



Welcome to Term Three!

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To The Lighthouse...



Dear FY parents,

We are writing to you today to share an exciting prospect: a three night trip to a lighthouse on Lake Superior, as part of a culminating experience for our Foundation Year students in June. We will fly to Thunder Bay, a two hour flight from Toronto's Billy Bishop Airport, departing mid-morning on Monday, June 26. (find attached link to an article by AdeP on the city [here](#)) and spend the afternoon and evening at [Fort William](#), one of the best restored forts in North America. Here, students will immerse themselves in the history of the Canadian fur trade, meet First Nations Elders, and after a dinner in the Great Hall of the [North West Company](#), take in the night skies through the 20 inch/half-metre telescope of the [David Thompson Observatory](#). Time permitting we may also arrange a tour of one of the freighters and the grain elevators in the [port of Thunder Bay](#) .



Summer at Porphyry Point Lighthouse...

The next day we will travel to [Sleeping Giant Provincial Park](#) where students will spend a few hours hiking and exploring in some of Canada's most spectacular scenery, including interpretive study of the flora, fauna, and history. On the way we will make a stop and visit the [Terry Fox Monument](#), which celebrates this great



Canadian who stopped his Marathon of Hope cross country run in Thunder Bay in 1980.

That afternoon, we will board a boat and make the 15 km trip from Silver Islet, a former Silver mining town on the tip of the Sleeping Giant to [Porphyry Point Lighthouse](#), a voyage of roughly 45 minutes. The Lighthouse is under the control of the Canadian Coast Guard and Canadian Lighthouses of Lake Superior. The Managing Director of CLLS, Paul Morralee will be our host and guide during our two night stay on the island, where there are separate sleeping accommodations in two small houses for boys and girls.



The island is a treasure trove teeming with natural life in a brilliant maritime setting. The teachers will have multiple activities planned for the students, including hiking, photography, leadership workshops, and in the evening the brilliant night skies which have virtually no ambient light (yes, we will have a telescope with us) Coinciding near the Summer Equinox, we will have light until almost 11 o'clock at night.

Please enjoy the [Dropbox](#) of photographs taken by Thunder Bay photographer Lois Nuttall, who has kindly allowed our families private use of her exemplary work; I met Lois last summer when she was photographer in residence and I was writer in residence at Porphyry Point respectively.

The three of us will be travelling together to Lake Superior's north shore and would invite you to an information session on Thursday, February 9th to discuss details and review our working itinerary. We look to return to Toronto by late afternoon of Thursday, June 29.

The proposed cost of the trip is \$840.00 which includes airfare, the three nights' accommodation, meals, and travel to and from the Lighthouse and our stay at Fort William.

We will host an information session on Thursday, February 16 beginning at 6pm.

In the meantime however don't hesitate to contact either one of us for details.

Yours in adventure,
Adam de Pencier, Principal
Chris Arena, Foundation Year teacher
Jamie Fatigati, Foundation Year teacher

Save The date: Graduation 2017

We are very excited to announce that this year's graduation will take place at the University of Toronto's majestic Hart House Hall, on April 25th from 2:00pm-5:00pm. Information on tickets will become available within the next few weeks.



Winter Day 2017



Wednesday February 15th will be our annual Blyth Winter Day where students travel to Snow Valley for a day of Skiing, tubing and snowboarding! This event is not a mandatory event but students are encouraged to get active and enjoy the winter. Please note that classes will be running per usual, however, some teachers will be involved in the trip and thus, other staff will be covering those classes.

Fees:

\$60: transportation, lift ticket, mandatory lesson and

helmet rental.

\$75: transportation, lift ticket, mandatory lesson, helmet rental and equipment rental

\$55: transportation, tubing ticket (all day)

Please note that all students must travel on the bus provided. There will be no exceptions. Please click [here](#) to download a permission form.

- Important Info -

1. Grad photos are happening this week, Feb 9th & 10th. Please sign up [here](#).
2. Sign up for 2017/18 by March 1st and receive 5% off tuition!
3. Save the date: This year Prom will be held on May 5th at the Palais Royale. Ticket's will go on sale February 21st.

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