



Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School

# La **PIROUETTE**



**DECA**—This year, the DECA@Trudeau chapter has set a new school record in having 21 students who placed in the top 7 and have qualified to represent DECA Ontario at the ICDC in Anaheim, California (continued page 3).

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This edition of *La Pirouette* is proudly presented to you by editors Sandra Fusco, English teacher, and Cristina Barbu, English teacher.

“The new frontier lies not beyond the planets but within each one of us.” - Pierre Elliott Trudeau

## LOVE IS ... TRUDEAU

**Love-Week** took place from February 13 to February 17, 2017. Love-Week was the first of its kind. It was essentially a spirit week that raised awareness about different issues and stereotypes in society.

Each day represented a cause and Student Council also sold wrist bands, with the proceeds going to different charities related to the causes.

Monday was Love is Louder, which focused on bullying awareness and self-love. Tuesday was Love is Love, which focused on the awareness of LGBTQ individuals. Wednesday was Love is Colourless, which focused on the awareness of stopping racism. Thursday was Love is Equality, which



focused on the awareness of gender equality. Friday was Love is Capable, which focused on the awareness of abelism.

As well, we had a guest speaker, Wali Shaw, come in at a school-wide assembly, where he talked about bullying. Overall, there was a tremendously positive response from the students and staff and the atmosphere of the school was filled with even more acceptance and love.

# From the Administration's Desk

*We hope that you enjoy the Spring 2017 edition of "La Pirouette," which gives our students and staff an opportunity to share with you what we, at Trudeau, are proud of.*

As you browse through the pages of this publication, you are certain to find accomplishments and achievements that are the result of hours of practice, precision and reflection of the learning of both our students and staff. As a school, we feel a great sense of pride when our achievements are honoured beyond the school walls to the community and often to the world through the power of social media.

While it is difficult to share all our accolades, we would like to mention just a few to highlight the depth and breadth of what our students can achieve. We are proud of our strong athletics programs at Trudeau. This past season for example, our Boys Basketball and Girls Volleyball teams had strong finishes in post season play, and one member of our basketball team was named a YRAA all-star. Our swim team competed in the provincial championship in Windsor and brought home several medals. Trudeau's DECA team performed so well at the provincial competition that 21 students will travel to Florida in April to compete against students from across North America. We are amazed that more than 200 students wrote senior math competitions earlier this month. While we still await the results, we are so impressed with their perseverance. Our senior drama production entitled "Departures" has been selected to perform at the regional Sears competition in Mississauga and at a YRDSB equity symposium for students and staff. Our Student Council co-sponsored #LoveWeek2017 with a variety of student organizations to help us recognize and celebrate our differences. These events only capture a speck of all that is Pierre Elliott Trudeau High

School and only highlights achievements beyond the classroom walls. A peak inside any class demonstrates how students and staff work together to examine content and build skills that are both relevant and meaningful and allow students to pursue areas of interest and new ideas. These ideas are brought to life because students use their voices to share their ideas and interests and are supported by caring adults (both at home and at school) to take risks and try new things. We are both grateful and thankful to our school community for the commitment you all show each and every day.

This year, students, parents and staff will have an opportunity to share insights and feedback in the 2017 School Climate Survey. While more information will be available in the weekly bulletins about the particulars of the survey, it is important that we all take some time to complete the questionnaire so that we can continue to acknowledge our school successes and focus on our areas of need. Please follow us on twitter @trudeauhs or go to <http://goo.gl/KZsZ0w> to keep up to date with all our news and announcements. In addition, please do not hesitate to e-mail any one of us if you have questions or feedback.

*Thank you all for the role you play in helping to make our school a great place to learn and work.*

Ms. Debbie Linkewich, Principal  
Ms. Charlene Civello, Vice-Principal  
Mr. Paull Simmons, Vice-Principal  
Mr. Ron Zoratto, Vice-Principal

**In celebration of Happiness Day on Monday March 20th, think about this:**

**Most people believe the following ...**

GREAT → BIG → BE  
WORK → SUCCESS → HAPPY

BE → GREAT → BIG  
HAPPY → WORK → SUCCESS

(Food for thought from happiness guru and author Neil Pasricha)

**But what if you flipped it? How would that affect your happiness?**

# New and Newsworthy!

## Another Record Year for DECA@Trudeau!

Amul Gandhi, Chapter Advisor



The students at Trudeau rose to the challenge of making this year's chapter even more successful than last year. With 135 students qualifying for the 2016-2017 DECA@Trudeau chapter, they showed their prowess at this year's regional competition. Many of the students were awarded for their testing skills and/or their role-playing abilities.

Of the 135 students, we had 100 students qualify for the DECA Provincial Competition, this past February. The weekend truly showcased the determination and commitment our Trudeau students have in a competitive setting.

This year, the DECA@Trudeau chapter has set a new school record in having 21 students who placed in the top 7 and have qualified to represent DECA Ontario at the International Career Development Conference in Anaheim, California.

A special congratulations goes to: Felix Chan, Ronald Cheung, Jackie Chiu, Stephen Choi, Richard Dong, David Du, Rui Gao, Grace Gong, Pamela Ho, Ainoon Khan, Ellie Li, Jason Liu, Abilash Sathyakumar, Sherry Sun, Catherine Tang, Jacky Wu, Jason Xian, Adrian Yip, Jenny Zhang, Yikai Zhou and Michelle Zou.

The success of this team would not have occurred without the commitment and help of the DECA@Trudeau Executive Team who tirelessly took time to train our chapter members on a one-on-one basis.

Lastly, a big thank-you to Ms. Diep, Mr. Lee, Ms. McKague, Ms. MacDonald, Mr. Rahman and Mr. Rajah who provided their support in helping to supervise and judge at the regional and provincial competitions.

## Grade 10 Civics Leadership Straw Challenge

Ms. Chong's Grade 10 Civics class did a straw tower challenge comparing different leadership styles. The class had tremendous fun.



## Model UN

A small group of students attended the Sinclair High School Model United Nations Assembly on February 23, 2017, competing in General Assembly and on Committees. One of our students came back with an Honorable Mention for his contributions.



Congratulations to everyone involved!

**For up-to-date Trudeau event information, please visit our website:**

[http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/trudeau.hs/](http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/trudeau.hs/Pages/default.aspx)

[Pages/default.aspx](http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/trudeau.hs/Pages/default.aspx)

# New and Newsworthy!

## AIMH Coffee House

On Thursday, March 2, 2017, the Awareness in Mental Health (AIMH) Club hosted a coffee-house talent showcase drawing from the incredible pool of talented students at Trudeau. Students graciously performed a variety of acts ranging from piano solos, free styling, vocals and instrumentals, all in order to bring mental health awareness to Trudeau.



Many students were in attendance as a special guest speaker from YouthSpeak came to share his personal story on positive mental health and to provide positive responses to difficult situations being faced. The event was also a fundraiser, with donations from students, staff and community businesses going to the Canadian Mental Health Association.

The AIMH Club plans to bring continued awareness to positive mental health throughout the school year and to foster a community of students open to discussing and supporting positive mental health at Trudeau.

## HOSA

We had over 100 students participate in the HOSA Canada event in Toronto on March 1 and 2.



This is a health occupational skills event. Students self-study to compete in test and performance events such as medical terminology knowledge test or clinical nursing performance scenarios.

Proudly, Trudeau had a 1st place winner in dental terminology and 3rd place winners in the HOSA Bowl. Many students achieved 100% on their testing results as well.

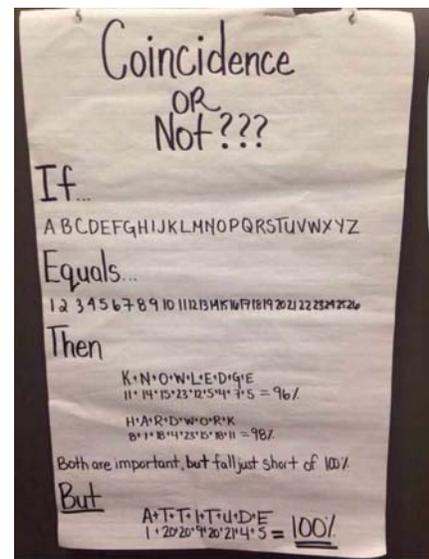
## Plenty

Plenty, Trudeau's Breakfast Program, serves a quick morning snack to 150-200 students everyday, helping build an inclusive and supportive school environment for our students. With every healthy breakfast, lunch and snack served, students are better able to meet the academic challenges presented each day – providing the best chance at success in life.

It also serves another purpose: a Work Experience Program for students in Room 104. Students from Room 104 have learned a lot about food preparation and appreciate the opportunity to do this in school work experience. Students have gained many new life skills, have the opportunity to meet and interact with other students and enjoy an increased sense of responsibility and belonging in the community.

Last year, on the morning of the Literacy Test, staff, students and parent volunteers helped cook and serve over 300 students a warm healthy breakfast and a smile before having to complete the Literacy Test. We found the morning such a success that we are going to do it again this year. So, breakfast will be served on Thursday, March 30, 2017, from 7:45 to 8:30 am. Come by to chat and eat before the test!

We would also like to extend our thanks to Raymerville Deli, Babu Catering and Tim Horton's at Major Mac and Kennedy for their continued generosity.



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# SAC News

## Student Activities Council

Saad Masood, Communications Chair (Grade 11)

**The Student Activities Council (T-SAC)** has successfully organized and implemented a variety of events throughout the year. Student Council is proud to be able to put on so many events that enrich the experience for all the students in this school. In general, these Student Council events have a very positive response and help students better enjoy their time in high-school. The following are the details of the major events they have organized.



**The Halloween Haunted House** was held on Monday, October 31, 2016. The haunted house is an annual tradition hosted by Student Council. With hours of preparation, Student Council turned the drama room, into a scary haunted house. Throughout the day, students were welcome to go through the haunted house and test their courage. Student Council members dressed up as Halloween characters to try to scare the students and make the experience more fun. Overall, there was a very positive response from the students and it made their Halloween experience more exciting.



**Illuminate Dance** was held on Thursday, November 24, 2016. This school dance was the first dance of the year and it was held in the school's cafeteria. It featured black-lights, which is why the students were encouraged to wear reflective, white clothing, to enhance the experience. The DJ there was DJ Max. The dance

started at 6:30 p.m. and ended at 10:30 p.m. With more than 400 students attending, it was a night full of lights and fun.

**Holiday Spirit-Week** was held from December 19 to December 23, 2016. Each day consisted of something special that students can do and wear to show their spirit. Monday was Pajama Day, where students came to school in their pyjamas. Tuesday was Twin Day, where students got to choose one or more people with whom to dress alike. Wednesday was Summer in December Day where students wore summer clothes. Thursday was Pull Off A Holiday Movie Day, where students got to dress up like the characters in their favourite holiday movies. Friday was Ugly Sweater or Holiday Wear Day, where students had an option to wear "ugly" holiday sweaters, or wear holiday related clothing. Overall, the response was very positive and the school atmosphere became filled with joy and excitement as students showed off their spirit in a variety of ways.



**Semi-Formal** was held on Thursday, March 9, 2017. This is an annual event. This year it was held at the Markham Convention Centre. With over 700 tickets sold, the event was a huge success. The theme was Harry Potter and the dance was called the "Yule Ball". At semi-formal, the students ate a buffet-style dinner, danced to music, took photos at the photo-booth, and had access to a candy bar. The DJ was DJ Evolution. Students had an amazing time.

**Overall**, Student Council is really proud to have put on these events and have really successful turnouts and participation. They are very excited for the upcoming events, as well as the Student Council elections.

# Department News

## Business

Emily Marotta-Kulcsar, B.A.A., B.Ed., M.Ed.  
Business Studies Department Head

*Trudeau Business is off to another busy and exciting Semester II start! We said goodbye to Mr. Nguyen, who joined us to teach BTT 101 in Semester I.*

Our school participated for the first time last year in the University of Waterloo's Financial Literacy Contest. It is my pleasure to announce that **Alexis Wei** placed second in the entire province! She won a large trophy and a scholarship to the University of Waterloo's Financial Accounting Program. Congratulations, once more!

In early February, our department also welcomed the Chartered Professional Accountants Association (CPA of Ontario) who presented information about their institute and program of study. All Grade 11 Accounting classes took part in this informative and lively set of presentations. We look forward to future partnerships with CPA.

In May, all of our Grade 10 Introduction to Business students will be welcoming, from the Royal Bank of Canada, representatives who will present "It All Adds Up!" This is a three-day workshop which runs through Junior Achievement of Ontario (JA), and it deals with financial literacy. It is the first time that JA will run this workshop at our school, and we are looking forward to future partnerships with JA in the future.

Our department will, once again, host many provincially-run contests that are sponsored by The Ontario Business Educators' Asso-

ciation or O.B.E.A. These are annual events that are held on the same day throughout Ontario. As always, we are anticipating great expectations from Trudeau Business students!

Also coming up in the spring, our department will take students to the Eaton's Centre in downtown Toronto. Thanks, once again, to all the teachers who helped supervise, and **Mrs. Reynolds** for arranging all our transportation requests.

In brief, there has been much "Business" happening at Trudeau, and we look forward to continue fostering student success and excellence!

## Drama and Dance

Shannon Mann  
Drama and Dance Department Head

*This has been a very busy year already for the Drama and Dance Department with so much more to come!*

The semester started off with our murder mystery dinner theatre. The Grade 11 and 12 students performed *Curse of the Cobra's Kiss*, a hilarious who done it?, which featured the students not only on stage but working behind the scenes and in the kitchen! The audience of over 80 enjoyed a gourmet meal prepared by Trudeau Theatrics and a professional chef (who happens to be married to Mrs. Mann), and thoroughly enjoyed the performance and the

yummy meal. Kudos to the cast and crew of *Cobra's Kiss* on Trudeau's



most successful murder mystery dinner theatre to date!

Our Grade 11 Production class visited Castlemore and Ashton Meadows to perform some sketch comedy to the Grade 8 classes on the dos and don'ts of high school. They also had students participate in drama warm up exercises which gave the Grade 8s a taste of what they can expect next year at PETHS and in the Drama Department.

In January at our semester one Mosaic, the Grade 9 class performed Dennis Foon's Skin. The cast and crew of 52 engaged the audience with their commitment to character and the overall performance, and navigated the stage like pros. With a packed house, our Grade 9s demonstrated empathy and understanding through various scenes and monologues and made their friends, family and teachers very proud.

The Grade 10s also performed two outstanding selections from their course work. Varied in genre, the audience was delighted with a twist on the classic *Goldie Locks and the Three Bears* and then presented a creepy and suspenseful urban legend using the classic

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genre of radio drama.

All of the performers from first semester should be very proud of their work and accomplishments.

Our Dance Department has also been very busy participating in various workshops and learning all styles of dance.

Our Grade 9 Dance class did an incredible hip hop workshop which culminated in a group dance.

The 10,11, and 12s attended an all day workshop by Dark Dance. Through a workshop consisting of 3 classes, the students learned what it meant to be a dancer through education on body awareness, strength, intention and the concept of choreography in a safe and supportive environment. Stay tuned for a performance date from the Trudeau dancers.

## What's Next?

Stay tuned for the Senior Show, May 11, where our Grade 12s perform two one act plays, and our Mosaic in June for our Grade 9,10 and 11 performances! They are sure to be just as dynamic and entertaining as the first semester's work. If you have any questions or comments please contact [shan-non.mann@yrdsb.ca](mailto:shan-non.mann@yrdsb.ca).

## Departures



The group decided to tackle equity as the motivation for their production, making sure to highlight student voice and experience.

The students and staff first found it important to educate themselves, and build a trusting environment to share personal stories and bias, and did so in the classroom and on a two-day, overnight writing retreat at Cedar Glen. From there, the creative juices flowed and all 42 students co-wrote, co-directed, designed all the



production elements and acted in a collective titled *Departures*.

Set in a metaphorical airport, the cast and crew told their stories and experiences in relation to racism, sexism, homophobia, privilege and ableism, just to name a few, with so many important lessons and perspectives explored. The cast and crew then toured their show to two high schools, performed as part of Love Week to an audience of 165 excited students, a packed house for the Sears Ontario Drama Festival, and at a staff meeting for all the teaching

This year's Grade 12 Production class was one of the most challenging experiences for the students and teachers, but certainly the most reward-

ing. The group decided to tackle equity as the motivation for their production, making sure to highlight student voice and experience.

The hard work and risk of the students truly paid off. *The show was selected to represent the YRDSB (with two other schools) in the Regional Showcase for the Sears Festival on April 22 at Meadowvale Theatre and will also be performed at the YRDSB's Equity Symposium.*

We could not be more proud of this incredible group of students. Your voice was heard loud and clear. Well done!

## English

Kristy Webster, English Assistant  
Department Head

*Hello & Welcome:* New to the English department this semester, we welcome Ms. Campagna. We're excited to learn with you!

### Shakespeare Live & Field Trips:

On Monday, November 21, 2016 over 90 Grade 9 students travelled to Toronto to watch a live performance of *Romeo and Juliet* at the Winter Garden Theatre. The staff and students were so happy with the production that we have decided to go again this semester so that our second semester Grade 9s also have an opportunity to see a live performance of the play. On Monday, April 24, Grade 9 students will be going downtown to the Winter Garden Theatre so see your teacher for a permission form and experience Shakespeare live!

**Grade 9 News:** The Grade 9 after school literacy classes will be beginning in April. These are extra support classes that aim to help struggling students with their reading and writing skills. The English teachers at Trudeau will note students who may require additional

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support and gently encourage their attendance, however the literacy classes are open to any Grade 9 student interested in seeking some extra support. Students will be receiving information and permission forms very soon, so stayed tuned!

The English department looks forward to supporting our lovely Grade 9 students!

**Thank-You:** We would like to extend a BIG warm thanks to Ms. Macdonald's and Mr. Meyer's Media Arts students (both last semester and this semester) for all of their hard work and effort in beautifying and decorating our once barren hallway. Thanks to them and their imagination our hallways are quickly being filled with creative, original artwork.

**Guest Speakers:** December was a very exciting time for the English department and the Library because we were lucky to have two writers at very different points in their writing careers come and speak to our students about the writing process and the world of publishing. On Thursday, December 8, Alessia Dickson, a Grade 12

student at Emily Carr Secondary School, spoke about her self-



published novel, *The Crystal Chronicles*, and illustrated to our students that no matter what age you are, if you are passionate and hard-

working, any dream is attainable. We're also thrilled that esteemed Canadian author, Eric Walters, was able to visit Trudeau and facilitate a dynamic creative writing workshop on December 12,

2016. We were so excited to have Mr. Walters discuss with our stu-



dents why and how he is inspired to write. He is an author of young-adult fiction and his workshops are typically very inter-

active, as well as incorporate drama and storytelling. We are so grateful to Ms. Barbu for all of her hard work and effort in organizing this fantastic opportunity for our students.

**Upcoming Guest Speaker:** We want to continue exposing Tru-

deau readers and writers to these exciting speakers and opportunities. So we again thank Ms. Barbu for her efforts and hard work in arranging for Canadian writer, Teresa Toten, to come and visit us on Thursday, April 13, during period one to do a workshop. Please stay tuned for more information.

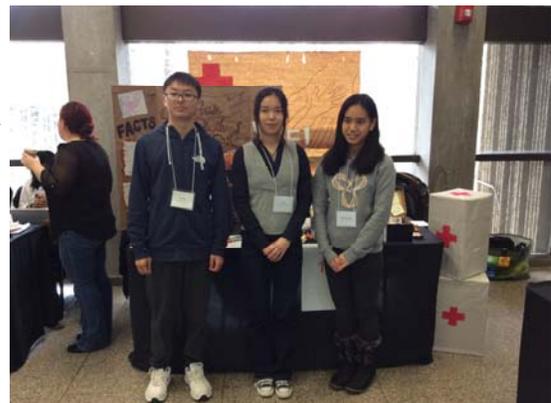
## ESL

Margit Muller, ESL Department Head

*The experiential learning journey continues...* While one half of the ESL classes were involved in the preparation of the school's Refugee Awareness Day (RAD) on December 13, the other half experienced what it is like to be a refugee during the in-school field trip. Three of the ESL student organizers were invited (see picture) to introduce this project at a Social Innovation Symposium held at the Ontario Science Centre.

In January, the PET DOCS Festival showcased student documentaries on many school related subjects and was well attended by parents and peers. They have all been uploaded to YouTube and can be accessed through the PETHS ESL department website.

In February and March, the



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students were trained as Health Ambassadors for the Canadian Cancer Society. As part of the training they had the opportunity to interview members of families affected by cancer (see picture) and to earn some volunteer hours during the March Break, they will pass on their experiences to ESL students at other high schools in Markham and Richmond Hill.



## Geography

Kathryn Keystone, Geography Department Head

*The Geography Department has an exciting semester planned.* Last week started off with an emotional and informative presentation by Ousama Alkhatib. Ousama shared his story about being a Syrian refugee and answered many questions about the geopolitical situation in the Middle East.

Our ESL Geography class is participating in the Global Teenager Project with schools from the Netherlands, South Africa and Bangladesh. They are engaging with students from abroad to gain a better understanding of how children's rights are viewed around the world.

Grade 9 students will have the opportunity to participate in the York Region Envirothon over two days in April. The Envirothon will be held at the new Bill Fisch Forest Stewardship and Education Centre in the York Regional Forest. Teams of five students rotate through four outdoor stations focused on topics such as wildlife, aquatic ecosystems, soil and forests. Wildlife biologists, professional foresters and other environmental experts run hands-on workshops to give students a chance to learn about green careers.

In May, students have a chance to volunteer at the York Region Children's Water Festival. They will be running workshops to teach Grade 4 classes about water conservation, protection and stewardship. This semester there will be a field trip to Lake St. George where we will learn how to interpret topographic maps and participate in a geocaching challenge.

## History

Erin Cipolla, History Department Head; Sara Tropea, History Assistant Department Head; Written by: Ms. Jennifer Miyuchi, History Teacher

*2017 marks an important year in Canada's history – it is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canada's military victories at Vimy Ridge, Hill 70<sup>th</sup>, and Passchendaele during WWI, and the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Canadian raid on Dieppe in the Second World War.* As such, our students (particularly in the Grade 10 Canadian History courses) have been actively learning and analyzing these important events.



Throughout this semester, students will be working to critically answer the following question: "Should Canadians be proud of our nation's history?" Students will be developing their answer by analyzing various areas of historical issues such as human rights, involvement in war and peacekeeping, arts and culture, economics and trade, technology and innovation, Prime Ministers, and our growth as an independent nation. Eventually, our students will be defending their perspective through the creation of a documentary.



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In addition, Grade 10 students recently got a chance to handle and analyze original and replica artifacts from WWI on loan from the Canadian War Museum. Students got the unique opportunity to try on WWI military and nurse uniforms, see actual barbed wire from the trenches of France, and experience the difficulty faced by WWI soldiers when wearing an early form of gas masks.



In our Civics courses, there are some very exciting changes as the course has been redesigned to provide a greater focus on civic action and promote student engagement through the use of inquiry models of learning. In particular, our Grade 10 Civics students have begun a very exciting active-citizenship project. Inspired by youth who are already active citizens, they have identified, researched, and reflected on problems in their community. Students have been developing the knowledge and tools to take action and in the upcoming weeks we will see our students begin their mission to make our world a better place to live!

Law classes at Trudeau have also been very active in learning about current legal issues and applying them through Mock Trials (see photo on previous page). As part of a unit on the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and Human rights in Canada, Tru-

deau will be hosting a guest speaker from the Canadian Civil Liberties Association. The speaker will discuss civil rights with students and the importance of striking a balance between the rights of individuals and society. She will use

some landmark cases to illustrate her views and also provide insight into careers in law. Our Law students will also be gaining firsthand experience as future lawyers with trips to the Ontario Provincial Courts, Court of Appeals, Centre for Forensic Sciences, and to the Ontario Superior Courts in May. These field trips allow students to interact with judges and crown attorneys and then observe actual trials in progress. Such knowledge will come in handy when the English and French-Immersion students will participate in mock trials for the Ontario Justice Education Network.

Recently, Politics students were fortunate to attend a talk given by Ousama Alkhatib, a Syrian Refugee who came to Canada only eight months ago. This event, arranged by the Geography Department, was a unique opportunity to see world events from a different perspective and to see how Mr. Alkhatib is able to still

remain positive about the world despite the challenges he has faced.

The Grade 12 History classes are currently learning about the Renaissance and researching a presentation in which they will analyze a historical aspect of a Hollywood film to access the movie's accuracy and its affect on our interpretation of history. Grade 12 Challenge and Change students recently successfully defended Mr. J. Wolf in the case of "Little Red Riding Hood" using various sociological modes of thought and are presently researching and analyzing the effects of numerous technological devices on our society.

So, 2017 is going to be a busy year and on behalf of all the history teachers, we are looking forward to a fun and meaningful semester and wish all students continued success this year!

## CANADA 150: VIMY 100th ANNIVERSARY

In a little less than a month, 7 of our students will be heading to England and France to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the battle of Vimy. Vimy marks a turning point in Canadian history and one of our nation's defining moments.

Everyone is very excited to be part of this once in a lifetime opportunity where we will repre-



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sent PETHS. Over 9000 students are expected to be part of this momentous event, as well as thousands of veterans and dignitaries from France, England and Canada.

## Math

Mahmood Pournasrola, Math Department Head; Andy Shin, Math Department Assistant Department Head

*The math club members, Mathematica, have been busy every Thursday after school in room 248 stretching their brains mathematically.*

The members use past contest questions or other interesting math problems to look at math outside the curriculum. The students' work has helped prepare students for math contests such as the Waterloo Math Contest, the Canadian Open Math Contests, and the American Math Contest. The math club's passion for mathematics have also translated into further success as Trudeau has now set a record by having three students qualify for the American Invitation Mathematics Exam that was written on March 22nd. If successful, the students will go on to try and qualify for the International Olympiad. Congratulations to all students for efforts to challenge their minds and to attempt these contests!



## Math Contests

185 Grade 9-11 students participated in the Waterloo Pascal, Cayley and Fermat math contests

on February 28, 2017. For our next contest, the Waterloo Euclid, 79 Grade 12 students have registered to write on April 6, 2017.



## Music

Vanessa Tark, Grade 12 Music student



*February is music season!* Over the past few weeks, the ensembles from Trudeau have performed at the Kiwanis Music Festival and the OBA Concert Band Festival and here are the results:

- Jazz attack came in first place with a platinum rating and a score of 92 and Tru Jazz came in second place with a platinum rating of 93 in their respective classes at the Kiwanis Music Festival.
- Our Chamber Choir finished second in their class with a gold rating and a score of 90 at Kiwanis.
- For our strings groups at Kiwanis, the Junior Strings came in first place in their category with a platinum rating and a score of 95, and the Senior Strings finished second in their category with a platinum rating

and a 93.

- The Grade 9 Concert Band came in third place at Kiwanis with a platinum rating and a 92, and at

OBA, they received a gold rating and the Woodwind Excellence Award.

- The Grade 9 Concert Winds also received a gold rating at OBA and were awarded the Percussion Excellence Award.

- At the Kiwanis music festival, the Grade 10 Symphonic Band performed in two categories and finished with a platinum rating in both and scores of 92 and 94.

- At OBA, the Grade 10 Symphonic Band was awarded the Overall Outstanding Performance Award and Grade 10 Symphonic Winds received the Brass Excellence Award. Both grade 10 bands received gold ratings at OBA.

- The Grade 11 Wind Symphony performed in two categories at Kiwanis and came in first place for both. They received a platinum rating and a score of 93, and a gold rating and a 90 in their classes.

- At OBA, the Grade 11s took home a gold rating and the Percussion Excellence Award.

- And, last but most certainly not least, at OBA, the Grade 12 Wind Symphony received a gold rating and took home the Woodwind Excellence Award.

- The Grade 12s also participated in three categories at the Kiwanis Music Festival, ending with a first place, a platinum rating, and a 93, a second place finish with a platinum

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\$500 scholarship.

- To top it all off, Tru Jazz and the Grade 12 Wind Symphony have been selected to represent the Toronto Kiwanis Music Festival at the Provincial Finals.

This is an incredible accomplishment and Trudeau congratulates and wishes both groups the very best of luck.

A huge congratulations to all ensembles for all of your hard work and passion, and for doing such a fantastic job representing Trudeau!

## Technological Studies

Tara Antle, Technological Studies Department Head

*Hello from the Technological Studies Department, we are very happy to welcome our new and returning students to our classes this semester.*

Semester one was full of great experiences for our students in all of our tech classes, and we are excited to see the always amazing design projects, graphics, animations, videos, circuits, computer systems, and hairstyling and aesthetics projects that our techies will be exploring this semester.

This semester we welcome back Mr. Dance to Technological Design and welcome Mr. Samaroo to our Computer Technology classes.

On Parents' Night we hope that you will drop by room 102, 110, 120, or 218B, to say hello and ask us any questions that you might have about our programs.

As always, we wish all of our students a healthy and successful semester at Trudeau. We hope that you will be inspired to be the best that you can be.

## What's Happening in the Library

*Welcome!* As usual, the Trudeau library has been packed with students looking for a quiet place to study, a collaborative environment in which to work, help with researching or advice on choosing a good book to read!

Here are some interesting stats:  
**February and March—**  
**974 fiction** books and **343 non-fiction** books were checked out



Also, we've had a number of young adult authors come into the library and share their experiences and love of writing with our students, including Alesia Dickson and Eric Walters. And we are pleased to welcome New York Times bestselling author, Teresa Toten, on April 13th for a workshop on characterization. *Keep reading Trudeau! And remember, we're always here to help!*

### WE RECOMMEND:

#### Read the Book Before you see the Movie—

*A Dog's Purpose* by W. Bruce Cameron

*Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline

*Let it Snow* by John Green, Lauren Myracle, and Maureen Johnson

*Before I Fall* by Lauren Oliver

*The Bell Jar* by Sylvia Plath

*Everything Everything* by Nicola Yoon

#### New Books in the Library—

*Beyond Human Nature* by Jesse J. Prinz

*be different: Adventures of a Free-Range Aspergian* by John Elder Robinson

*King's Cage* by Victoria Aveyard

*Career of Evil* by Robert Galbraith

*The Boy in the Black Suit* by Jason Reynolds

# PETHS is ... Athletics!

## Senior Boys Basketball Team

Rachel Mathieu and Vincent Nguyen, Coaches

*The Senior Boys Basketball team competed in the YRAA Tier 1 division and participated in three tournaments over the course of the season.*

All season this team dealt with adversity, learned from losses, and earned every victory. This group was coachable and supported each other both on and off the court. As the season progressed, players truly bought into a team-first approach. They began to hold each other accountable for their play, attitude, and actions. Offensively, the team was often led by a different player each game. On the defensive side of things, they really bought into a system

and Mr. Nguyen added so much to the team culture.

Our graduating seniors have done a great job of representing Trudeau over their high school careers: Brian Chan, Bryan Au, Suga-Thai Thomas, Jayden Robinson, and Radomir Djogo.

Our 12R players: Jahkeem Bennett brought energy and enthusiasm. The team was fortunate to have Amour Scoburgh return for his 5th year the Senior Team.

*Congratulations to all team members for the best ever YRAA finish for a Trudeau Tier 1 Basketball team!*

Even more important than the team and individual accomplishments is the "high-character, hard-working, and accountable team culture" that became the sig-



### Team Accomplishments:

- Rick Maloney Cardinal Classic Finalist
- Prestige Holiday Classic Champion
- Villanova College Invitation Finalist
- YRAA AAA Finalists

### Individual Accomplishments:

- Radomir Djogo – Prestige Holiday Classic All-Star
- Amour Scoburgh – Prestige Holiday Classic MVP and YRAA All-

where they relied on one another; this became their strength.

Junior Davy (Community Coach) invested hours in both the skill and character-development of these student-athletes. Ms. Mathieu

nature of this team. It was developed through approximately 50 practices and 25 games this year and was ultimately demonstrated through their interactions with one another, parents, teachers, coaches, officials and opponents.

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# More Athletic News!

## Senior Boys Volleyball

David Weber, Coach

The Senior Boys Volleyball team had another great season. They went 11-1 in league play and ended up first place in the East. The team won one tournament and were finalists in two others. They made it to the YRAA semi-finals and lost a tough third set 15-11 to the eventual YRAA Champions.

This team worked hard all season and refused to give up. The graduating players have had four very successful years of volleyball here at Trudeau.

*Well done, Trailblazers!*

### Team Roster

Bryan Au  
Steven Cao  
Zhang Chen  
Jonah Cheung  
Rex Huang  
Adrian Johnston  
Reid Johnston  
Maher Khan  
Xavier Law  
Gary Ruan  
Oneil Simpson  
Eric Sun  
Benny Young  
Michael Zhang



## Swimming

Ivan Wong, Debbie Huang, Kathryn Keystone and Stephanie Louie, Coaches

*Trudeau's swim team made us proud at the OFSAA Championship in Windsor.*

The girls put on a strong

showing in the Open Medley event. The junior boys had the best result for an all Grade 9 team. The senior boys broke an OFSAA record and won a gold and bronze medal.



*Way to go Trudeau!*

Thanks to Ivan Wong, Debbie Huang, Kathryn Keystone and Stephanie Louie for all of their work with this group. A special thanks to Debbie for taking care of

Chan, Kelley  
Cheung, Aramis  
Cimer, Julian  
Duong, Raymond  
Gu, Jake  
Hussein, Faisal  
Kwok, Justin  
Lee, Emily  
Li, Raymond  
Lin, Johnnie  
Lin, Jordan  
Lin, Michael  
Mo, Kevin  
Wan, Sarina  
Wong, Anson  
Wong, Michelle  
Zhou, Mark

### OFSAA medals:

4 x 50 m Medley Relay Open Boys  
Jake Gu, Johnnie Lin, Aramis Cheung and Kevin Mo

**Gold Medal and OFSAA record**

400 Freestyle Relay Open  
Raymond Duong, Jake Gu, Anson Wong, Johnnie Lin

the paperwork to get these students to OFSAA and Kathryn for accompanying the group to Windsor. Also, thank you all period 5 teachers for being accommodating last semester. *Thanks for supporting education through sports.*

Trudeau sent 17 athletes to OFSAA swimming in early March:



# Our School Year in Pictures!



Getting hyped for our pre-holiday Spirit Week [@TrudeauSAC](#) - Check out the banners in the crossroads.



Our OUI Day pledges in the crossroads looked great! [@TrudeauSAC](#) @kaba\_zahra [@PETHSAthletics](#)



Trubotics' 1st ever competition at Sir W Mulock SS! Go [#trailblazers](#) [@TrudeauSAC](#)

“Strive Higher. Soar Further.” - Pierre Elliott Trudeau H.S. motto

# Our School Year in Pictures!



Getting anti stress kits ready for exams [@TrudeauAIMH](#) [#BellLetsTalkDay](#) [@YRDSB](#) [@TrudeauSAC](#)



Pi day! How are you going to celebrate? [@trudeauhs](#) [@trudeauscience](#)



[@trudeauhs](#) students build jigsaw puzzles and improve their problem-solving, social, cognitive, visual, self-management, and tactile skills.

“Just watch me!” - Pierre Elliott Trudeau

100s of [@trudeauhs](#) students stopped by the library to colour together. Look at what their efforts have accomplished.



[@trudeauhs](#) [@petoctagonclub](#) weavers make mats from milk bags for 3rd world countries. Please continue to bring your milk bags to [@pethslibrary](#)



[@trudeauhs](#) students work on Globe and Mail's giant holiday crossword with 604 clues



Frosty, use your critical thinking skills! Is this really a good idea? [@trudeauhs](#)