

JANUARY

January 1-5

Monday January 1	WINTER BREAK
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January 8-12

Monday January 8	
Tuesday January 9	<p>Any grade 9 student wishing to try out for the Junior Badminton Team should attend tomorrow's tryout at 7:30 a.m. in the large gym.</p> <p>Students, ALL library books are due back no later than this coming Monday. Please get them back a.s.a.p. Thank you.</p> <p>Hey Knights! This is a message to all grade 12 students. Yearbook is back with another opportunity to get yourself in! Do you think that you will be most likely to become a millionaire? Win the lottery? Or even go to the Olympics? Come visit our table starting tomorrow at lunch to nominate yourself or a friend for our Most Likely segment. Next week voting will take place!</p> <p>Concert Choir! Concert Choir! A reminder to students that we rehearse this week on Thursday after school in room 112 at 3:45. We are starting new music and new members are welcome!</p> <p>Happy 2018 Milliken! What do you say we "kick off" the new year with a fun game of soccer. Any student or staff interested in playing indoor soccer this Friday (January 12), come down to the large gym at 12noon.</p>

	<p>On October 5th 2016, the House of Commons declared the month of January as Tamil Heritage month. The Parliament recognized the contributions that Tamil-Canadians have made to Canadian society, the richness of the Tamil language and culture, and the importance of educating and reflecting upon Tamil heritage for future generations. Tamil Canadians are Canadians of Tamil ethnic origins mostly from India and Sri Lanka. Toronto and the GTA's Tamil population is thought to constitute the largest Tamil community outside of Asia. Locally, the Ninth Annual Tamil Heritage Month Opening Ceremony was held on Friday January 5th at the Scarborough Civic Centre and was attended by our VP Ms. Imada-Chan. We invite you to celebrate Tamil Heritage Month by participating in an activity near you and/or attending a YRDSB official closing ceremony at MCI on January 27th. The event will start at 5.30 pm and everyone is welcomed to attend.</p> <p>Hey Knights. Students of the Leadership Class would like to thank all the students and staff who donated their eyeglasses. We exceeded our goal. All the glasses have been sent to the Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre and will make a difference in the lives of people with vision challenges.</p> <p>The leadership class would also like to thank everyone who contributed clothing to the Salvation Army Clothing Drive. We surpassed our original goal and all donations were picked up by the Salvation Army to help our community. Thank you for donating!</p> <p>The Leadership Class's Freerice campaign was also very successful! Thanks to everyone's help we exceeded our goal by nearly 4 times the expected amount and collected over 180,000 grains of rice. The Leadership Class would like to say thank you to both staff and students and encourage everyone to keep playing on Freerice.com to work towards ending world hunger.</p>
Wednesday January 10	<p>Hey Knights! This is a message of to all grade 12 students. Yearbook is back with another opportunity to make your mark! Do you think that you will be most likely to become a millionaire? Win the lottery? Or even go to the Olympics? Come visit our table today at lunch to nominate yourself or a friend for our Most Likely segment. Next week voting will take place!</p> <p>Concert Choir! Concert Choir! Concert Choir! We have a shortened rehearsal TOMORROW from 3:45 to 4:45.</p>

	<p>Hey Milliken!</p> <p>If you can't wait for this year's Fifa World Cup in June, you may perhaps get a kick out of playing soccer, in a fun filled game this Friday at 12noon in the large gym. Any interested student or staff are welcome to join. If you wanna play, you will not get kicked out.</p> <p>Concert Choir! Concert Choir! Concert Choir! We have a shortened rehearsal TODAY after school until 4:45! See you there!</p> <p>ALL library books are due back no later than this coming Monday. Please bring them back a.s.a.p. Thank you!</p> <p>Attention all grade 12 students! Are you planning to return to MMHS in September 2018? Wondering if you qualify to come back and if so how to select courses? <i>Well... help is on the way!</i> The Guidance Department will be holding a Course Selection Seminar for Returning Grade 12 Students on <u>Tuesday, January 16 at 11:45 am</u> in the <u>library</u>. Interested students are required to pick up a ticket to attend from Mrs. Morrison in Guidance.</p> <p>Attention Debate Club members. We will be having our weekly meeting today, starting at 11:40. New members are welcome.</p> <p>Attention MMHS Art Club! We will be having an important meeting tomorrow in Room 132 at 12:00. New members are always welcome! See you there</p>
<p>Thursday January 11</p>	<p>Hello Millikenites,</p> <p>Have you been longing to return to those halcyon carefree days of freedom and creativity where play time was the best time of the day? Come join Mr. Williams and crew in the makerspace this coming Monday for a trip down memory lane with a workshop on lego and meccano creative flow. We will get down to some serious business at 11:45 a.m.. Please be prepared to experience happy flashbacks. Stay tuned for more old fashioned fun on Makerspace Mondays coming to a library near you most Mondays in the new year.</p> <p>Any grade 10 student wishing to try out for the Junior Badminton Team should attend tomorrow's tryout at 7:30 a.m. in the large gym.</p> <p>Hey Knights! This is a message to all grade 12 students. Yearbook is back with another opportunity to make your mark! Do you think that</p>

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Friday January 12	If anyone has found an SD Camera card that was lost in the large Gym on Wednesday, could you please return it to Mr. Bayard or Mr. Coates in the History Office, or drop it off at the main office.

January 15-19

Monday January 15	ALL Library books need to come back today, please and thank you.
Tuesday	This is a reminder to all grade 12 students that the Guidance

January 16

Department will be holding a **Course Selection Seminar** for **Returning Grade 12 Students TODAY at 11:45 am** in the **library**. Interested students are required to pick up a ticket to attend from Mrs. Morrison in Guidance.

No! Not you?! You don't really still have a Library book you haven't returned yet, do you? Avoid being hunted down: Please bring it back IMMEDIATELY - for sure, by lunch TODAY. Thank you. These belong to everyone.

Hey Knights! This is a message to all grade 12 students. Don't forget to visit our table in the atrium at lunch time to cast your votes for our Most Likely segment!

Are you getting stressed out with culminating assignments and studying for exams? Do something healthy and enjoy a cup of tea in the Atrium tomorrow at lunch, join an art class on Thursday with Ms. Casullo in Room 132, and spend some time with our guest dog therapy dog, "Bentley" on Friday in the Atrium. Remember to take care of yourself during busy times! Relax and enjoy these awesome de-stress activities with Healthy Schools.

The Toronto Maple Leafs return to action tonight in the NHL. Also returning by popular demand is lunch hockey at Milliken. Any student or staff interested in playing a fun game of floor hockey, come by the small gym on Friday January 19 @ 12noon.

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Best Buddies, Best Buddies, Best Buddies! We will be meeting tomorrow in room 238 at 12pm to take our yearbook photo, play games, and chillax. It'll be a time of fun!

Congratulations to the Junior Girls Volleyball team on their awesome wins yesterday against Markham and Bayview! Milliken dominated on offense and defense. Go Knights!!

	<p>Come and experience a bicycle trip through eastern Europe - this coming Friday at 12pm in the back of the Library. All are welcome.</p> <p>Are you a Mandarin and/or Cantonese speaker? Looking for volunteer hours? We are in need of several volunteers willing to translate for our families at our next School Council meeting this coming Monday, January 22nd from 7-8:30pm. If you can assist, please sign up with Ms. Lee in the main office. Dinner will be provided. Please see Ms. Imada Chan with any questions.</p> <p>Are you interested in pursuing a career in the Healthcare profession? Then come down to the main atrium, today at lunch, and visit Ms. Cas' grade 12 Health Science class, as they discuss the many unsung careers in healthcare. There will be prizes for participating students.</p> <p>From the Music Department: Junior Band rehearses today at 3:50 pm.</p> <p>The month of January has been federally proclaimed as Tamil Heritage Month. January was chosen as the ideal month to celebrate Tamil heritage as the Harvest Festival, Thai Pongal, falls during this time. Thai Pongal is celebrated over a period of three days and is a celebration of giving thanks for the farmers, lands and the sun who provide nourishment. This year Thai Pongal fell on Sunday January the 14th and continues to run until Tuesday January 16th. For Tamils all around the world, Thai Pongal is a time where families and friends come together, celebrate and give thanks . Sweet rice and milk are offered to all on this special day. On behalf of Milliken we would like to Wish those who celebrate, a Happy Thai Pongal. Pongal Nel Valthukal.</p>
<p>Wednesday January 17</p>	<p>Hey Knights! This is a message to all grade 12 students. Don't forget to visit our table in the atrium at lunch time to cast your votes for our Most Likely segment!</p> <p>Best Buddies, Best Buddies, Best Buddies! We will be meeting today in room 238 at 12pm to take our yearbook photo, play games, and chillax. It'll be a time of fun!</p>

	<p>Exams are just over a week away, and everyone must be setting their goals. Wouldn't it be nice to score some goals as well? Come by the small gym this Friday at 12noon for a game of floor hockey. Students and staff are all welcomed.</p> <p>Hey are you in need of some relaxing down time? Did you know that Chamomile tea has many health benefits including fighting stress and anxiety. Join Healthy Schools for a cup of tea and honey in the atrium today at lunch.</p> <p>Bike through Slovenia and Slovakia from the comfort of your chair: Slide show featured this coming Friday in the back of the Library.</p> <p>Are you a Mandarin and/or Cantonese speaker? Looking for volunteer hours? We are in need of several volunteers willing to translate for our families at our next School Council meeting this coming Monday, January 22nd from 7-8:30pm. If you can assist, please sign up with Ms. Lee in the main office. Dinner will be provided. Please see Ms. Imada Chan with any questions.</p> <p>***Tamil Heritage month is a time for all Canadians to learn about and reflect on the background and struggles that Tamilians have overcome in the past.Tamilians are people who have origins from Southern India and Sri Lanka.Today they are the largest cultural group outside their place of origin. They began migrating to Ontario, as early as the 1940's, risking their lives in order to have the chance to experience freedom. Today there are about 250,000 Tamilians in all of Canada. Many of whom have made great contributions to the Canadian society in the fields of Science, Arts and Politics. Rathika Sitsabasesan is a notable politician in that she was the first standing female, Tamil, member of parliament, elected from 2011.</p> <p>4 MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS BEFORE THIS DATE GETS FULL</p>
Thursday January 18	<p>Hey Knights! This is a message to all grade 12 students. Don't forget to visit our table in the atrium at lunch time to cast your votes for our Most Likely segmented!</p> <p>The University of Waterloo - Canadian Computing Competition is approaching; taking place on Wednesday February 14, 2018.</p>

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Concert Choir! Concert Choir! Concert Choir! Vocal tests are happening **TODAY**. Please check your gmail and our google classroom to see your scheduled time. Again, all vocal repertoire students are reminded to check their gmail or contact Ms. Batson ASAP!

Hey Knights!

Tomorrow at noon, we've got some third period hockey for you. Any student or staff interested, come down to the small gym and take your best shot. You'll miss 100% of the ones you don't take - Wayne Gretzky.

Did you know that doing something creative can reduce stress? Join Healthy Schools today at lunch in the art room 132 for an interactive art class with Ms. Casullo. You will walk away with an artistic masterpiece!

Don't miss Ms. Coleman's exciting slides of her bike trip through Slovenia and Slovakia last summer: Come to the Library backroom tomorrow at 12 noon. Refreshments!

Best Buddies, Best Buddies, Best Buddies!!! Sorry for the change in date, but we will be having our yearbook photo today at 12pm in front of room 245. Please be prompt.

Are you a Mandarin and/or Cantonese speaker? Looking for volunteer hours? We are in need of several volunteers willing to translate for our families at our next School Council meeting this coming Monday, January 22nd from 7-8:30pm. If you can assist, please sign up with Ms. Lee in the main office. Dinner will be provided. Please see Ms. Imada Chan with any questions.

****music before the announcements:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jK0T2Qo0zik>

Today you heard some fusion music by an upcoming Tamil-Canadian Artist, Sumangala Narendran. She goes by the name of Lady Pista. Lady Pista started off pursuing music at the

	<p>age of 16, as a DJ. She began producing and singing her own music. Working in the entertainment industry as a female, tamilian was not only a challenge at in a reserved Tamil family, but equally in the music industry, where women are still claiming their presence. Music helped her to find her identity, culture and passion. Her vision to inspire young girls to not limit themselves with cultural and societal conditions is most notable. As played earlier, her music fuses two of her loves, the cultures of hip-hop and eastern music.</p>
<p>Friday January 19</p>	<p>Join Healthy Schools today at lunch in the atrium to spend some time with “Bentley” the friendly dog therapy dog.</p> <p>Ms. Coleman’s lunch time cycling trip presentation in the Library has been postponed from today until Fri., Feb. 9. Apologies for any inconvenience.</p>

January 22-26

<p>Monday January 22</p>	
<p>Tuesday January 23</p>	<p>The University of Waterloo - Canadian Computing Competition is approaching; taking place on Wednesday February 14, 2018. Search online for “CCC UW” for more details or speak with Mr. Smith in the Computer Science Department for more details. Students must register for this Competition with Mr. Smith before the end of Semester 1. DO NOT DELAY, An \$8 registration fee is required. See Mr. Smith this week!</p> <p>Whether you've already accepted an offer, or you're still exploring your university options, Trent University invites you to attend their ToursPlus events on Friday, February 2 and Saturday, February 3 in Peterborough and on Friday, February 16 in Durham GTA. You can take a tour, attend a mini lecture, and meet with students, profs, admissions staff, and more. By attending you'll also be entered to WIN YOUR FIRST-YEAR TUITION...FREE! Register now at trentu.ca/tours.</p> <p>Curious about Art? Drop by Atrium today during Lunch to meet our student Art Ambassadors, see photographic portfolios, sample projects, and the location of our upcoming downtown photo show. Get creatively inspired and find out more about Photography, Design & Visual Arts studies at MMHS.</p>

	<p>Hey Knights, The University of Waterloo's math contests are soon approaching for students who are interested in math and would like to challenge themselves beyond tests and exams. If you are interested in writing grade 9-Pascal, grade 10-Cayley, or grade 11-Fermat contest, please register through SchoolCashOnline by paying only \$5 before February 9th. The contests will be written on February 27th. If you have any questions, speak to your math teacher or visit math department.</p> <p>Attention all graduating Grade 12s! If you have not already submitted your grad message through your gapps email account, please do so as soon as possible for the yearbook! Last chance!!</p> <p>Tamil Culture is known for its spicy, flavorful foods. Common qualities of Tamil Foods include fresh spices, herbs, and earthy flavours. They are known for their big breakfasts that consists of idly/steamed rice cakes, dosai, sambar, string hoppers and many more that take a great amount of preparation. It is common for Sri Lankan families to prepare dishes together and also eat with one another. No matter how busy your schedule is, it is common for families to take time out of their day to eat together with their family members from grandparents to children. Tamil culture highly values the quality of hospitality, where treating your guests well brings happiness to both guests and the family itself. This idea is expressed in Tamil literature through time. Another important cultural practise is eating their food with hands. This signifies equality amongst the rich and the poor whilst also providing a better taste experience. There is also the common tradition of eating on the floor using a fresh banana leaf as the plate. A banana leaf is rich in iron and antioxidants . This not only helps people stay healthy but also helps the environment by becoming compost. Many of these traditions are practiced today not only in srilanka and India but all over the globe by Tamil families.</p>
Wednesday January 24	<p><i>Whether you've already accepted an offer, or you're still exploring your university options, Trent University invites you to attend their ToursPlus events on Friday, February 2 and Saturday, February 3 in Peterborough and on Friday, February 16 in Durham GTA. You can take a tour, attend a mini lecture, and meet with students, pros, admissions staff, and more. By attending you'll also be</i></p>

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Thursday January 25	EXAMS
Friday January 26	EXAMS

January 29-31

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Tuesday January 30	EXAMS
Wednesday January 31	EXAMS