2 starts



The e³ Program Information Night



On Wednesday November 29, at 6:30pm, in the PJ Library, there will be an information night for grade 10 students and parents who are interested in finding out more about the e³ Program. The following topics will be addressed:

- 1) Overview SHSM requirements
- 2) Outdoor program
- 3) Liability
- 4) Canoe Trip
- 5) Course evaluation
- 6) COOP & CLA components
- 7) Leadership, Teamwork & Community Stewardship

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

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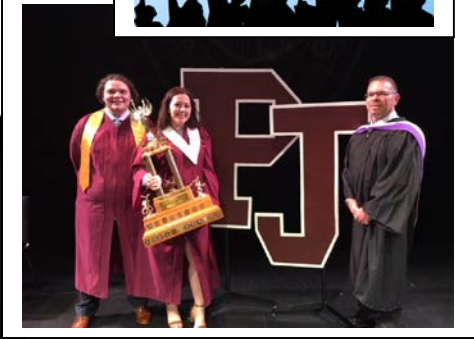
The Orange Shirt Campaign - Every Child Matters, remembers the experiences of former students of Indian Residential Schools and is a commitment to ongoing reconciliation in Canada.



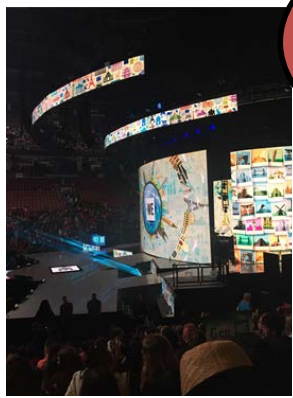
Cross Country at PJ

PJ's Cross Country team had another great season. Top BCSSAA runners were Will Gustin (1st), Hunter Schulz (2nd) and Keegan Ogilvie (3rd). Will and Hunter also led our Junior Boys team, which included Noah Frey and Alec McLellan, to a top 10 finish at CWOSSA!

AO-PJ!



WE Day
September
28, 2017



PJ's Annual Community Clean-up

On Friday October 27th, Pauline Johnson students set off in every direction to clean up the surrounding neighbourhood. Nearly 400 students participated, grades 9-12, filling more than 50 bags of litter and recyclables. Students found items ranging from cans and wrappers to vacuum cleaners and televisions. The day was a great success and the community surrounding the school has never looked better. This initiative was led by leadership students Trenton Campbell, Leah Price, Stephanie Fletcher, and Halie Grose. Pauline Johnson Collegiate is a Platinum Certified Ontario Eco-School.



Diversity is Strength

<https://twitter.com/Ticats/status/923693232772411392>

<http://www.brantfordexpositor.ca/2017/10/25/diversity-is-strength>

<https://www.brantnews.com/news-story/7684273-diversity-is-the-strength-behind-good-football-and-community/>



Ontario Student Leadership Conference

Twenty of our school leaders attended the Ontario Student Leadership Conference with over 2000 other student leaders from all over Ontario. The theme of the conference was **Red & White Ignite: Canada The Next 150**. They had the opportunity to network with other students to share experiences and ideas. Many amazing speakers, such as football legend Michael "Pinball" Clemons and gold medal Olympian Heather Moyse, inspired and motivated students to help positively shape their future and Canada's next 150 years.



PJ Library

PJCVS Library Commons-News

Library Technician Ms. Tenny
Teacher Librarian Ms. Tice

We have again purchased Curio for staff and students. Curio provides streaming access to the best in educational content from the CBC and Radio-Canada. As well, adding to our ever-growing Digital Library, our board has purchased **Overdrive, an online source for fiction for students:**
<http://destiny.granderie.ca/common/servlet/presenthomeform.do?l2m=Home&tm=Home>

We continue to help students learn how to take notes, research, write annotated bibliographies, editing, etc. Our Library Commons is a place to read, complete homework, research, work cooperatively or independently, and relax!

Homework Help takes place in the library after school until 4:15 pm. A great place to complete work and to get extra help in a subject. Ms. Couch and Ms. Kowalsky are the teachers in charge of Homework Help.

HOMEWORK HELP

Do any of the following apply to you?

- ❖ Incomplete assignments?
- ❖ Need to re-write a test?
- ❖ Need to catch up on work due to absences?
- ❖ Need help understanding work from class?
- ❖ Need a quiet place to finish your homework?
- ❖ Need a computer to complete work/resumé?

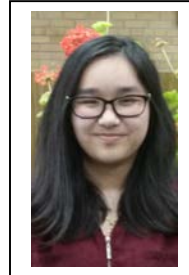
Then come to **Homework Help!**
Monday – Thursday in the library 3:00-4:15. ☺

Follow our TWITTER page at <https://twitter.com/PjLibrary>.

PJ Spotlight Award

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

The first winner this year was Julie Nguyen. Over the years Julie has been highly involved in extra-curricular activities including Eco-Club, Key Club, Art Club, Book Club, the Ministries of Fun, Arts and Grad Affairs, the badminton team, Best Buddies and many more. She has received awards in French, Civics, Careers and Media Arts. In the community she has volunteered with the GRCA Water Festival, the Canadian Cancer Society, the Canada Day Parade and Nova Vita. She also has a part time job.



Our second winner was Mindy Pru. Mindy has been highly involved in Student's Council as a member of the Ministry of Social Affairs in Grade 10, the Ministry of Communications in Grade 11 and now as Co-Prime Minister in Grade 12. She is a High Honour Roll student and has won awards in Math, Science and Leadership. She helped paint the Pauline Johnson logo in the front hall. In the community she volunteered for the Brantford YMCA and a hospital for the elderly in Burma. She participated in the Brant Classic Run.

Kudos to our gym floor fundraising donors as well as our logo designer, alumnus Glen Halsey



To receive messages about PJ straight to your cell phone via text, type in @pjcom to (226)-779-2120



BLEACHERS

Our gym looks amazing! Next step is brand new BLEACHERS!

To donate, contact the school at 519-756-1320 or email: michael.degroote@granderie.ca



Fall Sports at Pauline Johnson



The fall sports season is now finished. Highlights include:

- two successful tournaments for the Junior and Senior basketball teams
- our Jr. Tennis Teams placing third at BCSSAA with grade 9 **Chloe Duval** winning the Girls Singles Championship!
- a great Copper Madness game between PJ basketball players and Brantford Police
- **Will Gustin** winning gold at the Jr. Boys BCSSAA Cross-country meet

A big thank-you to all of our fall coaches:

Mr. Stamer and Ms. Thompson - Sr. Girls Basketball

Mrs. Sitak - Jr. Girls Basketball

Ms. Janzen - Cross-country

Mr. Michaelides - Sr. Boys Volleyball

Ms. Ferris – Tennis

Ms. Partridge - Golf

Sr. Football – Mr. Chisholm, Mr. Olds, Mr. Black, Mr. Cherewka, Mr. Stead

Jr. Football – Mr. Tice, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. MacDonald Sr., Mr. VanEvery

Winter sports seasons will be getting underway in the next few weeks.

Sr. Girls Volleyball – coached by Mrs. Phillips

Jr. Girls Volleyball – coached by Ms. Hawthorne and Ms. Sharpe

Boys Hockey – coached by Mr. Sitak, Mr. Blue, Mr. Leedham, and Mr. Olds

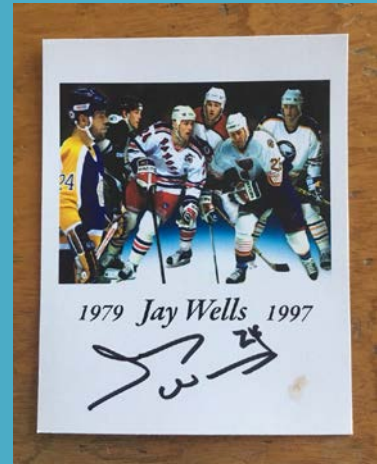
Curling – coached by Ms. Taylor

Sr. Boys Basketball – Mr. Stead and Ms. Sweers

Jr. Boys Basketball – Mr. Stead, Mr. Lickers and Ms. Sweers

Stanley Cup Champ JAY WELLS visits

SOAR



Ascension Harjo, Grade 11, Pauline Johnson, is being recognized for achievement in the arts following this summer's performance at the North American Indigenous Games opening ceremony as a hoop dancer. Ascension also competed in basketball at the Games

<http://www.cbc.ca/sports/naig/perfecting-the-art-of-hoop-dancing-1.4206758>

Carter Rong: Qualifies for U.S. Jr. Golf Tourney

<http://www.brantfordexpositor.ca/2017/09/06/teen-golfer-qualifies-for-us-junior-tourney>

