



# Voice of the Vaughan Voyageurs

ISSUE IV

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2013

## Message from the Administration

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As students prepare diligently for upcoming exams, we in the main office are putting the finishing touches on Semester 2. Timetable changes have been taking place for well over a month and, as a result, we are confident that there will be no need to discuss second semester course changes for students except in very exceptional circumstances. Guidance staff will spend their time addressing timetable requests for the 2013-2014 school year and counselling and supporting student, while we in the main office begin work on next year's timetable.

Grade assemblies for course selection will take place on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and students will then have the ability to go on line to Career Cruising to select courses for next year. Course Selection forms are due to school by **Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**. Please speak with your son/daughter and emphasize the importance of carefully selecting courses. Next year's timetable is a direct result of the choices they make! Making changes once the timetable has been created can be very difficult.

As Semester 1 comes to an end, we bid farewell to Ms. Henry and Ms. Birta who leave us to begin maternity leave and to Ms. Jurrius who returns to us next September. As well, we welcome back Ms. Paiva and Ms. Peñafiel who are returning to us from maternity leave. Welcome back, as well, to Ms. Borovicka who is joining the Health & Physical Education Department.

We wish everyone the best of luck with final exams and a great start to Semester 2!

Robert Hart

## Upcoming Events January to February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	21	22	23	24 Period 1	25 Period 5	26
27	28 Period 2 Exams	29 Periods 3 Exams	30 Period 4 Exams	31 Exam Conflict/ Review	1 PA DAY	2
3	4 Semester 2 Begins	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 School Council Mtg 7:00 pm	12	13 Photo Retake Day/Grad Photo Retake	14 <i>Valentines Day</i>	15 PA Day	16
17	18 <i>Family Day</i>	19	20	21	22 Awards Assembly	23
24	25	26	27	28		



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## Updates From Guidance

### **ON-LINE APPLICATION TIME!!**

Remember the following deadline:

Ontario College applications: **DUE FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2013**

### **Winter Night School**

Students interested in attending **Night School** can sign up on Career Cruising as of January 9, 2013. Winter **Virtual School** course registration – **Night school e-learning** -is the first week of February. Visit [www.coned.elarning.yrdsb.ca/](http://www.coned.elarning.yrdsb.ca/) Courses MUST be approved by Guidance prior to registration, and payment of the non-refundable fee.

### **Course selection for the 2013/14 School Year:**

Guidance will be having course selection assemblies for all grades on Thursday, February 7, periods 1 and 2. Guidance appointments are available in February to ask counselors questions regarding course selection.

Career Cruising will be available to submit courses between February 8 and February 19. **ALL COURSE REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FEBRUARY 19!**

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

#### **University of Western Ontario – National Scholarship Program**

Completed application forms for nomination by the school, are due in Guidance January 31, 2013!

#### **Toronto Real Estate Board - Past President's Scholarship Application**

Two \$5,000 Scholarships will be awarded annually.

#### **Criteria:**

- academic achievement
- range of leadership qualities and community involvement
- complete a 500 word essay on given topics

A PDF of the application may be found at [www.torontorealestateboard.com](http://www.torontorealestateboard.com)



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## Vaughan Secondary School Career Fair

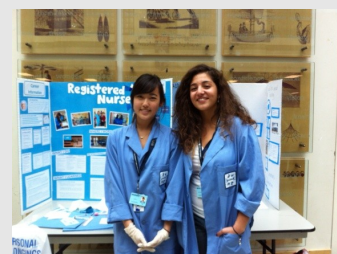
On Monday, December 17, 2012, I was invited to visit the Vaughan Secondary School Career Fair. The Atrium was a hub of energy and infectious enthusiasm as Grade 11 and 12 students shared their projects and experiences from their Cooperative Education (Co-op) placements. Their peers were also asking compelling questions, and engaging in meaningful conversations. They browsed through and learned from the images and artifacts that student presenters had made available to them. I was impressed with student pride, presentation skills and confidence in speaking of their work experiences. Students shared key learning and made connections as to how these pathway opportunities could benefit them in choices for post-secondary destinations. OYAP (Ontario Youth Apprenticeship) and SHSM (Specialist High Skills Majors) students were included in this event as these specialized programs have a Co-op component within them.

Linda Alati, Head of Cooperative Education at Vaughan, introduced me to some of her students and as I roamed around, many of the students invited me to see their work.

### Co-op



Eduardo Morales (Sisley Honda), Joy Kim (nursing-recovery Mount Sinai Hospital), Daniella Baiocchi (nursing-geriatrics, Mount Sinai Hospital), Victoria Sipus (Vaughan Animal Services) and Maria Bourova (Louis Honore Frechette-French Immersion-Primary Classroom) were all Co-op students. We talked about their commitment, their pride in learning the work, being entrusted with caring for others and handling complex equipment. They shared about the value of being responsible for a meaningful task that would have direct impact on others. Eduardo shared that this was his favourite course where he learned the most and felt most respected.



### SHSM

Lanuel Krichely (PRG), Tal Shelef (Source) and Catherine Huynh (Crafting for a Cure) are all Business SHSM students working as sales representatives and marketers. They would like to study Business after secondary school and understand that their Co-op placements are stepping-stones to career and post-secondary pathway opportunities. They spoke proudly as they described products, their price, how they're manufactured and distributed, engaging the customer and balancing workload.

### OYAP

Gagan Singh (Too Fast Motors), Thabesa Kasinathan (Sobey's Bakery) and Daniel Levy (Seneca Aviation Engineering Program-Buttonville Airport) are Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program students who are exploring apprenticeships even before graduating from secondary school. They spoke of mass production, key products that intrigued them and the quest for continued development and refinement of skills in an environment of mentorship. Daniel showed me the engine of an airplane and taught me how it works. Gagan modeled a durable, rubberized spray that can be used on vehicles instead of paint.



I was exhilarated when I left the Fair. It was a bustling and active event where youth and adults alike engaged in meaningful conversations. Students, their peers, parents, co-op placement supervisors, administrators and teachers were all interested and learning from each other. Even in all the activity, there was a sense of complete engagement. Students were doing more than exhibiting projects, they were sharing the evolution of their experience and skill in a particular work placement; a placement that they had been able to select based on their interests and learning style/s. In this capacity, they were able to explore their education beyond the school environment, the success of which was evident in student knowledge and enthusiasm. Through experiential learning, students have been able to solidify their interests and develop skill sets so that they can be better equipped to make choices for an initial post-secondary destination.

What a great afternoon! Thanks Vaughan S.S.!

Vicky Essebag  
Consultant-Guidance/Pathways.YRDSB.



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## Updates From SHSM

The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) with a focus on Business is in its second year at Vaughan. This ministry-approved specialized program allows students to focus their learning on a specific economic sector while meeting the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. SHSM students gain sector-specific skills, knowledge and experience in a variety of experiential learning environments. The SHSM program honours students in all pathway destinations (university, workplace, college, apprenticeship) and prepares students in a focused way for graduation and post-secondary goals.

Plans are underway for a *new* SHSM program with a focus on the Health and Wellness economic sector. This new program will allow more students to benefit from the opportunities available to them through a Specialist High Skills Major program. *The Health and Wellness SHSM at Vaughan Secondary School is pending ministry approval for the 2013-2014 school year.*

### **There are 5 required components in the SHSM program:**

- Bundle of focused courses (9-Business, Health and Wellness) over grade 11 and 12.
- Certifications and Training
- 2 Co-operative Education credits in the SHSM sector
- Reach Ahead Activities
- Experiential Learning and Career Exploration Activities

### **SHSM Application:**

#### **The admission process includes an application package and an interview.**

- SHSM in Business- Grade 10 students should pick up an application before January 31, 2013 from Ms. Alati in room 340 or from the Guidance office.
- SHSM in Health and Wellness- Grade 10 and 11 students should pick up an application before January 31, 2013 from Ms. Alati in room 340 or from the Guidance office.

**Completed applications should be returned by February 8, 2013 for an interview to be granted.**

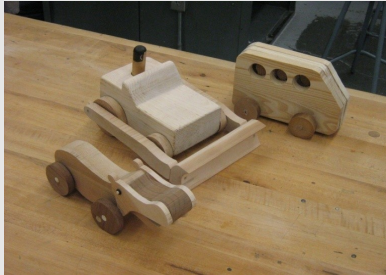
If you would like more information please see Ms. Alati (room 340) or speak to your guidance counselor for more information. Parents/guardians may reach Ms. Alati at extension 345.



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**Wooden Toys**

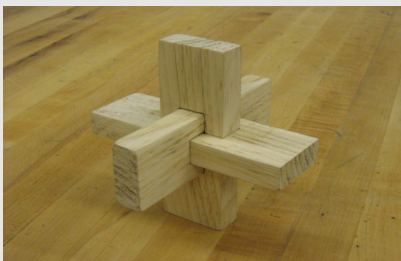


**Precious & Few**



*“A typical feature of design projects is that there is no single right answer, and for that reason technology education programs will always put the students in the driver’s seat”* (Raizen, Sellwood et al.1995 page 11). The design process that we use allows students the freedom to create projects that meets given design criteria for every day situations. Depending upon the comfortable level of the students with equipment they can make it as complex or as simple as they want. Working on their final project the grade 10 class is making movable wooden toys where they are required to change rotary motion into linear. The grade 9 class is creating an object that will hold something that is precious and few to them. While in grade 11 they can build “What Ever” as long as they use different types of hardwood and softwood along with a variety of wood joints. There by demonstrating their understanding of the design process and ability to safely use every machine in the shop. When the students are finished they are allowed to create small projects of their choice from puzzles to doll house furniture. Learning to design, draw and construct projects provides the students with a life time of transferable skills that they can use even when they are not in the driving!

**Puzzles & Things**



What do people in the industry have to say about technology? Jim Caruk is the host of Real Renos and Builder Boss was interviewed by the Toronto Star on June 25<sup>th</sup> 2012. One of the questions they asked him was *“What has been your savviest investment?”* To which he replied *“My skilled trade training. I went to George Brown College right out of high school in 1973, earning my accreditation, apprenticeship and master certification. The hairstyles have changed a bit since then, but earning your “ticket” as an accredited tradesperson is still one of the best options for young people today. (It means) great earning power, portable skills and the chance to follow dreams.”*

**Tech KNOWLEDGE y – don’t leave home without it!**



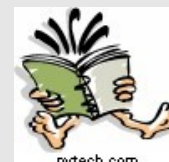


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## New Books @ Our Library!

### Fiction:

Brooks, Kevin. *Black rabbit summer*.  
 Cole, Teju. *Open city*.  
 Ferguson, Will. *419*.  
 Foer, Jonathan Safran. *Extremely loud and incredibly close*.  
 Hamilton, Tim. *Ray Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451: authorized adaptation (graphic novel)*.  
 Jackson, Curtis (50 Cent). *Playground*.  
 Jonasson, Jonas. *The 100-year-old man who climbed out the window and disappeared*.  
 Lancaster, Mike. *0.4*.  
 Mina, Denise. *The girl with the dragon tattoo (graphic novel)*.  
 Mukherjee, Bharati. *Miss New India*.  
 Picoult, Jodi. *Lone wolf*.  
 Price, Lissa. *Starters*.  
 Tillit, L. B. *2 Days*.  
 Tillit, L. B. *Edge of ready*.  
 Tillit, L. B. *Unchained*.  
 Yolen, Jane. *The devil's arithmetic*.



### Non-Fiction:

Angelou, Maya. *The heart of a woman*.  
 Berlatsky, Noah, ed. *Whistleblowers*.  
 Canfield, Jack and Mark Victor Hansen. *Chicken soup for the soul: loving our dogs*.  
 Cox, Caroline. *Shoe innovations: a visual celebration of 60 styles*.  
 Davis, William. *Wheat belly: lose the wheat, lose the weight, and find your path back to health*.  
 Duhigg, Charles. *The power of habit: why we do what we do and how to change*.  
 Gillard, Arthur, ed. *Homelessness*.  
 Gladwell, Malcolm. *Outliers: the story of success*.  
 Goldstein, Jonathan. *I'll seize the day tomorrow*.  
*Guinness world records 2013*.  
 Hsieh, Tony. *Delivering happiness: a path to profits, passion, and purpose (graphic non-fiction)*.  
 Hunter, Douglas. *Double double: how Tim Hortons became a Canadian way of life, one cup at a time*.  
 Jacobson, Sid and Ernie Colon. *Anne Frank: the Anne Frank House authorized graphic biography*.  
 Kielburger, Craig and Marc Kielburger. *Living me to we*.  
 Kielburger, Craig and Marc Kielburger. *Take action! A guide to active citizenship*.  
 Kielburger, Craig. *Free the children*.  
 Krueger, Lisa, ed. *Teen pregnancy and parenting*.  
 Miller, Debra, ed. *Politics and the media*.  
 Parks, Peggy. *Cyberbullying*.  
 Prince, Althea. *The politics of black women's hair*.  
*Ripley's believe it or not! Download the weird*.  
 Robertson, Lloyd. *The kind of life it's been: a memoir*.  
 Rosenthal, Beth, ed. *Gay parenting: opposing viewpoints*.  
*Why do we say it? The stories behind the words, expressions and clichés we use*.



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**Azrieli Series of Holocaust Survivor Memoirs:**

Abrams, Judy. *Tenuous threads.*

Bornstein, Max. *If home is not here.*

Marx, Eva Felsenburg. *One of the lucky ones.*

Opatowski, Felix. *Gatehouse to hell.*

Rich, Betty. *Little girl lost.*

**DVDs:**

*Fahrenheit 9/11.*

*Freedom writers.*

*Hotel Rwanda.*

*Stand by me.*

*The Lorax.*

*Wall Street.*

## UPDATES FROM DECA VAUGHAN

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\*\***

DECA Vaughan is very proud of our members and their successful results at Regionals. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, we regret to inform you that DECA Vaughan will not be competing at the Provincial competition in February. All members will be receiving a \$60.00 refund. The students will receive their cheques to give to their parents at a future DECA meeting in the next month.

Sincerely,  
The DECA Executives and Advisors



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## Parents Have A Voice!

### Building Equity & Inclusivity in your School



### Parents Have A Voice

**What?** **FREE** Informative Workshop Series for Parents

**Why?** Increase your skills and confidence to communicate with your;  
 child  
 child's school  
 family/home  
 community

**When?** Wednesday February 20, 2013  
 6:00- 6:15 pm Childcare Registrations  
 6:15 – 6:30 pm Adult Registrations & light dinner  
 6:30 - 8:30 pm Workshop

**Where?** Dr. Roberta Bondar Public School  
 401 Grand Trunk Ave  
 Maple, L6A 0T4

#### Parent Voice

Is a series of workshops that reaches out to support our diverse communities.

Through the learning and sharing parents will become partners in the school.

#### Upcoming Workshops

**March 21, 2013**  
 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
 (Venue to be announced)

**Differentiated Learning:**  
*What every parent should know about Special Education*

**April 24, 2013**  
 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
 Maple Creek Public School

**Your child's health and well being;** *recognizing the signs and symptoms of mental health and how to respond effectively*

**May 16, 2013**  
 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
 (Venue to be announced)

**Facilitation Skills**

#### Free Childcare available

**Hosted by:** Inclusive School and Community Services

**Facilitated by:** YRDSB Community Resource Facilitators in partnership with the Settlement Education Partners of York Region

#### Translators available

To register or for information on future presentations, please contact:  
 Oksana Majaski: 905-738-5497 ext. 213 or [Oksana.majaski@yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:Oksana.majaski@yrdsb.edu.on.ca)





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## THE POWER OF POSITIVE PARENTING



**Positive parenting reduces the stress of parenting and is an effective approach to raising children. This discussion will give parents strategies that are important in raising healthy, well adjusted children to have the skills and confidence they need to succeed at school and in their relationships with others.**

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 23, 2013

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m..

**LOCATION:** Dr. Roberta Bondar P.S.  
401 Grand Trunk Blvd.  
Maple, Ont. L6A 0T4

**To register for this free presentation call:  
Oksana Majaski @ 905-738-5497 ext. 213  
or [oksana.majaski@yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:oksana.majaski@yrdsb.edu.on.ca)**

**Child minding will be available upon request.**

*This presentation is brought to you by Dr. Roberta Bondar P.S. in partnership with Blue Hills Child and Family Centre, Dr. Roberta Bondar Triple P in Education Project Committee and York Region District School Board*



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Extension 318

### E-Bulletin Submissions

The E-Bulletin is one of the ways our school maintains regular contact with parents, the community and other educators. If you have information that you would like to share such as sporting events, community news, awards, or any other information you feel appropriate, please forward your submissions for consideration to Bethany Carruthers at [bethany.carruthers@yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:bethany.carruthers@yrdsb.edu.on.ca) by the 15th of every month.

## Student Transportation Services of York Region

For all school bus information and a daily "Late Bus Report", visit [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)

For further information, visit our school website [www.vaughan.ss.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.vaughan.ss.yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

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[mary.peard@yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:mary.peard@yrdsb.edu.on.ca) in order to update our Student Management System accordingly. Please reference the student name, your name, your relationship to the student.

