



# TIGER TRIBUNE



T. A. BLAKELOCK HIGH SCHOOL

Principal: Kevin Caughlin Vice-Principal: Heather Stewart Vice-Principal: Kelli Pfeiffer  
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## NOVEMBER 2011

### IMPORTANT DATES

**November 11**  
Mid Term Reports— In Class

**November 11**  
Remembrance Day

**November 14-17**  
Anti-Bullying Week

**November 17**  
Parent / Teacher Interviews

**November 18**  
P.D. Day—No Classes

**November 21**  
Last Day to Drop a Course

**November 22**  
Full Disclosure—Semester 1

**November 28**  
Parent Council

**November 28-December 9**  
Grad Photos

**December 9**  
Co-op Career Fair

**December 16**  
In Danger Reports Mailed Home

**December 23**  
Last Day of Classes

**December 24-January 8**  
Winter Holidays—No classes

**January 9**  
Classes Resume

**January 11**  
Last Day for University Applications

**January 12**  
Grade 9 Parent Information Evening

**January 23**  
Parent Council

**January 26**  
Final Exams Begin

**February 1**  
Final Exams End

**February 2**  
Exam Review Day

**February 3**  
P.D. Day—No Classes

**February 3**  
Last Day for College Applications

**February 6**  
First Day of Classes—Semester 2

**February 16**  
Mock Literacy Test

**February 17**  
P.D. Day—No Classes

## T. A. Blakelock Hall of Fame

On October 14, Blakelock proudly inducted two more graduates who have made significant contributions in their field into our Hall of Fame; **Dr. Alan Brown** and **Leith Clark**.

**Dr. Brown** is the Medical Director of Child, Adolescent and Family Psychiatry in the Department of Psychiatry at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. His work has had an enormously positive impact on the lives of hundreds of Halton adolescents over his career.

In 12 short years, **Leith Clark** has left her mark on the fashion world. She has been called “one of the most influential people in fashion” by the *London Evening Standard* and was recently recognized by the *Hollywood Reporter* as “the 11<sup>th</sup> most powerful stylist.”



Dr. Alan Brown and Leith Clark.

During the Hall of Fame ceremony, current Blakelock student **Shem Roberts** presented **Dr. Brown** and **Katelyn Dong** presented **Leith Clark**.

Blakelock staff and students are proud of our new inductees and we wish them all the best in the future.



Shem Roberts and Katelyn Dong.

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### ***From the Principal...***

Félicitations aux élèves et aux professeurs de l'école T. A. Blakelock pour autre début spectaculaire de l'année scolaire. I would like to thank the students and staff at T. A. Blakelock for an awesome start to our school year. Once again it's hard to believe we are already halfway through semester one. It seems like just yesterday that we had our senior Tiger Crew students mentoring our incoming Grade 9 students and barbeque lunch on the first day of school.

At T. A. Blakelock, we continue to value Excellence, Relationships, Community and Tradition. At this time of the year, we continue to review our School Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (SIPSA) in the areas of Literacy, Numeracy, Pathways, and Safety and Well Being. Our data from last year indicates that once again we are successful in each of these pillars of our SIPSA. Our focus this year continues to be in the Safety and Well Being area as we look to enhance student belonging in our learning environment with improved communication and classroom feedback.

This year our Student Council, under the leadership of **Mrs. Abbot**, **Mr. Vincent** and **Mrs. Lauzon**, has been altered to include a General Council with representation from each period 1 class to help improve student communication with all of our Clubs and Councils including World Council, Athletic Council, Arts Council, Safety and Well Being Team, Safe School Action Team, Ecoschools and Interact Club, just to name a few.

Student leadership and participation continue to be a strong suit at T. A. Blakelock. **Mrs. Buck's** Phys Ed. Leadership class brought in an excellent motivational speaker, **Kyle Miller**, to enhance our Terry Fox Run. The day was spectacular! We later learned that cancer has returned to Kyle. The leadership class responded by coordinating the entire school in an assembly to create a TAB motivational video to help Kyle as he continues to battle cancer. This can be found on Youtube at <http://youtu.be/dMtwXCQbRrk> Incredible! **Mrs. Abbott's** Guidance Leadership Class coordinated an amazing morning for all the Grade 8 students from our feeder schools on Nov. 2. Our students gave the Grade 8's a great overview of T. A. Blakelock with a tour of the school to help them with their course selection for next year. The feedback was very positive from our visitors at the elementary schools. Awesome job, Blakelock!

Participation has been terrific in our fall sports teams including cross country running, golf, field hockey, junior and senior boys' volleyball, junior and senior girls' basketball, cheerleading (1<sup>st</sup> place in the Fall Classic Competition) as well junior and senior football. Many of our teams are playoff bound and our cross country runners qualified to compete in the Ontario championship at OFSAA. Way to go Tigers!!

Parent involvement is vital to our school community and to the success of our students. We need your parent voice and support as we strive to continue to improve our great school. For further information, please contact our outstanding School Council chair, **Sandy McDonald** at [sandymc0883@gmail.com](mailto:sandymc0883@gmail.com)

Our physical plant continues to receive some improvements as we have a new science lab this year. A parent/community/HDSB committee has been struck to determine how we can best move forward to replace our track and field facility at TAB. Stay tuned for further information on the school website. Thanks to wonderful parent, student and staff volunteers, our Breakfast Club serves a nutritious start to the school day for 200 students every day. We need your help to maintain this great program. If you can give one hour a month from 7:30 to 8:30am, please contact our Student Success teacher, **Ms. Clarke**, at the school. Thank you!

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Please take the time to review your son's/daughter's midterm report card. To optimize student success, it is important to maintain the communication between student, parent and teacher. Teachers can be contacted by phone or email (all emails are listed on the school website at <http://tab.hdsb.ca>). We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming interview evening on November 17. We have several resources in our school to support students who may be having difficulties with their learning including subject clinics, Mentoring, Student Success Program, Student Services and Learning Resources. Please feel free to contact Student Services if you require more information.

If you wish to discuss anything with Administration, please do not hesitate to contact myself, or either of our two Vice-Principals, **Mrs. Pfeiffer and Mrs. Stewart**. We look forward to seeing you at Parent-Teacher Interview Night on November 17. Thank you for the ongoing support of the wonderful Blakelock community.

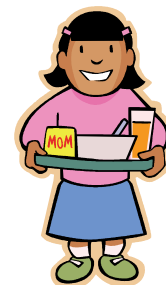
**Kevin Caughlin,  
Principal.**

## Feeding Teen Minds Every Morning

Bagels, Toast, Cereal...?

Are your children part of T.A. Blakelock's Award Winning Breakfast Club?\*

Did you know we are currently feeding 170 plus students every morning? Some of them may be your children. The program runs entirely on a volunteer basis. To ensure that this program continues we need any/all donations (big or small) to keep feeding the students a healthy breakfast every morning. Breakfast is so important for a good start to the day and to promote successful learning. All donations will be accepted in the Main Office or directly at the Breakfast Club. Please make cheques payable to T.A. Blakelock High School. Tax receipts are available upon request.



Fill their stomachs; Fill their minds.

**\* The T.A. Blakelock Breakfast Club is the recipient of the Halton Food For Thought Best New program of 2011 and they were honoured at a ceremony of recognition on the evening of Thursday November 10. Congratulations Geri Friend and Lynn Collaton! Awesome!**



The TAB cheerleaders have started another fantastic season. They competed November 5 at the Fall Classic Competition at the Hershey Centre, and took home the first place trophy! This dedicated group of girls practice twice a week, all year long. They prepare technical stunts, complicated tumbling, and a choreographed routine that astonishes every crowd. They will compete in 4 competitions this year, and are sure to make our school proud. After the Fall Classic, they will be competing in the Cheer for the Cure Competition in Oshtawa on December 10, Provincials in Kitchener and they will end off the year with Nationals in Niagara Falls. Good luck Tigers, we will be cheering for you!

Team members: **Alison Smithers, Aly DeVito, Brianne Hanson, Carolynne Wong, Courtney Mann, Dayna Howell, Erin Laskis, Eugenia Aulestia, Heather Woolfrey, Jennifer Dent, Jill Smith, Kimberly Haworth, Lindsay Clarke, Marina Galchinska, Meghan Chadwick, Michelle Johannesson, Mina Pichtikova, Morgan Arndt, Nicole Mazzaferro, Paige Randall, Rachel Gander, Renee Hansuld, Sarah Butt, Solange Reyes, Stephanie Gilbertson, Sylvie Lendvay, Tracy Humphreys, Veronica Fedorovich, Victoria Wiley.**



On December 1 and 2 at 7:00 pm, a school wide effort will come to its culmination as **Ms. Goncalves'** grade 11 drama class, **Mr. Vincent's** vocals class, **Mr. Houston's** theatre production class, and **Mr. Shanks'** science class bring you **The Academy**, a performance in environmental theatre. After an introduction in the Studio Theatre, spectators are encouraged to visit different areas of the school, or to stay in the theatre.

They can explore Blakelock as it transforms into The Academy, a school where a terrible accident has taken place, with leaders who will do anything to prevent another. Travelling at your leisure through various rooms of the school, watch as events unfold around you, and interact with the actors. Watch as students resist new regulations, teachers reach their breaking points, and a community becomes increasingly handicapped by the very policies meant to protect them. The production is entirely student run. Scripts, sets, costumes, and props are student created, and it is staged, acted, and sung by these same people. Weeks of hard work in and outside of class pay off in this unique theatre experience where the audience is physically immersed the play, directly interacting with the characters. Each spectator will walk away with a unique understanding of the play based on how and when they explored the different rooms. This satire will make you laugh while making you think – is it ever possible to be “too safe”?

Support Blakelock's drama department by seeing **The Academy**, Thursday, December 1 and Friday, December 2 at 7:00 pm in the Studio Theatre. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. They will be sold in the cafeteria during both lunches.

Written by: **Twoey Gray**

## **If a Tree Falls in the International Year of the Forest, does anybody hear?**

2011 was declared the International Year of the Forest by the United Nations. The goal? For government, society and industry to work to ensure our forests are managed sustainably for all. In Canada, where nearly half the land surface is covered by trees from wilderness forests to urban green spaces, the benefits are extensive.

In Halton, we have enjoyed vast canopies of trees, with little thought given to possible threats to them. Unfortunately, there is a very real threat against our canopy, attacking Ash trees in particular. The Emerald Ash Borer is an invasive species which, left unchecked, will destroy all ash trees in its path. Are there solutions – yes, but only if we are proactive. Unfortunately for some of our trees, it is too late. To find out what can be done visit <http://www.oakville.ca/eab.htm>, <http://cms.burlington.ca/Page6197.aspx>, <http://www.halton.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=8310&pageId=19788>

### **Tree Facts:**

Newsprint, telephone directories, etc., uses trees about twice as efficiently as office and printing papers, etc.

1 tree makes 16.67 reams of copy paper or 8,333.3 sheets

1 ream (500 sheets) uses 6% of a tree (and those add up quickly!)

Every tree provides oxygen enough for 3 people to breathe.

### **So.....**

#### **Reduce:**

The average daily web user prints 28 pages daily - do you really need the copy?

10,000 trees are cut down annually in China to make holiday cards.

#### **Reuse:**

Double-side print/copy, use G.O.O.S (good on one side paper).

#### **Recycle:**

Only 2/3 of Ontario's printed paper and commercial packaging is being recycled.

1 ton (40 cartons) of 30% post-consumer content copier paper saves 7.2 trees

1 ton of 50% post-consumer content copier paper saves 12 trees.



### ***Pathways- Find the right program TODAY to help plan for TOMORROW!***

T.A. Blakelock is proud to offer 3 Specialist High Skills Major programs for *all* students in Halton. These specialized programs are designed for students to focus their studies in grades 11 and 12, in areas of Arts and Culture, Energy, Information and Communication Technology. Along with 4 major credits in the subject, students will gain valuable work experience through our ever-expanding Cooperative Education program, certification in industry specific areas and CPR and First Aid Training. Students will also be introduced to leading professionals in their specific field of study, Experiential Learning and Reach Ahead opportunities. SHSM offers so much for every student, creates a positive learning experience in high school and equips students with the skills to be successful after high school. Contact our Student Services Department or visit [www.schooltocareer.ca](http://www.schooltocareer.ca) for more information about these and other exciting programs across Halton. Find the right program for you, TODAY to help plan for TOMORROW!

AND... keep up to date with upcoming events at TAB by following us on twitter- [www.twitter.com/tabguidance](http://www.twitter.com/tabguidance)

### ***THE 'GUIDING LIGHT'....***

The guidance office has been and continues to be a very busy spot this year. It all started in September as we welcomed our new grade 9 students for orientation as they started their journey, on what promises to be a terrific year for them. Grade 9 parents then had the opportunity to walk in their son's/daughter's shoes as they followed their timetable at the Grade 9 Parent Night. TAB staff was happy to speak to parents about expectations and curriculum.

The senior grade 12 assemblies on '**How To Choose a Program**' started the ball rolling on their post-secondary plans. The grade 12 students followed this up with completing their Post-Secondary Exit Plan and meeting with their counsellor with any questions or concerns.

End of September into October brought the: TAB College and University Fair, Campus Cruising, Ontario University Fair, Ontario College Information Fair and the Scholarship & Awards Seminar.

Students took advantage of all these opportunities in continuing to explore their post-secondary options to finalize their choices when completing their College and/or University applications.

November continues to be full of events such as the **Specialist High Skills Major** (SHSM) presentation that **Mrs. Lauzon** held for all grade 10 and 11 students. The Peer Leadership Class – led by **Mrs. Abbott** organized and ran a tremendous morning for our grade 8 feeder school students to enlighten them on the optional credit courses that they will have an opportunity to explore once they attend T. A. Blakelock High School in 2012.

November 17 is Parent /Teacher Interview night and we look forward to you coming into the Guidance Office to meet all of us. **Mr. Evans** will be making himself available in the Staff Room to answer questions you may have on the College and University application process.

December until the end of January will be exciting for all grades, as we will be visiting classes to discuss course selection for next year. The grade 12's will be making their decision regarding post-secondary plans. **Workplace, University, Apprenticeship or College???** The senior students will complete the on-line College and University applications. The deadline for the University application is January 12, 2012 and the College application deadline is February 1, 2012. Seminars, led by the Guidance Team, will be offered to the students on "**How To Apply**". The College seminar is scheduled for November 23, 2011 and the University seminar will be held once the PIN's (Personal Identification Number) arrive, as the student requires this number to access the on-line application. No number is required for the college application.

The Guidance Team is available to support your son/daughter at T. A. Blakelock and looks forward to a full and exiting continuation into the second semester.

**Ms. Hartnett** A-F, I, J

**Mr. Evans** G, H, K-O, Q

**Mrs. Lauzon** P, R-Z (SHSM Co-ordinator)



## CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION

### This semester's Co-op placements are:

Bailey, Harris	Oakville Players	Drama
Boparai, Monica	Marler Law Firm	Law
Brosseau, Paul	Kennedy Ford	Auto
Claus, Tessa	Crackpot	Art (pottery)
Currie, Rachel	Eastview	Teaching
Cutmore, Adam	Tufrack	Machining/Auto
Franklin, Logan	Hustler	Retail
Gander, Rachel	AMEC	Engineering
Hanson, Brianne	High Performance	Cheerleading
Hayward, Megan	Wyndham Manor	Senior Residence
Howell, Dayna	ATA Architects	Architecture
Ibrahim, Malik	WH Morden	Teaching (Phys. Ed.)
Johnson, Maddie	Oakville Animal Clinic	Veterinary
Liao, Roger	OTMH	Information Technology
Manecuta, Monica	Signs Alive	Graphic Arts
Murray, Sean	Automation Inc	Auto
Newman, Sally	Eastview	Teaching (Phys. Ed.)
Pepper-Dawes, Leandra	Lucy's Dressmaking	Fashion - dressmaking
Reyes, Solange	Oakville Conference Centre	Event Planning
Stewart, DJ	WH Morden	Teaching (Art)
Thomson, Megan	The Bay	Cosmetology
Turner, Stephanie	WEST	Drama
Walker, Hannah	Eastview	Teaching (JK/SK)
Watson, Bryan	TAG Racecraft	Auto
Williamson, Lindsay	OTMH	Healthcare
Zylik, Lauren	Patisserie D'or	Bakery

*Employers, parents and students are invited to attend our Career Fair which will be held in the gymnasium on Friday, December 9 from 9:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.*

Please take some time to look at our School to Career website. It contains a wealth of information useful to everyone. [SchooltoCareer.ca](http://SchooltoCareer.ca)

### Prom Dresses

My Co-operative experience at Lucy's Dressmaking and Alterations at 282 Kerr St. has been an amazing experience. I've learned things I couldn't learn in school and I've gotten loads of experience with industrial machines and learning the inner workings of the business. Lucy's is a dress shop on Kerr Street that specializes in alterations and dressmaking. They sell Terani dresses, Los Angeles dresses, etc. Lucy's sells some of the same dresses sold on [www.newyorkdresses.com](http://www.newyorkdresses.com), except Lucy's is always much cheaper. The best thing about Lucy's is the prices! They sell stunning dresses and can order dresses from Terani or Los Angeles that will be delivered in 5 days all for amazing prices. They've just ordered new formal evening dresses just in time for prom season and I know that you wouldn't be less than astonished at their selection.

By: **Leandra Pepper-Dawes** – Lucy's Dressmaking



## Looking for Extra-Help for your Child?

Here are two excellent resources for enhancing learning:



1. Homework Help provides support resources for Mathematics Students and is accessible 24/7. These include: Interactive Tutorials, Listen and Learn Sessions and Best Sessions. It also provides live one-on-one confidential online access to certified Mathematics teachers Sunday – Thursday from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm. Note: that only grade 7-10 students can officially register as students and take questions to the live teachers. Other students or parents can access the site as a GUEST and do everything else except taking a question to a live teacher. If your child is in Grade 7-10 and is not registered, or you are not sure of their registration status, they can always be re-register using their OEN number (found on all report cards). The site URL is below:

<https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org>

2. The Ontario Resource Bank (OERB) provides over 50,000 resources on any subject and any grade. You can find interactive tutorials, educational games, an extensive video library, complete on-line course material just to name a few. More information on the site can be



found through your child's Chatt account. Simply go to **Student Conferences** then double click on either of the **Junior Students (4-6)** or **Intermediate Students (7-9)** icons and look for the **Homework Help Conference** (same icon as above in section 1). Select **Student Access OERB** and find the **Autologin** to the site under **OERB Access for Students**. If that is not possible, you can get access to the site at:

<http://resources.elearningontario.ca/>

You will need to obtain the username and password from a teacher.

If you require more information contact Scott Dykes (HDSB e-learning Contact) at:

[homeworkhelp@hdsb.ca](mailto:homeworkhelp@hdsb.ca)

## Pathways Information Evenings 2011-2012



Date	Location
Tuesday, November 22 6:00 p.m.	Milton District H.S. 396 Williams Avenue Milton
Thursday, November 24 6:00 p.m.	MM Robinson High School 2425 Upper Middle Road Burlington
Tuesday, November 29 6:00 p.m.	Georgetown District High School 70 Guelph Street Georgetown
Thursday, December 1 6:00 p.m.	White Oaks S.S. (North Campus) 1055 McCraney Street East Oakville
Thursday, January 26 6:00 p.m.	New Street Education Centre 3250 New Street Burlington
Tuesday, January 31 6:00 p.m.	Acton District H.S. 21 Cedar Road Acton
Tuesday, January 31 6:00 p.m.	EC Drury High School 215 Ontario Street Milton
Thursday, February 2 6:00 p.m.	Galaxy 707 Banquet Hall 475 North Service Road East Oakville

