



# Teulon Collegiate Community Report June 2021



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## SCHOOL PROFILE

Teulon Collegiate has a dedicated staff of 21 teachers, 11 educational assistants, office staff and custodial staff working together to provide our students with a quality education and a safe school environment. Our Student Services team is made up of 1 full-time counsellor and 2 Learning Support Teachers. Teulon Collegiate has a student population of approximately 210 students throughout grades 7 to 12. Our school offers a wide range of academic courses and gives students the opportunity to obtain additional credits through Foods and Nutrition, Industrial Arts, Business Apprenticeship and Career Technology Studies.

## SCHOOL BELIEFS

At Teulon Collegiate we believe in the following social emotional values:



*TOWN CLEAN UP*

- Learning
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Healthy Lifestyle
- Good Citizenship



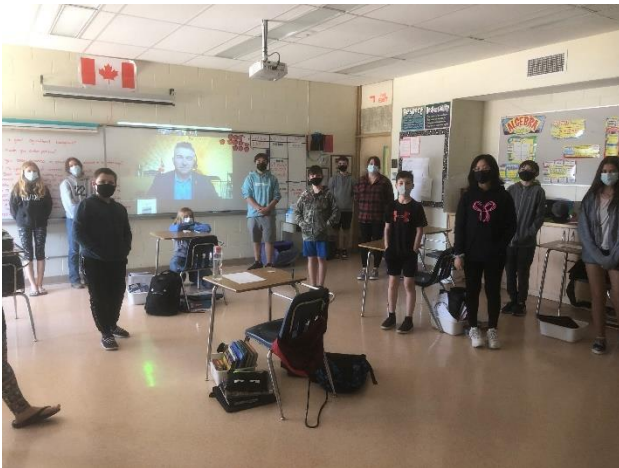
*DAY OF PINK*

## CELEBRATE

Mrs. Simcoe's Grade 7 class registered to take part in the National Youth Forum, through partnership with Learning for Sustainable Future and RBC. Their goal was to educate both the school and the public about climate change issues through a YouTube video, as well as reforesting a section of the TCI school yard to store more carbon. Part of their research and exposure was interviewing MP, James Bezan. After completing their project, 5 of the students presented the class project as panellists in the LSF Youth Action Celebration.

**Mrs. Simcoe's class project was entered into the Our Canada Project, and were selected as Runner-up with an award of \$500 for future sustainability projects! Congratulations!**

To watch the video, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wffNvc3LqW0>



*ZOOM Meeting With MP BEZAN*



*CLASS PLANNING THEIR FOREST ON SCHOOL GROUNDS*

### School Priority for Grades 9-12

#### Building Relationships

#### Students will feel they have a "Go-To-Adult" in the building

Having a "Go-To-Adult" provides students with an advocate that they can turn to for social-emotional support. Our goal is to have 100% of students be able to identify a "go-to-adult". Using data from Our School Survey, the number of students in our school who identified a go-to-adult increased from the previous year. Our goal is to have 100% of students with a "Go-To-Adult". Efforts to increase the number will be a continuing goal for TCI. Many plans that were made for 2020-2021 were put on hold by COVID, but staff is hopeful to continue its pursuit of this goal in 2021-2022. Teacher Advisor Groups that were in place in 2019-2020, can hopefully be re-installed to continue building student-staff relationships. Many of our activities outlined in our Highlights section helped in this area. Staff also participated in several Divisional PD Sessions dealing with trauma, stress and coping with anxiety so that they had a better understanding of what many of their students were dealing with.



*JUNE FUN DAY*



*ART CLASS*



*CHRISTMAS FOLLIES*



*TOURIST DAY*

(AKA - Hawaiian Shirt Day)

## School Priority for Grades 7-12

### Literacy

Several staff members met to discuss Literacy Development at Teulon Collegiate. It was agreed that with a new ELA curriculum in place, it was time to take a look at our school's ELA continuum and how it should build from Grade 7 to Grade 12. Areas under consideration:

- Skills/ core competencies
- Written forms
- Texts
- Topics/ themes
- Reading strategies (annotations/ talking to the text as a skill/ two column reading journal)
- How to analyze images effectively

A big focus in the new ELA Curriculum is getting students to become critical thinkers, not only in ELA but all subject areas. To begin TCI's journey, time was spent with our Divisional Curriculum support team studying this topic. For next year, support will begin with our Grade 9 ELA teacher to develop these skills.

Learning Supports provided to students in the area of literacy this year:

- **Reading Apprenticeship**---teaches critical thinking and reading comprehension skills
- **Precision Reading**--- focusses on fluency and word recognition

## SCHOOL PRIORITY for Grades 7-8

### Numeracy

The goal of our Grade 7 and 8 math teachers was to collaborate regularly as grade groups to share ideas and to collaborate on common areas of strength and weakness. To assist in this area, plans have been put in place for 2021-2022 to work with our Divisional Math Curriculum consultant to go over pacing guides and exit assessments to find concepts that need extra attention. To carry this on into high school, our Grade 9 teacher will be working closely with the Math Consultant to continue this work.

Our Learning Support Team provided extra assistance in 2 areas identified by staff where students needed extra support in. Students who needed extra support spent time working on their multiplication skills and telling time skills.



*REMEMBRANCE DAY*



*AWARDS DAY COVID STYLE*

## 2020-2021 Highlights

The 2020-2021 was a year unlike no other because of all of the changes that came about due to the pandemic. While many of our events couldn't take place, staff and students still were able to forge ahead with several activities that helped to create school spirit, community connections and outlets for staff and students to feel good about themselves in such a trying time. **It should be noted that, with everything that went on this year, all 27 students eligible to graduate this year did so; well done!**

### Helping Hands:

- Terry Fox Run
- Movember
- Dream Factory Fund Raiser
- Cure Foundation (National Denim Day)
- Pet Supply Drive
- Gifts for local Health Care workers for their efforts on the front line
- Bully Awareness Week
- "I Love To Read" Month
- LGBTQ/Pride Awareness Display
- Christmas Video of staff and students singing Christmas Carols played at Seniors homes in town
- Orange Shirt Day
- Student Fun Day
- Food Drive for Teulon Food Bank and Christmas Cheer Board
- Flag Day
- Donation made to sister school in Columbia

### Peer Support:

- Hosted 2 different Pink Days that brought awareness to Mental Health Issues

### Guidance:

- Living Life To The Fullest for Youth --- A program provided for students from the Canadian Mental Health Association
- "Our Group" --- a place for students to meet that needed emotional support

### Youth in Philanthropy:

- A grant was provided to South Interlake Palliative Care to provide a grief counselling workshop for those in need. In turn, South Interlake Palliative Care turned the monies back over to the school to purchase books on grief for TCI.