This report card represents the official mid-semester report for your son or daughter, and the mark assigned will comprise part of the total term mark of 70% in each of the courses taken this semester. The remaining 30% of the total mark will be determined in the mark achieved by completing final evaluations in June. You are encouraged to review the messages, learning skills, and attendance indicated in this report card, and discuss with your son or daughter strategies for continued improvement that will help your child be a successful student.

Of course the ultimate goal is for each student to graduate with a diploma, and the wide range of extra-curricular and co-curricular events at the school also contribute to the success of students. These events, that include sports, clubs and competitions, require the time and commitment of staff that run them, as well as the dedication of students that participate, and the support of parents and guardians. On behalf of all staff and students at Banting, we are grateful for your support.

Credit programs for high school students this summer in Orillia

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB), in partnership with the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka, is offering two high school credits at Geneva Park in Orillia this summer. Students live on-site and earn valuable certifications, including first aid and CPR. There is a Young Leaders course for Grade 9 and 10 students running July 3 to 30, and an Advanced Leaders course for Grade 11 and 12 students running from July 31 to Aug. 27. The cost of each course is $2,150 + HST. Support is available through the YMCA’s Strong Kids Campaign.

Visit www.thelearningcentres.com for more information.
To register, visit: http://ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca/kids-camp/youth-leadership.

FROM THE LIBRARY
Parents,

Students often forget to return library books. If you see a book with a numbered Banting bar code sticker in the top left corner of the cover, please ask your child if the book should be returned. We thank you for your help in getting books back into the hands of future students.

Banting Memorial High School Commencement Exercises and Reception
New Tecumseth Recreation Centre

Wednesday, June 29, at 6:30 p.m.

Invitations and Gown order sheets were distributed to our graduating students at the information assembly on April 13th. Gown orders are due in the Main Office by Friday, May 13th. A non-refundable cost of $22.00 is payable by cash, cheque, or school cash online.

Congratulations to the following students whose artwork was accepted into the MacLaren Art Centre's annual exhibition of graduating students' artwork "Portfolio 2016" in Barrie: Michelle Boon, Jessica Dockeray, Madeleine Gagnon, Cheyanne Reimer, Marsha Herrmann and Tessa Prasuhn. Congratulations also to the whole Grade 12 Visual Arts class, as their group self-portrait "Faces Going Places" was also accepted into the juried exhibition. The show runs from April 23 to May 15. All are welcome to attend the Reception on May 5 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Don't forget to mark Fine Arts Night on your calendar. This annual celebration of Banting students' visual art, music and drama is being held on Thursday, May 19.
UNIVERSITY APPLICATION CYCLE 2016
• April - transfer of semester two mid-term grades to the Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC).
• April - some universities have begun making “Conditional Offers of Admission”. Conditional offers will be made on an ongoing basis as universities receive information from the applicants and high schools.
• May 27th - the latest date by which all secondary school applicants shall expect a response from an Ontario university.
• June 1st - the earliest date by which Ontario universities may require a response to an offer of admission and a financial commitment of any kind.

COLLEGE APPLICATION CYCLE 2016
• April - transfer of semester two mid-term grades to the Ontario College Application Centre (OCAS).
• May 1st - the date by which applicants must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission through OCAS.
• June 15th - the earliest date that colleges may require payment of tuition fees.

OSAP - ONTARIO STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
• OSAP applications are now available on-line.
• May/June - Apply at least 10 weeks before classes begin. Your choice of post-secondary institution is required to complete the application.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS
Every student who began secondary school during or after the 1999-2000 school year must complete 40 hours of Community Involvement. This requirement is to encourage students to develop an awareness and understanding of civic responsibility and the role they can play in their communities. Community Involvement is a compulsory diploma requirement and therefore, also a graduation requirement.

POTENTIAL GRADUATES
Potential graduates must submit their completed hours to the Guidance Office by June 3rd.

SUMMER SCHOOL
Details and online registration regarding Summer School for 2016 are available NOW on the following website:

FULL DISCLOSURE
The “Full Disclosure Policy” which became effective in September 1999, affects all students taking senior courses.

a. If a student withdraws from a grade 11 or 12 course on or before 5 school days after the mid-semester reports have been issued, the course will not be recorded on the transcript.

b. If a student withdraws from a grade 11 or 12 course 5 or more school days after the mid-semester reports have been issued, the course will be listed on the transcript showing the student’s mark at that time, as well as an Indicator that the student withdrew from the course.

Courses must be removed from a student’s timetable by May 5th. Full Disclosure takes effect on May 6th.

GUIDANCE

Message from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit:
Free Dental Services

Taking care of your child’s teeth is an important way to keep them healthy. All it takes is a pea-sized amount of fluoridated tooth paste and helping your child brush for two minutes, twice a day. If you don't brush your child’s teeth regularly, bacteria can build up to form a clear sticky film on teeth called plaque. Brushing your child’s teeth regularly helps to remove plaque and prevent it from forming.

Another important part of taking care of your child’s teeth is visiting a dentist. If you cannot afford to take your child to the dentist there is a FREE program for dental visits called Healthy Smiles Ontario. If your family qualifies, your child(ren) will receive regular dental services at no cost. Children do not need to have an urgent dental condition to qualify.

To find out more or to book an appointment, call the Health Unit’s Oral Health team at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 x8818 (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.).
Banting Vimy Ridge 2017 Trip

Students participating in Banting’s 2017 International trip to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge have been hard at work fundraising and attending events to honour the legacy of Vimy. On April 9th, Banting students, along with other students from the County, participated in a Walkathon at Base Borden, in conjunction with their Vimy Day Ceremonies. They walked 3.6 Km – 1 meter for every soldier who died at Vimy Ridge. Students have also been learning more about the battle itself, and the history of Base Borden. Next up, students will be hosting a “Celebrity Server” night at Boston Pizza. Come out to Boston Pizza on May 11th, let them know you want to support Vimy 2017 and a portion of the food sales between 4 and 9pm will be given to Banting to help defray the costs of the trip. Even though the trip is a year away, students are very excited, and looking forward to representing Banting at this unique international event. If you have any questions about Vimy 2017, please contact Rob Howatson or Julie Valentine.

Banting Mock Trial Team

Banting’s Mock Trial Team competed in the Simcoe Muskoka Mock Trial Competition Thursday, April 14 at the Barrie Courthouse. Our student lawyers and witnesses impressed the judge, court staff and all in attendance. Their performance earned them a 4th place finish out of ten teams. Mr. Bowman and the Canadian and World Studies department are proud of the entire team. Excellent work!

2016-2017 school year calendar is now available

The calendar for next school year has been approved and can be found on the Simcoe County District School Board’s website at www.scdsb.on.ca under ‘Schools’ – ‘School Year Calendars.’ Key dates include:

- Students start school on Tuesday, September 6, 2016.
- The holiday break is December 26 to January 6.
- March Break is March 13 to 17.

Message from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit: Keeping them safe behind the wheel

Safe Kids Week is May 30 to June 5. As parents of teenagers, you still play a crucial role in teaching your child to stay safe. The highest risks for young drivers are:

* driver error - distractions and cell phones
* impairment from drugs and alcohol
* speeding
* not wearing a seatbelt
* driving at night

Whether your teen is the driver or a passenger with friends, start a conversation with them about strategies to create a danger-free zone in the vehicle. For more information on teen driver safety, visit: http://www.parachutecanada.org/injury-topics/topic/C21.

EXPAND THE REACH:

Youth & Adult Summit on May 28

New Path Youth and Family Service is hosting an Expand the Reach Summit on Saturday, May 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for anyone age 14 and older. The event aims to raise awareness of the Expand the Reach platform for young athletes, youth, coaches and the community and support positive mental health. The Summit will include presentations on:

* Mental health and wellness 101
* Coping strategies that support and promote positive mental health and wellness in sport
* Community Needs Assessment: What does Simcoe County need to ensure that young athletes, youth, coaches and adult allies positively support mental health & wellness?
* Expand the Reach will take place at the Community Wholeness Centre, located at 59 Maple Ave. in Barrie. Attendees will receive lunch and a t-shirt. There will also be hip hop performances and a youth honourarium. This is a free event! For more information, contact Lisa Kalfus, Supervisor, New Path Youth and Family Services at 705-458-4338 ext 248.