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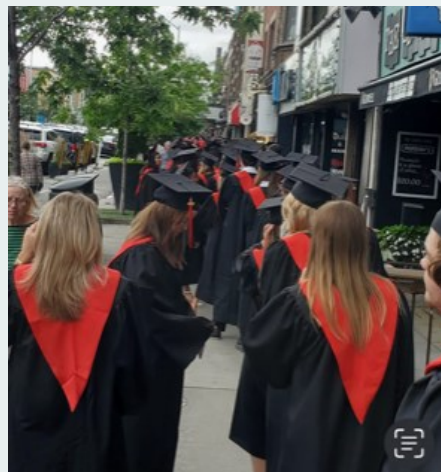
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**HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!**

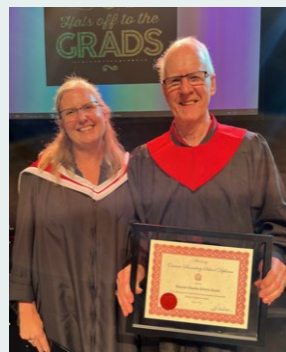
**LOOK FOR SCHOOL START UP INSTRUCTIONS DURING THE LAST WEEK OF AUGUST!**

# MALVERN C.I.

## HAT'S OFF TO MALVERN'S CLASS OF 2023



The graduates stopped traffic on the Danforth as they were led to the Danforth Music Hall.



Ted was a member of Malvern's Concert Band in 1953. At the age of 88, Ted asked if he could finally graduate from Malvern CI.

See CTV's coverage of his story [here](#).

## Introducing Aaron Gotfryd, Malvern's New Principal



June 23, 2023

Dear Students, Parents/Guardians and Staff of Malvern Collegiate,

As you know, Sandy Kaskens, the current Principal of Malvern Collegiate is retiring at the end of this school year after 27 years of service with the Toronto District School Board. We are grateful to Principal Kaskens for her longstanding commitment to the academic, social and emotional well-being of all students. As Principal, she created a nurturing and welcoming learning community for all students and staff and we will miss her presence in the building.

Please join me in thanking Principal Kaskens for her leadership, we wish her well in the next chapter of her life.

On behalf of the Toronto District School Board, we would like to take this opportunity to inform you that on June 22nd the Board of Trustees approved a series of Principal and Vice-Principal transfers and promotions. I would like to announce that Vice-Principal Aaron Gotfryd has been promoted to Principal at Malvern Collegiate Institute. Mr. Gotfryd is currently the Vice-Principal at Earl Haig Secondary School. He brings a wealth of experience to Malvern, he has a strong background in music and mathematics and was a K to 12 Instructional Leader. He has always been committed to working closely with students and families to foster a strong sense of community.

We look forward to welcoming Mr. Gotfryd as Principal to Malvern Collegiate.

Sincerely,

Dr. Belinda Longe  
Superintendent of Education  
Learning Network 23

Michelle Aarts  
Toronto District School Board  
Trustee Ward 16

## GRADUATES! DON'T FORGET TO SAVE ALL YOUR FILES!

Accounts for students **graduating in June** will remain active until the end of August.

After a student account has been deactivated, they will lose access to their TDSB Google account, including: Google Docs, and all files on their Google Drive. Gmail, and the ability to send/receive emails to their **@student.tdsb.on.ca** account.

### Removing TDSB account from devices

If students have signed into their TDSB account on their personal phone or iOS device, they should remove it before their account is deactivated:

[Add or remove an account on Android](#)  
[Use your Google Account on your iPhone or iPad](#)

### Changing email address

If students used their TDSB email address for college/work/personal correspondence or for accessing/logging into any 3rd party services or accounts, they must update or inform those contacts and accounts prior to losing access to their TDSB account.

Consider turning on Gmail out-of-office or vacation reply to inform senders of the new email address:

[Out-of-office or vacation reply](#)

### Backing up your data

Before leaving the TDSB, please follow these instructions to transfer/move data to a personal Google account, or to download a copy of their files:

[TDSB Google Takeout/Transfer Instructions](#)

### Some things to consider:

- ◆ **Download/Transfer Takes Time:** Depending on how much data they have in their Google account, creating and downloading the archive account may take hours or days. **Please do this at home.**
- ◆ **Transferring:** All of their content may not fit into their personal Google account as TDSB Google Accounts have unlimited storage and personal Gmail accounts have a 15GB limit.
- ◆ **Downloading:** This option will download your files to a single archive file (a ZIP file). Once the archive file has been created, you can download the archive file to your computer. You can then open the archive file to use your files with other programs. Downloading your data should happen on a computer that you own.

## GUIDANCE CORNER

### IMPORTANT DATES AHEAD

[e-Summer](#): August registration closes - July 6, 2023 (11:00am) - also see [KEY DATES](#)

### SUMMER SCHOOL

Registration is ongoing for August summer school. Some programs are filling up quickly. Take a look at the [August e-Summer courses](#) and follow the registration instructions on this website.

### SUMMER WELL-BEING GUIDE

The [TDSB Summer 2023 Well-Being Guide](#) is filled with summer resources for students and parents/caregivers. This guide is translated into [TDSB's 20 top spoken languages](#) and the following. We hope everyone in our community can find something useful:

- Supports for Mental Health and Well-Being
  - TDSB Professional Support Services Mental Health and Well-Being Summer Programs
  - Supports and Resources for Youth
  - Summer Programs and Activities for Child/Youth
  - Ideas for Keeping my Child/Youth Active this Summer
  - Resources for My Child/Youth with Special/Complex Needs
- TDSB Resources for Mental Health and Well-Being

### MLSE LAUNCHPAD SUMMER PROGRAMS & LEAGUES

Summertime is here and MLSE has many Fun, FREE Programs available, from Daytime Leadership Camps to Evening Basketball, Volleyball and Futsal Leagues, there is something for just about everyone. MLSE Summer Programs will run from July 10, 2023 to September 1, 2023.

Registration is open, and many of the options include drop-in programs.

[Summer Program Schedule](#)  
[Boys Basketball League](#)

[Girls Basketball League](#)

If you have any additional questions, please contact Launchpad Info [info@MLSELaunchPad.org](mailto:info@MLSELaunchPad.org).

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE CNE

The Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) is currently looking for volunteers to be part of the [Friends of the CNE Volunteer Program](#). This is the 23<sup>rd</sup> year for this program, and they are recruiting eager volunteers to assist in creating a positive, and inclusive space for guests while on the grounds. This year the volunteers will be helping with offering our guests directions and information and assist various departments at receptions, functions and special events throughout the 18-day fair. This year the CNE will run from August 18<sup>th</sup> to September 4<sup>th</sup> 2023.

This is an opportunity for volunteers to enjoy the sights and sounds of the CNE while gaining valuable volunteer experience. It enables students to obtain their community service hours and also take part in one of Toronto's greatest summer traditions. This volunteer experience strives towards fostering a better sense of community through fostering creating meaningful relationships.

The application form is available online at [www.theex.com](http://www.theex.com). Students complete this application form online and will be contacted later for interviews.



## BEN PAPADOPOULOS GIVES BACK TO MALVERN!



The new landscaping at the front of the school is coming along nicely and will be a great gathering place for students! The next step is to have planter boxes to bring back some nature!

Ben started things off by designing and building this planter box as part of his Environmental Science final project.

Ben built the entire box from scrap wood, and finished it off with several coats of bees wax and some cone flowers.

Thank you, Ben! Great Job!

## TRACK & FIELD

### Track and Field

The Track and Field team had an incredible season, marked by exceptional performances and unwavering determination. The athletes showed their skills at the South-West Regional Championships, earning them a coveted spot at the highly competitive Metro Championships held in late May. Unlike team sports, where qualification for the provincial championships (OFSAA) involves competing against other TDSB schools, our athletes faced additional challenges, having to contend with competitors from Catholic and Private school boards. They had to secure a top-four finish in their events to advance, making their achievements even more impressive.

We are thrilled to announce that this year, three outstanding athletes from Malvern successfully qualified for OFSAA for their individual events, along with our open girls' 4x400m relay team, that was held in Ottawa from June 8 -10<sup>th</sup>. We extend our warmest congratulations to Natalie Burrows, Tegan Carpenter, Maya Nobes, Alexandra Mills, and Charlie Mills for their remarkable performances and unmatched passion throughout the season.



C. Mills



#### Metro Qualifiers

Back Row from left: Charlie Mills, Sasha Rao, Jack Preece, Matthew Edwards, Vaughan Cameron, Dean Beardsworth, Riley Vrbanic, Maya Nobes, Tegan Carpenter, Elle Benson, Natalie Burrows, Lily

Charlie showcased his talent and determination in the 3000m race, securing a commendable 12<sup>th</sup> place, as well as in the fast-paced 1500m race, where he finished in 13<sup>th</sup> place. Charlie achieved personal best time in both races, highlighting his continuous improvement and dedication to the sport.

Natalie proved herself to be among the top 10 athletes in the province in the fiercely competitive 400m race, earning her a spot at Nationals being held in British Columbia in July. Additionally, she achieved a commendable 15<sup>th</sup> place in the challenging 400m hurdles event, demonstrating her versatility as an athlete.

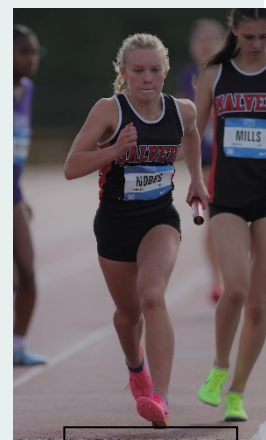


N. Burrows



Mills & T. Carpen-

Alexandra's remarkable performance secured her an impressive 11<sup>th</sup> place in the highly competitive 1500m race. Furthermore, she now ranks as the 8<sup>th</sup> best 3000m racer in the province, a testament to her exceptional endurance and skill.



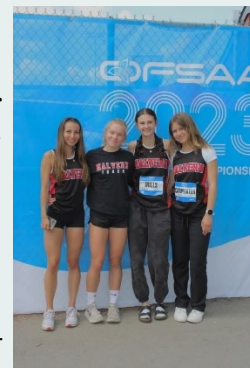
M. Nobes

The 4x400m open girls' team, consisting of Natalie, Tegan, Alexandra, and Maya, delivered an exhilarating race that kept us on the edge of our seats. They finished 11<sup>th</sup> overall, surpassing their Metro Qualifying time by an impressive 3.5 seconds. Their teamwork and commitment were truly inspiring, and we look forward to what the team can achieve next year.

These exceptional athletes serve as an inspiration to all students, demonstrating that success is within reach through dedication and hard work. Their achievements remind us of the importance of perseverance and unwavering passion.

Ms. Tsukada and I are incredibly proud of their outstanding performances and wish them continued success in their future endeavors.

Elizabeth Barsby, Track and Field/Cross Country Coach



Open Girl's 4x400m relay



## CONGRATULATIONS TO MALVERN'S MSGA FOR EARNING THE EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT PRIDE COMMITTEE AWARD!

### HAPPY PRIDE MONTH!

Malvern's Gender and Sexuality Alliance has just finished up a great year!

Back in November, the club held a bake sale to raise money for Trans Life-line and put together a poster campaign in honour of Transgender Day of Remembrance.

In February, we held a bake sale for Black Women in Motion, a Toronto-based organization that supports the advancement of Black women, girls, nonbinary, and gender-non-conforming survivors of gender-based violence.

And in April, for *International Day of Pink*, we gave out pink buttons to show support for the fight against homophobic bullying and discrimination. We also played a lot of 2SLGBTQIA+ themed games, such as Queer Shark Tank, Queer "Name That Tune" (for the Malvern Cup), and a bunch of trivia games.

As a result of their hard work in creating such a safe and welcoming environment, and for promoting engagement in 2SLGBTQIA+ causes around the school, the leaders of the club earned the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation's Exceptional Student Pride Committee Award!



### SEMESTER 2 ART SHOW

Malvern's Art Department hosted an Art Show on June 15 that featured works by our Semester Two students in Visual and Media Arts.

The show included dozens of works, including paintings, drawings, clay sculptures and plaster masks by our grade 9 and 10 students as well as digital works in Photoshop, Adobe Animate and Photography by our grade 11 Media Arts students. It was great to see such talent and creativity on display.



ART SHOW



Study club participants gathered for a pizza party to celebrate their progress over the course of the year. Consider joining the Study Club in September!

Courtesy of Ms. Doudoumis

Biology students meditated and performed breathing exercises before their final exam. This is just a snapshot of the kind of peer support and unity students at Malvern experience from day to day.

## CO-OP LEGENDS OF 2023!

Please enjoy this short [video](#), featuring all of them! A special thanks goes out to our COOP teacher Rebecca Sanderson who supported the students in their placements and ensured that they all had rich experiences.

We wish Rebecca luck in her new school next year, Wondering Spirit.

### GRADE 12 STUDENT, DAJUAN BURKE, SITS DOWN WITH MS. KASKENS TO TALK COOP

*Why did you choose Coop?*

I choose Coop this year because I wanted to be in a work environment and have a different kind of experience, outside the classroom. My coop placement was at Earl Gray Public School.

*What are your plans or goals after high school?*

My future plan is to improve my grades and then try to get NCAA approved and play D1 basketball.

*How did your Coop experience support your goals?*

I Learned about the importance of staying on task, being on time, being accountable. Learned how to connect with others on a more professional level, while still having a personal connection.

I also become familiar with a Program called *City Hoops*. They teach kids about basketball at a high level. Some of the students at Earl Gray are involved in *City Hoops*. I was connected with a representative from *City*

*Hoops* through the Principal, Ms. Greenfield, and I'm hoping to do more work with them, and work with kids at their summer camps. Toronto is trying to develop the sport and basketball is my passion, so I hope to work with *City Hoops*. My experience with students through Coop will help me to peruse jobs with community organizations that aim to support youth in the sport.

*What was it like to work with teachers?*

It was great to work with teachers in this environment. They treated me like a teacher, sort of. I experienced the "other side" of the classroom. The experience gave me more respect for teachers. The experience also gave me some ideas of what I could do in the future. I can look at coaching younger kids and mentoring them.

*What was it like to work with younger students?*

The students...Some times, they just made my day! The kids brought their energy to school every day. It was a nice environment. They treated me like their mentor. It was so rewarding for me. I have younger siblings. I know what the older brother experience is like. I always have to lead the way for them, and show them what's right and wrong. It's familiar. I had the same connection with the students at Ear Gray. I was able to give the students the perspective of an "older brother".



## THANK YOU TO MALVERN'S MUSIC STUDENTS!

As the Malvern Music depart closes out the year we would like to thank all the students that have poured their heart and soul into making the music program great.

We would also like to congratulate all the music graduates and wish them the best of luck in the years to come.

Remember to always keep music performance part your lives. The future of the program looks bright and we look forward to performing at many events in the coming year.

Have a fantastic summer!

Mike Falla and Laura Norris



## PHYSICS - WONDERLAND TRIP 2023

Earlier this month, all the senior physics and calculus students went on a thrilling field trip to Canada's Wonderland to celebrate their achievements in high school as future leaders in the STEM!

## FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Congratulations to everyone – students, teachers, staff – on a simply wonderful year with its feel of a “somewhat” return to normalcy (if that is even such a thing anymore) – sports, arts and academic curriculars all returned in full force!

We would like to thank Sandy Kaskens for her tremendous leadership of the past three years here at Malvern and 27 years prior at other TDSB schools (including a VP stint at Malvern)! We appreciated her transparency and honesty even if it was to say “I don’t know”. We also appreciated that she led as much with her heart as with her head – we always felt that her compassion and empathy and starting with “what’s right for the students” are what made her so special and was something that this school very much needed. Who will ever forget that she gave us her home address so we could pick up PCR tests? That she chose to run an outdoor Commencement for the Class of 2021 when no other schools were really doing this? How about the incredibly detailed monthly newsletters – including this one – full of EVERYTHING you might possibly need to know that many of us sheepishly confessed we didn’t fully read? These are above and beyond the call and we are so very thankful and appreciative for all that she did for this school. Sandy, we wish you only the very very best for this next chapter of your life, will say “au revoir” instead of “good-bye” and Congratulations on a very well-deserved retirement!

We would also like to welcome Aaron Gotfryd who begins as Malvern’s new principal this September! We very much look forward to continuing the collaborative relationships that we have enjoyed with previous Malvern principals, and we are here to support you – the biggest one being that we understand that you’re new – so we won’t expect a 30-page newsletter ... in September Welcome again, Aaron!

Here is the proposed schedule for the 2023-24 School Council Meetings which will continue as hybrid meetings and are essentially the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month beginning at 7PM with some exceptions:

- ◆ September 19: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday so we have enough time to post about the School Council election which will take place on this day
- ◆ October 17: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday since the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday is right after Thanksgiving
- ◆ November 14
- ◆ December 12
- ◆ January 16: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday since the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday is only the 2<sup>nd</sup> day after the return from winter break
- ◆ February 13
- ◆ March 19: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday since the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday is during March break
- ◆ April 9
- ◆ May 14
- ◆ June 11

We would like to thank all parents who participated in School Council whether by attending meetings, reading the minutes, and/or who signed up to be a voting member of Council – your participation is essential and we hope that you will all return in some capacity next year. The School Council Election notice will be sent out at the start of the school year, so please look for that and please sign up! We would also like to thank Principal Kaskens, Teacher Rep Rafael Escobar and Student Advisory Council Rep Tia Wilson for making our meetings so informative and lastly, we would like to thank the 2022-23 Malvern School Council Officers of Angie Law and Adrienne Scott (Co-Chairs), Nancy Mallins (Treasurer) and Taanis Smyth (Secretary) for their outstanding contributions in ensuring that the “business” of Council was well taken care of throughout the year. Minutes from all of our meetings can be found online on the school website.

Have a wonderful Summer and we look forward to seeing you at the first School Council meeting of the year and the Council election on Tuesday, September 19 at 7PM.

## THANK YOU ANGIE LAW!

We also are sad to say farewell to our Chair, Angie Law. If you look toward the stage of any school event, and wonder who it is alongside Sandy, that would be Angie! She is a fierce supporter of excellence and opportunity, and has guided us all on the parent council to be the best support we can to our teachers, kids, and community. She has a special gift for running meetings on time while packing everything in and no task is too big or small for her to tackle.

Thank you Angie we will miss you!

Adrienne Scott, on behalf of the School Council.



Pictured Above: Angie Law, Council Co-Chair, Sandy Kaskens, Outgoing Principal, Tia Wilson, Student Representative, Raf Escobar, Teacher Representative.

Thank you to Tia Wilson who has attended every council meeting for the last 2 years to give us updates on Student Council events.

Thank you to Raf Escobar, who also attended every meeting as the Staff Representatives.

Both Tia and Raf have been important members of the council and have contributed so much!