

WOSS E-News September/October 2007

Welcome to **WOSS E-News**, a regular e-mail message to WOSS parents and community members.

UPDATE YOUR CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- September 13 Grade 9 meet the Teacher Night, starts at 7 p.m.
- September 17 School/Parent Council Meeting at 7 pm in Teacher's Conference Room, South Campus (see below)
- September 20 Grade 12 University/College Assembly
- September 25 Letters of Concern mailed out
- September 24 Terry Fox Assembly
- September 27 School Dance
- September 28 Terry Fox Day
- Sept. 28-29 University/College Info Session at the Metro Convention Centre, Toronto

OCTOBER

- October 3 Awards Night for non-graduating students
- October 4 White Oaks Commencement for 2007 graduating students
- October 5 Professional Activity Day – no classes
- October 8 Thanksgiving Day – no classes
- October 10 Provincial Election, WOSS is a polling station
- October 11 Internet Safety Speaker, 7 pm, South Campus (more details attached to this e-mail)
- October 16 University/College Dialogue for Grade 12's
- Oct. 22/23 College Fair at Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place
- October 23 Second Letters of Concern mailed out
- October 25 School Dance
- October 27 Holiday Arts and Crafts Sale, starts at 9 a.m.
- Oct. 29-Nov. 1 Graduation Photos

Call the school, 905-845-5200 X227, if you have any queries about the above events.

CONTACTING YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

More and more parents are using e-mail to communicate with their child's teachers. Both parents and teachers are finding it effective and practical. Each teacher's e-mail address is the last name and first initial and then @hdsb.ca (e.g., John Smith's e-mail is smithj@hdsb.ca). Keep a copy your child's Semester 1 schedule so you have your child's teachers' names handy. Consider making contact early in the semester to introduce yourself.

A staff directory is available on the school web site. Go to **Parents** and click on **Staff Directory**. Each teacher's voice mail extension is also listed.

CHECKING YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE

HDSB has an Internet attendance system for parents where they can access their children's attendance record (from students under 18 years of age). If your child is late for a class, you may still get a phone or e-mail message saying that your child was away. This is a great way to check to see if, in fact, your child was absent or late. It is updated daily. You can also access your child's credit status.

Parents need their child's student number, which is on their child's schedule and student card.

Go to www.hdsb.ca, select **Parents and Community**, scroll down a bit, and then select **Student Information System**. Enter the student number and date of birth. A schedule will be displayed and then you can choose which class you want to check attendance for. At the top of the display will also be a link to your child's credit summary.

WOSS SCHOOL/PARENT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Why attend a WOSS School Council meeting? Our meetings involve input from parents, the principal, and student council and cover curriculum and extra-curricular activities. Please come with questions or concerns that you have about our school. Your input contributes to making WOSS the best it can be.

Enter through the South Campus main doors (off Montclair), bear right, and look for signs. The meeting starts at 7 m and refreshments are provided.

If you would like your name removed from our mailing list or you are receiving duplicates, e-mail wossCouncil@cogeco.ca.