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ALEXANDER MACKENZIE HIGH SCHOOL

A Message from Your Principal

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As the 2018-2019 school year draws to a close, it is a great time to reflect on our successes. Our students and staff have invested a great deal of effort in building an equitable and inclusive school community. These efforts are greatly respected and support our Board's mission to "advance student achievement and well-being through public education, which motivates learners, fosters inclusion, inspires innovation and builds community."

Over the course of the year, students distinguished themselves by participating in curricular activities including competitions and performances, as well as co-curricular activities, such as teams, clubs and many fundraising events or diversity activities during lunch time. Our successes would not have been possible without the cooperation and contributions of our parents and community members.

Looking Ahead...

First Day (Grade 9 Only)	Sept 3
First Day (Gr. 10, 11 & 12)	Sept 4
Photo Day	Sept 10
School Council Meet-	Sept 16
P.A. Day	Sept 23
Gr. 9 Green Acres Day	Oct 4
Interim Reports	Oct 11
Thanksgiving Holiday	Oct 14
Photo Retake Day	Oct 15
ARTS Mackenzie Infor-	Oct 16
IB Information Night	Oct 17
Parents Night	Oct 23
Pathways Evening	Nov 5
Take our Kids to Work Day	Nov 13
Grade 8 Open House	Nov 14
P.A. Day	Nov 15
Graduation Photo Days	Nov 18-27
School Musical (Wizard of Oz)	Dec .12-13
Christmas Break	Dec 23-Jan 3
EQAO Math	Jan 15-16
Exams	Jan 23-29
Exam Review Day	Jan 30
P.A. Day	Jan 31

During this summer, I encourage students to relax, pursue their interests, keeping active and continuing the journey of learning, whether it is by joining programs in the community or by reading.

In September, our Vice Principal, Mr. Perri will be moving as a Vice-Principal at Langstaff S.S. We thank Mr. Perri for his contribution and support for student achievement and well-being during his 5 years at AMHS. Ms. Yula Nouragas will join our team as a Vice-Principal. She brings a wealth of experience to this position including over 22 years of experience as an educator, with 6 of those as a Vice-Principal. She is also a former Literacy Teacher and Department Head of English, has a deep knowledge of the Ontario Curriculum, digital literacy skills, a passion for Assessment and Evaluation, and an outstanding commitment to student achievement and well-being.

Our school is so fortunate to have such committed students, dedicated teachers and staff, and caring and involved parents. On behalf of the AMHS staff, I wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable summer.

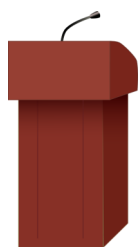
Otilia Olteanu



Library Learning Commons

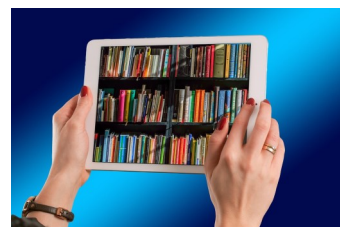
Department Head: P. Raia

This year, the main goal of the Library Learning Commons was to create a central hub for the school community. With this objective in mind, the library space was redesigned to facilitate an environment where collaboration and partnerships could be promoted among students, teachers, administrators, parents, and community members. The main area was reconstructed to include distinct spaces, a variety of seating arrangements and comfortable furniture (i.e. quiet reading areas, café tables, computer labs, laptops stands, a collaboration lab, and movable furniture) allowing for individual study or small and large group collaboration. Throughout the year, it was amazing to see members of the school community make great use of the new space to host book clubs, debates, presentations, podcasts, lunch and learns, school council meetings, leadership meetings, department meetings, pathways planning, workshops and seminars.



The LLC team were also very happy to partner with a number of departments to accommodate various guest speakers and workshops this year. Guest speakers included renowned military historian and journalist Gwynne Dyer who delivered a lecture on international events, Rev. El Shafie who facilitated a documentary screening on major issues faced by refugees with Grade 9 Geography classes and Member of Parliament for Richmond Hill Majid Jowhari who discussed the importance of civic engagement with Grade 10 Civics classes. Workshops addressed topics such as postsecondary pathways, and International Bachelorette requirements in Creativity, Activity and Service, the Extended Essay, and Kognity.

We would like to remind students that the virtual library is available all summer long. Students will be able to access our subscription e-book and database collections. The usernames and passwords are the same. If you have forgotten them, please drop by LLC and pick up a flyer or bookmark containing all of the required login information.



Have a wonderful and safe summer! We can't wait to welcome you back in September.



Girl Up

This year the AMHS United Nation Foundation Girl Up Club raised \$380 for Girl Up. All proceeds go towards Girl Up initiatives that work to end the challenges and inequalities girls face. To find out more about the initiatives, please visit: <https://www.girlup.org/#sthash.ft8KMY7l.dpbs>



SHSM and Law Club

J. Petrone

On April 28th, 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. Delaney*. This case involved the charge of neglect of duty on the part of a parent that took place at the accused home. Students role-played their parts before Superior Court judges at the Newmarket Court House. Our Lawyer Coach, Don Carter and Leandra Appugliese, and Teacher Coach, 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 10 students who helped our Mock Trial Team by stepping in and playing the role of a witness and lawyers.



On April 1st, our Business, Arts & Culture, and Health and Wellness SHSM students went to participate in a Career Symposium to hear from different executives from MLSE on how they made it to their current position. Students were given a first-hand look at the Game Day Operations and tour of the facility. 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 watching the Toronto Raptors play against Orlando Magic with friends.



Our Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Program had another successful year in Business, Transportation and Health & Wellness sectors with many events and fun activities tied to each economic sector. We will have approximately 26 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.

Special mention goes to Liad Rozenbilt who will be receiving a SHSM award at Graduation in recognition of their efforts to excel and promote the SHSM Program at Alexander Mackenzie High School. She was the SHSM Council Student President this past year and did a tireless job to promote our SHSM Program this past year. On another, if any student who is 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



Health & Physical Education Department

Department Head: C. Butler



We have had an amazing year in our Department. Our courses are just wrapping up, completing our last “must do’s” and getting ready for our movement practicals during exams. Our courses are filled with the best sports, games and fitness around. Our cutting edge fitness blasts and obstacle courses gets everyone fitter. Our health “inquiry and modern learning” room is in its first full year of operation. The products of student learning coming out of that room is exciting and impressive. The monkey bars have taken our fitness courses to a whole new level.



Please check us out on Instagram @mustangpheathletics for so much more great stuff that is going on in our department. Have a safe summer full of movement and fun.



We flipped the tire 100x club



Battlefield Championship



Pushing tires!

Math Department

Department Head: B. Wong



The Math Department had another successful school year in 2018/19. We are delighted to announce that our first IB cohort completed the IB Mathematics Standard Level and took the IB Exam in May. We are proud of the achievement of our IB students.

In addition, Grade 9 Math students, both applied and academic, 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, 2019.

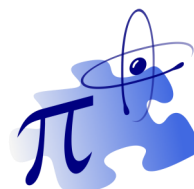
Students are encouraged to learn mathematics through collaboration and problem solving. On April 9, a team of 6 students participated Canadian Team Mathematics Contest (CTMC) at University of Waterloo. After the contest, Emma Willson, a Grade 11 student of our math team shared, “Participating in the Canadian Team Math Contest at University of Waterloo was such a great opportunity for all of us on the team. We got to compete with schools from all over Canada in an individual contest, a team contest and a relay. The relay was pretty interesting because we had to solve problems individually and pass the answers to a teammate so that they could solve their problem. My favourite event was the team contest because that was when we really got to work together to problem solve. I think that we did well on that one because we were able to combine our skills and knowledge to come up with solutions. Overall, I enjoyed participating in the CTMC because I liked being able to work with a team to solve math problems. I'm proud of everyone on the team for working so hard.”

Math Department cont...

Department Head: B. Wong

The Waterloo Math Contests results have just been released. Mathematics department is very pleased to share the following achievements of our students with you:

- Grade 12 Euclid Math Contest: Alexander Mackenzie ranks 28th among 1200 schools across Canada.
- Grade 11 Hypatia Math Contest: Alexander Mackenzie ranks 22nd among 530 schools across Canada.
- Grade 10 Galois Math Contest: Alexander Mackenzie ranks 26th among 520 schools across Canada.



Our students have done exceptionally well again this year.

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 learned about various South-East Asian countries. Each group received a destination and assumed the role of a travel agent. Students planned and developed a tourist brochure to promote their travel destination. Within each group, presentations took on a fair style format where students engaged and interacted with each other in French admiring all their creations. This was a wonderful opportunity to communicate in French as well as further develop their understanding of different cultures. Une expérience vraiment inoubliable! Très bien!



In addition, this semester, students had the opportunity to investigate important and current pressing issues. Students did this by exploring various media works, which they then presented to their peers in an interactive format. Many of these conversations have been student led giving them an opportunity to engage in high-level discussions with their peers. Bravo. Continue vos efforts!

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!



Finally, students had the opportunity to delve into areas around space exploration, which they analyzed and researched. Students researched to prepare for a series of debates around space exploration. This was another wonderful opportunity for students to utilize their French language skills to captivate their audience by engaging in a series of spontaneous and lively discussions. Excellent!



Science Department

Interim Department Head: F. Firouzchian

HOSA Club (Future Health Professionals of Canada, formerly known as Health Occupations Students of America)

This year AMHS HOSA Club competed Spring Leadership Conference organized by HOSA Canada. There were 6000 students from various schools competing at the event. Ten of our students placed in the top ten for different categories this year. They are: Janny Liao, (1st place in Pharmacology), Kai De Xie (1st place in Medical Law), Hussain Jafri (2nd place in Dental Term), Shelley Xue (7th place in Medical Photography), Yvonne Wang & Arielle Hagi (2nd place in CPR), Henry Trinh & Jason Yuan (3rd place in CPR), Henry Guan and Rose Li (8th Place in CPR).

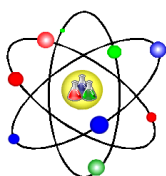


Science Olympics

This year, Alexander Mackenzie competed in the Science Olympics for our third year in a row. With a mix of returning and fresh competitors, we put up strong performances in events in Chemistry, Physics, and Biology, all themed around "Stranger Things". Highlights include launching a rubber spider the full length of an auditorium, and communicating with the Upside Down using only a string of lights.

York Region Science and Technology Fair

On April 13th, 190 students from 46 schools from around York Region participated in the York Region Science and Technology Fair at York University. The event was an amazing display of creativity, critical thinking and collaboration. There were 100 students representing 29 YRDSB elementary and secondary schools. Andy Gong and Vasily Shugaev both received the silver medal for the Royal Astronomical Society Award.



Sir Issac Newton Physics Contest

On May 2nd, 30 students have participated in the Sir Issac Newton (S.I.N) Physics Contest from the University of Waterloo. There were 12 challenging multiple choice physics questions for them to answer in 2 hours. 4 students ranked within the top 20 percentile out of 1757 participants. In particular, Frank Yi ranked 85th in the world, out of 2025 participants.



Special Education Department

Department Head: S. Abramovich

This year, our focus was on collaborating with students and staff to plan and create safe and inclusive educational spaces for our students to use as needed. Throughout the year, students were given several opportunities to express their voice, experiences and interests through various student feedback surveys.

In September, students from our Community Classes participated in the Hoe Down Festival. Students had fun mingling, dancing and eating. They also participated in 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 day with friends and staff. The Best Buddies Prom was a major success once again this year. Our students from both Community Classes dressed up, ate, danced, sang and socialized with each other, and with students across the YRDSB. It was an event not to be missed and will be enjoyed for years to come.





Department Head: S Abramovich

Special Education Department cont...

Our students continued to be involved in organizing and maintaining our school's greenhouse. They were actively engaged in growing herbs, vegetables and flowers and then selling them to staff and students. This was a part of the expanding Work Experience Program and Best Buddies Prom fundraising initiatives. We are proud of our ongoing collaborative partnership with Theatre Arts Mackenzie. Our students enjoyed learning together with students from Theatre Arts Mackenzie Program about various societal topics such as community, identity and belonging. Students were so engaged and excited, they hope to continue this collaborative work next year.



In collaboration with our students and staff we have planned, designed and created a mental health room in our Special Education office. In this room students receive SEA



training, work with other students and special education staff, meditate and reflect. 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 on 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 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 focus of the course was financial literacy, which included exploring budgeting towards independence where students had a chance to look at a variety of expenditures such as accommodation, transportation and miscellaneous essential expenses that arise with independence.



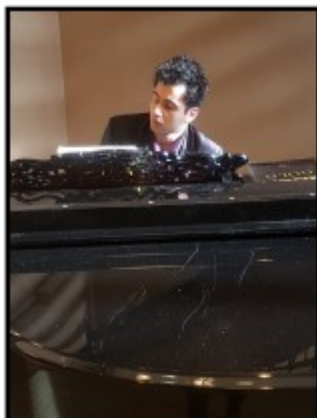
This fall, students in our Grade 12 Learning Strategies class travelled to the Ontario College Fair where they had the opportunity to meet college representatives from across Ontario and learn about a variety of post-secondary programs. In addition, former Alexander Mackenzie students spoke to our students about their unique pathways and post-secondary experience. Graduating Grade 12 students also visited the Centre for Hospitality & Culinary Arts at George Brown College. They were provided with valuable information about post-secondary programs and life on campus. Lastly, our students also visited Ryerson University and learned about Academic Accommodations Supports and Programs.

Special Education Department cont...

Department Head: S Abramovich

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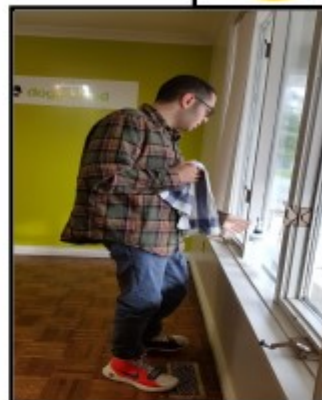
Alexander Mackenzie High School

**Ben**

I like to play music and sing. At Richmond Hill Retirement Residence, I sing all types of songs while playing the piano. I really like it.

**Mojib**

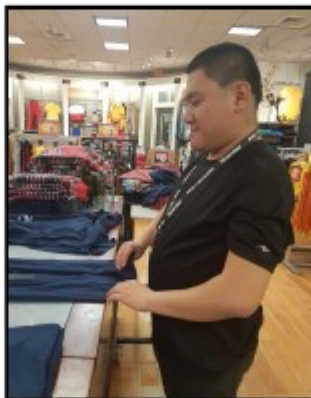
I work at FreshCo. I organize and restock the shelves. I also work at No Frills and get to help people find products. I like helping, it's fun.

**Jerry M**

I work at Doggieland where I organize donations and clean the room. I enjoy petting the dogs and meeting all the people. I like to ask them questions about their dogs.

**Sam**

I work at No Frills. I stock the shelves there. I like to keep busy and enjoy working with my hands and working with other staff. They are very nice to me.

**Jerry Y**

I like working at Bluenotes. I fold and put away clothes. I will also open the changing rooms for customers. It is a lot of fun being around so many people.

**Abi**

I work at Silver Pines PS. I help the grade 1 students with their reading and make sure they have their books and are ready to work.

International Baccalaureate Programme

This year, we had our first cohort of 21 Grade 11 students enter the anticipation year. For the first time, we had IB external examinations written by this cohort in the month of May. All 21 students successfully completed IB exams in Math SL in group 5 and Physics SL in group 6.



New Courses:

We are excited to inform that the following courses will be offered and students will be taking them in the upcoming school year:

- Biology SL in group 6
- Theatre arts SL in group 6
- Music SL in group 6

Professional Development:

The English and Math curricula were updated and therefore, we had our English and Math teachers re-trained in these subjects. We also had a teacher trained in Economics that will be offered in addition to History in group 4.

Our departments are expanding and so are the number of our teachers and students. There will be professional development coming up for the following subjects:

- History HL in group 3
- Biology SL and Physics SL in group 6
- Theory of knowledge as IB core

Lunch and Learn sessions:

Through IB council, we were able to offer the following lunch and learn sessions:

- Time management
- How to work with Kognity, the digital textbook provider
- Let us hear your voices through town hall meetings
- The art of perfectionism
- Guest speaker (former IB student talking about the benefits of IB)
- Creativity, activity, service for IB students entering grade 11
- Gwynne Dyer speaking about the Trump Era: Surviving the Populist Wave



Extended Essay:

With the tremendous help of our extended essay coordinator, we will be able to have all 21 IB students assigned to a teacher mentor to start their extended essay. Our teachers have been very supportive in mentoring the students in various subject areas.

World Scholar's Cup:

On June 2nd, 2019, our school, under the leadership of our IB students, hosted World Scholar's Cup. Many schools from various boards participated and competed in events such as team writing, team debate. Our students got past the Global Round and will be moving on to the Tournament of Champions which is held at Yale University.

Field Trip:

Our IB Physics SL participated on a field trip at the David Dunlap Observatory and had a lot of fun learning about astrophysics and astronomy.

As we enter the new school year, for the first time, we will be having cohorts in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12. Our first cohort will be graduating in June 2020. We are looking forward to many more successes in the International Baccalaureate Programme here at Alexander Mackenzie High School.

Athletics @ MAC



What an amazing year to be a Mustang! It all started with our new gym floor and peaked in the spring at our always impressive, Athletic Banquet. Everyone met “Marvin” our new mascot and are following our new “Mustang Country” and “Horshoe” floor stickers to the gym from the main foyer. Our Pro Shop is lending out some great equipment, including our new foosball table, cornhole games and table tennis to name a few. Our athletic council ran some of the best intra-murals and tournaments this year, along with the Terry Fox Run and amazing “home games” experience for our fans. The electric energy in our gyms during girls and boys basketball games was incredible.



We had an amazing showing from our teams this year. Congratulations to the co-team of the year award - Junior Boys Soccer(Tier 2 Finalists) and Ultimate Frisbee(Tier 2 Semi-Finalists).

The following are our major award winners for this year:

MAJOR AWARDS

MAJOR AWARDS	AWARD WINNERS
MOST PROMISING GR. 9 BOY	Patrick Huang
MOST PROMISING GR. 9 GIRL	Summer Kotusch
JR. GIRL ATHLETE OF THE YEAR	Teigan Manson
JR. BOY ATHLETE OF THE YEAR	Cole Plaxton
SR. GIRL ATHLETE OF THE YEAR	Winnec Zhan
SR. BOY ATHLETE OF THE YEAR	Daniel Sirota
FAN OF THE YEAR	Nina Lackova
TEAM OF THE YEAR	Jr Boys Soccer/Ultimate Frisbee
SPIRIT AWARD	Daniel Sirota Sara Razzghi
WALL OF FAME	Jillian Wolfe

We are so proud of our athletes and coaches - thanks for a great year Mustangs!!



Athletes of the Year:
Winnie Zhan and
Daniel Sirota



All of Famer and Athletic
Council President:
Jillian Wolfe



Notes from the Studios

Department Head: C. Clarke




Students in Dance, Drama and Theatre enjoyed a busy semester of studio work, performances, guest artist opportunities and field trips during semester two.

Performances:

Over the course of the semester, Dance, Drama and Theatre students entertained a variety of York Region audiences with a diverse season of original performances. Congratulations to our students for participating in the following performance opportunities: National Theatre School Festival, Cultural Summit, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, YRDSB Design Thinking Sense of Belonging Project, Dance Expressions, Play On! Junior One Act Play Festival, Studio Works! Senior One Act Play Festival, and Dramatic Arts June Showcase. Congratulations to all of our students for inspiring their audiences with outstanding, memorable performances.

Congratulations to Ms. Ellis and the company of *Babel Rap* for winning the following awards at the National Theatre School Festival:

- Award of Excellence to the Company with Adele Levy and Claire Kelly for Design Adaptation and Originality
 - Awards of Merit for Ensemble Performance to Taylor Macintosh and Elle Vivares-Jessop
 - Awards of Merit for Sound Design to Adele Levy
 - Awards of Merit of Musical Composition and Performance to Trinity Tanos
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Guest Artists:

Students in Dance, Drama and Theatre had many workshop opportunities this year to expand their creativity by engaging in professional workshops in the AMHS artistic space. Our roster of artists this semester included:

- Dance: Lindsay Fell (ballet/modern), Megan Nadain (ballet), Jennifer Mote (jazz/musical theatre/tap) Colleen Snell (contemporary/modern), Bailey Woodman (commercial/jazz/hip hop)
- Theatre: Toni Grates (collective creation/movement), Ash Knight (screenwriting/playwriting), Bradley Madsen (acting techniques), various artists from Studio 180 (acting techniques/new





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Ottawa and Montreal Tour March 2019:

Students extended their learning to a national level with Arts Mackenzie's first extended arts tour from March 21st to 24th. During the tour, the students enjoyed workshops from the National Arts Centre, Les Grands Ballets Canadiens, and the National Theatre School. In addition to the workshops, students engaged in diverse Canadian history tours, a variety of performances, and enjoyed a traditional Quebecois maple syrup experience.

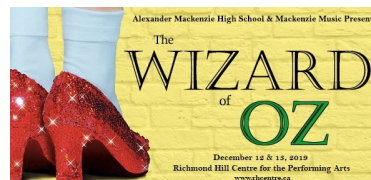
Student Leadership:

The Dance, Drama and Theatre department continues to be proud of our student leaders, students across all grades that demonstrate great commitment to events inside and outside of the department. Special thanks to all members of Drama and Dance Council for their participation in AMHS Presidents' Council, AMac Gives Back, AMHS Carnival, and for designing our department's June 11th celebration evening.

Next Year:

The Dance, Drama and Theatre department is proud to announce their schedule for the 2019-2020 season. Mark your calendars and join our students in a celebration of creativity, critical thinking and collaboration at the following events:

- Arts Mackenzie Information Night, October 16, 2019, 7 p.m. Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts
- Wizard of Oz, Presented by Mackenzie Music and AMHS, December 12 and 13, 2019, 7:30 p.m. Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts
- Dramatic Arts One Act Festival, January 9, 2020, 7 p.m. Studio 121 at AMHS
- Future is Now/Graduate Showcase, January 15, 2020, 7 p.m. Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts
- Expressions! May 5, 2020 Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts
- Dance, Drama and Theatre Awards, June 2, 2020, Cafetorium at AMHS
- Play On! A Celebration of Semester Two Studio Work, June 11, 2020 Studio 121 at AMHS



We Invite You To Stay Connected:

We invite to AMHS community to stay connected with the department by visiting our website (<http://www.artsmackenzie.com>) and following our social media accounts @AMHSPA (Twitter) and @artsmackenzie (Instagram).

Thank you AMHS for an outstanding 2018-2019 year. We look forward to sharing our studio work in 2019-2020.



Music

Department Head: E. Hudspith



Music Department

Music students have had many performance opportunities and field trips this semester. Each musician has contributed to the success of the music program.

Music Festivals

- **Kiwanis (competitive, highest level: Platinum)**
 - * Chamber Orchestra placed second and third at a Platinum Level
 - * Symphonic Band achieved Gold Level
 - * Grade 10 Band placed third at a Platinum Level
 - * Trombone Ensemble placed second
- **Music Alive (non-competitive, highest level: Gold)**
 - * Beginner Orchestra - Gold
 - * Symphonic Orchestra - Gold
 - * Grade 10 Band - Gold
 - * Grade 9 Band - Silver Plus
 - * Chamber Choir - Silver Plus



Concerts

- *Fanfare* (at Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts) and *Spring Celebration* (at Richmond Hill United Church) were huge successes with over 500 people in attendance.
- The *Jazz Concert* (at AMHS), a joint venture with a community jazz band, was very well received.
- The Chamber Choir performed at the *York Region Character Award Gala* to rave reviews.
- *String Theory*, a concert organized by the graduating string students, featured large and small string groups in an intimate setting.
- The annual outdoor *Pops Concert* performed by the Symphonic Band was well attended on one of the few sunny, warm days this spring.

Music Council

120 music students attended the Music Banquet on May 30. The cafeteria was transformed into outdoor space, with black, star-filled walls and a spaceship centerpiece.

Central Area Enrichment Band and York Region Children's Chorus Partnership

These elementary school-aged ensembles rehearse at AMHS on Tuesday nights with AMHS music students and staff as coaches and tutors. Their concert on RHCPA on May 6 was amazing!

Extended Trip

The trip to Halifax and PEI was a success all around. The students had a chance to see many of the landmarks and historic buildings on the east coast. They also participated in the Atlantic Band Festival in workshops, concerts, and adjudicated performances (Gold for band and choir, Silver for strings).



Music

Department Head: E. Hudspith



Music Department *cont...*


Next Year

Please mark the following dates in your calendars:

- Arts Information Night – October 16, 2019
- Showcase – November 25, 2019
- “Wizard of Oz” (next year’s musical)
 - December 12 and 13, 2019
- Extended trip (location TBD)
 - April 29 - May 3, 2020
- Fanfare – May 6, 2020
- Spring Celebration – May 14, 2020
- Strings/Arts Recital – June 4, 2020
- “Pops” Concert – June 8, 2020



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

	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			11:35-12:15 Beginner Orchestra		
196 After School		3:00-5:00 p.m. Chamber 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 three guest artists work with our students. Melanie Siegel inspired our Grade 9 students in creating interesting and unique headdresses made with felt, Judy Sherman worked with our Grade 9 and 10 Arts Mack students in creating still life oil paintings and Joanne Rich brought light to the classroom with her sculpted light workshop in which students made their own paper and created light up sculptures. We thank all of our guest artists for sharing their passions and expertise with our students.

In April, we held our fifth 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 our film classes, we were fortunate to have three of our student films selected as finalists in the Vaughan International Film Festival (VIFF) this May. We would like to congratulate Matthew Brooks, Aaron Kahn, Todd Herbert and Max Shostachenko on their thriller film 'Escape', Josh Kilimnik on his film 'Dream Life' and Josh Kilimnik & Omar Sidani on their documentary film parody 'My Strange Addiction' (which also won first place at the festival!). Their films were screened on a full cinema screen at the Vaughan Cineplex on May 13th. It was quite the year in film!

In early May, our graduating Arts Mack students hosted our seventh annual off-site student-run art show at Richmond Green's Boynton House. 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. The artworks received much praise!

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 goes out to Anna Pustovoit and Alexis Shapiro whose photos won in the top 3!

Out and about... in May, our students visited OCADU's grad exhibit where they learned about the many avenues available in the visual arts at the post-secondary level.



Our Arts and Culture Council had a very busy and exciting year! In April they held our first ever Bob Ross paint party. The event was so well attended we almost needed two rooms, there was lots of laughter, snacks and even an appearance by Fogg Ross! In May, the Council worked very hard in hosting our second Art Banquet. The evening was a huge success with awards, dancing and great food! We look forward to keeping this tradition going!



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We would also like to thank everyone who contributed to our new 'Welcome' installation that will be making its appearance in our school's main foyer in the coming weeks. We couldn't have done it without your amazing photographs!

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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Fogg Ross



Omar & Josh at the VIFF



Anna & Alexis' winning photos at the YRP Photo Club exhibit



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