

## South Carleton High School

### ***NEW PROCEDURES ON SCHOOL FEES***

In May 2006 the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board passed **Procedure PR.648.SCO – School Fees** to establish procedures for the administration of school fees in the OCDSB. Based on this procedure we at South Carleton, with the support of School Council, have made a few changes that we want our students, parents and guardians to be aware of.

For the 2007-2008 school year we will be requesting a \$20.00 voluntary school fee to subsidize the cost of student planners, and to continue the traditional support of interscholastic and intramural sports, student activities, students' council and graduation and awards ceremonies. For families with more than two children attending South Carleton HS, the total voluntary school year will be \$45.00.

Although a student planner is a costly item we believe that an agenda provides students with a valuable tool to assist them with their organizational skills and improve learning. It also provides a comprehensive summary of school and board policies regarding assessment and evaluation, behavioral expectations, school resources and important school year calendar dates.

The voluntary school fee is used to subsidize the following:

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| Student Planner                       | \$6.00 |
| Student Activities                    | \$6.00 |
| Intramural and Interscholastic sports | \$2.00 |
| Students' Council                     | \$3.00 |
| Graduation and Awards Ceremonies      | \$3.00 |

The voluntary fee may be submitted during the last week of August when students are invited to come to the school to pick up their timetables. We will continue to receive the voluntary fee during the first few weeks of school. **RECEIPTS WILL BE ISSUED. ALL STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A TIMETABLE AND STUDENT I.D. PHOTO CARD.** Students who submit the voluntary school fee will receive a student planner. Thank you for your continued support which enables us to offer our students the wide range of experiences that we do.

The South Carleton 2007-2008 yearbook will be sold separately for \$45.00 once the new school year is under way. Due to the large number of yearbooks sold annually we are able to keep the cost of this award-winning publication at a minimum. Next year's yearbook will feature a student-designed custom cover and will be published in full colour. All students who order a yearbook will receive a comprehensive DVD, as well.

### ***INDIVIDUAL CLASS/PROGRAM SUPPLY EXPECTATIONS AND REQUESTED FEES***

According to the new procedures – we are asked to outline the individual class/program school supply expectations for the coming school year.

**PLEASE NOTE: No student shall be denied an opportunity to fully participate in any course or extra curricular activity he/she would like to study or be involved in. For confidential assistance with fees please contact the appropriate Vice-Principal, Guidance Counselor or class room teacher.**

For all courses there is a general expectation that students will come prepared with traditional school supplies including binders, pens, pencils, straight edge, etc. Teachers will be more specific when they meet their classes on the first day of school.

Throughout the year, in several courses, there will be voluntary day field trips to enhance the teaching of curriculum. Many students report that these field trips are often the highlight of a course as they help to bring their studies alive.

In consultation with the School Council the following courses and activities require subsidy for program delivery and/or viability. We will review these requirements each Spring.

Photography/ Outdoor Education / Interscholastic Athletics / Music Fees

***Interscholastic Athletics - \$25/team:*** a student athletic fee is charged for students who participate on an interscholastic team that covers team game balls, first aid supplies, field lining as required, uniforms, equipment, awards and the annual Athletic Banquet. Teams that register in optional tournaments and/or choose to purchase specialized clothing may charge an athletic fee higher than \$25 per student-athlete to recover these supplemental costs. These will be discussed at the time of team tryouts and presented to parents/guardians in writing at the beginning of each season.

***Music - \$100 instrument rental:*** students may choose to rent an instrument for the year from our music department from September to June for \$100. This fee is far below what is being charged for a ten-month rental from a music store. There will be no charge for the use of the percussion equipment; however, all percussionists will need to have a complete kit bag (i.e. a percussion bag, one pair of snare sticks, one pair of acrylic mallets and one pair of tympani mallets). This kit may be purchased at any local music store, but may also be purchased from the music department at a discounted rate of \$45. Students may purchase mouthpieces, reeds and neck straps from the Music Department at very competitive prices.

***Outdoor Education - Grade 10: \$120, Grade 11: \$140, Grade 12: \$160:*** collected to ensure the viability of the program, provision and maintenance of equipment. Field trips include trips outside the jurisdiction to develop specific, curricular skills including, but not limited to, cycling, canoeing, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, hiking and fall and winter camping. Field trip/excursion location and duration determine the individual cost of each trip.

***Photography - \$60:*** for enhancements to the course, for students to be able to develop and print their own images and for students to be able to keep their projects.