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Targeting Achievement for All

The Board's Special Education Department has developed a new resource to help teachers and students make critical connections between reading, writing and thinking. *Targeting Achievement for All* is a six part magazine series to support all learners, including students with special needs. Targeting instruction, as well as assessment methods, allows students to achieve and be successful. Each segment of the new resource identifies the critical foundations outlined in the Ministry of Education report, *Education for All*.

The report was released in 2005, and was developed by The Expert Panel on Literacy and Numeracy Instruction for Students With Special Education Needs. The goal of the panel was to recommend practices, based on research, that would allow Ontario's teachers to improve and reinforce effective instruction to students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 who have special education needs.

Bravo Breakfast Awards

Students across the Board have recently been honoured with Bravo Breakfast Awards. Given to one student at each CDSBEO school, the award recognizes those who go the extra mile to make their schools and communities a better place. The awards have attracted local media attention highlighting the prestigious recognition, as well as stories about the recipients themselves. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and extend our thanks to these wonderful, worthy, role models.

SHSM Program Expansion

Support to secondary learners in the Specialist High Skills Major Program (SHSM) is currently being expanded within the CDSBEO. The Specialist High Skills Major Program (SHSM) is a highly regarded program that supports students to focus their learning within a specific economic sector. Through specialized course focus at the secondary level, students are guided toward the development of skills, training, and sector specific certification for various career choices.

The CDSBEO is currently offering five sectors and nine SHSM programs across the Board including: Construction, Environment, Transportation, Health and Wellness, and Arts and Culture. Plans to expand the current offerings to include Business and Hospitality are presently underway. The program continues to evolve in response to the needs of both the individual and specific sectors.

Continuing Education Successes

The Board's Continuing Education program has been expanded this year and more plans are in place for further growth in coming years. Presently, approximately 150 students are enrolled in six programs across the Board. Several of the courses being offered include: Personal Support Worker, Repertoire Music, Evening Cooperative Education, and Woodworking.

The Personal Support Worker program, which is currently offered in Cornwall, will be expanded to include Smiths Falls and Gananoque. The program celebrated 24 graduates this fall, many of whom have found employment in local hospitals, long term care facilities, seniors' residences and private homes.

Revised 2009-2010 School Year Calendar

Wednesday, September 2, 2009 - Professional Activity Day
Thursday, September 3, 2009 - Professional Activity Day
Monday, September 7, 2009 - Labour Day
Tuesday, September 8, 2009 - First Day of School
Friday, September 25, 2009 - Professional Activity Day
Monday, October 12, 2009 - Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 20, 2009 - Professional Activity Day
Friday, December 4, 2009 - Early Dismissal/Parent-Teacher Interviews
Monday, December 21, 2009 to Friday, January 1, 2010 - Christmas Break
Wednesday, January 27 to Tuesday, February 2, 2010 - Secondary Examinations
Wednesday, February 3, 2010 - Professional Activity Day
Monday, February 15, 2010 - Family Day
Thursday, March 4, 2010 - Professional Activity Day
Monday, March 15 to Friday, March 19, 2010 - March Break
Friday, April 2, 2010 - Good Friday
Monday, April 5, 2010 - Easter Monday
Monday, May 24, 2010 - Victoria Day
Thursday, June 24 to Wednesday, June 30, 2010 - Secondary Examinations
Wednesday, June 30, 2010 - Last Day of School/Early Dismissal

***Please note that the first day of school for the 2009-2010 school year calendar has been revised to Tuesday, September 8, 2009, following Labour Day.

Board Meetings: Tuesday, April 7 (Kemptonville Board Office) and Tuesday, April 21 (Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School, Cornwall)

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