



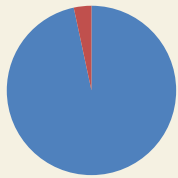
# MacNab Secondary Fall Newsletter

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## Exciting things are happening in our Tech department!

### POSITIVE CLIMATE

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MacNab?



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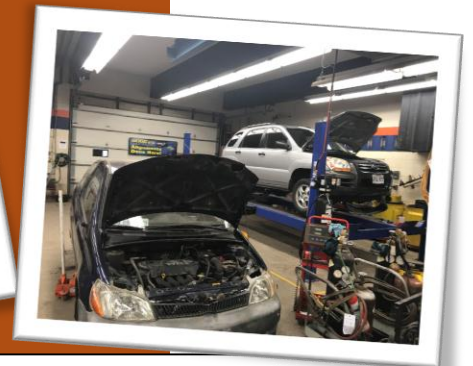
We surveyed our current grade 9 students in October (123 respondents). Some student comments:

*"I feel like I belong at this school."*

*"People let me be me."*

*"All the staff have been really nice and helpful."*

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### Slice of Life at MacNab!!

Every year MacNab hosts our Slice of Life day as a high school transitions initiative for incoming grade nine students. Over 400+ students come to see all that MacNab has to offer! Students have an opportunity to meet staff and senior student leaders, inquire about courses, activities and supports available at MacNab and participate in informative and hands-on classroom activities. This year's Slice of Life event takes place on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**We look forward to seeing you and showing you all of the fantastic aspects of MacNab!**

Watch for our new Grade 9 Reach Ahead Tech credit (TIJ10) offered to current Grade 8 students! Talk to your teacher for more details!



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# Top 5 Reasons to Consider Taking a Business Course at MacNab

## 1. Develop “Life Skills” Necessary for Economic Success.

Business courses help students develop knowledge in personal finance, time management, organizational skills, and goal setting. This information will be used in important decisions related to buying a house or car, choosing the appropriate insurance, filing tax returns, budgeting and investing.

## 2. Enhance Information Technology Skills

The ability to use technology to access and create information is a vital skill in today’s business world. Business courses teach word processing, spreadsheet, desktop publishing, web page design, database management and digital and Internet skills that can help students get a higher level position with a better salary.

## 3. Expand Your Educational Opportunities

Most students learn best in courses that offer hands on experience. Business courses add new dimensions to learning through practical hands on applied activities. Business courses make academic subjects more relevant and show how reading, English, and math can be applied to “real world” situations.

## 4. Develop Marketable Skills and Habits to Apply to Any Career

Communication skills, self-confidence, self-awareness, good work habits, problem solving, critical thinking, reliability, teamwork and leadership are learned in business classes. Students will feel a sense of accomplishment, which will instill the self-assurance students need to set and achieve their career goals.



## 5. Encourage Creativity and Entrepreneurial Thinking

An explosion of job growth has occurred in small businesses. Business courses prepare students to work in a small business and/or start their own business. Students will learn to meet new challenges with a creativity that results in fresh ideas and will develop an entrepreneurial attitude that can make things happen in any career.



## Sports at MacNab

Consider getting involved in some of the many sports at MacNab!

We have so many options throughout the year. In the Fall, all students can participate in Grade 9 Boys and Girls touch football, Grade 9 Boys soccer, and Grade 9 Girls soccer. These sports involve one or two day tournaments that take place in late September/ early October. All of these are activities that new students can get involved in right away.

We offer many other sports too, from Cross Country, to Baseball, Volleyball, Basketball & Football. Check out our state of the art Fitness room as well. Come on out and play!



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# Brand New Facilities!

MacNab is currently undergoing extensive renovations, most of which will be finished by this January. We are very proud of our new cafeteria servery and industrial-grade kitchen: Our Hospitality students have partnered with a professional catering company to provide daily meals to our students as well as catering to staff.

In addition, MacNab is having all of our Science facilities and Library redone. We will have state of the art facilities in the new year!

Finally, MacNab will be enhancing our accessibility with a new elevator scheduled for completion in 2019. We are very excited about all of the positive changes happening at MacNab!!



## SPECIALIZED PROGRAMMING

### Advanced Placement

MacNab continues to offer Advanced Placement courses for University bound students giving them a clear advantage heading into the post-secondary environment. Further, we offer a full slate of Enriched courses in grades 9 and 10 to support challenging student learning as well as preparation for Senior AP courses. Follow this link for more information about AP: <https://ap.collegeboard.org/>

### ArtSmart

ArtSmart is a system program that runs out of MacNab during second semester. In partnership with Theatre Ancaster, students work to create a musical production. Last year's *Mary Poppins* was a critical success, inspiring and engaging thousands of students and adults who attended. If you are interested in the Arts, MacNab has a great deal to offer!

### Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

SHSM is a Ministry-approved specialized program that allows students to focus their learning on a specific economic sector while earning a special designation for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). The program assists students in their career transition from secondary school to apprenticeship training, college, university or the workplace. MacNab currently has three SHSM programs: Arts and Culture, Healthcare, and Hospitality. Programming is available for all four pathways.

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