

ALEXANDER MACKENZIE HIGH SCHOOL

A Message from Your Principal

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Looking Ahead...

First Day (Grade 9 only)	Sept. 4
First Day (Gr. 10, 11 & 12)	Sept. 5
Photo Day	Sept. 6
School Council Meeting/Elections	Sept 17
P.A. Day	Sept. 24
Photo Retake Day	Oct. 4
Gr. 9 Green Acres Day Camp	Oct. 5
Thanksgiving Holiday	Oct. 8
Interim Reports	Oct. 12
P.A. Day	Oct. 22
ARTS Mackenzie Information Night	TBD
IB Information Night	Oct. 17
Parents Night	Oct. 18
Take our Kids to Work Day	Nov. 7
Pathways Evening	Nov. 7
P.A. Day	Nov. 23
Graduation Photo Days	Nov. 19-27
School Musical (Les Miserables)	Dec. 6-7
Christmas Break	Dec. 25-Jan. 4
EQAO Math	Jan. 16-17
Exams	Jan. 24-30
Exam Review Day	Jan. 31
P.A. Day	Feb. 1

As the 2017-18 school year is coming to an end, it is a great time to reflect on how much students have accomplished in both academics and co-curricular activities. I am fortunate to have the opportunity to work with the great staff and parent community of AMHS. Throughout the school year, we have enjoyed student cultural celebrations, art performances and shows, athletic events, as well as Mathematics, Science and Technology competitions, just to name a few. Students, staff and community members have been involved in a number of fundraising events, in lunch time activities focused around well-being and in the journey of becoming an Eco School. Our successes would not have been possible without the support of our parents and community members.

At Alexander Mackenzie H.S. we believe that critical to student success is a strong partnership between the school and home. I strongly encourage our new parents/guardians to take part in their student's education by joining our School Council. The first School Council meeting is in September, with a date to be announced in our September Weekly Bulletin. It is an opportunity to learn more about the school, chat with the Principal and other staff members, and speak with other parents/guardians who have similar concerns, interests and questions about their child's education.

As we are well on our way with our preparations for the start of the new school year, please note that in August, the "registration confirmation" will continue to occur through School Cash Online. Rather than coming into school to collect timetables and pay fees, you can do it online from the comfort of home. Student timetables will be sent out electronically via your child's GAPPs account on August 22nd. For additional information about registration, please check the school website:

<http://alexandermackenzie.hs.yrdsb.ca/>

Our first class of International Baccalaureate (IB) program will begin in September 2018. In preparation for the IB program, we are offering AMHS pre-IB for students in Grades 9 and 10. The IB Information Night is scheduled for October 17th, 2018 for families interested in joining our program in September 2018.

We will continue to offer the Arts program. For students interested in joining the Arts program in Dance, Music (Strings, Instrumental and Vocal), Theatre or Visual Arts in September 2018, please join us for the Arts Information Night on October 2nd, 2018 at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts.

It has been a pleasure working with the students, parent/guardians and staff this year at Alexander Mackenzie H.S. I look forward to the next school year, which promises to be an exciting one. Thank you to everyone for contributing to the caring and positive learning environment. On behalf of the AMHS staff, I wish you a safe and healthy summer.

Mrs. Otilia Olteanu



Library / Resource Centre

Department Head: D. Wilson

The Library Learning Commons has been under wraps since the beginning of June to prepare for renovations. All will be revealed in September! We would like to extend a big thank you to students and teachers who have demonstrated patience and understanding while we have been packing everything up. And we do mean everything.

Summer is here but the Library Learning Commons never sleeps. Our digital collections are available to students 24/7/365. Same old usernames. Same old passwords. (But remember they are not your student ID and password).

We hope you all have a chance to read something entertaining or thought-provoking and to learn something new over the next two months. We can't wait to welcome you back in September.





Business Studies Department

Interim Department Head: J. Petrone

The Business Department was proud to host numerous activities connected to student achievement and learning throughout the course of the semester.



On April 9th, eight Grade 10 and 11 students competed in the York Regional Mock Trial Tournament. Our team had an opportunity to role-play the case for both the Defence, as well as the Prosecution, in a case of *R v. Rogers*. This case involved the charge of manslaughter due to an altercation that took place at the “Bronze”, a local bar in the middle of town. Students role-played their parts before Superior Court judges at the Newmarket Court House. Our Lawyer Coach, Don Carter, and Law Teacher, John Petrone, were extremely happy with their level of performance throughout the trial and their preparation in the months leading up to the tournament. Special mention goes to a number of our grade 9 students who

helped our Mock Trial Team by stepping in and playing the role of a witness on short notice.



On June 5th, the Business Department held our annual Business Student of the Month Luncheon to honour the achievement of selected business students in their senior and junior year. Congratulations to our recipients who demonstrated exemplary academic, personal management and teamwork skills this year. This event would not be possible without the direct support of our Business teachers who organized this event, and the support of the school administration.



On May 28th, our Business SHSM and our Sports and Entertainment, Fashion Marketing students went to Canada's Wonderland to hear from the Director of Marketing and Sales. Students were given a first hand look at how Canada's Wonderland markets its service to its various target audiences. In addition, students were given an opportunity to ask questions regarding careers in business, marketing and sales. This turned out to be a very popular field trip in which students learned from a business industry professional in the entertainment field, and also enjoyed the rest of their day in the park with friends.

Our Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Program had another successful year in Business, Arts & Culture, Transportation and Health & Wellness sectors with many events and fun activities tied to each economic sector. We will have approximately 22 SHSM students graduating with a Red Seal Diploma this year. This year our SHSM students enriched their learning with many great hands-on experiences: such as, through our Co-operative Education Department's community contacts; enhanced their skills with a wide variety certifications connected to their area of focus; participate in career exploration by talking to industry experts; and lastly explore unique opportunities available after high school through apprenticeship, college and university programs at various institutions across Ontario.

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Special mention goes to Anthony Del Plavignano and Nicole Ting who will be both receiving a SHSM award at Graduation in recognition of their efforts to excel and promote the SHSM Program at Alexander Mackenzie High School. If any student entering Grade 11 or 12 student is interested in applying to a SHSM Program in Arts & Culture, Business, Transportation or Health and Wellness, please visit the following website: bit.ly/yrdsbSHSMapp.



In addition, Graduating students who have successfully completed a minimum of five credits in Business Studies will receive the York Region Certificates of Endorsement in Business Studies. These certificates will be included with the report cards.



We would like to congratulate Samantha Gabriele who will receive the Business Department Award at Graduation on June 28th for her outstanding achievement and commitment in all her Business subjects this year. Congratulations Samantha!

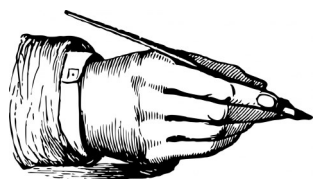
The AMHS DECA Award will also be presented at commencement. This year our recipient is **Shayla Levy**. Our DECA Chapter is looking forward to another great year starting in September. We hope to increase our student participation in the Club at all grade levels, and continue to provide students with exciting learning opportunities for all students.

To all the graduating class of 2018, we wish the very best in wherever your post-secondary or apprenticeship or workplace plans take you into the future.

English Department

Department Head: K. Gross

On Tuesday May 22nd, students from across York Region District School Board attended Words Words Words, YRDSB's Annual Writing Symposium. This year the event took place at the Korthright Centre. English teacher Ms. Ellis acted as a member of the steering committee and English teacher Ms. Gross led a workshop for students on writing short stories. Nine students from AMHS attended chaperoned by English Teacher Mrs. Herrera. The students were: Catalina Ciupac, An-nalee Dimpfel, Ansum Osman, Ethan Shapiro, Cameryn Strolight, Liza Trutneva, Shelley Xue, Jason Yuan, and Carolyn Zeng. It was a great day full of



creativity and inspiration.



English as a Second Language Department

Interim Department Head: A. Pantusa

The ESL Department celebrated many success this year! Some of the activities included hosting a “day in the life” for newcomers in semester 2, having peer tutors, holding movie days and celebrating our multicultural diversity by showcasing the many cultures and talents at our school. Next year, we are proud to announce many new and exciting initiatives as we welcome approximately 60 new ELLs. In addition, we look forward to more movie days, a trip, a wellness day and much more! We wish all our students a safe and happy summer



Math Department

Interim Department Head: B. Wong

The Math Department had another successful school year in 2017/18. It was our pleasure to welcome three classes of Grade 9 students and one class of Grade 10 students into our newly established IB Preparatory Program in September. We are so fortunate to have these highly committed students as they continue to strive for success, which supports the development of our IB program. We are delighted to announce that our Grade 11 IB students will be taking the IB Mathematics Standard Level Exam in May of the next school year. Our school is committed to provide all the support that these students will need to achieve academic excellence. We are proud of the achievement of our IB students and the development of our IB program.



In addition, Grade 9 Math students, both applied and academic levels, completed the EQAO Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics in January and June of this school year. Students and teachers worked hard in preparing for the assessment with the help of the supportive materials provided by EQAO. The results of both January and June assessments will be distributed to the students in September, 2018.

Last but not the least, we had an unprecedented number of students, who achieved outstanding results in the Waterloo Math Contest this year. More than 90 students participated in all levels of the Waterloo Math Contests, and 50 of them were qualified for the Certificate of Distinction, which is an award for students who made it to the top 25%. The outstanding achievement of these students was recognized at the end of May at the Math Celebration, which is becoming a new tradition at our school. All in all, Alexander MacKenzie High School ranks 25 nationally in the Grade 9 Fryer Math Contest and 42 nationally in the Grade 10 Galois Math Contest. We are very proud of the outstanding achievement of our students.

On behalf of the staff of the Math Department, we would like to wish our students and their families a safe and happy summer holiday.



Moderns Department

Department Head: S. Juma

VIVE LE FRANÇAIS!

This semester, students explored countries of interest presenting their research in French. Students explored scientific inventions and discoveries of these countries as well as historic and tourist sites. Within each group, students presented their understanding using technology. Some students explored the virtual museums of various countries and shared their discovery with peers through innovative ways by engaging in virtual museum tours, the invention of three dimensional models, and the creation of a promotional museum video. This was followed by a student-led interactive component. Students shared their learning in a school-wide festival. This was a wonderful opportunity to communicate in French as well as further develop their understanding of different cultures. Une expérience vraiment inoubliable!



In addition, students explored how to carry out a survey on their peers. They chose topics of interest, created pertinent survey questions, and then graphed their results. Students engaged each other through discussion of the various graphs and survey results. This was an excellent way to explore specific math terms in French. Très bien!



On May 25th, the FSL and International Languages Department invited Fana Soro to entertain and teach the students in French, about the West African drumming. Students were each provided with a West African drum and explored the various beats and sounds. Then, students explored various West African vocal techniques to accompany the drumming. This was an exciting and culturally rich day for the French students at Alexander Mackenzie High School.



STUDENT COUNCIL

This year Student Council planned and executed our biggest Semi-Formal and Carnival to date. As well, we had a successful second annual Wellness Week featuring guest speaker Andy Thibodeau. In addition to hosting several successful events this year, Student Council and the AMHS school community also raised over \$200 to support our world vision child **Ousseina in Niger**.

Girl Up

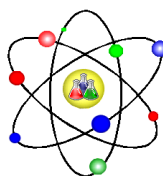
Over the 2017-2018 school year, Alexander Mackenzie High School's Girl Up, has been involved in organizing amazing events such as School Cycle, Lunch for Liberia, Girl Up 5K and bringing guest speaker Shelmina Abji to speak to students. Girl Up was able to raise an incredible \$1453! The money raised will go towards United Nations Foundation initiatives, which will support girls around the world.



Science Department

Department Head: S. Sadacharan

The Science Department was definitely booming this past school year as our Grade 9 Science students explored the 7 Wonders of the Solar System and carried out predator-prey simulations. They also saw the Sun through a telescope! Our Grade 10 Science students got creative and created board games as their culminating activity to help review for their final exams (see below).



In Grade 11 Physics, music and physics were fused together in a few activities where students needed to install apps on their phone to turn it into a decibel meter and sound frequency finder. Many of our music students really enjoyed this activity! And in Grade 12 Physics, students enjoyed throwing raw eggs in class! The key is to throw and catch the eggs without breaking it. To do this, they have to apply their knowledge of momentum that they learned in class. Many students were excited as they went in front of a rocket to be launched to show projectile motion! See the pictures below to get a glimpse of some of the exciting labs and demos conducted in our Physics classes this semester.

Our Grade 12 Biology classes conducted a variety of labs including spectrophotometry labs that explored pigments used in photosynthesis. Our Grade 12 Chemistry students were also quite busy in the lab with their calorimetry experiments. The highlight of the Chemistry course for many students was when they made fruit-smelling esters in their organic chemistry unit.



Our senior Chemistry and Physics students enjoyed a wonderful excursion to Canada's Wonderland along with our SHSM students. They had a blast! We also had a motivational speaker (former Olympian) come in and speak with many of our classes in May, which was quite inspirational.

And finally, our Grade 10 Science and Grade 11 Biology students participated in a frog and pig dissection, respectively.

We were excited to have our first HOSA Club at AMHS this year! Each year HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) Canada organizes Canada's largest health science competition, featuring over forty competitive events. Some events are focused on developing profession-specific technical skills while others on important soft skills like teamwork, leadership and communication. For the 2018 Spring Conference, HOSA Canada had a turnout of 3,000 students over two days at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on March 27-28th. Kai De Xie and Emma Wilson both competed in Medical Terminology which only had one round. Rose and Henry made it to the second and final round of CPR/ First Aid. Olivia Huang and Lucy Yang competed in the first round of Forensic Medicine, and Owen Li and Shelley Xue went to the second round of Forensic Medicine. The HOSA Spring Leadership Conference (SLC) was the HOSA competition for all of Canada, with schools from Quebec and other provinces.

On Saturday, April 7, 2018, 190 students from 50 schools from around York Region participated in the York Region Science and Technology Fair. Joseph D'Angelo, Caleb Sadler, Andy Gong, Vasily Shugaev, Alexander Mclain, Erika Boland and Sarina Badre Rajaei all represented AMHS this year. We are pleased to announce that Joseph D'Angelo and Caleb Sadler received both the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada Award and an Honourable Mention for their project on a "Versatile Mars Descent System".

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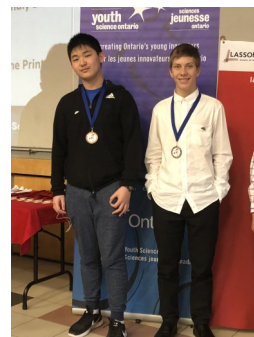


Science Department cont...



Department Head: S. Sadacharan

Also, Andy Gong and Vasily Shugaev received a Bronze Medal for their project "From Rust to Stardust: a Solution for Martian Colonization". See photo...



We are so proud of our young scientists! A special thank you goes out to Mr. Fabrikis, Mr. Law and Ms. Anjum for your support with this year's Science Fair.



The York Region Science Olympics took place on May 2nd at York University. Two Junior and two senior teams represented us this year. We are happy to announce that one of our junior teams took silver in the physics competition.

There are many opportunities for students to get involved in the Science Department. We have a Science Club that meets every other Tuesday after school in Room 260. Here, students have had the opportunity to do a variety of dissections, conduct chemistry experiments and so much more! A special thank you goes out to Sasha Belan-Hudson for his leadership as our Science Club President (see pictures below).



Also, we have a Lab Assistants Club that meets on Thursdays after school. Lab assistants have the opportunity to set-up labs, organize and clean science equipment, make solutions and carry out various chemical reactions. It is an excellent way to learn some chemistry and have fun at the same time! All students will receive volunteer hours for their time. If you are interested in either of these clubs, please speak to Mrs. Sadacharan. We also offer peer tutoring or extra-help sessions every Tuesday and Thursday at lunch from 11:45 – 12:15 p.m. in Room 260.

Also in May, we had our Chemistry and Physics competitions from the University of Waterloo. Two students wrote the Grade 11 Chemistry Avogadro Exam and five Grade 12 science students wrote the Sir Isaac Newton exam. All of these students did quite well. Congratulations to all of those who participated in these science competitions. We are very proud of you!

The science department would like to wish all of the students a safe and fun-filled summer holiday. We look forward to seeing many of you back next year. To the graduating students, good luck in your future endeavors.



Special Education Department

Department Head: S Abramovich

The Special Education Department has had another exciting and productive year!

Students in our Community Classes participated and competed in two major York Region athletic events - the YRAA'S Eighth Annual Floor Hockey Festival and the York Region Track and Field Festival (SNAP). The Track and Field event went extremely well. Our students won a multitude of ribbons in events such as the 100 and 200m dash, relay, ball toss, long and standing jump and obstacle courses. Most importantly, they had fun exercising and enjoying the beautiful weather and day with friends and staff.

Students were also involved in organizing and maintaining our school's Greenhouse. They were actively engaged in growing herbs, vegetables/flowers and then selling them to staff and students. This was a part of our expanding Work Experience Program and Best Buddies Prom fundraising initiative. The Best Buddies Prom was a major success once again this year. Our students from both Community Classes were able to dress up, eat, dance and sing, socialize with each other, and with other York Region students. It was an event not to be missed and will be enjoyed for years to come.



Our students were also involved in an eco team collaboration project with Pleasantville Elementary School. The project offered all students meaningful learning opportunities focused on environmental issues, social skills, and community needs while also helping to build good character. The project also helped build strong leadership skills since our senior high school students directed and guided the younger elementary students throughout the initiative. The project included the collaborative effort of other YRDSB schools who collected and forwarded milk bags for our use.

Our Community Classes have enjoyed our new addition to room 147, a 29 gallon aquarium. Students have enjoyed putting together the aquarium stand, setting up, learning about and taking care of the aquarium. Students have also been enjoying our new mental health calm room in room 149.

The Grade 9 Learning Strategies classes had one guest speaker from the York Region Police, who delivered an interactive presentation on Online Safety and tips to becoming more vigilant about their digital footprint. Students found this to be helpful and informative as they navigate through these topics on a daily basis. In supporting mental health, the grade 9 class also worked on improving overall mental health initiatives in the classroom through their weekly Wednesday Wellness activities which included activities such as yoga, origami, meditation, and walks to Mill Pond.

Our Grade 10 Learning Strategies students worked hard in preparation for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test. They learned about stress management and identified various stress management strategies that they could use to help reduce stress. They also explored the concept of success and looked at various post-secondary pathways and careers. Lastly, they learned many strategies on how to prepare for their final exams.

Our Grade 11 Learning Strategies classes received support on a variety of workplace skills required by employers including writing resumes and cover letters. They received help and guidance regarding their post-secondary destination requirements and choices for their course options. A large portion of the course was exploring budgeting towards independence where they had a chance to look at a variety of expenditures such as accommodation, transportation and miscellaneous essential expenses that arise with independence. Once every couple of weeks was devoted to Wellness Friday where students had an opportunity to de-stress through playing board or strategic games, table tennis and making slime.





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Department Head: S Abramovich

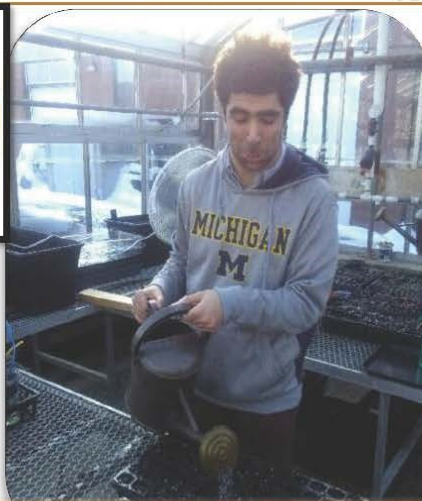
This fall, students in our Grade 12 Learning Strategies class traveled to the Ontario College Fair where they had the opportunity to meet college representatives from across Ontario and learn about a variety of post-secondary programs. In addition, former Alexander Mackenzie students spoke to our students about their unique pathways and post-secondary experience. The Grade 12 students also traveled to York University where they received a guided tour of the campus. Our students received valuable information about financial support, accessibility services, student support services, programs and life on campus.

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Abigail



Danial

At Silver Pines P.S. as a hall monitor. I make sure that the kids don't run around in the hallways during recess time. I also help students in a grade 1 class with their reading and their math skills. Sometimes they have a hard time with reading and math.

I work in the greenhouse at my school planting, watering and caring for plants. Small household plants will be sold as part of my classroom's fundraising efforts. I also work at Marshall's sorting, pairing and stacking shoes.



Justin

Gabrielle



I work at No Frills stocking shelves and keeping them tidy for customers. I get asked a lot of questions and am able to help customers. I enjoy working here.

I work at Swiss Chalet. Before I start I have to make sure my hair is in a net. I have to portion foods to get them ready for the cooks. I measure corn and chicken pieces. I like working here and got to meet lots of nice people.

Technological Education Department

Department Head: J. Fabrikis

Technological Education = Experiential Learning *Tell me and I forget. Lecture to me and I may remember. Involve me and I learn. Teach me to do it and I learn best.*

It has been a very busy and rewarding second semester for the staff and students in the Technological Studies Department at Alexander Mackenzie.

Grade 11 and Grade 12 Technological Design

The student this semester have been busy designing and drawing by using AUTO CAD (Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) program) to create custom designed CAM operated toys, a CO 2 Powered Formula One Race Car, a Structural Design, an Industrial Design Innovation of an existing product and a Robotic Arm powered by hydraulics. Anthony Maiorano earned a 1st place result in the YRDSB Architectural CAD skills competition and placed 6th in the Provincial competition and Daniel Bolton placed 7th provincially in the Plumbing competition. Well done.

Want to take your design skills to the next level? Make sure you sign up for the TDJ/TDA classes at Alexander Mackenzie. Learn from an Industry expert in this practical and informative

journey from concept to conclusion. This course will introduce you to the Design Thinking process and illustrate best practices for each step along the way. You'll find this is an incredibly powerful tool for many future design related fields: from Engineering to Architecture to Industrial Design to Entrepreneurship and beyond. You will utilize everything you learn in this course to create your very own projects. In doing so, you will learn many practical and applicable skills such as user research, Computer Aided Drafting and Design and Rapid Prototyping ending up with a 3-D printed model.



Grade 9 Exploring Technologies classes have been very busy learning the fundamentals of technology by researching, brainstorming, designing and building projects such as a CO 2 Powered Dragster and a gravity powered Marble Roller Coaster.

Hospitality and Tourism Classes!

Our kitchen is a busy place! Over the past school year we catered 24 Staff Lunches in our student operated dining room, The Mackenzie Room; preparing five course menus for up to 30 people each week! What is turning into an annual event we once again hosted our York Region Board Trustees and the Director of Education for a delicious lunch buffet. In June our Grade 12 Students executed their own event, a Middle Eastern Feast, serving a delicious meal to a full house! As fundraisers we sold bakery items prior to the Winter Break and The Easter Weekend to our staff which included related holiday treats, like: themed cupcakes, apple crisp, sausage rolls, and baby quiche. In October and April we prepared large amounts and varieties of sweets for Parent Interview Nights. As well, we created our own Chili, Doughnuts, Cupcakes and Pretzel Ribbons for AMAC Fights Back! Lastly, we prepared and sold Candy Apples and Chocolate Fudge to the school community at our annual Carnival in May. As our semesters ended we collaborated and created the parts of a five course meal to share with our classmates! Delicious!



Hair Styling and Aesthetics course prepared and had a big part in the ninth annual "Manicure for Cure for Cancer" at our school! It was an amazing event with the entire school collaborating together in the foyer of our school. All for an amazing cause!! The Hair Styling and Aesthetics students also helped out in the school musical.

Transportation Technology students have been very busy once again servicing and repairing students' and teachers cars all semester and learning more about the skill set needed to be successful in this trade.

REAL KNOWLEDGE, REAL SKILLS, REAL WORLD, REAL JOBS



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:

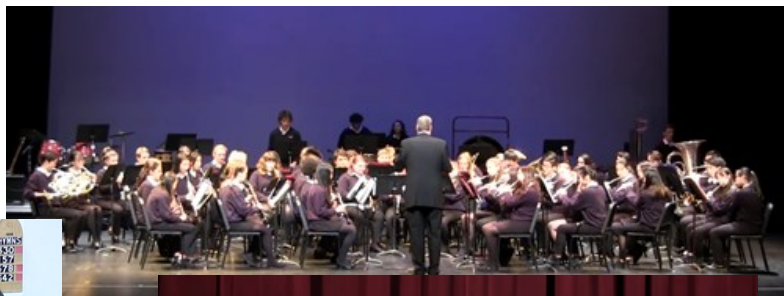
- Chamber Choir - 2nd in Toronto Kiwanis, performed in the UofT Choral Festival, and Gold at Music Alive
- Chamber Orchestra - 1st in Toronto Kiwanis, 2nd in the Ontario Kiwanis Provincial Finals
- Concert Band – Silver at Music Alive
- Intermediate Band – Gold at Music Alive
- Symphonic Band – 2nd in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





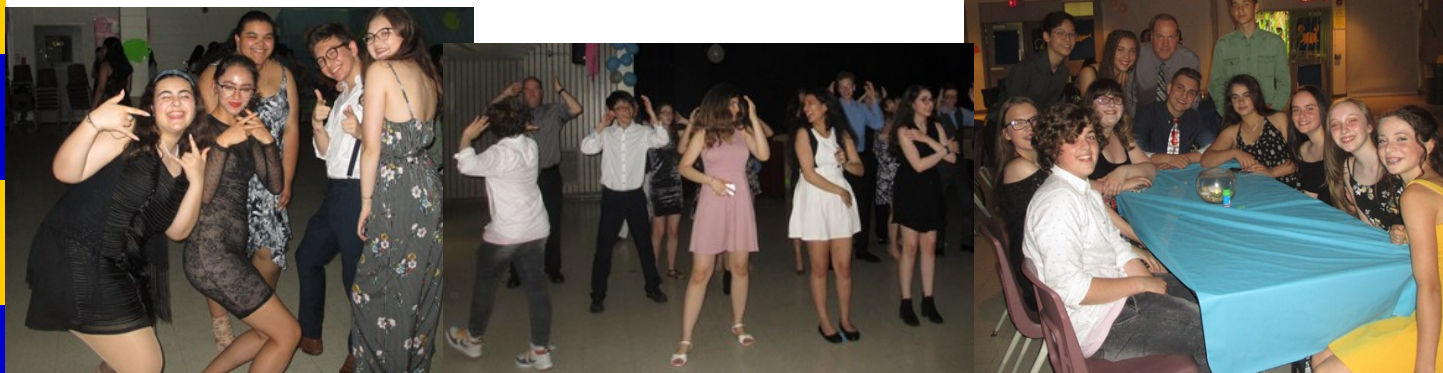
Music

Department Head: E. Hudspith



Music Department

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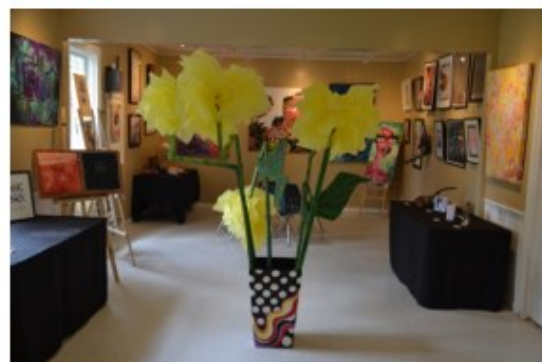
In May, our Arts and Culture Council worked very hard in hosting our first ever Art Banquet. The evening was a huge success with awards, dancing and great desserts! We look forward to keeping this tradition going!

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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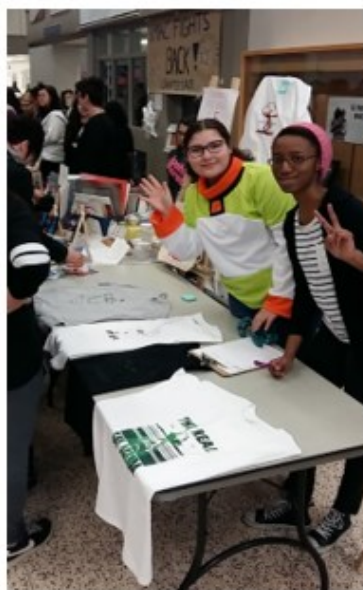
Kellyann, Imara & Casey at the VIFF Gala



12 ½ Art Show at Boynton House



Logan and his winning photo at the YRP Photo Club exhibition



AMAC Fights Back Craft Sale



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