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## Important Dates to Remember...

### NOVEMBER

**14<sup>th</sup>** Grade 8  
OPEN HOUSE

**18<sup>th</sup>** PA Day  
Commencement @  
6:30 pm

**23<sup>rd</sup>** Professional  
Leadership  
Conference

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# 'HILL LIFE

## Grade 9 Geography Trip

By Eunice and Eulysis Pooten

On October 21<sup>st</sup>, the grade 9 geography classes went on a trip to see another side of Toronto that some of us have not seen before. On this trip, we went to the Scarborough Bluffs, Kensington



Market, Chinatown and St. Lawrence Market. This trip gave us the opportunity to be with our friends while exploring new places.

This trip has added many things to our knowledge. During our time at the Bluffs, some of us tried to break apart sedimentary rocks to find fossils. Although no one was able to find fossils (during this year's trip), we were still able to see the layers that are in a sedimentary rock. While we were enjoying our freedom, we were also answering a worksheet that let us learn more about the places we went to.

During our stops at Chinatown, Kensington Market, and St. Lawrence Market, we were able to roam around the area and buy some souvenirs. We also had a chance to try multicultural foods such as churros, empanadas, sushi and much more! We wouldn't have had a better understanding of how multicultural Toronto actually is from sitting in a classroom or reading from a textbook. We got the chance to see and taste multicultural things. Going to Chinatown and Kensington market allowed us to see a different side of Toronto, compared to what we are used to living in in East Toronto.

Despite the rainy weather, we came back with a great attitude, some new experiences and unforgettable memories.



# Churchill takes on Harvard!

## Distance Makes the Heart Fonder

By Destinee Brooks

Distance makes the heart fonder. I missed Toronto a lot while on our trip to Harvard University, however, I fell in love with Cambridge. Going to Harvard was an amazing experience. In other words, hearing the stories of perseverance from the Black Harvard students was inspiring. Moreover, Cambridge is a beautiful town. Lastly, going to Harvard and seeing the Black students at the university made going to university feel more attainable and real.

At Harvard there were so many stories told, and they were all so inspiring. For example, the story that Aaron a third year Harvard Law student told about falling in line with the wrong crowd, and living in a poor neighbourhood, and instead of giving up he pushed past his situation and made it to Harvard. Conversely, another very inspiring story was Toni's. Toni went to Ryerson University in Toronto, and did not have enough money to go to Harvard, but instead of giving up Toni persevered and made it to one of the most prestigious university in the world. Subsequently, when I am feeling tired, and defeated I think of these stories that I heard from the Black students at Harvard, and they never cease to re-inspire me. It was an honestly and amazing opportunity to go to Harvard. The trip truly has left an indelible mark on me.

Harvard was established in 1636 in the town of Cambridge. Harvard is an impressive university where some of the brightest people in the world tend to go and study. Architecturally it is a bunch of beautiful buildings. This bleeds out into the town of Cambridge, and they both complement each other. Furthermore, Cambridge has winding streets, and cute stock buildings. Hence, it is an idyllic place to focus on your studies. Also, walking in the town of Cambridge was like walking in a bubble of serenity, definitely a place to focus and keep ground. Living in Toronto everything is always so fast paced, but seeing the sight that is Cambridge really makes going to Harvard a beautifully unique trip.

People like Barack Obama, Bill Gates, and Cornel West have all studied at Harvard, and knowing that successful people have gone to Harvard University, it really puts into perspective what happens after post-secondary. To elaborate you do not hear a lot of stories of Black perspective in universities, so seeing them in such an academic space, started a whole new conversation within one's self of how much they can achieve as a Black student. University can always seem so distant, unattainable from the perspective of a high school student. Immutably, walking on the same ground that many brilliant people have before me makes the Harvard trip so eye opening, as to what one can achieve.

In conclusion, the trip to Harvard University was an amazing opportunity. To begin, hearing the stories of the Black students there was inspiring. To continue, Cambridge was a gorgeous town, and finally, having the opportunity to go to such a prestigious school made the thought of university less daunting. Consequently, the Harvard trip is one that I would recommend to all students, and for any student that goes, it truly will be an enriching experience.



## Used Battery Contest

Winston Churchill—get your recycling on!

Our school will be participating in a contest to collect used batteries (all sizes) until April 2017. Let's all rally together—ask co-workers, friends, and neighbours for their used batteries and drop them off in the marked boxes in the library and main office. Let's help keep batteries out of landfills! Let's bring in those batteries



## ECO SCHOOLS

Winston Churchill Collegiate Students attended the Eco Schools Launch hosted by Toronto District School Board at University of Toronto's Scarborough campus on October 18.

The students learned about cycling in the city, bees and their habits and habitats and canning and preserving from a garden. Fun and informative, the day showed us new ways to understand and protect the environment as well as our daily lives.

Projects for the upcoming year include effective recycling of our garbage and a possible community garden. As well, we will receive our bicycle racks in the spring.

Speaking of the environment, a very cool addition to the curriculum in the last two years has been the *salmon project* hosted by Ms. Hirani's biology class. Students have witnessed the salmon eggs hatching and then been part of the release in the Greenwood Conservation Area.

We encourage **RECYCLING** both at home and school!!

## Dante's Creative Corner

Grown Ups are Odd By D.N

On a small planet, there was a man.  
A man, without company, a man without a voice, a man without a family.

His planet was very small, but it had everything he needed. A house, a garden to grow food and a desk. But even though he had what he needed, he still felt empty inside. Until one day, he saw something he had never seen before, a glorious sunset. Of course there had been sunsets before but he always went to bed to early to see one.

And after the sun went down, the man saw stars beginning to rise into the sky. And as he went to bed that night, he dreamed that his planet would be a whole lot happier.

## Professional Leadership Conference: “Living your Dreams”



In keeping with the Leonard Braithwaite Program goals of academic excellence and the development of leadership skills in our students, students from feeder schools will attend our first conference from a full day conference November 23<sup>rd</sup> at Winston Churchill Collegiate Institute. The conference will showcase the contributions of professionals from the Afrocentric community.

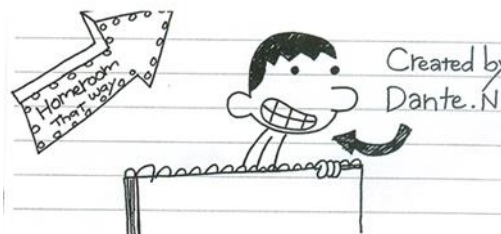
Our keynote speakers will be **Akeem Lloyd**: Youth Advocate, Educator, Believer in the Power of Young People, Mentor and Poet and **Stacey McKenzie**: International Top Model.

### GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The Ontario University and College Fairs held in Toronto in October gave senior students an opportunity to speak with representatives from all universities and colleges in Ontario. This fall Winston Churchill students have had the opportunity to attend presentations at our school by ten institutions in the GTA. The presentations were very well-received by our students as they were able to ask questions and learn about the institutions to which they are interested in applying.

Students are reminded that the deadline to apply for **college** at [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca) is **February 1, 2017**. The deadline to apply for **university** at [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca) is **January 11, 2017**. Students require a special PIN number to apply for university and these numbers will be issued by the Guidance department once they are received from the Universities' Application Centre. A PIN number is not required for college applications.

More information about applying to post-secondary institutions can be found on a power point presentation at [www.winstonchurchill.ca](http://www.winstonchurchill.ca) under Guidance, Resources, 2106 University and College presentation.



## SPORTS @ CHURCHILL

It's been an exciting start to the sports season at Churchill. On September 29<sup>th</sup>, Churchill participated in the Annual Terry Fox Run. All students and staff were out supporting this important cause.

On September 30<sup>th</sup> Churchill participated in "Friday Night Lights". Our football team played against SATEC in an exciting game at Birchmount Stadium.

On November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Churchill will be hosting the annual **Bob Little Sr. Boys Basketball Tournament**. Churchill's Sr. Boys team will be competing against 7 other teams from around Toronto. The tournament is organized by the Toronto Association of Basketball Officials, and is held in honour of Bob Little, whose formidable accomplishments on and off the floor set an example for his colleagues. The high standards he set continue to influence officiating in Toronto to this day.

On December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, Churchill will also play host to our 5th annual Bulldog Challenge Sr. Boys Basketball Tournament.

A "congratulations" goes out to the fall sports teams (the Varsity Girls Basketball Team, Jr. Football Team and the Girls and Boys Varsity Rugby 7's) on their great seasons!

The upcoming winter sports season will see Churchill students compete in TDSSAA events in the following sports: Jr. & Sr. Boys Basketball, Girls Volleyball, and Boys Indoor Soccer.



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## Halloween at Churchill

On Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> the Student Activity Council organized a Halloween haunted house and a movie buyout. This was a fabulous event with one of the best turnouts for Churchill. During the Haunted House, the students were clearly thrilled by the spooky atmosphere and the live beings who scared students. Some students were scared and dropped to the floor while others entered more than 3 times. They were also excited about watching the film *Insidious* and loved the candy kabobs that members of the Student Council sold. So a huge thanks to SAC! Keep an eye out for upcoming events.



## Me to We

On October 19th, 11 students together with Ms. Osborne attended WE Day at the Air Canada Centre. The day was filled with inspiring messages and by the end of the day our students felt empowered to raise awareness about local and international issues.

Me to We's first campaign was a huge success. Together with Ms. Okoshimo's help a food drive was held to support Rosalie Hall, a local home for young mothers and their children. Huge congratulations to Churchill for collecting over 800 items! On November 21st, Me to We will be taking a vow of silence to raise awareness on the struggles of young people around the world fighting for basic human rights.

