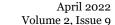
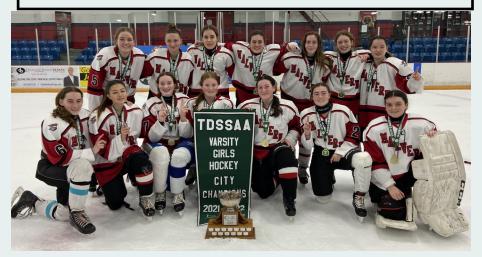
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## MALVERN C.I.

# MALVERN'S VARSITY GIRLS' HOCKEY CITY CHAMPS!



Front Row L-R: Amelia Doty, Miku Martineau, Abby Calvert, Madison Tiro, Brianna Murphy, Allison O'Leary, Rachel Aziz Back Row L-R Hannah Longley, Téa Lavallée, Emma Watt, Morgan Lille, Mary-Ruth MacDonald, Celena Mickevicius, Caitlin Rother Missing: Millie Watson, Kate Custance, Rachel McColl, Chiara Kim, Lily Hughes Coaches: Janine Davies, Carter Livingstone, Macy Hoffman

Congratulations to the Varsity Girls' Hockey team on winning the Tier 1 City Championship this month. The team finished the regular season in second place in their division with a 2-1 record. In the playoffs they continued to develop as a team and played their best hockey of the season.

They defeated Leaside HS 5-0 in the semi finals and earned a 6-2 victory over Northern SS to win the City Championship.

Congratulations to all members of the team on an outstanding season.

#### MALVERN SWITCHES TO REMOTE ON MAY 2

Just as students were arriving to school on Monday morning, an announcement was made that we were switching to remote for the day because of a potential safety concern.

As of 10:35 a.m. on Monday, Malvern was cleared of any safety risks so in-person learning will resume on Tuesday, May 3.

A letter from the Communications dept is being sent out to the community.

#### **INSIDE THIS ISSUE**

#### **Save the Dates**

May 14-Wine n'Dine Fundraiser

May 24-100 year Commemoration of the Cenotaph

June 7 & 9 Spring Concerts

June 8-School Council Mtg.

June 14-Art Show

June 23-Last Day of Classes

June 24,27—Credit Rescue

June 29 - Commencement at 1:00 p.m. Guild Inn.

Use this link to access Malvern's <u>Calendar</u>.

Check out Malvern's <u>Extra-Curricular Website</u> for current clubs, activities, and athletics!



#### MALVERN STUDENTS GET CREATIVE WITH A 3-D PRINTER!

Exciting news for the Malvern Technology Department. Thanks to the TDSB Experiential Learning Dept who, with their financial support, made it possible for Malvern to purchase a Ultimaker S<sub>5</sub> 3D printer.

The 3D printer allows students to expand prototype and iterate their ideas in a tangible and creative way. Through Computer Aided Design (CAD) students can mock-up 3D models and then actualized their ideas with the Ulitmaker S5.

This 3D printer specifically allows remote access, stronger filaments, nylon filaments and even supports that will dissolve after use (PVA).

The senior technological design students are making components for their robotics unit and the gr 9 exploring technology students are creating 3D product prototypes. This printer has gone straight into the production line and is actively being used.

Over the last month the grade 9 classes been using the 3D printer with their digital prototypes. At 3 hours a print and over 60 projects, the students have been eagerly waiting for all their designs. They finally tested the 3D printed cookie cutters by making cookies.

Earlier in the week, students raced their CO<sub>2</sub> Dragster cars. These vehicles challenged students to learn new tools and transfer their understanding of aerodynamics into a race car design.

Stephanie Cox and John Iacobucci, Technology Teachers















### **Guidance Corner**

#### **GRADE 12 REMINDERS & UPDATES**

#### College (OCAS) Updates

If you applied or want to apply to college for Fall 2022, please also log in to your online application through the OCAS to review your academic and program information. If changes are required, students are advised to contact their guidance counsellor.

A few important points to note:

- Read any offers you receive from a college very carefully.
- Many college programs still have applications open for Fall 2022; as long as space remains in an Ontario college program, you may apply for it. Read here for details: OntarioColleges.ca or contact the colleges you are interested in to inquire.
- Sunday, May 1, 2022, was the date to confirm your acceptance to college, unless the offer is made to you after this date. Each college determines its own confirmation deadline on offers made after May 1. Take a look at this link for deadlines and instructions on how to confirm an offer of admission: Confirming an Offer of Admission

#### **University (OUAC) Updates**

If you applied to university for Fall 2022, you should have received an email from the OUAC indicating that Semester 2 mid-term grades have been processed. Please follow those instructions and log in to your online application on the OUAC website to review your academic information on file with OUAC.

If changes are required, students are advised to contact their guidance counsellor.

A few important points to note:

- Read any conditional offers you receive from a university very carefully.
- Every student who receives an offer will receive an individualized letter (usually after logging into the specific university platform), which outlines the conditions of maintaining this offer.
- Pay particular attention to the courses and grades required for maintaining your offer; as a general rule, universities will not round up grades for maintaining the offer or scholarships.
- Conditional offers will continue in May, and the last offers by Ontario universities will come by Friday, May 27, 2022.
- Wednesday, June 1, 2022, is the earliest date that Ontario universities may require a response to an offer and a financial commitment; out-outprovince deadlines may be sooner. We encourage you to accept your offer before the deadline. Read more here: https://guidance.ouac.on.ca/studentresources/accepting-an-offer/

#### I've Applied to an Ontario University - What's Next?

This document contains links to information about what's next in the application process and other important information, such as deadlines and how to respond to an offer of admission, plus transition and accessibility resources. Every offer of admission from a university will be conditional - don't forget to read your individual academic conditions to maintain an offer carefully on any offer letters you receive.

If you haven't received a conditional offer, THAT'S OK! Universities do not send out offers all at once (it goes out in waves), and MANY offers are sent out after the April mark submission.

#### Tours and Events on OUInfo

Ontario universities continue to offer their own virtual events and tours, webinars, chats and more.

#### How to reach Guidance

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Malvern Guidance Instagram - follow us @mciguidance for updates from the guidance team!

Useful links are found in our bio. Guidance: bit.ly/MCIguidance



#### IMPORTANT DATES AHEAD

- e-Summer Registration opens May 2nd, 10am (tentative)
- Con Ed Summer School registration opens May 5th, 10am
- Semester 2 Marks Maintain After Date (Full Disclosure): May 20th, 2022
- Ontario Colleges: Sunday, May 1, 2022 - date to confirm your acceptance to college, unless the offer is made to you after this date.
- Ontario Universities: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 - the earliest date that Ontario universities may require a response to an offer and a financial commitment.
- Early May—Valedictorian Nomination & Vote.
- June 16—Prom—Liberty Grand
- June 29—Commencement, Guild Inn. 1:00 p.m.

#### MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Mental Health will be recognized the week of May 2nd -6th. Malvern's Jack.org chapter will be organizing a week filled with events to raise awareness of youth mental health in Canada.

Please follow our insagram @mciguidance or @malvern\_jackchapter222 for daily updates and the schedule of events for the week which will include:

- Monday Mindfulness Session in the Library Seminar Room
- Tuesday TestSmart session with PIZZA lunch, topic Executive functioning and ADHD
- Wednesday Cooking Experience with our Cooking Club 3-5pm in the Staff Room
- ◆ Thursday Throwback Thursday outdoor field games and activities (weather permitting), sidewalk chalk, bubbles and skipping!
- Friday Our marquee event, FREE yoga class at lunch in the south gym with certified yoga instructor Shawna Fujiki.





jack.org club members and peer leaders sorting through positive messages for our display board!

#### SUMMER SCHOOL

Registration for Summer School will open in early May. We encourage students to sign up soon after registration opens, as some programs will fill up quickly.

Take a look at our Summer 2022 Options Sheet for a comprehensive list of programming available this summer.

e-Summer (July and August) opens tentatively on Monday, May 2nd, 2022 at 10am. This is fully online for grade 11 & 12 classes plus Civics/Careers. It includes a mix of synchronous and asynchronous learning.

Continuing Education, Summer Credit Programs (July) opens on Thursday, May 5th, 2022 at 10:00am. This is either online or in-person for a variety of courses, and students must attend from 9am-3:15pm every day.

#### PATHWAYS TO PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement in collaboration with Humber College Faculty of Media and Creative Arts along with Code Black Communicators Network invites Black-identifying students in grades 11 and 12 who are interested in exploring academic and career pathways in Public Relations and Communications to register for Pathways to Public Relations.

This 3-week program explores pathways into the Public Relations and Communications industry (e.g., media relations, social and digital media communication, public affairs, event management, content creator, etc.), and supports an understanding of areas that are not often explored in traditional education settings. Upcoming sessions include:

Tues May 3 (6 - 7 PM): Scholarship Support with Humber College (students will have the opportunity to receive direct support from post-secondary and industry representatives to complete their scholarship applications)

Please review the Pathway to Public Relations flyer,.

Scholarship opportunities are available to students who have applied to the 2022-23 Humber College Bachelor of Public Relation program.

#### TUESDAY TESTSMART @ MALVERN

As a response to students expressing a need for skill development in the area of test taking and test preparation, Malvern has recently launched Tuesday TestSmart. This program takes place weekly on Tuesdays at lunch in the library seminar room.

Students are not required to register, and can drop in on a weekly basis or whenever they are interested in a particular topic that is being covered in the session. Hosted by our fabulous school support team (Kristen Bloodworth-Feeney - CYW, Candy Lee - social worker and Jennifer Kapler - psychologist), this interactive program covers a range of topics such as managing emotions around tests, memorization skills, studying roadblocks, and more!

We have guest teachers from different subject areas, and a positive environment for students of all grades to join and engage in discussion with our school experts. We hope to see you there soon!

#### CLASS OF 2022 VALEDICTORIAN

As we approach the end of the school year, graduating students will be invited to nominate a classmate (or themselves) to be considered for valedictorian. The Valedictorian nomination process for the 2022 graduating class will begin in early May.

Criteria for nomination:

- A graduating student from Malvern C.I.\
- Has achieved to the best of their ability and has demonstrated a commitment to learning.
- Has had a positive impact on school tone by actively engaging in school activities and by promoting equity, inclusivity and respect for others.
- A good public speaker.
- A good representative for all graduating students.

Stay tuned for more information in the upcoming days!

#### FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

It was great to see many of you at our Zoom meeting on April 6 for financial aid for post-secondary and OSAP. We were joined by Kassi Wicke from George Brown College, and her role is to help support the transition to post-secondary for all students, regardless of which College or University they will attend.

She has generously shared many resources with us, including a Financial Aid Resource flyer and a checklist to help with OSAP applications. Financial Aid Presentation slides are also included, along with a Zoom recording.

Reach out to any of our Guidance Counsellors, or Kassi herself (contact info found in links), if you have any questions. We continue to have a lot of information on financial aid and scholarships in the bio of our @mciguidance Instagram account.

#### YOUTH DiverSTEAM SYMPOSIUM

Wednesday, May 25, 2022 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

The Youth DiverSTEAM Symposium is hosted by the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) together with Let's Talk Science. The symposium aims to promote interest and careers in science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) in hospital-based research institutes to high school students those from under-represented or racialized communities across Ontario.

Held in Gather, an interactive virtual environment, the event features short, interactive talks, videos and virtual tours. By visiting different booths, students will have the opportunity to meet and speak with hospital researchers and trainees of diverse backgrounds and learn about their passion for research and their academic career journeys. Students will also learn about different opportunities to get involved in STEAM at hospital research institutes, including paid internships, co-ops and more.

Register to Attend

#### ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL LITERACY TEST (OSSLT)

Between Thursday, May 5, 2022 and Wednesday, May 18, 2022 Grade 10 students will be writing their OSSLT. Grade 11 and Grade 12 students who did not write the OSSLT last semester will also write during this time.

Students will complete the assessment in two sessions (Session A and Session B). Each session is designed to be completed in 60 minutes, and students will complete both sessions during the same period. Additional time can be provided for any students who require it.

Results will be released once they are available.

Teachers will be preparing students and all students will have the opportunity to complete a practice test during class. Students are encouraged to become familiar with the online test and its platform.

For more information about EQAO and to view the full practice test, you are encouraged to visit EQAO's website www.egao.com

Visit EQAO for more information.

Frequently Asked Questions

Practice Test

Malvern's OSSLT Prep Booklet

#### STUDENTS RAISING FUNDS FOR PALESTINE

Members of Malvern's Social Justice Club, Lucy Carpenter and Jessica Law, are launching a fundraiser to raise funds for IDRF (International Development and Relief Foundation). ISRF is a Canadian registered charitable organization that provides humanitarian aid and sustainable development programs to countries all over the world.

Lucy and Jessica have chosen IDRF's humanitarian efforts in Gaza.

For more information on this charity, and the humanitarian work IDRF does, please go to https://idrf.ca/project/palestine/

#### PREPSMART @ CENTENNIAL COLLEGE

Prepsmart is a 1-hour (virtual) workshop put on by Centennial College that aims to help Grade 12 students make the transition to post-secondary.

There is a focus on how students can access accessibility services (students with IEPs) at Centennial College.

The workshop takes place on Tuesday, May  $24^{th}$  from 1:00 - 2:00pm



#### **SPRING CONCERTS**

#### Save the dates!

Malvern's Vocal Music night is scheduled for **June 7.** 

Malvern's Band Music night is scheduled for **June 9**.

Stay tuned for ticket sales.

Tickets are \$10 and proceeds will support this year's commencement and our music program!



#### MALVERN ART SHOW

MALVERN's Art Show will be taking place on Tuesday, June 14 in the Cafeteria.

The show will run from 3:15 to 9:00 p.m.



#### MALVERN MAKE-OVER

Malvern now features graduation composites dating back to 1924. Students have been walking the main hallways to find pictures of their parents and grandparents from waaaay back.

Renovations are now complete for our fully accessible washroom, and the library is next on the list for an update.

By the time students return in September, the library will be the "goto" place!





Plans are underway to host an Open House in December 2022 to welcome back alumni!

#### DONATION DRIVE TO SUPPORT MALVERN THEATRE!

Attention all theatre lovers! Do you have old clothes or small house-hold items that you've been meaning to donate? Perhaps you have some old phones, glasses, books, or dresses that you've been meaning to throw away?

Here's your chance to get rid of it all! Malvern's Drama Department is back and is in need of new costumes and props. We are hosting a donation drive on Friday May 27th at 3:00pm in Malvern's auditorium.

Drop off your discarded items and we'll find a new home for them. With the exception of furniture, all donations are welcome and will be used during drama classes and performances.

Any items not used will be donated to those in need. Thank you for your support and we'll see you at our next performance!

Rory Olwyn, Drama Teacher, Drama Club

#### SAFETY FIRST, AND CONSIDER THE ENVIRONMENT!

Brad Bradford, Councillor for Beaches-East York is asking parents who pick up their child after school to refrain from the following:

- ♦ Idling
- Parking in restricted areas
- Parking on the wrong side of the road
- Parking partially on sidewalks!

Please encourage walking/cycling to school. If children must be driven, please consider dropping them off away from the streets which directly border the school in an effort to minimize congestion.





View the current issue and past issues of the Malvernite, a magazine written and published by Malvern students.





Morning announcements are now posted on the School Website



In an effort to provide more meaningful data regarding student absences due to COVID, parents are asked to complete this <u>absence reporting form</u> for full day absences related to COVID. The form is also available on the homepage of the <u>school's website</u>. For all other absences, please call the school to report.

#### **CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

The Co-operative Education program is well underway with over 30 students completing placements in the community this semester. We would like to recognize and honour two students who have made outstanding contributions both at their placement and in the classroom.

The Co-op students of the month for April are Maeve Jones and Liam McGee!

Maeve is working as a baker at Bobette.

Liam is working as a Marine Engine Technician at Bluffer's Park Marina.

Congratulations to both students!





## Malvern's School Council

#### **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN OUR COUNCIL MEETINGS!**

Join Zoom Meeting

https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/94146749402?pwd=TUordFJBNVlTb2QrWWZGZFNXWjhqQTo9

Meeting ID: 941 4674 9402 Passcode: 883494

May – Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup>

#### **COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE**

A special thank you to the Parent Commencement Committee.

- The Guild Inn has been booked for June 29 at 1:00 p.m.
- ♦ This will come with considerable cost, and though the school is prepared to contribute, it will not cover the expenses, so we will be asking parents/caregivers to buy tickets.
- The 1st set of tickets will go on sale this month (May) with a maximum of 2 tickets/grad.
- A 2nd set of tickets may be available starting in June (details to follow).
- The parent Committee is also busy fundraising and have approached local business to sponsor the event.
- All funds raised will go towards helping the school cover the cost for the grads, and to subsidizing tickets for parents with financial need.
- ♦ Tickets will be sold via School Cash Online.
- If you are interested in making a personal or corporate donation, please see this flyer.

#### CARRYING HOLOCAUST TESTIMONIES

Last month, all Malvern students participated in an online presentation with Michelle Glied-Goldstein. You may have seen a recent news story featuring Michelle, as other TDSB schools have had her speak with their students. https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/tdsb-holocaust-remembrance-1.6434793

Michelle's presentation was very powerful, and students felt that it was important learning for them. Michelle has agreed to offer this presentation for our parent community as well.

Stay tuned for details.

## UPDATES FROM OUR FEBRUARY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Our School Council meeting took place on April 6. The minutes can be on the school website.

#### How to Find Us

The Malvern School Council can be a helpful resource as you and your teen(s) navigate high school!

Follow our Facebook page

Visit the <u>School Council section</u> of the Malvern website

Email us

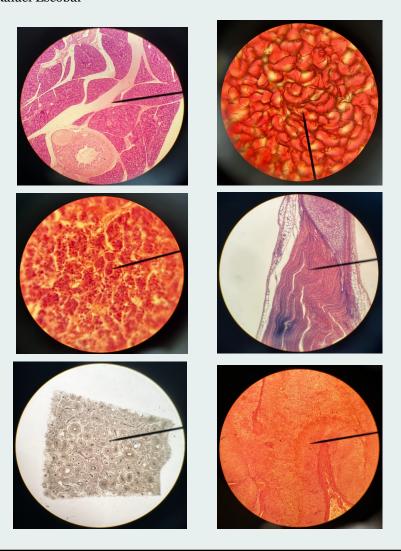
Online Happy Hour & Vineyard Tour Live from Italy! 5:30pm start \$150 per ticket includes: • dinner for 2 from Aviator paired with... • 3 bottles of wine from Tenuta Santome dessert sponsored by Ashley McInnis purchased through School CashOline Food and wine pick up 2:00-4:30pm - Malvern Parking Lot Limited tickets available! Details coming soon!

#### **LOOKING AT LIFE**

During a recent Malvern Medicine meeting, students used microscopes to examine various prepared slides of physiological structures including bone, cartilage, smooth muscle, arteries, veins, pancreas, kidney, and pituitary gland. All of the images below were captured by students during the lab!

Our next meeting is after school on Monday, May 9th in room 203. We will be using electrodes to measure muscle innervation and reflexes. New members and all grades are always welcome to attend! More information can be found on our Instagram page @malvmedicine. Hope to see you there!

Rafael Escobar





### Can you identify these?

- ⇒ Bone
- ⇒ Cartilage
- ⇒ Smooth Muscle
- ⇒ Kidney
- ⇒ Pancreas
- ⇒ Pituitary gland

#### **CONSTRUCTION AT MALVERN**

#### What's with the holes all around the building?

Small areas of bricks have been removed around the entire school, exposing the iron cluster columns. This is standard work that is done in older building to ensure that the building is structurally sound. The work is almost over (and I'm pretty sure the building is NOT falling apart!).

#### **Accessible Entrance**

We were thrilled to see that they have started to pour concrete for the new accessible entrance.



#### FROM THE EQUITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE CLASS

The International Day of Pink took place on April 13th. This is an important day that unites communities across the world to celebrate equity, diversity and inclusion while raising greater awareness of the need to stop homophobic, transphobic and all forms of bullying.

To honour this day, the Grade 12 Equity and Social Justice class made posters and various awareness pieces to celebrate activists within and for the LGBTQ2S+ community and to make others aware of some of the inequities that members of the community face on a daily basis. Actions such as educating ourselves, having uncomfortable conversations and being open to hearing the stories of others is just one step we can all take to help make this community and our society a safer and more inclusive place. Great job Grade 12s!

Nalini Graham, Equity & Social Justice Teacher









#### HEALTH AND WELLNESS SHSM APPLICATIONS

Applications for the Health and Wellness Specialist High Skills Major Program (SHSM) are now open! Grade 10 and 11 students interested in post-secondary opportunities in Health Sciences, Physiotherapy, Fitness and Nutrition, Coaching (and many more!) should apply using the Health and Wellness SHSM Application.

Grade 9 and 10 classes will have classroom visits on May 12 for more information.

Health and Wellness/Sports SHSM Information

Health and Wellness/Sports SHSM Credit Requirements

For more information, please email janine.davies@tdsb.on.ca.



#### TDSB UPDATES

#### TDSBCARES: UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS APPEAL

As the war in Ukraine continues and the resulting humanitarian crisis worsens each day, the TDSB is launching the TDSBcares: Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal to support the Canadian Red Cross and UNICEF in their ongoing efforts to provide life-saving humanitarian assistance to those impacted. Learn more and find out how you can donate.

#### 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The Ministry of Education has approved the TDSB's 2022-2023 School Year Calendar. The first day of classes for students will be Wednesday, September 7, 2022. Please note, September 6 has been designated as a Professional Development day. Visit the TDSB website, for the full list of key dates, including PA and holidays.

Reg. Schedule	Day 1 (odd days)	Day 2 (even Days)
2022/2023		
9:00 - 10:20 a.m.	Class A*	Class A*
10:25 - 11:40 a.m.	Class B	Class B
11:40 - 12:40 p.m.	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:40 - 1:55 p.m.	Class C	Class D
2:00 - 3:15 p.m.	Class D	Class C

Lates Start Dates 2022/23		
Sept 21	Sept 28	
October 19,	October 26	
November 23	November 30	
December 14	December 21	
January 18	January 25	
February 15	February 22	
March 22	March 29	
April 19	April 26	
May 24	May 31	

#### E-LEARNING GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

The Ontario Ministry of Education has introduced a new graduation requirement for secondary students to complete two e-Learning credits as part of the 30 credits required for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). It applies **only** to students who entered Grade 9 on or after September 1, 2020 which means that they are now in Grade 9 or Grade 10.

Students may withdraw/opt out of this new requirement and graduate with an OSSD (details below).

Last week, Malvern sent home a survey (to grade 9 and 10 parents only) for parents/students to indicate a preference for courses that may be offered as an e-Learning course. An Opt-Out form was sent to grade 9 and 10 parents via Permission Click. The form was also available on the survey. The from can also be picked up in the main office or in Guidance, or can be accessed here: TDSB Opt Out/Withdrawl Form

#### e-Learning Credit Course

e-Learning credit courses are delivered using an asynchronous model, which includes digital content such as readings, videos, blogs, commentaries, and online discussion boards. Students complete the assigned work independently and teachers provide ongoing support for student learning through exemplars, rubrics, tutorials and individual conferences. Evaluation is continuous throughout the course with the teacher providing descriptive feedback.

#### **Opting-Out of the e-Learning Graduation Requirement**

Students may withdraw from the online e-Learning requirement. A parent/caregiver/guardian or student (18 years of age or older or 16 or 17 years of age and withdrawn from parental control) may withdraw by submitting the TDSB Opt Out/Withdrawl Form to their school. No explanation or reason is needed to opt out/withdraw.

E-Learning courses will be available in the 2023-2024 school year. If you are not ready to make a decision with regard to participating in e-Learning, there will be future opportunities to participate in e-Learning courses or withdraw from the graduation requirement. A final decision is not required at this time.

If you have decided now to withdraw from the graduation requirement, please complete the TDSB Opt Out/Withdrawl Form and return it to your school.

## May 22, 1923 Commemorating 100 Years



Malvern is honoured to collaborate with Malvern's Red and Black Society (MRBS) to commemorate the 100 anniversary of the Cenotaph.

Parents are welcome to join the Commemoration on Monday, May 24, 2023 at 10:00 in front of the school.

A reception will follow in the library.



#### **GRADE 10 FROG DISSECTION**

Frog dissection? Ewwww, but when are we going to do it? Was the response I got from my grade 10s.

Well, we finally dissected frogs, at least ½ of the grade 10s have completed this interesting and perhaps morbid inquiry. Before starting I asked if there were any students who felt a bit uncomfortable with the dissection, sure to get a couple who would prefer to complete an online dissection.

Nope.

Not a single student opted for the less messy electronic version.

So, here I go. I handed out the specimens. Dipping my hand into a large bucket placing the frogs on their trays, the noise level started to pick up, the students were fascinated. Almost immediately they got to work. As I walked around

checking for questions I found 2 students who seemed very reluctant; their frog so far seem all in tact. I told them that they could be observers in another group if this was a bit too much for them. They joined the other group that was busy trying to open the mouth to see frog teeth.

When I circled back 2 minutes later they were back with their own frog, apparently just watching wasn't nearly as much fun!

But, I have to say, the best moment was when I looked over at one of my easily distracted students who has never seemed to be that interested in science. He was holding up a ruler in one hand and stretching out frog intestines with the other – completely enthralled!

Humpf! I wasn't needed. No questions. All students were busy measuring and poking about. I returned to the front of the class and just watched in amazement. Every single student was completely and fully engaged, not a cell phone in sight.

I wonder if I can do frog dissections every day?

Virginia Dawe, Science Teacher

#### THE CITY NATURE CHALLENGE

Friday was a beautiful day, and as it turned out a perfect day for the City Nature Challenge. An annual four-day global event where cities across the world compete to see which city can gather the greatest number of wild-life observations, find the most species and engage the most people at the event.

Ms Dawe's science classes downloaded the *inaturalist app* and headed for Glen Stewart Ravine. In groups of twos and threes they snapped pictures of nature adding to the thousands of observations across the GTA. Participating in Citizen Science on a beautiful spring day, it was so nice to be physically present with intrinsically motivated students. <a href="https://www.ecospark.ca/city-nature-challenge-2022-toronto-and-gta">https://www.ecospark.ca/city-nature-challenge-2022-toronto-and-gta</a>











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