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Happy New Year LPHS!

Although a very different holiday break, for various reasons, I do hope you and your family remained safe and had moments of joy during this time.

This week all grades are following an online, distance learning schedule. We have not received any changes to our school plan, nor to the plan to return to the school building on January 11th, 2021. Should the Minister of Education send out new directives as a result of the alarming number of COVID reported cases, I will update you immediately.

Please see below a recap of some important items from the first half of the school year:

On December 9th at our Governing Board meeting, Mr. Mark Hancock was acclaimed as our new Governing Board Chair. This is as a result of Ms Tara Shaughnessy having to step down from this role for personal reasons. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Shaughnessy for her leadership and dedication to our community. She has guided us with courage and kindness during the MSC and always advocated for LPHS over the course of her time as chair. As we move forward in this new year, we thank Mr. Hancock for accepting to step into this role and for his support in our final months as Lindsay Place High School.

To that end, I would like to update you regarding the transition work behind the scenes during the first half of the school year. Although COVID took precedence, we have been working on the following:

- Construction has been progressing weekly
 - Washrooms are completed
 - Regular meetings with Project Managers, engineers and architects have been ongoing in the Science wing and Cafeteria areas specifically.
- Administration from both schools have met several times to work on the planning process to receive St. Thomas.
- We hosted a meeting with the Resource department from St. Thomas along with their administration to look at our learning needs and supports that will be required for all our students and those on an IEP.

- On Dec 2nd, the Transition Committee met to review the services that will be required to meet all students' needs. It was a positive meeting with all participants in agreement that this remains a top priority in planning program options.
- Several visits from St. Thomas staff members have taken place to acquaint themselves with our building and these visits will continue into the new year.
- We are now planning with the St. Thomas administration to bring information to our community regarding option forms that will go out in the new year.
- Information will be forthcoming regarding Resource support and the IB program and how our programs will fit into the new St. Thomas
- We had two meetings with the school board to update our staff:
 - Dec 8th was for teachers
 - Dec 9th was for all support staff

Finally, it is important for all to know that during the re-registration period in January, that every Lindsay Place student will automatically be entered in the Parent Mozaik Portal for 2021-2022 as St-Thomas High School students in the Broadview building. There is an opportunity to request for transfers but rest assured that all students can continue to attend school at the Broadview building as St-Thomas High School students, for the 2021-2022 school year.

The collaboration has been positive bringing forth optimism as our students remain our primary focus for our community through this transitional year.

We will continue to update you as the weeks unfold.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Payette
Principal
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