



Your News & Updates - January 2020

'A person's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions.' -
Oliver Wendell Holmes

Ready or Not, 2020 is Here!

It's a new year and a new decade! It's hard to believe that it is already 2020. When I look back, it seems like we were just bracing for 2000. Do you realize that the following occurred that year?

- Venus Williams won her first Women's Singles title at Wimbledon
- The first crew was launched to the International Space Station
- iTunes made its debut
- The first Harry Potter movie came out
- Tiger Woods became the youngest player to win a Grand Slam in Golf

Time really flies. Before we know it, we will be on the downhill climb for the 2019-2020 school year, preparing for graduation and celebrating the accomplishments of another amazing year. Let's enjoy every moment!

Student Council

In December, our Student Council members were busy little elves. They successfully led a Holiday Happy mail campaign that enabled us to deliver 65 hand-made holiday greeting cards to residents of a local retirement home. They also led a wonderful toy and supply drive for Ronald McDonald House and they organized a fun holiday-themed Spirit Week the week before Christmas Break (complete with a visit from jolly old Santa)!

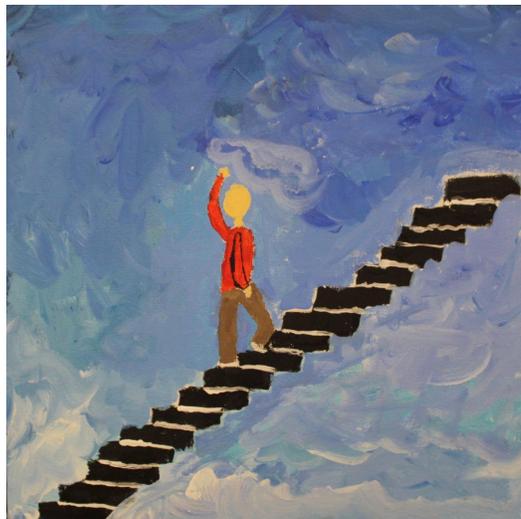


This month, they are concentrating on Mental Health Awareness with a focus on supporting Bell Let's Talk. There will be much more to come on this. Stay tuned!

Classroom Activities

Our students have been busy enjoying many opportunities and activities both in and out of the classroom. These include:

- Our grade 9 Art Class made submissions to the Globeducate Art Competition.



- The Western University Student Consent Outreach Program spoke to our grades 9 & 10 about appropriate interpersonal relationships
- Several community members spoke to the Careers class about their occupations.



- We had a great time at our annual Blyth All-School Basketball Tournament.



- Our Foundations students enjoyed wonderful presentations about the Growth Mindset by our Child and Youth Intern and they learned about financial literacy from the local Penny Drops Organization. Additionally, they have kicked off their work towards the Duke of Edinburgh awards.
- Grade 11 Chemistry students enjoyed several interesting labs including one designed to determine the formula of a hydrate.



Guidance

As we are getting close to the University and College application deadline, we wanted to share some reminders about the process of applying:

The deadline for OUAC application is WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020. The deadline for OCAS applications is February 1, 2020. If you have not yet done so,

and you are planning on applying, please do so ASAP (I would say no later than this weekend), as the OUAC and OCAS systems tend to get glitchy right before the deadline, and payments typically can take 3-5 business days to process).

For all of those students who are full time with Blyth London and have spoken to me about applying this year, I have uploaded all of your grade 11 and 12 grades to your OUAC account. Please double check that all of the grades are correct - I am happy to print a credit counselling summary for you if you would like to double check the grades on your system for accuracy.

For students who are NOT full time with Blyth London, at the beginning of the term, I have sent document stating that you are taking a course with us at the campus to your home school where your Ontario Student Records are held. This should be reflected on your OUAC or OCAS profiles. Today, I will be mailing out midterm report cards. Once your grades have been finalized for term 2 at the beginning of February, I will again mail your final grades to your home schools for them to upload on your account. Alternatively, if you provide me with your OUAC reference number (starting with 2020-#####), or OCAS application number (20-#####) I can email your grades to them directly, which normally takes a couple of days for them to process.

**** PLEASE NOTE**** At this time, OUAC is NOT accepting midterm grades. We will not be able to upload midterm grades until the middle of January. If you do not see your midterm grades updated until after January 20th, please be assured that this is normal, and your portal will be updated with your midterm after this date by your home school.

PLEASE also come and share the good news of any acceptances that you have so we can celebrate your success.

For all grade 10's and other students in grade 11 and 12 who have to write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, information will start to come home at the beginning / middle of February. Grade 10 students will also be using some class time to prepare for this test.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and see me. I am always happy to help.

Ms. Pedersen

SCREEN AGERS NEXT CHAPTER

UNCOVERING SKILLS FOR STRESS RESILIENCE

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL FILM SCREENING!

We invite you to join us for a viewing of an important film that examines the science behind teen's emotional challenges, the interplay of social media, and what can be done to help them build crucial skills to support mental health in our digital age.

Seating is limited, so please be sure to [RSVP](#) for this event [here](#).

Should you have any questions, please contact our campus by telephone 519-204-6016 or email london@blytheducation.com.

Event Details:

DATE: Thursday January 16, 2020

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Blyth Academy London

We look forward to seeing you there!

Other Upcoming Events

January 30/31 - Term 2 Exams

February 3 - PD Day- NO CLASSES

February 4- Term 3 begins

February 17- Family Day- NO CLASSES

February 19- Grad Photos

Graduation

This year, graduation will be on June 26th in the evening. **SAVE THE DATE.** We will soon send out invitations and instructions to RSVP and make deposits.

If you would like to serve on the Parent Graduation Committee to assist with planning and fundraising, please let Mrs. Robitaille know.

Social Media

Please consider following us and interacting with on one or more of our social media feeds. This enables us to keep you regularly informed about daily activities, announcements and events. When you like and/or share our posts, it helps us reach even more potential Blyth families. Thank you in advance!

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Did You Know?

The Huffington Post released an article ranking us the #1 Private High School in the country! Have a look [here](#)!

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