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Principal's Message

With the return to online learning for Quadmester 4, we wish to acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of staff and students to make this model of teaching and learning work in very challenging conditions.

We are very pleased with the generosity of students, staff and parents/guardians who donated \$444.10 toward the Toonie Tuesday campaign through School Cash Online. We topped up the donations and sent a cheque for \$500 from Sir Wil to the Education Foundation. We know that many other Sir Wil-connected people contributed to Toonie Tuesday directly on the Education Foundation's website. The Foundation raised just over \$50,000 in this year's campaign. Thanks to all contributors for providing this much-needed support to OCDSB students. Watch for next year's Toonie Tuesday—2/2/22!

Thank you to **Gio Dandrea** and **Wei Di Zhang**, Long Term Occasional Teachers in Quadmester 3, and welcome to **Hajar Al-Khazraji** and **Kimberley Holbein**, LTOs in Quadmester 4.

School Council is hosting a Virtual Speakers Night on Wednesday, April 28th. The topic is *Self-Regulation in Children and Adolescents*. Please email me to have your name added to the list of meeting attendees. We hope that many parents/guardians will attend the meeting.

Thank you for your continued support.

Nancy Girozan
Principal

Guidance

Summer School

If you are interested in taking a Reach-Ahead course this summer, please visit www.sirwil.ca, click on "Summer School Registration" under the Student Services tab. You will find the complete list of course offerings and the delivery model. Registration is open until June but it operates on a first-come, first-served basis. Parents must fill out the Google Form for option #1 or option #2 for counsellors to process the registration.

College and University Applications

Many students have received offers for the programs to which they applied. College applicants must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission before May 1st.

Applicants to Ontario universities do not need to respond to offers of admission before June 1st. Students are asked not to panic if they have not received an offer yet. Final university offers do not arrive until the first two weeks of May with May 27th being the latest students can expect to hear.

Please note: If specific grade 12 courses are required for your program (ex. SBI4U, MHF4U etc.), universities may wait to see the FINAL MARK in those courses before making an offer. If those courses are in Quadmester 4, offers might be made as late as July.

Students who have questions/concerns about their application are encouraged to contact their counsellor and/or consult the OCAS (college) or OUAC (university) website.

Graduation 2021

We want to remind the potential graduates of 2021 and their parents/guardians of two changes to graduation requirements for this year. The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (**OSSLT**) is waived as a graduation requirement and the **community involvement** requirement is reduced to a minimum of 20 hours for students graduating in the 2020-2021 school year. This recognizes that graduating students have had barriers to earning their community involvement hours last school year and there are continued barriers this school year. **Therefore, the 2021 graduation requirements will be 30 credits and 20 hours of community involvement service.**

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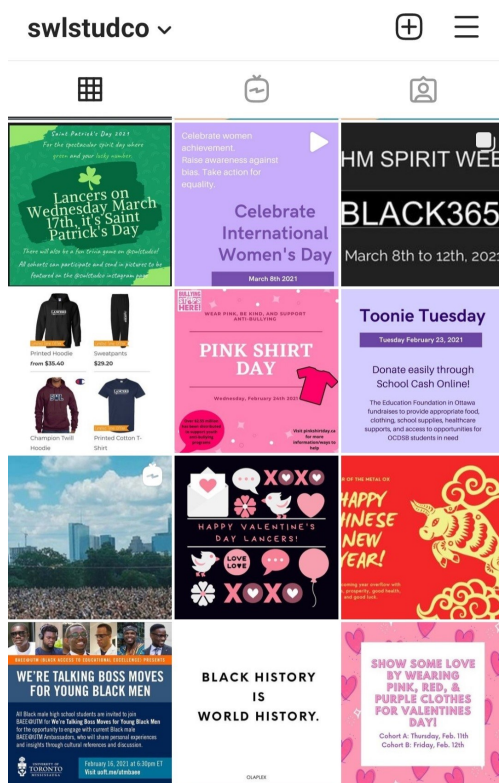
Class of
2021

LaurierLive

LaurierLive continues to broadcast announcements and entertaining content. Even when we are learning at home, we encourage students and families to tune in. The shows are posted to our [YouTube](#) channel, [LaurierLive.ca](#) and our Instagram account at LaurierLive. You may also find some updates on Twitter @LaurierLive. Watch for the new shows on Mondays and Fridays around 2 p.m.

Student Council

Sir Wil's Student Council has been busy leading theme days and awareness campaigns both in-person and virtually this school year. During January's at-home virtual school period, they hosted a Wellness Week which included suggestions for self-care activities and Bell Let's Talk Day. On February 24th, Sir Wil students and staff members participated in Pink Shirt Day to show support for anti-bullying initiatives. We have also marked significant dates on our Instagram account such as Trans Day of Visibility, Black History Month, Chinese New Year, and International Women's Day. Follow our Student Council Instagram account @swlstudco for up-to-date information about Sir Wil events and stay tuned for our Co-President and Student Senate Election this spring.

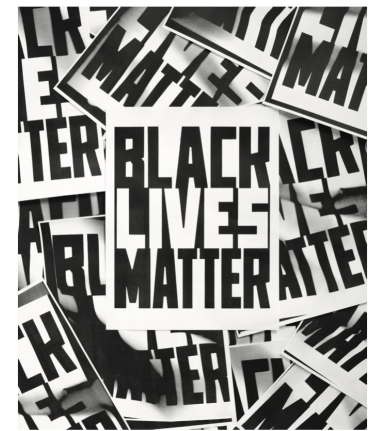


Black History 365

Thanks to the initiative of **Gracia Mwanga, Johlina Javier-Fenelon and Ellie-Hannah Fortune** who spearheaded a group of student leaders, despite COVID impacts, to undertake activities and events to celebrate Black History Month 2021. Rather than relegate these celebrations to only February, the Black365 student group is spreading out their projects. In mid-March SWL's Black365 leaders hosted a Spirit Week featuring: Black Excellence Day, I Have a Dream Day, Mardi Gras Day, Red-Yellow-Green-Black Day & Black Out Day.

The second major project underway is recording a Black365 Assembly to air in all classes later this spring. Student leaders have been writing and recording segments in a Q&A style about Black culture and Black communities. Also, these young leaders have written and recorded segments on the following topics: Reverse Racism is a Myth, Celebrating Black Women, BLM vs All Lives Matter, Colourism, Being Biracial & Intersectionality. Intertwined with these recordings will be photos from this year, musical performances and a special video sent to SWL by CBC's **Adrian Harewood**. SWL would like to recognize the talents, perseverance and skills of the Black365 student leaders who have carved out time to engage in creating this significant educational content to share with their peers and with educators during these stressful COVID months.

ONE WORLD



ADE HOGUE, a designer based in Chicago, Illinois, originally approached this piece simply but then a counter-making changed everything. "The [image] is now a collage of a hand-drawn lettering piece that has been re-created and manipulated on the screen," Hogue says. "I think it helps amplify the many ideas we've felt we need to about this phase."

TEACHING TOLERANCE



Samia Ntibuberwa wearing her "My Black Is ..." t-shirt



Johlina Javier-Fenelon spearheaded BHM Spirit Week dressed for Black Excellence