



# JOHN F. ROSS

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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

June has arrived with amazing speed again this year and we are now looking at our preparations for next September. The second semester has seen us go through staffing for next year, the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, EQAO Math assessment, fire and tornado drills, class trips, team sports, arts events, prom, and many other activities. The school has also seen its share of both triumph and tragedy this year, and our thoughts and best wishes go out to those affected through loss or unfortunate circumstances.

At present, we have scheduled indoor and outdoor renovation work being done at the school this summer, so those needing access to the main office are asked to call the school at 519-822-7090 to inquire about office hours.

Please note that we will also be implementing a new attendance policy as of September 2010. We will be posting this policy on the school website and will publish it in the student handbook as well.

I would like to offer my congratulations to all of our students on their many successes this year, and especially to our graduates on this milestone in their lives. I wish you well in your respective future endeavours and look forward to seeing you again at our annual Commencement ceremony on the date of Friday November 12, 2010.

To me, John F. Ross embodies a spirit of support for our students and by extension, our community at large. This spirit is shown each year in our support of charitable organizations, or simply through how our population will stop to recognize and assist those in need. I am very proud to be a part of such a caring community. Best wishes for a safe and restful summer.

## STAFFING REPORT

We wish Mrs. Lina De Jong best wishes and many thanks for her years of service at Ross as she heads into retirement this year. Ms. Andrea DellErede and Ms. Kelly Zabder have taken leaves for the school year, and Ms. Amy Smith will be taking semester one off for a leave next year. Mr. Bill McLellan has also accepted the role of OSSTF District 18 President and will assume those duties immediately. We wish all of our staff well on their time away and look forward to their return to us in the upcoming months.

## EQAO LITERACY TEST RESULTS

Our Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test results are now available from this year's administration of the test. Each student who wrote the test this year will be receiving an individual report which indicates whether they were successful or unsuccessful, and will offer suggestions for improvement for those needing to repeat the test. Many of our students have been informed of their results over the past weeks and any questions regarding results should be directed to the main office.

As a school, our overall results came in at a 92% success rate this year for our first time eligible writers, which is an increase from 89% last year. Our results this year have placed Ross above the provincial average. We will be looking at specific information about the areas in which our students need improvement and support, and will be attempting to provide more direct instruction in these areas over the next year.

## CHINA MARCH BREAK 2011

A group of senior students will be traveling to China over March Break 2011. This is an approved and sanctioned school/board trip which includes tours within the cities of Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai and Hong Kong. Highlights of this 13 day tour include visits to Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Great Wall of China, Terracotta Warriors Museum, Victoria Peak, Stanley Market, and much, much more!

This trip will have a 6 to 1 student to chaperone ratio, buddy system, a coach bus, pre-screened hotels and tourist destinations and a full time 24/7 tour director. In addition, all internal flights (three in total) and all meals (3 per day) are included in the total tour price of approx. \$3,500.

Please contact Mr. Durk or Mr. Douglas as soon as possible if you are interested as remaining spots are limited.

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## PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS

If you or your child is considering getting a tattoo or piercing, it's important to know the health risks and take care. Please discuss these facts with your child.

### Know the risks

Your skin is your body's defense against infections. Any time your skin is broken- such as when you get a tattoo or piercing- you risk getting sick. Serious infections include hepatitis B and C, and HIV which can lead to AIDS. Before getting a tattoo or piercing, get a hepatitis B shot at your doctor's office or at Public Health.

### Find a good artist

In Ontario, people who work in tattoo and piercing shops are not licensed or regulated. This means they do not have to be educated or trained on how to control infection. Although courses are available, not all workers choose to take them.

A well-trained artist does the safest work:

- ▶ Look for a professional studio that is properly equipped and inspected regularly by Public Health.
- ▶ Insist that the needle and other equipment are sterile, are in a sealed package, and are opened in front of you.
- ▶ avoid going to people who work from their homes. It's unlikely they'll be equipped or experienced to do safe and quality work.
- ▶ Ask the artist to show you a copy of the latest Public Health inspection report. If you aren't shown a copy, leave the studio and report the incident to Public Health immediately.

### Get more information about tattooing and piercing.

You can visit our website at [www.wdghu.org](http://www.wdghu.org) or call Public Health at 1-800-265-7293 ext. 4752.

**2010-2011 Students'  
Council Executive**

<b>President</b>	Matt Badoe
<b>Vice-President</b>	Kat Nyman
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<b>Student Liaison</b>	Ben Turner
<b>Coordinators</b>	Freya Sayer
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<b>Semester 1</b>	Rowan Hayward Natasha Edmonds
<b>Semester 2</b>	Daniel Welch Joanna Sadgrove
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<b>Social Coordinators</b>	Alexandra Steau Hilary Colley
<b>Treasurers</b>	Chris Mah Elyse Holmes
<b>Senate Chair</b>	Cara Cargo- Froom
<b>Arts Coordinators</b>	Sam Zadjlik Lee Diemer

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

August 31 - Orientation for Grades 10, 11, 12

Sept 1 - Orientation for Incoming Grade 9s

Sept 7- 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Classes for 2010 / 2011 School Year

**ROSS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

Congratulations to Lisa Yan who finished first in the Institute of Chartered Accountants Grade 12 University Financial Accounting Coin Contest for Waterloo/Wellington Region. Congratulations also go out to Emma Marchand who led Ross Students in the CMA's Grade 11 Accounting Contest.

Taylor Vsetula was the winner of the Grade 12 Securities Course Fifth Bi-Annual Stock Market Contest.

From the Grade 9 and 10 BBI - Intro to Business - Kumaran Rajadurai, Charlie Hewak and Jonathan Saville were voted Global Entrepreneurs for the Year for their idea to expand Porter Airlines to Australia.

In Entrepreneurship - BDI - The class business "Bags R Us" produced nearly 200 drawstring gym bags for sale in the school. The class set daily sales records for in-school product sales and made larger bulk sales as well. While time ran out before all products could be sold, students still took home a 12% return on investment.

Check out the RSB website:

[www.rossschoolofbusiness.ca](http://www.rossschoolofbusiness.ca) for continual update and department news. The Ross School of Business wishes you an enjoyable, safe summer.

**ATHLETICS**

Congratulations to our recent District 10 championship teams: Bantam, Junior, and Senior Boys Rugby. The Track team had a very successful year with a bronze medal performance in the 4x100 girls relay at OFSAA by Heather Rayner, Karry-Ann Cornwall, Michelle Biffis, Alison Fraser and Emily Bowerman.

The Athletic Banquet took place on June 10<sup>th</sup> with over 300 guests present. The Junior Male Athlete of the Year was awarded to Kiyoshi Morishita for his success in Volleyball, Ice Hockey, Badminton and Ultimate Frisbee. The Junior Female Athlete of the Year was given to Amanda Micaleff for her participation in Field Hockey, Wrestling and Track and Field. The Senior Female Athlete of the Year was Gemma Bullard who participated in Basketball and the championship Volleyball team. The Senior Male Athlete of the year was Carson Skipper who played for the championship Football and Rugby teams. The Department would like to once again recognize these athletes on their achievements this school year. The Royal Scholar Award was given to Tristan Lehman and the Leadership Awards were given to Vanessa Martini, Madeline DeSousa, Sarah McCullough and Mike Folkerson. Congratulations to all our athletes and the Athletic Council for another terrific year.

**HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER.**

**SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!**