

# PURPLE AND GOLD

Feb 2015

## Quasquicentennial

### **Upcoming Events**

This year marks Courtland's quasiquicentennial celebration. This means that our school was established in 1890, 125 years ago. We will be holding a celebration this May 8th and 9th to mark this auspicious milestone. There will be a wide variety of events such as the opening of our time capsule; a classic car show; many artistic and historical displays from the school's beginning when it was known as Sandhills Public

School. Courtland is holding fundraisers in the hopes of obtaining donations to improve the school. If you would like to donate or assist in anyway, please do not hesitate to contact the school (519 578-4690).



Basketball Finals	Feb 26
Graduation Photos	Mar 5th
County Wrestling Championships	April 18th
Quasquicentennial Celebration #1	May 8th
Quasquicentennial Celebration #2	May 9th
Track and Field Day	May 20th
Camp Wabanaki	June 9-12th
Graduation	June 24th

### **School Bell Times**

8:40 a.m. Entry  
 10:22 -11:05 a.m. 1st Break  
 12:41-1:24 p.m. 2nd Break  
 3:00 p.m. Dismissal

# SPORTS

## Basketball

Our boys basketball team has won their first three games by more than 20 points. Way to go boys, and keep it up!

Our fabulous girls basketball team have won most of their games by 15 or more points. They have lost only two games in the entire year. Keep up the good work, girls!

was proud to have two outstanding volleyball teams; one girls and one boys. Both teams played fantastically and made it all the way to the semi-finals. They even participated in a game against each other which was fun for the entire school.

game except their match against A.R. Kaufman. They had an excellent season and are to be commended for the great effort they put into becoming a strong team.

Our girls soccer team had a wonderful season Their hard work and dedication allowed them to improve significantly throughout the season. Way to go girls!

Good luck to both teams in the upcoming playoffs!

## Volleyball

This year, Courtland Senior P. S.

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**PAWS**



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Our Cougar PAWS team is still working for our local and global goals. At the beginning of the year, we had a school food drive to support our local Food Bank and collected used clothing for homeless shelters. We also sold hot chocolate and organized a bake sale to raise funds to provide school supplies for children in Africa. Currently, we are fundraising to buy goats so that families in developing countries may have long-term income. This is part of the We Create Change Campaign from Free the Children. Lastly, our PAWS team also organized the school dance, Spirit Days and many special events around the school.

## ACTIVITIES COUNCIL

Activities Council is always working to make our school happier and healthier! Members of AC spend their time setting up intramurals (such as dodgeball or basketball), and refereeing after school sports (such as volleyball and soccer). This year they also ran Say Hi Day, going around Courtland and saying HI and giving high-fives! Courtland's great efforts in creating a happier, healthier school was acknowledged by the City of Kitchener when it chose the Courtland Cougars as the "Say Hi Day" award winners.

## CLUBS

### Drama Club

We are lucky to have two drama clubs at Courtland. Our first drama club has been rehearsing to perform their first Monty Python play. Our second drama club has been rehearsing to perform "12 Angry Pigs," a spoof of "12 Angry Men," just in time for our Quasquicentennial(125th).

### Art Club

The art club meets twice every week after school to create fantastic works of art and elaborate murals for our future Quasquicentennial(125th).

### Band

Our school band meets every Friday and rehearses to perform during special events and school assemblies. They regularly attend musical workshops and strive to perform more challenging musical pieces. Our band will be playing at Canada's Wonderland towards the end of May. The flute ensemble will be performing on May 8th.

### Book Club

Book club meets once a week in Room 14. They spend their time discussing books, talking about the characters and events that take place in the world of literature.

### Comic Book Club

Our fabulous comic book club

meets on Thursdays every week. They spend their time discussing comic books, movies and tv shows.

### Writing Club

This year all members of our writing club have become published authors! We participated in many writing contests including Polar Expressions Publishing, Jessamy Stursberg Poetry Contest, Book Week 2015 Contest and Young Writers of Canada Contests. The writing club meets in Room 1 once every week after school.

### Honour Roll

During our last two reporting cycles each student that reaches an overall grade average of 80% or higher will have their name displayed in the front hallway. All students are encouraged to strive for academic excellence.

### Student of the Month

Every two months students are selected that represent the citizenship, hard work, care, inclusivity and courtesy we would like to see in our school. These students will have their pictures displayed in our honour hallway.

### Student of the Week

Every week a student who exemplifies the positive characteristics that we would like to see in all our students, school and community is chosen and awarded for their positive contributions to the learning environment.

## CAMP WABANAKI

- In the month of June, many of our grade-8 students will be going to Camp Wabanaki for a week. Camp Wabanaki is a wonderful camp located on Lake Vernon, just outside of Huntsville, Ontario. Students will be participating in canoeing, kayaking, sailing, moun-

tain biking, swimming and many other sports.



Attendance-519 570-8071

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**School Council Corner**

Our next School Council meeting is scheduled for March 3rd, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. Thank you for the last School Council Meeting. There are many ways in which you can help out at Courtland, so please contact the office if you are able to volunteer. There are many roles and responsibilities that require able hands. We hope to see you there!



**SOME REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE**

Thanks to the many families who use the attendance line to report student absences. We ask that all parents report student absences. We ask that all parents report student absences to this line to prevent unnecessary phone calls and potential worry when a student is away. The number is 519-570-8071 3192#.

If you are moving out of the Courtland area, we ask that you notify us in the office. Tracking students in and out of the school is important information for us as we plan for this year and next.