

Stonewall Collegiate Institute Community Report June 2014



SCI has a dedicated staff of 35 teachers and over 50 support staff working together to provide students with a quality education and a safe school environment. Stonewall Collegiate Institute has a student population of 522 in grades 9 through 12. The school offers a wide range of academic courses and gives students the opportunity to obtain additional credits in a variety of options including drama, band, choral, jazz, woods, metals, foods, clothing, family studies, drafting, electronics, and business. Resource programming offers a wide range of support including social and academic counseling, special needs programs, apprenticeship options, work-experience, peer assistants as well as modifications and adaptations to regular programs. We offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities available for all students who wish to participate.

The high school experience is what you make of it—at SCI the staff ensures that programs are available to provide all students with an engaging experience! Get involved—and get the full experience!!

Mrs. M. Ward, Principal

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SURVEY SAYS...

TELL THEM FROM ME...Our students participated in a survey which provides information on social-emotional and academic outcomes for students attending SCI and compares these outcomes to national norms. Information from the TTFM surveys from October and April helps 'drive' some of our programming at SCI. For instance, our SCI Link Crew program was an answer to the indication from survey data that our youngest students were feeling a bit 'disconnected'.

School Plan Community Report 2013-2014

The SCI staff established the following goals for 2013/2014:

To establish a new year-long transition program (Link Crew) that will help Grade 9 students make a smooth transition to SCJ while providing leadership opportunities for senior students.

The first year of our Link Crew program was a huge success!

Senior students took on their roles as Link Leaders with great enthusiasm and made our junior students' transition to high school much smoother than it has been in the past. Activities continued beyond the first few days of the school year with after school homework groups, groups attending sporting events together and all of the Grade 9 students attending the musical production with their Link Leaders.

To improve student/parent/teacher interactions through progress conversations in October and February that will encourage student participation.

We tried something new this year with progress conversations purposefully timed between formal reporting periods. Students were encouraged to attend with their parents to discuss progress with the hope of looking ahead to how students could improve before report cards were distributed. We are looking forward to moving this goal one step further in the 2014/2015 school year with our incoming Grade 9 students.

To work together as a staff to successfully implement the new provincial report card paying particular attention to the strength/challenge/next step approach to comment writing.

This was our first year of implementing the provincial report card including the strength/challenge/next step format of comment writing. While we discovered very quickly that this new format was very time consuming for teachers and administrators, our hope is that students and parents are better informed about students' strengths, where their challenges lie, and what next steps they can take to address these challenges. This process is certainly a 'work in progress' and we welcome any comments you may have.

...SCI started the school year off by welcoming our Grade 9 students in a very different manner. SCI's Link Crew took over our Grade 9 orientation on the first day of school and many events planned throughout the year allowed our Grade 9 students to feel more welcomed, more connected, and more at ease in our large school. Special thanks to Ms. Stevens & Mr. Nixon for taking on this program and to the students who made it such a success...the first of many Link Crews...you have made a huge difference to our junior students...way to go!

...SCI's musical 'Into the Woods' was wildly popular! Congrats to all of the students and staff who were involved with this production...many hours of work went into this venture. Mrs. Obach also organized a Musical Alumni event to help raise funds to cover the costs of the production. It was great to see so many former students come out to help out their high school!

...SCI's Class of 2014 was very successful...135 graduates in all...12 gold medals handed out for averages of 90% or higher...a total of \$122,650 gathered up at Grad by 40 different graduates...great job everybody!!

...SCI athletes had another awesome year...congratulations to all of our student athletes and the parents who joined us at our Sports Banquet on June 24th. Special thanks to all of the SCI staff and outside coaches who give of their time to help guide our student athletes.

Divisional 2014-2015 Calendar on reverse

