

Congratulations to Poy Lo and Claudia Tai for both advancing to the York Region Finals for badminton. If they place in the top 2 they can advance to the OFSAA badminton championships held in Markham in May. Good luck !

It has been a busy start to the year for the Behind the Scenes (BTS) club as we held a photo booth for Valentine's Day and prepare for some up coming events. The BTS club and some Communications Technology students went on a field trip to the CBC studios on John Street. We toured the stages, and watched the control room as the news was being broadcasted live to air. Later we watched the taping of the George Stroumboulopoulos Show in which Patrick Chan was a guest. New members are always welcome to participate in the club which meets Tuesday after school.



This is an exciting time of year for many Visual Arts students have begun to receive admissions offers from creative programmes at college and university. Congratulations to Bonnie, Bowie, Candy, Helen, Kailie, Steven and others on their recent offers. Several students are in the interesting position of deciding between multiple creative offers. Part of our programme, here at MMHS, is insuring that students build skills and create projects suited to creative programme admissions and related ventures.

We also recommend that students enter creative contests to challenge their skills and potentially build their resume and professional portfolio. Recently, Candy and Bonnie won the senior division of the *Aim to Sustain* contest, launched by the City of Markham's Sustainability Office and were presented with their awards by the Mayor of Markham on April 11th. Candy is also a winner in the Ontario Bar Association's, Expressly Law Contest for creating an original artwork based on the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. She will be receiving her award at a celebration later this week. Winning art will be on display at Markham Town Hall and the Law Society. Many of our photography students have also just received work back from the *Collect art* show at gallery 44, a well-established premier photo gallery in downtown Toronto. Conway's work was selected from hundreds of entries to be on of eighteen photos featured in the galleries on-line version of the show. You can see his work at gallery44.org in the Education-Camerainlinks menu. Insiya has been invited by the gallery to photograph a local art festival for the site as well. Photograph student and Gallery 44 regular, Armando is currently exploring a full day Co-op placement with Rogers video team. Several photo students have also entered the Ontario Provincial Photography Contest and are awaiting the results. Remember, the Design Exchange contest is open until May 1st and there is still time to enter. All our show and contest participants have great additions for the professional resumes and proof that their art skills can serve and compete in community.

Milliken's Science club is proud to congratulate this year's bridge building contest winners:
Thalaxian Puvanendran & Edward Siow.



Principal: Catherine McGinley
Vice-Principals: Kandeepan Ganeshalingam, Patricia Obadia
Superintendent: Rashmi Swarup
Trustee: Juanita Nathan

Happy Spring – finally! It is almost the end of April and staff and students of Milliken Mills are all set for an exciting finish to the year. As the weather warms up, the pace at MMHS speeds up as well with concert preparations, banquets, assemblies & ceremonies (including our Graduation on June 25th), field sports, student council elections, talent show, a carnival, and most importantly, culminating activities in courses.

For the remainder of this year and into the summer months, a construction project will be underway to replace all exterior doors of the school. Work is scheduled to begin soon, weather permitting, and will hopefully be completed by August. We anticipate minimal disruption to classes (e.g., room re-assignments due to construction noise and/or equipment) while this work is underway, and students will be advised of alternate fire routes/exits in the event of an emergency and to facilitate the orderly practice of our annual fire drills in the spring. We are looking forward to the replacement of our present doors with more energy efficient ones.

Amidst all of the fun and pressures of school life, some students can feel overwhelmed and stressed out. As you may be aware, May 5th – 11th, 2014 is Mental Health Week; we urge parents to check in with their children to acknowledge and talk about any signs of stress they may be observing. In teens, signs of stress such as sleep disruption, outbursts, mild depression, nervousness and so on, are described on numerous on-line websites, along with strategies for coping with stress and are worth reviewing by all. Parents and students are reminded to access the many supports available at Milliken for students experiencing stress or any other personal or academic concerns. Our students (and their families) have access to YRDSB Social Workers and Psychologists, Child Youth Workers, Student and Community Teacher Liaisons, School Resource Officers, Guidance Counselors, Student Success Teachers, and more. Through referral processes, Milliken students also benefit from the support of numerous agencies including Family Services York Region and Settlement and Education Partnership York Region. Whatever the concern, early and supportive intervention by home and school working together will help. Please contact our Guidance Department or Administration Team to let us know how we can assist your child.

Parents and guardians, as you support your increasingly busy Milliken student, please be reminded that there is important and useful information worth looking at in your child's MMHS Student Information Package 2013-2014. For instance, if you are planning to book a family vacation in late June, checking the school calendar (MMHS Student Agenda Supplement 2013-2014 - calendar pages) would help you and your child know to avoid booking any tickets before June 26th. Further, the section subtitled "Final Evaluations/Examinations" (page 40, YRDSB 2013-2014 Guide to the School Year for Students and Parents) reminds students that "All secondary students must participate in the final summative assessment(s)." As a result, students cannot leave early for vacations, employment, or other activities such as summer camps during the examination schedule as "a zero may be assigned for the missed portion(s) of the final evaluation assessment and used in the determination of the final percentage mark on the report card."

Once the really warm weather is here, MMHS staff will need the help of parents, guardians, and tactful students to remind all students to dress in accordance to our Dress Code Policy (page 22 of the MMHS Student Information Package 2013-2014). Students, please remember that “shorts and skirts will be mid-thigh in length” or longer, and that pants must be worn in a way that covers undergarments. As always, hats are best stored in a locker. Students who dress in a revealing manner will be required to change their outfit.

As always, we depend on Milliken Mills families for assistance reinforcing and shaping school policies. Our next School Council meeting will take place at 6:30 pm on June 16th in our school's library. All are welcome.

Happy Spring,

C. McGinley

May 2014

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| 1 | Full Disclosure |
| | Read-A-Thon |
| 9 | YOSA End of Year Event |
| 19 | Victoria Day (no classes) |
| 22 | Spring Concert |
| 23 | Carnival Day |
| 29 | Prom |

June 2014

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| 3 | Community Involvement forms due |
| 5 | Music Banquet |
| 6 | SAC Talent Show |
| 9-10 | EQAO Math (Gr. 9) |
| 11 | Library Resources Due |
| | Athletic Banquet |
| 16 | Locker Clean Out |
| 18-24 | Exams |
| 25 | Exam Review Day |
| | Graduation |
| 26 | PA Day (no classes) |
| 27 | PA Day (no classes) |

Between May 20th and June 2nd, we will be inviting parents/guardians to participate in a School Climate Survey. The survey provides the Board and our school with valuable information about how you feel about the school environment and your child's education. The results will be used to identify areas that need to be addressed, monitor progress and plan strategies to support student achievement and well-being. We value parent input and encourage you to complete the survey. The information parents provide will be anonymous, considered confidential and kept in strict accordance with all relevant legislation. Information about how to access the survey will be sent home with students later in May. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

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Family Studies & Social Sciences

Students in our *Grade 11, Living and Working with Children* class had the opportunity to illustrate their learning about child development. They were tasked with creating a “child-friendly” snack for a 2-6 year old. Students had the challenge of creatively applying their knowledge of the Canada Food Guide’s nutritional requirements for children. We were impressed by the originality and skill our students showcased in their culinary creations.



Empowered Student Partnerships at MMHS

Empowering Student Partnerships, E.S.P., is an organization formed from collaboration involving the York Catholic District School Board, York Region District School Board, and the York Regional Police. Students, teachers, officers, and volunteers work together to create a safer community.

At Milliken Mills High School, the MMHS E.S.P. club contributes to a number of events throughout the year. In December, we organized a Holiday Clothing & Toiletry Drive for the Yellow Brick House. The Yellow Brick House is an organization that helps women and children who are victims of domestic violence. Thank you to those who participated! The event was a great success.

Occasionally, E.S.P. also sets up informational booths in the atrium. Our displays inform teachers and students of some school safety concerns and issues teens may face. Students set up a booth dedicated to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.) to raise awareness regarding the impact of drinking and driving and to collect donations for the organization.

Safety tip of the month: Summer is coming around and a bike is a common mode of transportation used by students. Unfortunately a bike thief is common too. Simple ways to keep your bike safe at school is to get a lock, and lock your bike in an area that won’t damage your bike, such as the bike rack. Don’t keep your bike in secluded areas where it can be easily taken by others.

Written by: Wei Yang and Vanessa Lau

5km Walk/Run for Haiti

Milliken Mills High School Environmental Club (Green Inc.) members seek to improve the lives of Haitians still recovering from the devastating effects of a 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck the island nation on January 10, 2010. Recent news coverage in the Toronto Star has once again reminded us that there are many people who are still struggling to survive post disaster and that help from privileged nations like ours is very much necessary if Haitians are to re-stabilize their country and economy. Green Inc. and EcoSchools in partnership with interested clubs including Healthy Schools, Milliken Athletic Council, PC4L, World Vision, Free The Children and SAC have planned a Milliken Mills High School 5 kilometer run/walk to raise funds, awareness and shoes for Haiti.

History

The Grade 11 and 12 Law classes visited the Ontario Superior Court on April 8th. Students visited a number of different court-rooms to see the law in action. They were able to witness criminal law cases at various stages, bringing the information they learned in class to life. Students also noted that this visit helped them to differentiate TV scenes from the reality of court.

Guidance News

Full Disclosure Deadline

According to the Full Disclosure Policy, the last day for a student to drop a semester two Grade 11 or 12 course so that it does not appear on their transcript is **Thursday, May 1, 2014**. All Grade 11 and 12 courses dropped after this date will appear on the student’s transcript with the mark that they achieved at the time the course was dropped. If a Grade 12 student wishes to drop a semester two course, he/she should book an appointment with a guidance counsellor as soon as possible to ensure that the course is dropped before this deadline. Students should have 27 credits in order to have a spare and must maintain three courses on their schedule.

Release of Grades to University/College

There will be a release of grades and other identifying information (name, date of birth, home address, telephone number, OEN, student number) for all eligible students in Grade 12 on the dates listed below using secure transmission technology to the Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) and the Ontario College Application Service (OCAS). These data transmissions will be done in support of all upcoming post-secondary applications to college and university. If you would like more information about the upcoming release of grades, please feel free to contact your child’s guidance counsellor.

| ONTARIO UNIVERSITY APPLICATION CENTRE (OUAC) | |
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| Dates of Transmissions | Information Being Sent |
| April 24, 2014 | Mid-term semester two marks |
| July 8, 2014 | Final semester two marks and proof of graduation |
| August 29, 2014 | Final marks from summer school |

| ONTARIO COLLEGE APPLICATION SERVICE (OCAS) | |
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| Dates of Transmissions | Information Being Sent |
| April 25, 2014 | Mid-term semester two marks |
| July 4, 2014 | Final semester two marks and proof of graduation |
| August 22, 2014 | Final marks from summer school |

Grade 12 students who have applied to college and/or university are reminded to check their marks online on the OCAS and OUAC websites. Students should check their marks for accuracy and report any errors to their guidance counsellor ASAP.

Marks for Continuing Education Courses

Graduating students who have successfully completed an Independent Learning course (ILC), or a night school course taken with a Board of Education other than the YRDSB, must submit an original copy of their final report card to Mrs. Morrison in the Guidance Office. Students who have completed a course through private school are responsible for ensuring that a final report card is mailed directly from the institution to the Milliken Mills High School Guidance Department. It is imperative that this documentation be received by **June 13, 2014** so that final grade(s) for completed course(s) can be entered onto students’ transcripts in time for graduation.

Community Involvement Activities

Students are reminded that their volunteer activities must be approved by the Guidance Department before they begin volunteering. Approved volunteer activities are covered by the Board’s insurance plan for liability losses *only* if the Notification and Completion of Community Involvement Activities Form is properly completed and submitted to Guidance. This form can be downloaded at www.yrdsb.ca or picked up from the Guidance Office. Grade 12 potential graduates are reminded that completing 40 hours of community involvement activities is a diploma requirement that must be met in order to graduate. Students who need assistance in finding eligible community involvement opportunities should check the bulletin board in the Atrium for new postings and/or speak with their guidance counsellor. The deadline to submit completed community involvement hours to the Guidance Office is **Tuesday, June 3, 2014**.

Graduation Ceremony

Graduation is a special time of celebration for our students and their families. Next month, all potential graduates will receive a letter of invitation to our 2014 graduation ceremony and reception, which will be held on **Wednesday, June 25, 2014** at the Markham Events Centre (MEC), located at 95 Duffield Drive, Markham. All students who have met the OSSD requirements (completion of 18 compulsory and 12 elective credits, and 40 hours of community involvement activities) by the end of June 2014 will be welcome to attend. Each graduate may invite a maximum of two guests to the ceremony. Graduates will pick up their two guest tickets when they confirm their attendance in early June.

The graduation ceremony will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Graduates are asked to arrive at the Markham Events Centre by 6:00 p.m. to pick up their caps and gowns, and receive important instructions for the evening. Students who have not yet paid for their cap/gown (\$45), should speak to Mrs. Navaneethan in the Main Office ASAP. Payment for caps/gowns cannot be accepted at the graduation ceremony. All graduates must wear a cap and gown to participate in the graduation ceremony. Again this year, graduates are welcome to keep their caps and gowns as a souvenir of the event.

SAC

Milliken Olympics

Preeti Minhas

Student Activity Council (SAC) hosted the Milliken Winter Olympics from February 10th-21st corresponding with the Olympics that occurred in Sochi. Many teams comprised of staff and students participated in curling, Wii sports, and many other indoor activities. It was a lot of fun and brought out everyone’s inner athlete. Along with the sports, many classes throughout the school participated in the door decorating contest, where the classes chose a country to represent. This event was a great opportunity to increase school spirit, our country’s nationality and have fun at the same time. Also, a special thank you to Tremaine Harris, a Canadian Olympian who came to Milliken on Friday, February 21st to support our Olympics.



Community Based Education

Jason Wong, working as an all day OYAP student, is learning how to wire a house from the ground up. Jason has already been offered summer employment with **Evans Electrical**. Congratulations Jason!



Candy Zhong, working as a graphic designer at IBM, is consulting with her supervisor **Paul Keeling** on her latest creations. She is building a fantastic portfolio while learning from professionals in her field of interest!



Debbie Li and **Rachel Vong**, working a promotional event for **Timex Group Canada**, take selfies with Gold Olympic Medalist, **Jayna Hefford**.



Once again a new year has begun and our Co-Op students are out earning credits in a variety of work placements. New placements for this semester are: Air Partners Inc., Goodlife Fitness, John Street Animal Hospital, Varley Art Gallery, Dog Village, Scarborough Vascular Ultrasound, and Ontario Streams. Many of our long-term partners in the community continue to support the program. We thank all of them for their participation!! If your organization would like to assist us in helping students get valuable on the job experience please contact Miss Robin Mitchell or Ms. Marie Ramos at 905-477-0072 ext. 123.