



Macdonald Collegiate

••Newsletter

December 2024

Student Activity Council - December Update

The end of November leaves us with just three weeks for the start of the winter break, but the spirit here at MAC doesn't stop! The SAC hosted fun activities to bring the spirit to the school as the cold days approach.

White Lie Day:

November started off with White Lie Day, where students had the opportunity to write a harmless lie about themselves by placing a piece of paper with the lie onto them. All the students and a few teachers had fun... it was a huge hit... maybe.

Oreo Contest:

The Oreo Contest was hosted on November 14th in the cafeteria. You know the rules: eat an Oreo hands free, by placing it on your forehead and wiggling your face to get it into your mouth. This was a blast! Students enjoyed it a lot and we must say that it was entertaining looking at everyone trying the challenge.



Moving into December, the SAC has many events and spirit days in store!

On December 6th students were encouraged to take part in the **White Ribbon Campaign**. This is in honour of the unfortunate killing of 14 women on December 6, 1989, done by an anti-feminist man. White Ribbons will be handed to educate students about gender-based violence. We encourage everyone, mainly male students, to take a ribbon and to also sign a pledge

cutout. We are also accepting monetary donations towards this cause. It takes a school community to fight against Gender Based Violence.

Next, our annual door decorating contest will be held on December 18th during period 2. There will be two categories: Traditional and Most Eco-Friendly. Students will have the opportunity to bring materials and to decorate their period 2 classroom doors.. The two winners will receive a pizza party lunch in the new year. We can't wait to see the holiday season take over the hallways at Macdonald.

Our annual Holiday Cheer Assembly is coming up on December 20th. This is an amazing opportunity for students to showcase their talent. We are happy to say that the auditions were amazing and we have a wonderful show in store for our student community! That same day we are hosting a Spirit Day and encouraging everyone to show up wearing an Ugly Sweater or Pygamas.

On behalf of the Student Activity Council, we would like to wish you and your family Happy Holidays and may the New Year (2025) bring you good health, abundance of happiness and prosperity.

Stay connected to the Mac community from our Instagram [@blackscotpride_tdsb](https://www.instagram.com/blackscotpride_tdsb).

Our next **Parent Council Meeting** is Tuesday, February 18th at 7PM.



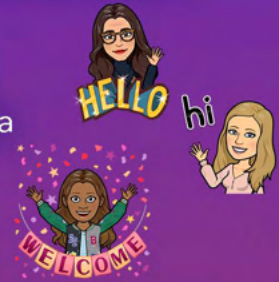
Welcome to Guidance

Students are assigned a counselor when they arrive at Macdonald Collegiate based on the first letter of their last name. Counselors are available to support students with interpersonal conflicts, educational planning and career exploration.

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Community Services

TDSB's Community Services Unit welcomes referrals for parents/guardians/caregivers and other adults in the school community who are seeking employment or who are newcomers to Canada.

For more information on new sessions, workshops, and how to register, please visit the **Community Services Website**.

OUAC - Apply to University

OCAS - Apply to college

ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS:

Grade 10-12 - OSSD (Ontario Secondary School Diploma) requirement

OSSD Requirements-Started Grade 9 In or Before Fall 2023



Grade 9 - New OSSD (Ontario Secondary School Diploma) requirement
OSSD Requirements-Started Grade 9 Fall 2024 and After

Grade 11 Career Conversations will begin in early December. This is a great opportunity for your child to connect with their alpha guidance counselor and discuss pathways. The more they learn about options, requirements, job prospects and opportunities, the better chance they will have of building a life for themselves that makes them happy and fulfilled.

NIGHT SCHOOL - Semester 2

Please note that Semester 2 night school includes credit recovery, full credit and remedial Math. You will need to CAREFULLY read the information and follow the registration steps.

eLearning - Semester 2

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Did you know you can use your voice to type directly into Google Docs? Voice typing is an accessibility and productivity tool that can help students write faster and more efficiently.

Here's how it works:

Open a Google Doc

Click the "Tools" menu and select "Voice typing"

When you're ready, click the microphone box that appears

Start speaking, and watch your words appear on the screen!

Encourage your child to give it a try. It's a great way to improve their writing skills and save time.



Student Success

Mac PALS are available! Mac PALS (Peer Assisted Leadership Support) are a group of senior students that work one on one with students to support them in their classes. If a student identifies as needing a peer tutor, they will be connected to a Mac PAL and together they will establish a schedule to meet virtually. If you believe your child/ward would benefit from a peer tutor, please reach out to erin.mackay@tdsb.on.ca so that she can connect your child/ward to a Mac PAL.

Winter Dual Credit - Spots Available for Grade 11 and 12 Students

What is a Dual Credit?

- A dual credit is a college course, delivered on a college campus, by a college professor which you add into your regular homeschool timetable.
- They are called DUAL credits because students earn TWO credits: a secondary high school credit AND a college credit
- Dual credits require half the in class time as a traditional high school course, and are offered once per week for a 3-4 hour block of time.
- Dual credits are FREE - tuition, transportation and supplies are all included
- Course offerings include a huge array of interest areas and potential careers paths which go above and beyond what is offered at high school, many are lab or shop based with hands on experiences. While others provide you with a lecture style format in a college classroom.
- Dual credit programs are intended to assist secondary school students in completing their OSSD and supporting a successful transition to college and/or apprenticeship programs.

If your child/ward is interested, connect with Mr. Brinder in the Coop Office in the Library. His Office Hours are 11:00 am -12:00 am.



Health and Wellness SHSM

Experiential Learning and Reach Ahead

On November 26th, our Health and Wellness SHSM students went to the Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre and Centennial College to participate in Career Talks, Tours and Workshops to develop skills and knowledge. Students had the opportunity to meet with sector partners and learn about different opportunities in the community. At the TPASC, students got to see the amazing technology in the Canadian Sports Institute as well as tour the facilities at U of T Scarborough. Additionally, they heard from a panel of staff about their journeys and careers in Health and Wellness.

At Centennial College, students toured the Morningside campus and got to experience the Paramedic Program, the many pharmacy labs and nursing labs on the campus. They also did a workshop with the DSW program lead from Ashtonbee Campus.

All in all, it was a great day!



Coming up for SHSM:

December Meet and Greet - Grade 10 SHSM hopefuls meet with grade 11 and 12 SHSM students for lunch

December 13th - Waterloo University Lab Days

February 27/28 - Standard First Aid and CPR Certifications

April - Sector Partner Experience

May - Ethical Considerations Certifications



Department of Mathematics

Math Culminating Activities (30%) – Moratorium is from January 16th to January 21st and exam days are from January 22nd to January 28th.

To be proactive, please consider starting preparing for the upcoming culminating and the final exam. Exams (January 22 to January 28) will be scheduled by blocks.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		January 22 Day 1 Period 1	January 23 Day 1 Period 2	January 24 Day 1 Period 3
January 27 Day 1 Period 4	January 28 Credit Rescue			

Extra Help and Math Homework Club:

All students are strongly encouraged to reach out to his/her/their math teacher first. Math Homework Club is available from Mr. Hung to all math students on a first come first serve basis from Monday to Friday in room 225. Please see the schedule below:

Regular Day	Late Start	Assembly Day (P1)	Assembly Day (P2)
12:10 - 12:40	12:35 - 1:05	12:50 - 1:20	12:50 - 1:20

The above schedule is subject to change without notice.

Mac Library Update

MAC Library’s Fall Bookmark winners have been announced! Our second place winner was Helen Yuan for a gorgeous fall bookmark and 1st place, for the most whimsical and cute fall design, was Kimberly Yi! Thank you to all who participated. Winning bookmarks have been printed and are now available to pick up at the front desk for a limited time!



White Pine Book Club

White Pine book club is back. The Forest of Reading has released this year’s nominated titles and they are arriving this month in the library. As soon as they arrive we will have a book club meeting for interested readers so they can pick their first book! Meetings run 1-2 times a month and are a great opportunity for students to socialize and share their love of reading with others. New members are always welcome. Check out this year’s titles by **clicking here**.

New Books and Holiday Reading

Starting on Dec. 2th, students may sign out books for the Holidays! Drop by and check out our Holiday Reads display to pick up something great for the holidays!

To check out our new books, check out our **library catalogue under “New titles”**.

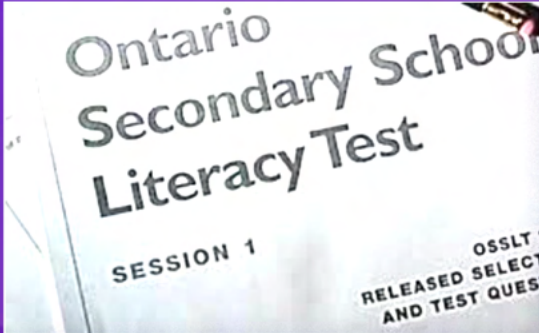


Library Fun with Elf on the Shelf

For the month of December, students can come by the library and find the hidden elf on the shelf to win a sweet holiday treat! See you at the Library!

English Department

Literacy Club: Wednesdays at 3:30 pm in the Library! Join Ms. Stavrou and Ms. Medeiros every Wednesday after school for the Literacy Club. Go to the library Wednesdays to sign-up!



OSSLT- Nov. 28: Students in Grades 11/12 who were not yet successful participated in the Fall session of the OSSLT (Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test). Student results will be made available early in the new year. More details about the Spring OSSLT session for Grade 10 students will be available soon. Students can join the Literacy Google Classroom to prepare and practice: luzmv57.

Reminder: You must successfully pass the OSSLT or its course equivalent OLC40- Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course as part of your high school diploma requirements (OSSD). The OLC40 course is being offered at MAC in Semester 2. See your Guidance Counsellor for more information.

Athletics and Physical Education

PSK4U

On Wednesday November 27th our PSK4U Intro to Kinesiology class travelled to the University of Toronto for a tour of the Faculty of Kinesiology and a Q&A with one of the professors where they learned more about the program and how to be successful in university.



The students will be travelling to the University of Waterloo on Friday December 13th with students from our SHSM program to participate in their Kinesiology Lab Days event.



Girls Volleyball Tournament

On Friday November 22nd, our Athletic Council hosted a Girls Volleyball tournament for high schools across the GTA.

Our junior girls advanced to the semi finals and our senior girls won their division!



Senior Boys Soccer

Our senior boys soccer team won the North Region Title this fall and will now be the North representative in Cities which takes place in the spring!

The team is currently playing in the indoor league to maintain their form.





Winter Concert - Thursday, December 12th!

It is that time of year again!

Our Holiday concert is Thursday, December 12th starting at 7pm in the auditorium. Tickets are \$5 per person or \$15 for an entire family and all current MAC students can enter free.

Come on out and enjoy beautiful music by our very own Mac Musicians. We hope to see you there!

About Us

"Prudentia et Scientia" (Vision & Knowledge) reflects our commitment to excellence in education. Our diverse student population has multiple opportunities to excel in a full range of academic programs and co-curricular activities.

Through our values of encouragement, self-discipline, cooperation and fairness, we strive to develop our students into life-long learners that positively contribute to our society.

Please visit our Website Here.

December				
2 Day 2	3 Day 1 Gr 8 Info Night	4 Day 2	5 Day 1	6 Day 2 SAC White Ribbon Campaign
9 Day 1	10 Day 2	11 Day 1 Late Start - 9:55	12 Day 2 Winter Concert 7pm	13 Day 1
16 Day 2	17 Day 1 SAC Door Decorating	18 Day 2 Late Start - 9:55	19 Day 1	20 Day 2 Holiday Cheer Assembly
23 Winter Break	24	25 Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!	26	27
30	31			

