

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Lockerby Composite School's weekly news on Viking academics, events, extra-curriculars, and more!

## **SHOCKING SCIENCE!**





Mr. Dykstra's Grade 9 Science class were literally shocked as they discovered that static electricity is a charge on an object with the particles at rest! Having said that, this story almost didn't make this week's newsletter as it was not a <u>current</u> event...



## **GRADE 11 BIOLOGY**

Our Grade 11 Biology students showed off their art skills this week as they explored the genetic inheritance of dominant and recessive alleles. Quiz: can you tell if having one eye is a dominant or recessive trait in monsters?



### OMNI BALL

Healthy Active Living students had a chance to work as a team to play competitively with the OMNI ball this past week. The Physical Education Department along with our Athletic Association look forward to adding this activity to our intramural program!



## **STUCO LOOT BAGS**

Student Council delivered their loot bags of cheer this week to Lockerby students. Loot bags are being sent to other Rainbow Schools students and staff and they will be delivered next week. Thank you to everyone who participated in this spirit fundraising initiative!



## WORLD FISHERIES DAY

**Attention Vikings:** 

Your Environmental Council recognized World Fisheries Day this week, by having our school community participate in an Instagram Photo Challenge! Several local fish species were posted in various locations around the school (with some fun facts). Stay tuned to morning announcements on Monday to find out who won our prize!

## LITERACY TEST UPDATE

Over the last two weeks, Lockerby had 253 Grade 10, 11, and 12 students participate in Session 1 of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test. Results will be made available in January 2022. The next session for OSSLT will be open in the Spring of 2022 for students who were unable to participate in the most recent delivery. Congratulations to our student writers!

## MASKED DJ (WEEK 7)

The seventh reveal of Lockerby's Masked DJ happened this past Monday! Last week's Masked DJ was...Mr. Bryson! This week, we heard songs from the Foo Fighters, Fleetwood Mac, and The Tragically Hip! Who could this week's Masked DJ be?









## KIDS CARING FOR KIDS CANCER DRIVE - 2022

#### A message from your Kids Caring for Kids Cancer Drive Committee:

Vikings, are you looking to WIN a BIG prize from you Kids Caring for Kids Cancer Drive Committee? Well, you're in luck! This week, we will be selling tickets for a chance to win a Lindt chocolate gift basket valued at \$100! Tickets will be on sale every day next week during junior and senior lunches in both the auditorium and cafeteria by members of your Cancer Drive Committee. The draw will occur on Monday, December 6th at 2:30pm and will be announced on Tuesday, December 7th in your morning announcements.

We will only be accepting exact cash/change and tickets cost \$2 for one ticket or \$5 for three tickets. The basket will be on display when we are selling tickets so feel free to stop by and take a look! Remember, all money raised supports the pediatric unit of the Northeast Cancer Centre through its Northern Cancer Foundation. All money raised here, stays here.

Thank you for your support, Vikings!



## THIS WEEK IN VIKING ATHLETICS...

#### <u>Volleyball</u>

Another team heads to OFSAA! Our Lockerby Senior Boys Volleyball team, along with Mr. Beausoleil travelled to Caledon on Wednesday to compete for the provincial championship. The results so far have been tremendous with a 3-1 victory! We wish Jack, Josh, Eli, Hunter, Conner, Michael, Luca, Andrew, Matt, Alex, Tatum, and Travis good luck as they compete in the quarter-finals this evening at 6:00pm!





## THIS WEEK IN VIKING ATHLETICS...

#### <u>Boys Hockey</u>

This week at the rink, our Boys Hockey team played their third game of the season at McLelland Arena in Copper Cliff. Although they weren't able to get the 'W' against Notre Dame, they played a great game!

## EDGAR BURTON FOOD DRIVE

Join the Lockerby Composite School community as we take part in this meaningful fundraiser for our local foodbanks. We encourage parents/guardians, grandparents, and other community members to donate to this worthy cause. The need is even greater in these unprecedented times. For every one dollar donated, six dollars of food can be purchased.

Visit our School Cash Online to make your donation today!



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## **STUDENT COUNCIL - FACES OF LOCKERBY**

#### A message from your Student Council:

Hello Vikings! Over the coming weeks, we will continue to post photos of Lockerby students and staff, and sharing their stories, experiences, and insights. Through this project, we aim to foster compassion, understanding, and school spirit with our Lockerby Community! Please reach out to Student Council members if you're interested (or know of someone who may be interested) to be featured!



## **STUDENT SERVICES**

#### **Post Secondary Applications**

#### Midterm Mark Transmission to Colleges and Universities

The Rainbow District School Board is sending marks to colleges (OCAS) and universities (OUAC). Students should review the transmission carefully to ensure the details are accurate. Special attention should be taken with regards to course codes and midterm marks. If there are any errors or questions please email Mrs. Beaudry.

#### Finalizing Application to Post-Secondary

Many of our students have completed and paid for their applications to post-secondary institutions. This message is a reminder that the applications have specific deadlines; it is essential for students to meet these deadlines in order to be considered for their chosen program. It is also important to note that the institutions will not receive any information until applications have been paid

Early conditional offers are starting to be provided to our students. To be considered for this first-round of offers, students must complete and pay for their application prior to the Christmas Break.

#### Post-Secondary Application Deadlines

University: Thursday, January 13th, 2021 (\$150.00 fee for 3 programs) College: Tuesday, February 1st, 2021 (\$95.00 fee for 5 programs)

#### Scholarship Tree

In addition to providing students with the most efficient way to find scholarships that they are eligible for, Scholarship Tree also has a ScholarTree Blog which includes some helpful information including:

- How to Get into Western Ivey and Rotman School of Management
- How to Get into Waterloo Engineering
- How to Get Into McMaster Health Sciences

The Blog is a variety of interesting topics that are sure to be of value to both students and guardians. Visit Scholarship Tree - https://scholartree.ca/ for additional information.

#### **Book Your Graduation Pictures Session**

Grade 12s it's time to book your graduation photos. Students must sign-up online at www.bookmygrad.ca and enter school code: LOO. Bookings will be completed on a first come first serve basis with pictures being scheduled from Monday, December 6th through Thursday, December 9th.



# LOCKERBY The School of Science & Technology NRTUAL OPENHOUSE

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Wednesday, December 1st, 7:00 pm







November 19, 2021

Dear parent or guardian:

## Re: Stay home and seek testing at the first sign of a COVID-19 symptom, even a mild one

In response to the rapid rise of COVID-19 cases counts in Greater Sudbury, we want to reassure you that the safety of your child(ren) is one of our top priorities. Public Health Sudbury & Districts is monitoring the community-wide spread of COVID-19 closely. COVID-19 and the more transmissible variants of concern have certainly added new challenges to our everyday lives.

Considering this, we would first like to express appreciation for all the superhero parents and guardians whose everyday actions help protect our schools so that children can continue to have in-person learning.

As we navigate through this time together, you may have questions about your role in the COVID-19 response to keep in-person learning safe and reduce local spread. Many of you may be specifically wondering what you should do if their child develops symptoms.

At this time, regardless of vaccination status, we recommend that students check for symptoms daily before heading to the bus stop or school. Although some mild symptoms such as the sniffles are not listed on the provincial COVID-19 school and child care screening tool, due to the rapid rise of cases in Greater Sudbury it is recommended that your child stay home and get tested if they have a symptom, even a mild one.

It is very important that your child does not attend school or take school transportation if they have a COVID-19 symptom, even a mild one. At the first sign of feeling unwell, your child must stay home and get tested. The longer you wait, the more people they could infect. Getting tested as soon as possible also lets Public Health start the contact tracing process sooner if their test result is positive.

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If your child requires testing for COVID-19, appointments should be booked online or over the phone with an Assessment Centre. For safety reasons, "walk in" appointments are strictly prohibited.

#### **Assessment Centre**

#### Health Science North (Sudbury)

- 705.671.7373 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., 7 days per week
- Online form: <u>Request an Appointment at the COVID-19 Assessment Centre</u> (hsnsudbury.ca)

#### Manitoulin Health Centre Assessment Centre

• Little Current 705.368.2300, Monday, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

#### **Noojmowin Teg Health Centre**

• 705.368.2182 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday

#### Espanola and area COVID assessment centre

• 705.869.1420, ext. 4500, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday to Friday.

#### **Chapleau Assessment Centre**

• 705.864.2568 between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday.

While your child awaits a testing appointment or testing results for COVID-19, they must remain in isolation at home and cannot attend school or child care. The Assessment Center will provide guidance if siblings and other close contacts, such as people living in the same household are required to isolate at home while waiting for your child's test results.

If you have any questions, please contact Public Health Sudbury & Districts' COVID-19 call centre at 705.522.9200 (toll-free 1.866.522.9200). Hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

Penny Sutcliffe, MD, MHSc, FRCPC Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer





November 24, 2021

Dear parent(s)/guardian(s):

#### **Re: Student Rapid Antigen Screening**

Given the local surge in cases and with the holiday season fast approaching, Public Health Sudbury & Districts, in collaboration with local school boards, is taking additional action to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and further protect in-person learning.

We are pleased to offer take-home rapid antigen screening kits for students at your child's school. As teens with COVID-19 infection are often not symptomatic, this screening is an additional tool to help minimize risk of outbreaks and potential closures. Increased testing can make it easier to track and prevent the spread of the virus in schools by helping to identify asymptomatic cases early.

All eligible secondary students (Grades 9-12) will have the opportunity to request 1 kit from their school, which includes a total of 5 rapid antigen tests. Please note that your child's participation in this rapid antigen screening is **voluntary**. Students are not required to participate in order to attend school.

Please read the following information carefully.

#### When to Use a Take-home Rapid Antigen Screening Kit

The use of rapid antigen testing is only recommended for the following students who:

- are not fully vaccinated<sup>1</sup>;
- have no symptoms of COVID-19;
- have not been identified as a high-risk close contact to a confirmed case of COVID-19;
- have not been a confirmed case of COVID-19<sup>2</sup> within the last 90 days.

- vaccines; OR
- One or two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada, followed by one dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine authorized by Health Canada; OR
   Three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada

<sup>2</sup> An individual is considered previously positive if they tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days and have since been cleared from their infection.

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An individual is fully immunized if at least 14 days prior to taking a rapid test they have received:
 The full series of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or any combination of

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Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19, even mild ones, or who are identified as high-risk close contacts should continue to seek a PCR test. A rapid antigen test cannot be used if individuals are isolating due to an exposure to a confirmed case of COVID-19. Rapid testing is not recommended for those who are fully vaccinated<sup>1</sup>, as the likelihood of COVID-19 is low in this group, and this could result in an increase of false positive results.

#### Using the take-home rapid antigen screening kit

Please follow the <u>instructions</u> provided in the take-home kit. A general instructional <u>video</u> on how to perform the rapid test at home can also be viewed by parents and students alike.

Students participating are to test:

- starting immediately, the day after the kit is received
- at home prior to attending school or taking the bus
- consistently twice a week (at least three days between tests), over a period of 2.5 weeks. For example, students may choose to test on Monday and Thursday, Tuesday and Friday, or Wednesday and Saturday.

#### What to do after the test

You will know the results of your child's test within 15 minutes.

- If the test is negative, your child may attend school as usual.
- If the result is positive, your child will need a confirmatory PCR test as soon as possible. Your child must self-isolate and stay home from school until they receive their test results.

Rapid antigen testing is one additional tool that we can use to limit the spread of COVID-19, but it's important to remember that a negative test does not replace other public health measures. It's important that your child continue with wearing a well-fitted mask, staying within their cohort, completing daily symptom screening before going to school or getting on the bus, and getting <u>vaccinated</u> when they become eligible.

The Ministry of Education will also be implementing a *Winter Break Rapid Antigen Testing* program, where additional rapid tests will be sent home for students to use over the winter break. More information will be sent home at that time.

We appreciate your ongoing commitment to the health and safety of our school communities. If you have any questions, please visit our <u>Schools and COVID FAQ</u> page, or contact Public Health Sudbury & Districts at 705.522.9200 (toll free 1.866.522.9200).

Sincerely,

Penny Sutcliffe, MD, MHSc, FRCPC Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer



## WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW FOR NEXT WEEK...

Dan Watson, our school Social Worker, will be at Lockerby Composite School next week.

Autumn Lewis, our school Aboriginal Support Worker, will be at Lockerby Composite School next week

Monday, November 29th

Tuesday, November 30th

Wednesday, December 1st

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE WEBSITE LAUNCH AT 7:00PM

Thursday, December 2nd

Friday, December 3rd



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