



# CREATIVITY THRIVES HERE

The Theatre, Drama and Dance students had a busy, successful semester working in various studio spaces. Highlights include: developing new Canadian work in all grades, performing at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts and other venues around York Region, the National Theatre Festival, OFSAA Track and Field Opening Ceremonies, field trips, student leadership with Dramatic Arts Council and Dance Council, guest artists and workshops! Check out what the Performing Arts students have been up to in semester two....





# Notes from the Studios

Department Head: C. Clarke



## Studio Living

Collaboration was a central theme for this semester's studio work. Starting the semester with an inquiry project for Black History Month, the theatre, drama and dance students collaborated with a series of departments and guest artists to bring the arts together on the stage. Highlights include: Art to Life project between Dance and Visual Arts Mackenzie, various performance partnerships with Music Arts Mackenzie for Dance Expressions and An Evening of Jazz, Broadway and More at the Richmond Hill Public Library, and building one act plays with our elementary school partners for the YRDSB One Act Play Festival. The students' understanding of the creative process was enhanced by working with guest arts Lindsay Fell, Kyle Kass, Jenn Mote, Ash Knight, Sean Cisterna, Teodoro Dragonieri, Coco LaRain, and various elementary schools for the YRDSB One Act Play Festival. Students demonstrated their passion for the arts at the following performances: Black History Month Assembly, National Theatre School of Canada One Act Play Festival, Richmond Hill Cultural Summit, Dance Expressions, Play On, Concord Floral and OFSAA Track and Field Opening Ceremonies. #creativitythriveshere





## Music



Department Head: E. Hudspith

### Music Department

Music students have been involved with many exciting performing activities as well as inspiring workshops and field trips over the course of the past few months. It's amazing to look back and see how much has been accomplished and how much each musician has grown in such a short period.

Our large performing groups performed at many music festivals this year and, as always, were very successful. Below are the results:

- Chamber Choir - 2<sup>nd</sup> in Toronto Kiwanis, performed in the UofT Choral Festival, and Gold at Music Alive
- Chamber Orchestra - 1<sup>st</sup> in Toronto Kiwanis, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Ontario Kiwanis Provincial Finals
- Concert Band – Silver at Music Alive
- Intermediate Band – Gold at Music Alive
- Symphonic Band – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Toronto Kiwanis, Gold at Music Alive
- Women's Choir – Gold at Music Alive
- A shout-out also goes to violinist Hannah Corbett, who placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Ontario Kiwanis Provincial Finals and won the solo competition at Music Alive.

One of the highlights of the year for many music students was the chance to participate in two amazing trips, Montreal/Quebec City and Calgary. Many new friendships and great memories were created on these trips.



### Spring Concerts

Fanfare and Spring Celebration in May showcased all of the wonderful musical accomplishments music students have worked on all year as they put on their final major concerts of the school year.





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**Music Banquet** In June, we had one more social event: the Music Banquet, which this year was themed “Under the Sea”. Everybody enjoyed the food, end-of-year slideshow, photobooth, dancing, karaoke, and awards presentation.



**Final Performances and Future Dates:** Our performance calendar finished with three more performances: the first strings recital, Chamber Choir and AM Stages performing at the Central Library, and Symphonic Band’s ‘Pops’ concert which took place on the field of Alexander Mackenzie.

Looking forward to next year, please mark the following dates in your calendars:

- Showcase – November 14, 2018
- “Les Miserables” (next year’s musical) – December 6 and 7, 2018
- Extended trip (planned to be to Halifax and PEI) – April 30-May 5, 2019
- Fanfare – May 8, 2019
- Spring Celebration – May 16, 2019
- Strings/Arts Recital – May 30, 2019
- “Pops” Concert – June 10, 2019

Next year’s after school rehearsal schedule is planned to be:

**Rehearsal Schedule** →

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
198 Lunch				11:35-12:15 AM Stages	
198 After School	4:00-6:00 Symphonic Band	3:00-5:00 p.m. Concert Band (grade 9)	3:00-5:00 p.m. Intermediate Band (grade 10)	3:00-5:00 p.m. Full Orchestra	3:05-4:30 Trip Band (Feb.-Apr.)
196 Lunch					
196 After School		3:00-5:00 p.m. Chamber Orchestra	3:00-5:00 p.m. Beginner Orchestra		3:05-4:30 Trip Orchestra (Feb.-Apr.)
195 Lunch	11:35-12:15 Jazz Choir				
195 After school	3:05-4:00 Music Council		3:00-5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsals	3:00-5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsals	3:05-4:30 Trip Choir (Feb.-Apr.)
121 After School		3:05-6:00 p.m. Musical Theatre Rehearsal (Sem. 1 Only)			



## Visual Arts

Department Head: A. Bhaitia



### Visual Arts Department

As another school year comes to a close, we would like to thank all of our art students for their dedication, hard work, creativity and amazing artworks!

Over the course of the second semester we were fortunate to have a guest artist work with our students. In April, Cristina Delago joined our Grade 10 Arts Mack class for a week of creating mosaic panels. Cristina shared her wealth of knowledge and creativity with our students in helping them create their own decorative mosaics.

In our film classes, we were fortunate to have two guest speakers come and talk to our students about their experiences in the Canadian film industry. Sean Cisterna, a local filmmaker who is recognized internationally and has worked with our Art and Theatre students in the past, came to speak to our Film class on Canadian National Film Day, April 18th. His experience in the industry was invaluable in answering questions from our students, especially those continuing on in film at the post-secondary level. In May, Prajwal Rajawat came to speak to the film students courtesy of the Reel Asian International Film Festival. He brought with him a unique perspective on being a young filmmaker. We would also like to congratulate Imara Belch, Casey Spector and Kellyann Tate for having their romantic film parody being chosen for the Vaughan International Film Festival (VIFF). Their film was screened on a full cinema screen at the VIFF on May 14th. We also would like to congratulate Annalee Dimpfel for winning a scholarship through VIFF. It was quite the year in film!

In April, we held our fourth annual Arts & Crafts Sale. All of our Arts Mack visual arts classes participated in the creation and selling of their art and craft items during our school's annual "AMAC Fights Back" cancer research fundraiser. The sale was once again a huge success!

In early May, we had our sixth annual off-site student-run art show at Richmond Green's Boynton House. Positive comments came from the community as it was also part of 'Doors Open' Richmond Hill. The show featured painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking, photography, digital art, film and mixed media works. A selection of works from the Boynton House show was then displayed at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts throughout June.

Throughout the semester, we had several photography students along with Ms. Silva and Ms. Khoudia-chova team up with the York Regional Police Photo Club. Students spent time after school working with police officers in the forensics department taking photos and learning about forensics. In June, there was a photography show at Safety Village at Bruce's Mill where students had their works on display. Congratulations go out to Logan Symynshen whose photo won in the top 3!

Out and about... in April, our students visited TIFF for workshops on documentary filmmaking and foley work. The staff at TIFF were fantastic and the products that the students created were very professional. Lots of great learning that day! Later in May, students saw a range of art from gallery to the street on our trip into the city. We started at Toronto's 401 Richmond with a variety of art galleries, then walked to Graffiti Alley. We then went on a tour of, the always colourful, Kensington Market and finally finished at OCADU.





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## Visual Arts Department *cont...*

In May, our Arts and Culture Council worked very hard in hosting our first ever Art Banquet. The evening was a huge success with awards, dancing and great desserts! We look forward to keeping this tradition going!

We would like to wish our graduating students all the best in their future endeavours. You have all contributed so much to the school and to the community over the past four years. You will all be greatly missed. Also, a thank you goes out to all the parents and guardians of our students for being so supportive. Have a great summer!

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Kellyann, Imara & Casey at the VIFF Gala



12 1/2 Art Show at Boynton House



Logan and his winning photo at the YRP Photo Club exhibition



AMAC Fights Back Craft Sale



RHCPA Art show



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