

School Council
Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School
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Hello and welcome to Sir Wilfrid Laurier,

As the Chair of School Council in the 2017-2018 school year, I would like to invite you to the first School Council meeting for the 2018-2019 school year. The meeting will be on Wednesday, September 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the school Library on the second floor. At this meeting the School Council is formed and elections are held for anyone who is interested in being an officer of the Council.

Our School Council must meet at least six times throughout the school year. We have scheduled eight regular meetings for 2018-2019. While the schedule will be given final approval at our first meeting in September, here are the meeting dates proposed for 2018-2019:

September 26	February 27
October 24	March 27
November 28	April 24
January 30	May 29

At our meetings we hear from school administrators and staff about what is taking place in the school. We also devote the first 15 minutes or so of every meeting to a presentation by a school department on a topic of interest such as the technology curriculum or math pathways. In addition, we sponsor guest speakers such as an internet safety expert and psychologists concerning youth mental health. We offer these annual workshops to the wider community of parents and guardians as well.

We fundraise for the school to enhance a range of learning and leadership activities. As an alternative to the often time-consuming tasks of fundraising, we offer busy families an opportunity to show support for educational school activities and events through our *Simply Giving Campaign*. You simply make a donation to School Council, 100% of which goes to the school. You may direct your donation to a specific department or to the School Council to decide where the funds should be allocated. Donations are welcome by cheque or online through the School Cash Online website:

<https://ocdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> **Receipts will be provided for a donation of \$25 or more.**

As a member of the School Council you get to vote on the funding proposals submitted by various clubs or departments of the school. It would be great if the fundraising program could be so successful that all proposals submitted could be funded at 100 percent. In recent years, we have purchased teen interest books and Tinker Space activities for the Library, a bass guitar for Band students, and robotics equipment for Technology classes. Recognizing the shift in how math lessons are taught, we have purchased white boards which improve student discussion, eagerness, participation, persistence, mobility of knowledge, and non-linear thinking in Math. We have supported Link Crew and Leadership activities, culture and diversity through ESNCE and You ROCK, the 'Made in Sir Wil' and 'Sir Wil Creates' initiatives, learning experiences for Dual Support students, and many more activities.

We also operate a weekend e-Waste and Used Clothing Recycling event every spring. We need people to help with promotion and execution of the event, and with other fundraising ideas.

I hope that I have to opportunity to meet you at the first School Council meeting for the year. I also hope that you will consider becoming a part of the School Council.

All the best,

Linda Noah
Chair, Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Council

PAY SCHOOL FEES ONLINE!

1. **Student Activity Fee** (voluntary) - **\$20**

The voluntary \$20 fee is directed to support:

- \$4.00 – to help defray the cost of producing the yearbook, for example, photographic costs, courier, yearbook contest, camera repairs and replacement
 - \$3.50 – to support Student Council
 - \$4.00 – to the Physical Education Department for intramural activities and to replace equipment used in the sports program
 - \$3.50 – to the school's "student benevolent fund"
 - \$1.00 – to support School Council initiatives
 - \$4.00 – to support clubs, student initiatives and special events for students
- \$20.00**

Note: Families with 3 or more children attending our school may pay a "one-fee amount" of \$40.00 for student activity fees for the family. Should a student require financial assistance with regard to the payment of the fee, a subsidy is available. Parents/guardians are asked to contact a member of the Administration. Confidentiality is assured.

2. **Yearbook** (optional) - **\$35** (Please note, the price of the yearbook rises in the spring to \$45.)

3. **Total - \$55** Pay your fees online as per the following instructions!

The screenshot shows a document titled "SCHOOL CASH ONLINE STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE ON HOW TO REGISTER" from the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board. It provides instructions for three steps: 1. REGISTER, 2. CONFIRMATION EMAIL, and 3. ADD A STUDENT. A small inset image shows a computer screen with the "School Cash Online" interface, including a "Get Started Today" button and a "Sign Into Your Account" button. The text explains that the system is safe and convenient, and provides contact information for support.

OTTAWA-CARLETON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE ON HOW TO REGISTER

The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board has started rolling out School Cash Online, an easy to use, safe and convenient way for parents and guardians to pay for their children's school fees, including yearbooks and class trips.

Want to say goodbye to writing cheques or sending your child with cash? Sign up today, it takes less than five minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions.

STEP 1: REGISTER

- If you have not registered, please go to the School Cash Online home page <https://ocdsb.schoolcashonline.com/> and select the "Get Started Today" option.
- Complete each of the three registration steps. For security reasons, your password requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.

STEP 2: CONFIRMATION EMAIL

A registration confirmation will be emailed to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.

STEP 3: ADD A STUDENT

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Enter the School Board Name: Ottawa-Carleton District School Board.
- Enter the School Name.
- Enter Your Child's Legal First and Last Name and Birth Date. Skip the Student Number.
- Select Continue.
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check the Agree box and select Continue.
- Your child has been added to your account.

If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" and repeat the steps above. Eight children can be added to one parent account. If you do not wish to add additional children, select the "View Items For Students" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed. Stay connected by selecting "Yes" to email notifications about upcoming fees.

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the SUPPORT option in the top right hand corner of the screen, contact the School Cash Online Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 or email: parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com

4. **Voluntary Course Enhancement Fees**

In some performance and production courses (e.g. **music, woodworking, art**), students may wish to use a superior product or consumable, in which case they are asked to pay the additional cost of the upgrade. If students choose not to access these enhanced materials or activities, alternatives will be available to enable students to demonstrate achievement of the curriculum expectations for the course.

5. **Voluntary Donation to School Council**

See the reverse side of this sheet to learn how you can help the School Council support our students' learning by making a donation to School Council's *Simply Giving Campaign*. Donations may be made online.