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# MALVERN C.I.

## EXAM RETURN, REPORT CARDS, AND SEMESTER 2

Semester 1 is officially behind us and students can breath a sigh of relief! For most of our students, exam-writing was a new experience, and despite all the pressure leading up to it, they got through it just fine!

On Wednesday, Feb. 1, all students will follow an afternoon schedule (starting at 1:00) to visit their semester 1 classes one last time.

It's important for students to attend this day, as it's an opportunity for them to review how they did on their culminating activity and/or exam. Teachers will also inform students of the final mark.

Please note that final exams are kept on file at the school and not returned to the student.

Semester 1 Report Cards will be emailed to parents/students during the week of Feb. 6.

Semester 2 timetables are available to students through their School Connects App.

The first day of semester 2 if Friday, Feb. 3.

## **MALVERN'S BABY GRADS!**

Traditionally, the Malvern Collegiate Institute Yearbook Committee makes available slots in the yearbook to congratulate your student's graduation from high school. You may participate in making this year's book memorable for you and your student by sending in a favourite photograph and adding a few words of congratulations for our **"Baby Grads"** section. This will help to personalize the yearbook, making it one they will cherish for years to come.

The message should be up to **275 characters**. This includes spaces, symbols and punctuation marks. Messages may <u>be</u> reduced to fit the required size.

There is no fee to participate in baby grads. The cost of yearbook is included in the Student Activity Fee.

Please email the photo and message to <u>malvernyearbook@gmail.com</u> by Friday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Please send in yours quickly, as space is limited.



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## **Upcoming Events:**

Feb. 1—Exam Return Feb. 2—PA Day Feb. 3—Sem 2 Starts

### IMPORTANT DATES AHEAD

- Semester 2 Begins: Friday, February 3rd, 2023
- Semester 2 Marks Maintain After Date (Full Disclosure): May 5th. 2023
- Ontario Colleges applications: Still Open! Equal Consideration date for competitive college programs is February 1st, however applications are still accepted on an ongoing basis.
- OCAS Transmission of final Sem 1 achievement: February 7th, 2023
- **OUAC** Transmission of final Sem 1 achievement: February 13th, 2023
- Semester 2 TDSB Night School: Registration closes January 20th, 2023 @ 4pm
- Semester 2 TDSB Remote Credit Recovery: Registration Closes February 10th, 2023 @ 4pm
- Semester 2 TDSB eLearning: Still Open limited availability, registration closes February 17th
- Course Selection: Taking place in February. See further details below.
- Malvern Community Fair March 2nd, 2023 9am 12:30pm

### **COURSE SELECTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2023**

The Guidance Department is preparing for the 2023-2024 Course Selection process. Beginning in February, students will have the opportunity to learn how to select courses in myBlueprint and hear more about what subjects and courses are available to them in the 2023-2024 school year.

Please look out for this school-wide email in the coming days.

#### **REBOOT PLUS**

Reboot Plus is a FREE education and career exploration program that develops skills & workplace connections, for youth who are currently facing difficulties with finishing high school or still have a connection to their high school but are not currently attending.

START DATE: February 13, 2023 **DURATION: 16 Weeks** AGE GROUP: 17-24 years old

#### **GRADE 12 REMINDERS**

Many of our Grade 12 students have completed applications to post Link here. -secOndary programs. Here are a few reminders to students who have received or are awaiting offers from post-secondary institutions:

Ensure you check conditions of any offers you have received and ensure you are on track to fulfil them (ex. You may be required to complete certain courses, achieve a minimum mark, etc.) Please thoroughly read any documentation sent to you by the postsecondary school. If you need assistance with this, please reach out to your guidance counsellor.

The next transmission dates to OUAC and OCAS are coming up. Once these dates have passed, please log into your OUAC and/ or OCAS accounts to ensure that all of your academic records are up to date and accurate. This new transmission will include final semester 1 marks. The transmission dates are February 7th for OCAS and February 13th for OUAC.

For Grade 12s who have yet to apply to post-secondary school: College applications are ongoing, however the equal consideration deadline for competitive college programs is February 1st, 2023. Please click here for more information on Highly Competitive college programs.

Although the OUAC deadline has passed, some university pro-

grams may still be open and accepting applications. Students may visit the Browse Programs section of the OUAC website to see what programs are available for applications. Students who missed the OUAC deadline but still wish to apply should reach out to their guidance counsellor for assistance.

#### **UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO PROGRAMMING**

Community Campus Engagement Program (CCEP) We'd like to invite your group to spend the day with us and explore the downtown campus. The day will be filled with engaging programming including a campus tour, faculty activity, scavenger hunt and lunch at Hart House!

Dates:

Friday, February 3, 2023 - Faculty of Arts and Science Friday, February 24, 2023 - Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education

Friday, March 3, 2023 – Faculty to be confirmed

Time: 9:30 – 2:30/3 pm

Group size: Up to 25 students and up to 5 moderators Sign up today: If interested please email, l.robertson@utoronto, with your preferred date(3) (option 1 and 2) – We will fill the spaces on a first come, first serve basis.

#### **First Generation Q&A Session**

Join our special Q&A session for people who may be the first in their family to attend university. We'll talk about what you can expect, suggest some things you may want to consider when applying, and give some general advice - as well as answer any of your questions.

Date: Tuesday, Feb 7, 2023 Time: 5:30 – 6:30 pm EST

Click here to Register for the Webinar

#### THE SCHOLARSHIP REPORT/FINANCIAL AID

The Scholarship Report has released comprehensive guides to financial aid and student awards for each Ontario post-secondary institution. A link to documents is found here. You can also access the documents on the login for The Scholarship Report:

Password: scholar1

#### MALVERN COMMUNITY FAIR

On Thursday, March 2, 2023 from 9:00am-12:30pm, we are inviting our community partners to set up a table at our Malvern CI Community Fair to highlight and promote the many employment and volunteer opportunities, programs, supports and services that are available to youth in our neighbourhood and greater community.

We are hoping this will be an opportunity for our students to reconnect with one another and to make new connections and learn about what is out there for them, and also how they can contribute and give back.

The event will take place over two class periods with teachers bringing their classes down to circulate, and then will continue into lunch for students to return, ask more questions and visit further with our local agencies, community groups and partners.

## Youth Employment & Skills Strategy (YESS)

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Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada



# Join JVS for a free workshop on career pathways in research

Participate in a 2.5 hour workshop where you will learn about the many careers available within the field of research! Youth Employment and Skills Strategy Program

Attend one of the two workshops: Thursday February 9th 6:00PM-8:30PM ONLINE OR Saturday February 25th 1:30PM-4:00PM TPL NORTHERN DISTRICT BRANCH

Scan the QR Code or <u>click</u> <u>here to register!</u> If you have questions, email Rachelle.Palika@jvstoronto.org



The YESS (Youth Employment and Skills Strategy) program with JVS Toronto has been funded by IRCC (Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada) and is a collaboration between JVS Toronto, TRIEC and WoodGreen Community Services.

As part of the YESS program, there are February workshops (Thursday February 9 and Saturday February 25) on the topic of career pathways in the research field. <u>The workshops are free of charge and are open to any interested youth</u>.

Scan the QR code or click to register!

## CHECK OUT THE MALVER-NITES MAGAZINE!

Here is the link for the *Malvernites* edition which came out last month.

The magazine is written exclusively by Malvern Students!

Malvernites, December 2022

## ATTENTION CLASS OF 2023— Grad MERCH

Grad merchandise is now available to purchase at School Cash Online. A wide variety of items are available, including personalized hoodies, plain hoodies (logo only), track pants, T-shirts and long sleeve tees.

Don't miss your chance to buy a souvenir of your graduating year! All proceeds from the Grad Merchandise sale go to supporting the Prom.

The sales period ends on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Don't wait until the last minute to place your orders!





## **GRADE 10 SCIENCE DISSECTION**



Grade 10 science students finished off the optics unit with a dissection lab. Students spent the period fully engaged while methodically dissecting a sheep's eyeball. The eye is probably the most complex and interesting organ of the human body. There are so many specialized parts - hopefully all of which grade 10s can now identify.

The funniest thing I heard during the lab, "Ms Dawe, the yolk fell out!". Fortunately, this student realized that we were not dissecting an egg and the part she was referring to was actually the vitreous humor.



## **KUDOS TO MALVERN ARTS!**

## They are back in action

Congratulations to our **Grade 11 & 12 Drama students** who performed a series of 1-Act Plays for the Malvern community. You made us proud!

Congratulations to our Visual Art students who displayed their amazing works of art for our Art Show!

Congratulations to our **Music students** who performed holiday concerts and visited our feeder schools to do some musical mentoring with the grade 8's!

Special thanks to our amazing teachers who have spent many hours giving students these opportunities:

- Rory Olwyn—Grade 11 Drama
- Anthony Parise—Grade 12 Drama
- Sean Matthews—Visual Art
- Karen Ash–Visual Art
- Mike Falla-Instrumental Music
- Laura Norris—Vocal Music

## AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH AT THE TORONTO DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

During the month of February, the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) proudly recognizes African Heritage (Black History) Month. It is an occasion to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of peoples of African descent to Canada and the world. The chosen theme for 2022-2023 is *Black Joy*.

The first Black Canadian woman elected to Parliament was the Honourable Jean Augustine, who introduced a motion to the House of Commons to recognize February as Black History Month. In December 1995, Canadians officially recognized February as Black History Month across our nation. At the Toronto District School Board, a motion to recognize African Heritage (Black History) Month was carried in January 2002 and reaffirmed again in January 2004.

This year the contributions of numerous inspiring Black individuals will be highlighted. As we move forward towards December 2023 in marking 28 years since the Honourable Jean Augustine introduced a motion to recognize February as Black History Month across the nation, let's pause and applaud her. Since December 1995, we continue to build a strong and robust foundation for all Black individuals across the nation. This motion brought us the opportunity to further learn about the African (Black) heritage and start the conversation that continues to flourish. We also applaud the TDSB for their 20 years contribution to recognize and celebrate African (Black) History Month. Further we're proud of the achievements made by the TDSB in how Black students continue to be supported directly with the creation of the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement Department, and the Africentric program at Leonard Braithwaite at Winston Churchill Collegiate Institute and Downsview Secondary School for our secondary students. Please take a moment to review our powerpoint on African Heritage Month – February 2023 that highlights inspiring Black individuals. (Link: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vDAD59F0cqQVeuxjburWYd3tzFgG8gTq )

We are enthusiastic of the continuation of the Black Student Alliance elementary and secondary student groups that increase student voice and build capacity in student leadership. We are also appreciative of the continued collaboration between the TDSB and the York University Black Law Students' Association in providing support to the Know Your Worth initiatives that include *Black "Secondary" Youth Empowerment Conference*, and *Know Your Worth: Educator's Conference*. At this time, please refer to the above powerpoint for information regarding these opportunities.

Artworks to reflect the theme of Black Joy was created by students from Winston Churchill Collegiate Institute and Northview Heights Secondary School. The theme of Black Joy was selected this year by the African Heritage Month Volunteer Planning Committee. Joy is defined by the MerriamWebster dictionary as the emotion evoked by wellbeing, success, or good fortune or by the prospect of possessing what one desires. This academic school year, "Joy" is one of the TDSB's two overarching priorities. The importance of "joy, engagement and belonging in our schools as a foundation for academic achievement and student success; and the second priority being "eliminating disproportionate outcomes for students." Black Joy emulates how Black People have been able to thrive as a People and as a Community, despite the systemic barriers and oppression faced.

Please follow us on Twitter @tdsbAFricanHM and Instagram tdsb\_african\_hm.

## **AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH AT MALVERN**

**February 16: Assembly**—Journey to Africville. Please see link for more information: <u>https://journeytoafricville.iamcompelled.ca/</u>

February 21: Assembly—Speaker, Curtis Carmichael. See bio —>>

All students will be provided with an e-book copy of "Butterflies in the Trenches" by Curtis Carmichael

**Docu-Series:** Teachers will be able to sign up their classes to view documentaries with follow-up activities and discussions.

Malvern students have also prepared daily announcements.



#### A BO UT M E

Curtis Carmichael is an award-winning social entrepreneur, technologist, STEM and hip-hop teacher, computer programmer, and the former Director of a Code Ninjas franchise. His cross-Canada cycling tour Ride for Promise raised funds for Toronto Community Housing afterschool programs and was featured in an award-winning documentary. Curtis has been published in CBC National News, Global News, City News, The Tyee, USPORTS, and TEDx. In his spare time, he is a Team Canada Duathlete for the 2021 Multisport World Championships. Curtis grew up in Scarborough, Ontario, and has dedicated his life to advocating for Black and racialized youth in Iow-income communities in the City of Toronto and across Canada. Pine River Institute's Centre for Family Initiatives Webinar Series

# HOW TO MANAGE ANOTHER'S ANXIETY

In this online webinar, we will discuss ways to help your child manage their anxiety and stress in healthy ways. Learn to create safety in communication with your kids through empathy and attunement, so they will come to you when they need your guidance.

## Tuesday, February 28, 2023 | 7:00pm

To register, click here: <u>Centre for Family Initiatives</u> <u>Webinar Series</u>





## **REGISTER HERE**

## MALVERN'S SCHOOL COUNCIL

We're hoping everyone had a wonderful holiday break (even though it seems like so long ago)! Our next meeting is February 7 from 7PM to 8:30PM and will be via Zoom only. The agenda and Zoom link will be emailed from Sandy Kaskens a few days prior and, as always, minutes for our meetings can be found on the <u>school's website</u>.

- Our January meeting was cancelled as it was scheduled too close to the start of the school year
- ♦ Our February meeting date is changing to Tuesday, February 7 at 7PM and will be via ZOOM ONLY.
- As always, all Malvern parents and guardians are welcome to attend the meeting and we look forward to seeing everyone there!

Looking ahead, we are hoping to have a few fundraisers in place including the online Red & Black campaign as well as the return of Wine & Dine which was very popular last year!

Stay tuned for more information.

Wishing everyone a great start to Semester 2 and looking forward to seeing you at our meeting on **Tuesday**, **February** 7!

Angie Law and Adrienne Scott

School Council Co-Chairs

## **SCHOOL UPDATES**

## Prom

Thursday, May 18 at the Guild Inn Estates.

## SEMI-FORMAL

Thursday, March 9–Details to follow

## **COMMENCEMENT (NEW DATE)**

Tuesday, June 27 at 1:00 p.m. at the Danforth Music Hall.

This date was changed from June 28.

## **MALVERN REUNION**

Malvern's Red & Black Society (MRBS) is collaborating with the school to hold a 120 year reunion on May 13. Malvern alumni are welcome to visit the school between 1:00–4:00 p.m. Please join MRBS on Facebook for updates and information on registering for pub nights that are being organized.

## **FAREWELL & THANK YOU!**

Many thanks to the following teachers who will be leaving Malvern: Stephanie Cox (Design Tech) will be going to Northern S. S. for Sem. 2 Shawna Tejpal (English) will be going to Victoria Pk S.S. for Sem. 2 Josef Stetter (Fr. Geography) will be going to Newtonbrook S. S. for Sem. 2.

## WELCOME!

Welcome (back) Emily Daynes, who will be joining us in Sem 2 and will be teaching French Geography. Welcome to Stephen Mensher who will be joining the Technological Education Department in Sem 2.

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