

Pickering High School SCC – Principal Report – October 28th, 2019



- Our MAD (Music, Art, & Drama) department held their annual Band Camp today at Ganaraska Forest. 110 music students will be working with professionals as they have crazy fun, connect with each other and work on their music.
- Parent Teacher interviews were on October 17th with an amazing turn out by our parents/guardians.
 - We are beginning to explore an on-line booking system that has been in use in many schools for the last couple years. More details to come
- The Volunteer of Distinction Ceremony was on October 24 at Sinclair SS. Congratulations **Josie Gendron** who is our award winner this year. Josie was our SCC chair last year and was a fixture with our SCC for 4 years.
- Take a student to work day takes place on November 6th. This is a day where all grade 9 students across the province are encouraged to explore the work world with their parents or a close family friend. This a day where they can begin to explore career interests.
- On November 6th our future grade 9 students will also have their first visit to our school. They will have an opportunity to visit some of our classes and to begin to get familiar with PHS.
- Our staff participated in our first PD day on October 11th. In the morning, all staff where subject specific PD at various location across the board. In the afternoon staff returned to the school to complete individual training on Concussion awareness, Cyber Security and Workplace Violence Awareness
- PHS's Annual food drive, **We Scare Hunger**, is currently underway. It runs from October 21st until November 1st.
- Term 1 ends on November 5th, with mid-term report cards being distributed on November 19th.
- On October 17th, 80 Grade 11 Science students participated in Science Day at Ontario Tech University. The day allowed students to experience University lectures in chemistry, physics, biology, computer science and environmental science. The day was a huge success.
- Safe Schools/Well-Being:
 - Human Trafficking Presentation (DRPS) -Jan. 8, 2020
 - Life Beyond High School (Transition Night) - Nov. 14, 2019 @ Board Office (primarily for students with exceptional needs)
 - The Leader in Me: Awareness to Action" student conference - Oct. 22, 2019 (R. Gallagher and 4 students attended)
 - TAMI Conference - Attitude of Gratitude - Oct. 24, 2019 (T. Gorecki and 4 students attended)
 - Month of November Trait of the Month: Empathy
- Athletics:
 - On October 29th our Senior Boys' Soccer team competed for the LOSSA Championship at The Civic Fields in Oshawa and defeated Austin to advance to the OFSSA Championships in the spring.
 - Junior Girls won the LOSSA Rugby 7's Championship
 - Senior Girls won the LOSSA Cross-Country Running Championship
 - Girls Field Hockey won the LOSSA Championship (9 time in 12 years?)

- Literacy:
 - Literacy Practice Test – Thursday November 14, 2019 – Homeroom Class
- Numeracy:
 - Pickering High School has been identified as a Focus 2 School. We are being supported by the Math Facilitator once a week for the grade 9 Applied courses.
 - We continue to have our UP (Ultimate Potential) Math Learning Skills course running at full capacity and being taught by Ms. Brown. This elective course supports students in getting ready to take Grade 9 Applied math in the second semester.
 - We continue to use Faces on the Data to monitor at-risk students in Grade 9 and 10 Applied math courses and will expand this to Grade 9 and 10 Academic math courses.
- Equity:
 - PHS has been invited to participate in a pilot project, “Everyday Excellence”. A project that continues to DDSB’s focus on providing equitable and inclusive opportunities for youth who identify as black. We will be working with Dwayne Morgan, a local artist, entrepreneur and mentor. He will be leading seminars that will focus on achieving excellence by exploring metacognitive strategies. Students will be empowered to change the narrative about being black and to focus their efforts to fulfill their purpose.