

Music Department Updates:

The Music Department has been a constant flurry of activity throughout this past semester. At the Ontario Strings Association annual Music Festival, both our Junior Senior Chamber Orchestras competed successfully and were invited to Nationals! The Symphonic and Concert Bands also competed at the Ontario Band Association's Music Festival in Markham where they received gold and silver awards. To top it all off, the jazz bands both competed at the annual jazz festival at York University where they both received gold standings.

The spring music nights were a spectacular culmination of the hard work and dedication of all the music staff and students. The variety of musical styles and groups made a show that had something for everyone to enjoy. The major music awards were given to Rebecca Liang, Joseph Jung, Raymond Zhao, Zili Zhou, Jeff Peng, and Monica Xiao. We ended our celebrations with a Music Banquet at the Pickle Barrel where the awards of merit, distinction and excellence were distributed.

Our choir was specially invited to the Pan-Asian games in Markham where they performed beautifully.

The newly elected music council executive is already making plans for the 2015-2016 school year, which promises to be just as eventful as previous years. Jackson parents can be very proud of the tireless efforts of the Jackson students.