

THE GHOST POST

April 2021



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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

PARENT PORTAL

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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we wind down from a very busy Quadmester 3, I hope that everyone is doing well and looking forward to a little down-time over the April break. We hope you enjoy your break and are able to relax and unwind.

This is a reminder that B1 and A1 classes will be taking place upon our return on April 19th (B1) and April 20th (A1). On the 21st and 22nd, we will be having our credit improvement/credit rescue days. On these days, students are expected to be in class for the first period of the day and then, if they have work to complete either in person with their teacher or on line, they may use the remainder of the regular school day to complete missed assignments as a way to better demonstrate their understanding of the curriculum material and ultimately, improve their grade. If students are caught up on all their work, they may leave school at the end of the first period on those days (at 10:25am).

We know that there have been a number of updates made to the system calendar, so we want to make sure that everyone is aware of a few up-coming days: Friday, April 23rd is a PA day for all students therefore there will be no classes, either in-person or remote. Monday, April 26th is the beginning of Quadmester 4 beginning with Cohort A's period 3 class.

Your safety is our number one priority and in the very short time I have been the principal of London Central, I have already seen evidence of an incredibly strong sense of community. Let's continue to do everything we can to help keep everyone safe!! This starts with taking the COVID self-assessment every day before you leave for school, staying home if you are not feeling well, being sure to properly sanitize upon entry into the school and then regularly throughout the day, and wearing a properly-fitted mask at all times both inside and outside the school building.

The Ministry of Education, in consultation with Public Health, has determined the size of each cohort to help ensure student safety. As a result of an initial timetable being built last spring which did not include cohorts, we are now in the position of needing to switch a number of students' cohorts at the start of each quadmester in order to balance cohorts and ensure that we are meeting safety guidelines. As you can imagine, this is a very long and detailed process, and it is our aim to move as few individuals as possible. Students will still have both the same academic and extra curricular opportunities regardless of your cohort and requests to change cohorts will not be possible. Again, your individual safety and the safety of all students and staff is the driving force behind any changes that we must make, and we appreciate your understanding and support. Individuals who have had a cohort change will receive an email indicating this change the week of April 19th.

All students are asked to check their [Student Portal](#) for their Quadmester 4 timetables during the week of April 19th so that you know both your cohort and your class information. This information will also be available in the [Parent Portal](#) as of April 19.

REMINDER: DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES

We are also concerned about your safety upon arriving to school. As a reminder, drop-off in the morning and pick-up in the afternoon can occur at the metered parking spaces on Princess Avenue and Dufferin Avenue which are located East of Waterloo Street. We have been advised that parking enforcement at the meters will cease during these brief periods of drop-off and pick-up. We have also been advised that parking enforcement on Princess Avenue West of Waterloo Street will continue if parents use that area to drop off and pick up their child(ren).

It is important that you **NOT** stop on Waterloo in front of the school to drop-off or pick-up your child(ren). This is very dangerous for both you, your child(ren) and other motorists.

Please note that the parking lot is **NOT** a drop-off or pick-up area. The City of London is enforcing parking restrictions in this lot between the hours of 7:00am – 3:00pm.

GRADUATION PHOTOS - POSTPONED

Unfortunately, since we have now entered a province wide lockdown, we received notice from our Grad Photography provider, Edge Imaging, that they must postpone any photography events in schools. This means that any grad photos that were scheduled at Central between April 19th – April 30th need to be postponed.

Edge Imaging will be sending out an email to all students that have booked appointments to notify them of the current situation and provide options for a refund.

As soon as we know more about any rescheduling options or dates, we will share that information with our graduating students.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our Social Justice Club who won top prize for their impactful and thought-provoking video “Racism Ends With Us”, their entry to London’s LUSO Community Services’ annual video contest. LUSO Community Services is a non-profit local resource centre with the aim to promote inclusiveness and well-being and their annual video contest commemorates the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Two of our Social Justice Club members were interviewed in CBC Radio London this week and both Jasmine and Kiyon did a commendable job representing London Central, the Social Justice Club and LUSO. Please take a minute to read the attached article, watch their award-winning video, and reflect on the important messages presented. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/luco-anti-racism-video-contest-1.5969992>