

# THE GHOST POST

## Summer Newsletter



### STAY CONNECTED

Change of address?  
Change your phone  
number? Please keep  
us informed!

### TO REPORT ABSENCE

Please use  
SchoolMessenger Safe  
Arrival to report student  
absences via the  
website, phone or the  
app!

### PARKING

Please be reminded that  
there is no student  
parking at London  
Central Secondary  
School.

### BUSING

Busing information is  
available at:  
[www.mybigyellowbus.ca](http://www.mybigyellowbus.ca)

### PARENT PORTAL

Register for the PARENT  
PORTAL for access to  
daily attendance and  
academic updates.

### Administration Team

P-Mr. K. Wild  
VP-Mrs. J. Patterson

### Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! We are all excited and looking forward to a more normal return to school this year. I want to personally welcome back all of our Grade 10, 11, and 12 students as well as offering a very special welcome to our incoming Grade 9 students! We are so happy that you are joining us as new Golden Ghosts.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Principal. Having served in the role of Vice-Principal here for 3 years, I know the strength and pride of our learning community. I am so looking forward to working with the staff, students, families and community in the shared goal of making Central even greater!

Please read through the contents of this newsletter for important information about each of our departments and for important dates throughout the school year. Information about School Council and nomination forms are included at the end of this newsletter. The Ghost Post will be sent home through school messenger biweekly. Please ensure that your contact information is up to date to ensure that you receive all school communications in a timely manner.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach me at [kevin.wild1@tvdsb.ca](mailto:kevin.wild1@tvdsb.ca).

### Office Updates

Parents are asked to please confirm all student information and authorizations in the [parent portal](#) prior to the beginning of the school year. The deadline to have this completed is September 18.

If you do not have a School Cash Online account, please click [here](#) to register for an account. Parents are encouraged to sign up for this easy and convenient method to pay for field trips and enhanced learning opportunities that arise throughout the year.

Any new families are asked to use the attendance reporting system. To register for a School Messenger account, click [here](#).

## **Timetables, Locks, and Fees**

Timetables will be shared the week of Aug. 29 via the Student and Parent Portals. Please access your timetable before the first day of school as hard copies will not be provided by the school.

Timetable change requests will be handled the first week of school. Students requiring a timetable change need to email their guidance counselor. Please follow your current timetable until you have spoken with your counselor.

The following items are available for purchase as of Aug. 29 through School Cash Online:

- Student Fees \$15.00
- Physical Education Uniforms \$7.50

\*Please note that locks will not be available for purchase through the school. HPE uniforms will be provided to students in their HPE classes.

## **Central Spirit Wear!**

If you are looking for some new CENTRAL merchandise, the e-store will be accepting orders from Monday August 29 – September 11 at midnight. Estimated arrival of the items will be the week of October 10. The E-Store link is: <http://positiveidentity.com/central/>

## **Staying in Touch with the School Community**

Parents and guardians are encouraged to subscribe to the school calendar website for information about approved school events: <https://calendar-central.tvdsb.ca/>. The *Ghost Post* newsletter will be emailed biweekly. Please also visit our website regularly as we continually keep it updated: [Central SS Secondary School \(tvdsb.ca\)](http://centralss.tvdsb.ca/)

For information about career planning, programming, awards, alternative education, learning support, and many other important opportunities for students at London Central, please visit the Guidance Department's web page at: <https://sites.google.com/gotvdsb.ca/london-central-guidance/home>

To contact a teacher or to view teacher websites, please visit the "Contact Us" section of the school's website at: <http://central.tvdsb.ca/Modules/contact/search.aspx?s=2uLtzJt5IA5HIngAojQI5IA5H6JTjAeQuAleQuAl>

Please follow us on Twitter!  
<https://twitter.com/LondonCentralSS>

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## Advanced Placement Literature and Composition at Central

Despite the significant challenges presented in the first semester, Central's AP Literature and Composition students still managed to exceed the global averages on the May exam.

Over 300,000 students worldwide wrote the exam on May 4. Impressively, 100% of Central students who wrote the exam earned scores of Level 3 or higher, compared to the global average of 77.9%. To break it down further, 72% of our students earned Level 4 or Level 5 scores, compared to the global average of 44%. Central's mean score on the exam was 4.00 out of 5, compared to the global average of 3.33, on what has always been considered one of the most difficult exams in the AP program.

Most students who excelled on this exam will now be exempted from taking a mandatory first year English course at university in September. These impressive results are a testament to their commitment to their studies, their tenacity, and their sophisticated literary analysis skills and written communication skills.

With high enrollment in the 2022/23 course, we have great expectations for another record-breaking year ahead!

## Geography at Central

Ms. Nielsen and Ms. Nye are enthusiastic to bring you a new year of exciting Geographic knowledge in grades 9, 11 and 12. As our world continues to evolve and present rapid challenges, change and growth, Geography is an important and vital aspect of each student's high school programming. What better way to understand the world we live in!

We welcome our new Grade 9 students to Central for our engaging and collaborative Grade 9 course, Issues in Canadian Geography. Grade 11 students will be learning new directions and world changes in Travel and Tourism. The World Issues course in Grade 12 will be a dynamic and relevant student learning experience about the ever-present global challenges that our world grapples with each day.

See you on Wednesday the 7th in September Central Ghosts! Come see us in the Geography Department in Room 310 or 311 for any questions.

### Geography Club

It is with sincere pride that the Geography Club, along with supervisors Ms. Nye and Mrs. Nielsen, congratulate Matthew Woodward on his success this year.

Matthew was an exceptional and dedicated Geography Club leader, presenting and displaying amazing knowledge each week. Additionally, Matthew was a Level 3 winner nationally! Matthew was awarded the prestigious honour of representing Canada as one of 4 members of Team CANADA at the International Geography Olympiad. Matthew earned a Gold Medal at the event, hosted virtually by the Canadian Geographic Challenge. Matthew Woodward is pictured far right. He is attending the University of Waterloo this year for Geography. Congratulations! Geography Club



## Science at Central

The science department would like to welcome back all of our returning Golden Ghosts for another year of learning about the science that is all around us. We would like to offer a special welcome to our incoming grade nines. Together we will investigate the marvels of biology, the logic of physics, the integrative nature of chemistry and the importance of how we influence the planet and beyond. While science is a required core subject in grade 9 and 10, Central offers a comprehensive array of courses at the grade 11 and 12 level in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Environmental Sciences. We are living through interesting times right now and in science we have an opportunity to investigate it all with an analytical lens.

This year we have new programs in the science department. We have a team of teachers who will be working with the new Grade 9 Destreamed Science course. This course will introduce students to topics in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Space with additional focus on coding and STEM related skills. We continue to offer the enriched grade 10 program with its focus on investigation and inquiry. This will allow students to expand their understanding of the world around them with a greater emphasis on student designed and conducted experimental investigations. The pace and intensity of this course will continue to foster a deeper, more robust understanding and ability to make connections amongst scientific concepts.

We are also excited to be offering a new senior course in Environmental Science this year for the first time. It allows students to investigate a range of topics, including the role of science in addressing contemporary environmental challenges; the impact of the environment on human health; sustainable agriculture and forestry; the reduction and management of waste; and the conservation of energy. Students will increase their scientific and environmental literacy and examine the interrelationships between science, the environment, and society in a variety of areas.

The science department will continue to support our Golden Ghosts with an extraordinary program. Regardless of the challenges in the coming year we know that our students will continue to show the city of London and beyond the inventiveness and excellence that characterizes the Central Golden Ghosts.



### Exploring science through dissection!



## Mathematics at Central

The Department of Mathematics looks forward to working with students this upcoming school year. We are also excited for another year of math contests. Last year saw the successful return of in person contests for our students. Central has been Zone Team Champions for the Pascal, Cayley, Fermat, Fryer, Galois, Hypatia, and the Canadian Intermediate/Senior Mathematics Contest. We also had high performing students achieve scores of distinction. We hope to have another successful year of contests! The Math Department would also like to extend a warm welcome to all of our arriving grade 9 students. We offer many supports to our students including the Math Help room available, at lunch Monday through Thursday, in room 104. All are welcome! Our math teachers are always eager to help answer your questions and offer tips for learning mathematics effectively. Once again, we are anticipating a fabulous year ahead. Go Ghosts!

## Welcome to Central PHYS ED! Home of the Golden Ghosts!

**Get ready to have fun while developing a healthy active, lifelong lifestyle!**



Welcome future Golden Ghosts to Central Health and Physical Education. Get ready to have fun while developing a healthy, active lifestyle!

This year in grade 9 Healthy Active Living, we will be placing an emphasis on fun, camaraderie, and regular active participation. Physical Education at Central is a great way to meet new friends, improve physical literacy skills and enjoy friendly competition.

Health and Physical Education students are encouraged to wear the Golden Ghost HPE uniform consisting of a purple t-shirt, black bottoms (shorts or athletic pants), socks and running shoes. HPE purple t-shirts can be purchased through School Cash Net or from your student's Physical Education teacher at a cost of \$7.50.

Over the semester, physical activities such as cooperative games, fitness activities, volleyball, basketball, badminton, soccer and tchoukball will get everyone involved. Health areas investigated will include topics related to personal safety, healthy sexuality, substance use and addictions, healthy eating, participation in goal setting, effective communication and leadership skill development.

Get ready for a fantastic semester!

**\*\*This year Central HPE hopes to offer indoor rock climbing each semester. More details to follow.**



## **News from the Guidance Department**

### **UPDATED INFORMATION**

Please check out the Guidance and Learning Support website on the London Central website for updates (central.tvdsb.ca).

### **GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR ALPHA**

Students are assigned to guidance counsellors based on student surname and grade:

Ms. Hurley – All Grade 9 Students

Ms. Brunet – Grade 10-12 (A-H)

Mr. Dobaczewski – Grade 10-12 (I-N)

Mr. Hill – Grade 10-12 (O-Z)

### **BOOKING A GUIDANCE APPOINTMENT**

Students may book guidance appointments online or with their device. Guidance counsellors will begin taking regular appointments once all timetable issues have been resolved. For more information on booking a guidance appointment online, go to <https://bit.ly/2FmLUEI>

### **COURSE CHANGE POLICY**

Valid reasons to request a course change:

- student attended summer school and the course is no longer required
- student did not attend summer school as planned
- a course is required for post-secondary program or graduation
- Grade 12 student with enough credits to request a spare
- change of level in course required

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT HOURS**

40 hours of community involvement are required to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Students may begin community involvement hours in the summer before Grade 9. Forms will be distributed in the fall to Grade 9 students or are available on the Guidance website. A supervisor's signature is required when each activity is completed. It is the parent responsibility to screen all volunteer placements. Students may not complete volunteer hours during the school day.

### **Daily Schedule at Central**

Period 1        8:15 – 9:30 am

Period 2        9:35 – 10:50 am

Lunch            10:50 – 11:55 am

Period 3        11:55 – 1:10 pm

Period 4        1:15-2:30 pm

### **Floor Plan**

Please use the following link to access Central's floor plan:

[CENTRAL-MAP-OF-SCHOOL.pdf \(tvdsb.ca\)](#)

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## School Council News

Parents and guardians interested in becoming a member of school council are asked to complete the nomination form included in this newsletter and return it to Mr. K. Wild in the main office by September 22, 2022.

Our First School Council meeting will be held on Thursday September 22, 2022. All are welcome to attend. Details will follow in the next Ghost Post.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM**

I wish to nominate for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the school council:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I am the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, who is currently registered at this school.

**OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ is the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, who is currently registered at this school.

The person I have nominated is an employee of the board.      yes   no (please circle one)

Nominator's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate preferred role:

- Chair
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Parent Representative
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