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Home of the Lancers



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Principal's Message

We have just completed a successful first semester at Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Students were able to choose from a wide variety of clubs, teams, activities in which to get involved. Being involved in various aspects of school life helps to develop and support student interests as well as creates lasting memories.

Speaking of memories, we will be marking our school's 25th anniversary in Orleans on May 27th. All former students and staff are invited to attend. Tickets can be purchased online at www.swl25.com

In order for us to prepare for second semester, we had to say farewell to some of our colleagues—**Alexis Given, Désirée Lamoureux, Matthew J. MacDonald** and **Rosemary Nolan**—who were on Long Term Occasional (LTO) teaching assignments. In addition, **Dana Lohleit** has accepted an assignment at Woodroffe High School. We also said thank you to **Karen Cassidy** who has assisted us ably in the office for the past three months. Our new LTOs this semester are **Michael Kostaske, Ethan Meservia** and **Durwin Mok**. We welcomed back **Allison Whitmore** (LTO) as well as teachers **Melissa Jerome** and **Eugene Lee** who were with us last year. Finally, **Vickie Sels** (office assistant), and **Jocelyn Brown** and **Robin Moore** (teachers) returned from leave. We are very happy to have them back.

We are interested in having more parents and guardians attend our School Council meetings and as a result, we begin each meeting with a presentation that we hope you will find both interesting and informative. The next meeting is Wednesday, February 15th at 7 p.m. in the school library. We hope to see you there.

We held our annual information evening on February 2nd, offering tours to grade 8 students and their parents/guardians, and providing information about what our school offers. If you are aware of a family with high school-age children moving in to your neighbourhood, please encourage them to contact us. We will be happy to talk to them about attending our school.

Finally, thank you for taking the time to read our school newsletter. If you wish to learn more about our school or upcoming events, please take a look at our school website: www.sirwil.com

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School
25 Years in Orleans Reunion

EVENT DETAILS:
May 27, 2017
7:00PM-12:00AM
1515 Tenth Line Rd.

Event is open to all graduates and former/current staff

Tickets:
\$25 Early Bird
\$40 after March 1

For more information and to purchase tickets:
www.swl25.com

25 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

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Nancy Girozan

Writing and Research Support—Ever struggle crafting a sentence? What about organizing an essay? How about finding valid academic sources and citing them properly? If so, check out www.tinyurl.com/sirwilresearch for a range of resources specifically developed to help students become better academic writers and researchers.

Leadership

The Seven Cs of Success

Grade 6 students from Trillium and Maple Ridge elementary schools attended *The Seven Cs of Success Challenge* run by our Leadership class. These future Lancers learned the importance of such character values as **courage**, **compassion**, and **cooperation** while participating in fun activities and getting a sense of what life is like in high school. It is our hope that this day helped them develop another important C: **confidence**.

Athletics

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's senior boys basketball team is currently undefeated and in first place after seven games in the OFSAA division standings. Due to an equipment failure in the SWL gym, the team has become road warriors by playing all of their games on the road. Returning starters **Ryan Takkale**, **Farhan Younus** and **Navid Emiri** are leading the way with big contributions coming from a group of juniors. In November, the team won the St. Matthew's Bill Wren

Classic. OFSAA playoffs begin on February 15th and the city championship will be played at Carleton University on February 23rd.



GO LANCERS!

Arts and Creative Technological Studies

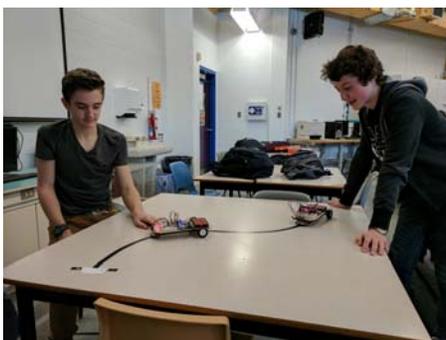
ROBOTICS

Semester 1 Grade 9 Robotics students (TEJ10) finished the course with a bang! They designed and programmed an autonomous, line-following vehicle that uses a micro-controller for a brain and some infra-red sensors for eyes.

Pictured at right: students **Aiden Blake** (left) and **Noah Learned** (right) test their vehicles.

Grade 12 Robotics (TEJ4M) students finished the year working on the project of their choice. Each group came up with an idea and then built the hardware and the software for it. For example, one group made a "haunted house"

with a cardboard house, some Nokia LCD screens which displayed a creepy figure walking in the upstairs windows, and some white LEDs that lit up the night sky with lightning bolts.



BROADCASTING & COM TECH

The following students recently won the OCDSB's recycling and conservation silent video contest.



1st place

TGV3M - Broadcasting
Liam Tattersall
Rene Torres Errejon
Tref Boucher

2nd place

TGJ10 - Comm Tech
Katerina Bourka

3rd place

TGV3M - Broadcasting
Hannah Morente
Abby Le

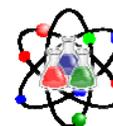
Science



Students are encouraged to participate in various contests coming up in the spring of 2017. If interested, students should speak to their science teacher.

Chemistry

University of Waterloo Avogadro Chemistry Contest—Grade 11—May 2017
University of Waterloo Chem 13—Grade 12—May 2017



Biology

University of Toronto National Biology Contest—Grades 11 and 12—April 27, 2017



Students like **Rylie Cross**, pictured at left, observed bacterial growth in **Mr. R Stewart's** Grade 11 College Biology class.

Business and Canadian & World Studies Department

It has been a busy semester in the Business, Canadian and World Studies Department. Congratulations to **Taylor Griffith**, **Owen Brouse** and **Minori Fukushi** for earning our department's *Student of the Month Award* for November, December and January respectively.

Thank you to the Royal Canadian Geographic Society for the loan of their giant floor map of Canada's energy resources. Our geography students were engaged and inquisitive during this fantastic learning experience as they worked together to discover how Canada can power itself into the 21st century.



Mme Muise's Civics class worked with the non profit organization DILA (A Day of Information for a Lifetime of Action) to create and implement a civic action plan. The students chose to raise awareness within our school about the potential impact of the Energy East Pipeline on our region.

Aboriginal elder Bob Crane spoke to students in **Ms Cheung's** class on Remembrance Day about his experience in the military. Thank you, Mr Crane, for sharing your insights with us.

In December **Mr. Fyfe** and **Mr. Flanagan** escorted a group of enthusiastic Grade 10 Civics students to Parliament Hill.

It turned out to be the best trip ever! Our Guide was a student from Acadia University who was home for the holidays. She queried the Lancers about Parliament personalities and protocols, and the students answered every question. Future Guides all!

The Lancers went up the Peace Tower and were treated to a prototypical Canadian scene. Parliament Hill was a winter wonderland. The snow was falling, and the Library, Ottawa River, and surrounding areas were blanketed with white.



At the 11th Hour, the students watched the solemn Turning of the Pages ceremony in the Memorial Chamber, accompanied by the tolling of the Peace Tower Bells.

The Lancers represented the school very well. Their punctuality, decorum, and Civics knowledge were beyond reproach. Another great day on the Hill!



GRADUATION

We wish to remind parents and guardians of graduating students that the only official school event marking this milestone is our **Commencement Ceremony** on **June 30, 2017 at 10 a.m.** in our gymnasium.



While there may be a student-run "Grad Committee," it functions as a non-authorized body. Its activities are neither approved nor sanctioned by Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School nor by the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board.

Please read the letter on the school website from the principal to parents of graduating students. Students who are involved in any other unsanctioned graduation events are urged to be safe and considerate to themselves and others as they celebrate the end of their years at Sir Wil.

Also, potential graduates are reminded that if they want to cross the stage at Commencement, they must have successfully completed 30 credits, the Ontario literacy test, and 40 hours of community service.

Student Services

COOP

Congratulations to **Julien Boisjoli** who will be participating in the Brick and Stone program. He will be earning 4 coop credits in this new program offered through our District.

Also, congratulations to **Tarek Hariri** who has been accepted into the Level 1 Automotive Service Technician program starting in February at Algonquin College. Tarek will attend Algonquin to complete his Level 1 while finishing his last two credits for his high school diploma through the coop program at Jim Keay Ford.

GUIDANCE

► Option Sheets

Counsellors will be making option sheet presentations to students starting the week of February 6. When deciding what courses and/or level of course to take next year, students are encouraged to discuss their choices with their parents and subject teachers.



Students are asked to fill out the option sheet using the on-line format on www.CareerCruising.com. Written instructions and passwords will be distributed in February. **After the course selections have been made at home, students will need to print the option sheet, and bring it back to Sir Wil with a parent's signature.**

Option sheets are due on March 1st. Be sure to submit your option sheet in on time so that you get the courses you want!

****Please choose your courses carefully because no changes will be done once the timetabling has been completed in June.**

► Scholarships

Graduating students are reminded to check the bulletin board outside Student Services and the scholarship binder in the Guidance office. They can also meet with **Ms. Crawford** to receive more information on various scholarships offered.

For students seeking assistance in paying tuition fees, the site <http://osap.gov.on.ca> gives information on loans and bursaries. It will be up and running in late April or early May.

YOUTH SPACE

14 to 18 years old

Come join us to to meet other youth, play games, engage in discussions, and much more!

WHEN: 4PM TO 7PM
February 2: Girls night
February 9, 23: Mixed group
February 16: Guys night

WHERE:
ORLÉANS-CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE
 240 Centrum Boulevard, Unit 105, Orleans, ON

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Tanya Lapointe Harris
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Orléans-Cumberland Community Resource Centre

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BABYSITTING COURSES

Age 10-16

Wednesday, March 15
or Saturday, April 1
or Saturday, May 13

Orléans Library
 1705 Orléans Boulevard

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Cost \$60

Register online:
www.menardsafetycourses.com

For information call Elaine at 613-443-2027 or email: menard@menardsc.com

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Parents and Guardians are reminded that they need to inform the school when a student will be absent, even when school buses are not operating on bad weather days. If an absence is not accounted for, our automated attendance system will contact you. There are two options for parents and guardians to report a student's absence:

- ① **Telephone**
613-834-4500 extension 100
- ② **Email**
swlattendance@ocdsb.ca

Come and see our School Musical "Annie" — Mar. 1,2,3

- Doors Open @ 6:30, Curtain @ 7 p.m.
- For tickets, contact a Theatre Member, the Main Office (613-834-4500), or buy at the door — \$10 Adults, \$5 Students & Seniors