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MALVERN C.I.



Attention Grade 12's!

Please ask your parent/guardian to purchase your gown set through School Cash Online. They have been available to purchase for awhile, and many of you do not have one yet!

Cost is \$15, and you get to keep it!

We hope all of you will attend our graduation ceremony at Danforth Music Hall on June 27 at 1:00 p.m.

REMINDER TO PARENTS: VACATIONS AND OTHER ABSENCES

During the month of March, a number of Malvern students were absent from school for vacations (many were absent the week prior to or after the March break). We understand that this year may be unprecedented as many families are taking vacations that had been postponed for the last few year. We have noticed that in many cases, parents are not reporting these absences to the school, and students aren't always communicating to their teachers when they will be away from school.

Please see the information below that is published in Malvern's Student Code of Conduct, Policies & Procedures (hard copies were provided to all students). It is also published in School Connects.

Vacation/Absence Policy

- Students and families are strongly discouraged from planning vacations during the school year.
- Vacations (including long weekends away) are not considered legitimate reasons for missing school, particularly if a test or evaluation has been scheduled.
- In many situations, teachers may make alternate arrangements with students, provided there is sufficient notice, but teachers are not expected to make accommodations for vacations.
- Parents/Guardians are required to inform the school of these absences, and students are required to complete an absence form and communicate with their teachers well in advance of the absence.
- Students who are absent from a Final Exam and/or Culminating Activities for a vacation <u>will not be accommodated</u> and will receive a mark of zero for the portion that was missed. For 2nd semester, these evaluations take place throughout the month of June.

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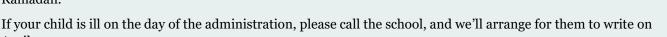
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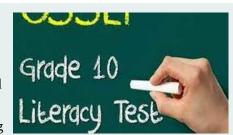
On Wednesday, April 5, all grade 10 students will be writing the OSSLT. Successful completion of the OSSLT is a diploma requirement.

Students in grade 11 and 12, who have not yet fulfilled this requirement, will also write the OSSLT.

A alternate date of April 25 is available for those students who are observing Ramadan.



Please review the following **TIPS** in preparation for the test. This was reviewed in class for all students.



SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 5

9:00—12:00 OSSLT for all eligible students in grade 11 & 12, and for all grade 10 students

Waterloo Math Contest for participating grade 11 & 12 students

For all other students, school begins at 1:00 p.m.

Period 1 1:00—1:30 Period 2 1:35—2:10 Period 3 2:15—2:45 Period 4 2:45—3:15

April 25.



Students are also welcome to come to school in the morning and work in the cafeteria. Teachers from different subject areas will be available in the cafeteria if students need extra help.

MALVERN'S MARCHING BAND

Don't miss seeing Malvern's Marching Band at the annual Easter Parade on Queen St on Sunday, April 9 at 2:00.







FROM GUIDANCE

IMPORTANT DATES AHEAD

<u>e-Summer</u> registration opens - April 4th, 10am (tentative)

Financial Aid Presentation at lunch - April 12th Con Ed Summer School registration opens - April 18th, 10am (tentative)

Semester 2 Marks Maintain After Date (Full Disclosure): May 2nd

Ontario Colleges applications: still open and accepted on an ongoing basis

SUMMER SCHOOL

Registration for Summer School will open in April. We encourage students to sign up soon after registration opens, as some programs will fill up quickly. The lists of courses, registration links, and FAQs can be found on the following websites.

e-Summer (July and August) opens tentatively on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 10am. This is fully online for grade 11 & 12 classes plus Civics/Careers. It includes a mix of synchronous and asynchronous learning. July courses are found here and August courses are found here. Students can register for this program: REGISTER HERE. Please refer to the list of key dates for July e-Summer.

Continuing Education, Summer Credit Programs (July) tentatively opens on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 9:00am. This is either online or inperson for a variety of courses, and students must attend from 9:00am-3:15pm every day. Remote courses are found here and In-Person courses are found here. Students can register for this program at the following link: REGISTER HERE. Please refer to the list of key dates for Con Ed Summer School.

MALVERN CI COMMUNITY FAIR

A huge thanks to all of our partners for a successful community fair earlier in March. Students were able to visit and speak with many community organizations in the cafeteria, for support services as well as volunteer and job opportunities. Participants this year included:

- ♦ Youth Employment Services
- ♦ City of Toronto Parks, Forestry & Recreation
- Variety Village
- Strides Toronto
- ♦ Toronto Public Library
- ♦ WoodGreen Youth Wellness Centre
- ♦ YMCA Black Achievers Mentorship Program
- Community Centre 55
- ♦ Bob Acton Sports
- West Scarborough Neighbourhood Community Centre

- ♦ YMCA YSAP Substance Use Program
- West Neighbourhood House
- ♦ YMCA Youth Transitions Program
- ♦ Kids Connect

If you know of an organization who would like to participate in our 2024 Community Fair, please contact a guidance counsellor!























GRADE 12 SCHOLARSHIPS

Attention all grade 12 students! Please take some time to look at the opportunities below, and you can look back at the February newsletter which included the One City Scholarship, Schulich Builders Scholarships, and the 55 Division CPLC Valerie Mah Memorial Scholarship.

Malvern CI has several scholarships which require an application. For many other commencement awards and scholarships, there are not individual applications to awards, but the "Summary of Activities" is one piece of evidence which may help the Malvern Awards and Scholarships Committee determine recipients.

The deadline for all Malvern CI scholarship applications and the Summary of Activities is April 30, 2023.

More information can be found at https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/malvernguidance/scholarships.

Know Your Worth Scholarships

The African Heritage Month Volunteer Planning Committee and TDSB are committed to encouraging and supporting students of African heritage to further their post-secondary education. There are several scholarships available, including the Kujichagulia Academic Award, Kuumba Creative Award, and Umoja Leadership Award. Deadlines vary, and are in late April to early May. More information can be found here or come speak with a guidance counsellor on how to apply.

The University Women's Club Toronto Scholarships

The University Women's Club Toronto has a mission of providing opportunities for the growth and advancement of students identifying as women through the pursuit of intellectual, cultural and social interests. They are currently offering nine scholarships of \$6000 each to young women in the central Toronto area who plan to pursue a university education. The candidates for these scholarships are women in grade 12 graduating in June 2023. The ideal student should have good academic standing and participate in extracurricular activities within and outside the school. A strong candidate is a student who is passionate about contributing to her community. The applicant must demonstrate financial need. The applicant must be endorsed by the guidance counsellor and the principal.

Submit an interest in nomination to your Guidance Counsellor. The applications DO NOT go directly to the organization. You will do this by emailing your guidance counsellor the "Personal Statement" and "Financial Need" sections of the application by April 30, 2023. You should complete at least 100 words for each section. The Awards and Scholarship Committee can nominate one candidate from Malvern, based on the overall strength of your application, to send to the organization. Please see full details and the application package here, and be sure to read the Eligibility and Application Checklist from page 2 very carefully.

CST Foundation and myBlueprint Bursaries

The <u>Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation</u> (CSTF) along with myBlueprint is giving away \$150,000 in bursaries for post-secondary education. The CSTF supports access to post-secondary education and believes finances should not hinder post-secondary education. These bursaries are designed to support your students with financial needs. <u>Click Here to Apply & Learn More</u>.

There are 25 bursaries, each valued at \$6000 The bursaries focus on financial need

CSTF is specifically looking for students who demonstrate strong character: resiliency, community-mindedness, and commitment to excellence

The bursaries are for current Grade 12, first-generation PSE students (students whose parents did not attend post-secondary education).



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Scholarship Fund

Have you faced obstacles and excelled? Are you looking

ONE City Scholarship

college or university?

\$1500 or \$3000
pad over two years.

Applications open Feb. 1 - April 11

Applications open Feb. 1 - April 11.
For more info, go to:
www.onecityfund.com

Financial Aid Workshop

Scholarship Fund -->

We will have an informative presentation at lunch on Wednesday, April 12, for grade 12s on Financial Aid for Post-Secondary, with Kassi Wicke from George Brown College. Students from other grades are welcome, and the talk applies to all universities and colleges. Guidance counselors have already visited grade 12 classes for students to sign-up, but more are welcome - please reach out to your guidance counsellor.

Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023

One City

Time: 11:40am - 12:35pm

Location: Auditorium

Topic: Financial Aid /OSAP

Description: Kassi, from George Brown College, will be giving a presentation to any interested Malvern students who have questions about their financial aid options for attending College or University. This presentation will include information about scholarships, bursaries, and grants - what is available, where to find them, and tips and tricks for applying. The

presentation will also include



information about Ontario's student financial assistance and loan program (OSAP) and detail the application process, what to expect and support on how to complete this before starting your program.

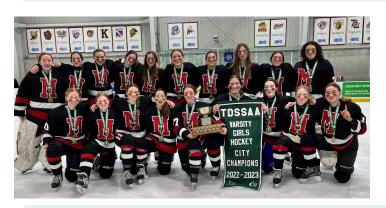
Varsity Girls Hockey

The excitement around girls hockey this year was immense as they were defending City Champions and hoping to repeat again this year. The season didn't begin the way the girls had hoped with 1 win, 3 losses and a tie. However, they finished the season off with a big win heading into playoffs. In the Quarterfinals they beat Northern 5 - 2. Then, in the Semi Finals they beat a powerhouse Humberside team 3 - 0. This huge win clinched them a berth in the City Championships against Lawrence Park. The Malvern girls silenced a large Lawrence Park crowd beating them 5 - 3 and were crowned the champions of Toronto yet again. This win was featured in the Beach Metro, check it out!

As a result of winning the TDSSAA City Champion-

ships the girls attended OFSAA in Windsor from March 20th - 23rd. They played 3 round robin games against some amazing competition. Ultimately, we fell short but finished on a strong note with a comeback tie against Oakville Trafalgar. Overall, the time together in Windsor was an amazing experience, the team bonded together through hotel nights, team dinners, a Windsor Spitfires game and long bus rides with Jeff!

All season the girls were led by a strong leadership group. Team assistant captains were Abby Calvert, Téa Lavalleé, Kate Custance and Caitlin Rother. The team captain was Celena Mickevicius. These 5 demonstrated what it means to be a strong leader through their positive energy, work ethic, commitment and character on and off the ice. They have set the foundation for girls hockey here at Malvern.



Junior Boys Hockey

The Junior Boys Hockey Team had the strongest regular season out of any Malvern hockey team this year. They finished the season with 4 wins and 1 loss, securing second place in the City-wide league. In the semi-finals, Malvern played a strong Etobicoke team. After a tight first 2 periods they pulled away in the third period, winning the game 6 - 2. The finals were played at Mattamy Athletic Centre, the former Maple Leaf Gardens. This was an amazing experience for our athletes as many fans were in attendance, there were professional announcers and it truly felt like a City Championship. In the City Finals, Malvern played the Leaside Lancers who were the one team that managed to beat Malvern in the regular season. Led by Jimmy Lombardi, Jared Harding, Owen Snider and Thomas Strickland Malvern dominated and pulled off a 7 - 2 win!

All year the boys demonstrated a high level of competitiveness, teamwork and genuine love for the game. The exciting part is that most of the team are grade 10's who will move on to the Varsity team next year, solidifying a great foundation for Malvern hockey. Grade 9's, Jonas Frynta, Lachlan MacDonald and Declan Torrance will be relied on to continue the team's success at the Junior level. Congratulations boys!



Varsity Boys Hockey

The Varsity Boys Hockey team competed in a very competitive 5 team, city-wide league where anybody could beat anybody on any given night. The boys started off on a tear in December winning two games and tieing one. The remainder of the season had some ups and downs but the boys fought hard every single game. After the regular season finished they found themselves in the Semi-Finals against their arch rivals, Lawrence Park. Malvern ended up losing the game 5 - 4 but it wasn't before every single team member left it all out on the ice, including Tomas Frynta driving straight to the rink from Mont Tremblant. Ultimately, the team's goals of a City Championship and OFSAA appearance did not work out but these young men demonstrated the re-emergence of a strong Varsity Boys Hockey Program at Malvern.

The Varsity Boys had a strong leadership group, the assistant captains were Tomas Frynta, Hudson Cummins and Jack Preece. Markus Pisani, the team captain, led through intensity, dedication, and commitment. He led the boys in a tremendous fashion on the ice, in practice and in the weight room.

Congratulations on a strong season, best of luck moving forward to all graduating players, those returning players return with unfinished business.

Ski & Snowboard Team

MCI coaches are thrilled to share with you the amazing results of our ski and snowboard teams at the OFSAA this season! Our athletes gave it their all, and their hard work and dedication paid off in a big way. It was Malvern's best showing yet.

Our ski team fell short of the podium; however, they did earn an eighth-place finish for all of Ontario. Congratulations to Ruby and Avery Barbour, Alexandra Lawson, Charlotte Erochko, and Leah Quinn. A special shout out for a speedy recovery for Leah who unfortunately broke her leg on the seconnd day of competition. The team's overall performance was outstanding though, and we are incredibly proud of their accomplishments.

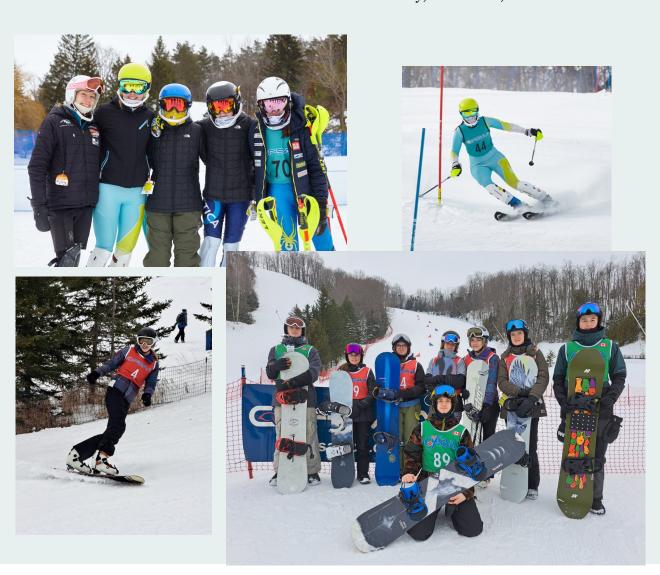
Our snowboard team also had an impressive

showing at OFSAA in the following days, with several athletes earning top finishes in their events. Chloe Halminen landed a spot on the podium, taking home a silver medal. The girls' team performance was outstanding and earned them a silver medal finish overall, and we can't say enough about how impressive this is (best ever showing for Malvern snowboarding). Way to go. Congratulations to Charlotte and Rileigh Honeyman, Chloe Halminen, Ava Sparks, and Izzy Frape.

We want to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all of our athletes on their exceptional performance at the Provincial Championships this season. Thank you for representing our school with such dedication and pride. Go Malvern!

From your coaches,

Luke Hartley, Mark Steel, and James Bencze



GET REAL ASSEMBLY

The Get REAL Movement returned to Malvern on March 21 for our first in-person assembly from the group in many years. Presenters from Get REAL facilitated a workshop on 2SLGBTQIA+ issues that built on their own personal stories. Students learned about sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, and heard from speakers who have grown from their diverse life experiences and journeys to find confidence in their identities. For more information on this fantastic organization, visit https://





DAY OF PINK

This year, we will be celebrating and honouring the International Day of Pink on **Wednesday, April 12, 2023**. This is a day where communities across the country can unite in celebrating diversity and raising awareness to stop homophobia, transphobia, transmisogyny, and all forms of bullying. The theme for this year is COUR-AGE - in particular the courage to stand in



solidarity with 2SLGBTQIA+ communities in the continued fight for equality and acceptance for all.

From https://www.dayofpink.org/:

Discrimination takes many shapes, whether it's based on race, age, disabilities, gender or sexuality. The 2SLGBTQIA+ community is no stranger to the bullying and violence that stems from hateful beliefs. While progress has been made towards removing these social barriers from our society, discrimination still persists. So, every year, on the second Wednesday of April, we urge people around the world to put on a pink shirt and stand in solidarity with the 2SLGBTOIA+ community.







MALVERN'S SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR (SHSM) IN HEALTH & WELLNESS

February and March were busy months for the Health and Wellness Specialized High Skills Major (SHSM) program at Malvern. Malvern has recognized the need to make fitness testing FUN, as well as more accurate.

Sporttesting, a company responsible for implementing a high-tech laser based timing system came in and taught all of the SHSM and Leadership students how to use the system and how to run a combine. Later, the SHSM and Leadership students conducted fitness testing for ALL Malvern Physical Education classes.

This was an opportunity for the SHSM and Leadership students to learn how to use the system as well as for all other students to take part in state of the art fitness testing. As you can see in the image below students were encouraging, pushing and supporting each other throughout the entire event.

Next up for the SHSM students was learning how to use athletic tape to tape injuries. This was an all-day hands-on experience where students were taught how to tape a variety of injuries to enable safety to continue to play sports. They learned to tape everything from a sprained wrist to runners knee. This will clearly come in handy as many of the SHSM students are athletes themselves or involved in sport. Athletic Taping is one of the many real word skills that the SHSM students have learned and will continue to learn in high school.



Malvern's Semi-Formal a Huge Success!

A magical night of dinner and dancing was nothing short of memorable. The night began when everyone came through the front doors of Parkview Manor, dressed to impress. The venue, food and dessert were perfect. However, once the tables were cleared, and music turned up, everyone headed to the dance floor! The room was aglow with over 400 excited, happy Malvern students having a great time. The DJ, the staff, the students and the teachers made this night a beautifully memorable night after a bleak pandemic without in person events.

As this year's Semi Formal was the first dance in a long time for Malvern CI students, the event went smoothly with no interruptions and we couldn't be happier. On behalf of all Malvern students, who attended that night, we'd like to thank the amazing SAC for organizing the admissions, event staff and our fantastic teachers, principals and office team, for making this event possible. We couldn't have had a better semi-formal. Onward Malvern!

Tia Wilson, SAC Communications Rep.

MALVERN'S 120 YEAR ANNIVERSARY REUNION

MRBS (Malvern's Red & Black Society) have been working hard to prepare for our reunion on May 13, 2023. All are welcome to the school's open house. They have also organized various Pub Nights based on the Decades that alumni graduated.

We are asking that members of the community sign up through Eventbrite for the Open House at the school (it is a free event) and/or sign up for one of the Pub Nights (tickets are \$20).

If you haven't already done so, please register on MRBS's website.



CO-OP CORNER

It has been an exciting start to the Semester 2 Co-op course here at Malvern.

Students have been fortunate to secure a variety of unique work placements throughout the community. Currently Malvern students are working at local vet clinics, real estate agencies, fitness centers, long term care facilities and within the trades, just to name a few. The real world learning experience and opportunities that students gain from their Co-op placement is impactful, as it can assist with developing employability skills, and decisions around post sec-

ondary goals for life beyond Malvern. We are fortunate and thankful for the many local businesses and organizations who are supporting our students with their work place-

ment experience.

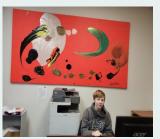
If you have been reading the Beach Metro News, you may have noticed 2 new sports journalists contributing to the content. Both Kaden and Jack, have drafted and published articles for the local newspaper. Read their articles here. Beach Metro News-**Sports**



Liv working hard at Kingston Road Animal Hospital



Filip and Riley assisting with recreation activities at Revera Long Term Care



Russell, revolutionizing data with his coding skills





Andre getting some hits in at L.A

MALVERN PROM

Thursday, May 18th, 2023 Dinner and Dance @ The Guild Inn Estate

How do I buy my ticket?

Tickets will be available for purchase on SchoolCash Online (\$100 Malvern Students and \$110 for non-Malvern Guests).

Tickets are on sale from Monday April 3rd until Friday April 14th

When tickets are purchased on SchoolCash Online, you will be prompted to select a Chicken, Vegetarian or Vegan meal option to be associated with your ticket.

Meal Options

Chicken – Baked Boneless Chicken Breast marinated in White Wine, Lemon Juice, Garlic & Thyme

Vegetarian - Portobello Mushroom & Goat Cheese Strudel with **Buttery Asparagus**

Vegan - Bento Box with Braised Tofu, Tempura Vegetables, Glass Noodles & Seaweed Salad

Can I bring a Guest who does not attend Malvern?

Grade 12 students can bring one non-Malvern Guest to attend Prom, subject to approval by the Malvern Administration.

Guests are required to sign a hard copy of the non-Malvern Student Waiver. This waiver requires a signature and stamp from the guest's school. The waivers will be available in the main hallway from Monday April 3rd until Friday April 14th.

The Malvern Administration reserves the right to deny a Prom

ticket for a non-Malvern students if there is reason to believe that their presence at the prom could compromise the safety and wellbeing of Malvern students.

What do I do after I buy my ticket?

After purchasing your ticket, there are three additional action

Visit the Prom Table in the main hallway from Monday April 3rd until Friday April 14th to sign off on and receive a copy of the Expectations and Conditions for Attending Prom.

Determine who you would like to sit with at Prom and designate one person to complete the **Table List**.

Ensure your parent/guardian has given permission for you to attend Prom via **Permission Click**. The Permission Click option will be available next week. Your parent/guardian will receive an

How do I submit my table list?

Only after your entire group has purchased their tickets, Prom Committee will open requests for table information based on groups of 10 per table maximum via Google Form. The form will become available the week of **April 17th**. All friends MUST have signed off on the Expectations and Conditions for Attending Prom before table lists are approved.

If table lists are not submitted by April 21st, you will be placed at a table by the Prom Committee. Small groups may be submitted and will be combined with other smaller groups to form a complete table

Any other questions can be directed to members of the Prom Committee or the staff supervisors, Ms. Larabie or Mr. Sasabuchi

UPCOMING DRAMA PRODUCTION

Malvern's Drama Club is thrilled to announce our spring production! We are excited to present *Goodnight Desdemona*, *Good Morning Juliet* by Canadian playwright Ann-Marie MacDonald.

This is a hilarious story about a mousy academic who gets trapped inside the fictitious worlds of *Romeo* and *Juliet* and *Othello*. By escaping harrowing sword fights, star crossed-crossed lovers, and a ghost who speaks in poorly told Dad jokes, our heroine takes audiences on a journey of self-discovery and heartfelt friendship.

If you'd like more information about the play, please visit the link to Good Reads:

https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/72439

Here are the show's details:

Thursday AND Friday, May 11th and 12th

Doors open at 6:30 and the show starts at 7:00 PM

Tickets will be sold through school cash-online starting on April 11th and tickets will also be available at the door.

There will be a 15 minute intermission. All proceeds will go towards supporting Malvern's theatre program.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Rory Olwyn, Dramatic Arts Teacher

FROM THE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING DEPARTMENT

How did you spend your March break? A small but enthusiastic team of Malvern students spent much of their March break honing their hacking skills in a cybersecurity competition called the **picoCTF** [https://picoctf.org/].

picoCTF is an international cybersecurity competition for high school students sponsored by Carnegie Mellon University. The competition was a team-based, "capture the flag" style challenge that ran for 2 weeks (March 14th to 28th). Thousands of high school teams from around the world participate each year!

Malvern students have had great success this year with various computing competitions, and picoCTF was no exception! Our team placed 162nd (out of 6925 international teams) and included Dennis Kaydalov, Ron Gould, Keagan Valentine, and Brayden Ta (not pictured).

It was a lot of work, but everyone learned a lot and had fun doing it.

Congratulations on an amazing effort!



EXTRA SUPPORT & TUTORING FOR ALL STUDENTS

The after school tutoring program (through the Continuing Education Dept) ends on April 14., since the Ministry has not extended funding for this program.

Please see additional learning supports below, available tor all TDSB students, 24/7, from K to grade 12.

<u>Paper Registration</u> <u>Brainfuse Registration</u> Parent Guardian Caregiver Online Tutoring.pdf

Student Support Room

Room B1 (basement - across from the Cafeteria)

Who We Are What We Do Student Support Teachers Tracking and Monitoring of Students Block A - Ms Bourgard (Math/Science) ★ Credit Recovery Block B - Ms Kuang (Math/French) Social/Emotional Growth (CYW) Block C - Ms Cowper (Math/English) Academic Support/ Extra Help Block D - Ms Girgis (NAC/History) Assistive Technology Alternative Setting for A&E Kristen Bloodworth-Feeney, CYW A&E in the Student Support Room will primarily be for students having an IEP with falternative settings' in Assessment Accommodations

BOOKMARK THIS! Space is limited! Please ask students to sign up using the form http://bit.ly/MCIB1 in advance of the evaluation You can reach us at 4002 on the house phone

INTRODUCING...THE MALVERN CUP

The first-ever **Malvern Cup** will run for the month of April until Monday, May 22. 2023. This year, the event will be a Malvern community-building **competition** between Staff versus Students and will be a **fundraiser** in support of cancer education and research. All proceeds from the Malvern Cup will go to the <u>Canadian Cancer Society</u>. For information on this organization, please go to their website https://cancer.ca/en/

Students can participate in the *Malvern Cup by*:

- Participating in <u>Staff-Student challenges</u> in their student group or team
- Donating to any and all the planned events and activities during April and May either online through <u>School Cash Online</u>.
- Coordinating a Staff versus Student event (Please speak to a teacher and ask them to fill the information for your event on the Sign-Up document.)
- Filling out the information on the <u>Testimonials</u> page on the <u>Malvern Cup website</u>. Tell us the name(s) of the person or people who have inspired you or the reason you are participating in the <u>Malvern Cup</u>
- Follow, tag, Share and Like @Malvern_Cup on Instagram and Tiktok. Send us pictures and videos and we will post them.

All **parents**, **alumni** and **staff** can participate in the *Malvern Cup by:*

- Sponsoring (donating) any students or staff members participating in <u>Staff-Student challenges</u> in their student group or team.
- Donating to any and all the planned events and activities during April and May either online through <u>School Cash Online</u>.
- Finding some spare loonies and toonies to give to students to participate in the planned events
- Filling out the information on the <u>Testimonials</u> page on the <u>Malvern Cup website</u>. Tell us the name(s) of the person or people who have in-



spired you or the reason you are donating to the *Malvern Cup*

◆ Follow, tag, Share and Like @Malvern_Cup on Instagram and Tiktok.

The Malvern Cup **website** was created by and managed by Julia Sinclair, a grade 11 student at Malvern. Read the touching reason for why Julia is volunteering time and talent for this important event on our <u>Testimonials page</u>.

The Malvern Cup **logo** and publicity posters were designed by Maggie Domagalia, a grade 12 student. See more information about these students on our <u>homepage</u>.

If you have any **questions**, kindly send an email to Jo-Anne Cortes (<u>Jo-Anne.Cortes@tdsb.on.ca</u>) and add Malvern Cup in the subject line.

STUDENT CENSUS—2023

The TDSB Student Census is a confidential and voluntary survey that asks students important questions about their school experiences and identities including participation in school activities, safety, well-being, mental health, outdoor learning, etc. It is an opportunity for students to share their voice and provide valuable information to help improve our schools and system.

The TDSB is asking all students to consider filling out a census survey online.

Grade 9 to 12 students will receive an email link to complete the census during class time. This will take place is April or May.

Please watch for more information about the Student Census in an email from the address <u>TDSBStudentCensus@qemailserver.com</u> next week. For more information, please visit the <u>Student Census website</u>.

FROM THE COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The Waterloo Canadian Computing Competition (CCC) is a prestigious national competition run by the University of Waterloo each February. This year 9406 of the keenest computer science students from across Canada participated on February 15th, including an enthusiastic crew of 12 from Malvern. The results were not finalized in time for last month's newsletter but they are now!

The competition includes a Junior division (for grade 10 and 11 students) and a Senior division (for grade 12 students). Students must independently solve a series of 5 coding problems using a modern programming language such as Python, Java, or C++.

This year we had 5 students compete in the Junior Division: Kai Imai, Julia Sinclair, Colm Mann, Cameron Biswas, and Tristan Dunning. Kai Imai was the top Junior competitor at Malvern and earned an

award of distinction for scoring in the top 25% of all participants.

In the Senior Division, we had 7 students compete: Dennis Kaydalov, Keagan Valentine, Clarke Needles, Erin Price, Brayden Ta, Ron Gould, and Joshua Guest. Dennis Kaydalov (our top-scoring Senior) and Keagan Valentine both earned awards of distinction.

Congratulations to everyone who participated and keep computing!

By the way, if you are interested in applying to the University of Waterloo for one of their STEM programs, they will ask on their application form if you participated in the CCC and what your score was.

Food for thought and a great reason to get involved next year!



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR ENVIRONMENT SCIENCE CLASS

The environmental science class is in need of pots, soil and even shelves. We are starting to grow veggies – lettuce, peas, radishes, herbs. If you have ANY old plant pots/unused soil etc. please consider donating them to Ms. Dawe's Environmental Science Class – drop off in the box beside the main office.







MALVERN'S MEDICINE CLUB

Malvern Medicine Visits Princess Margaret

On February 28th, the Malvern Medicine club received a private tour of the labs at the Princess Margaret Cancer Research Tower! As you may know, Princess Margaret is one of the most renowned cancer research centers in the world, and it was the first time that they have ever given a private tour to high school students!!

Malvern was chosen for this honour because the researchers who do semesterly talks with our gr. 12 biology classes are always so impressed with our students' engagement and interest.

During the visit to Princess Margaret, students visited three labs. In the first lab (which was a student favourite), students got to see stem cells being grown into heart tissue cells for heart regeneration in a mouse (the ultimate goal is to progress this technology to humans). Students even got to see the stem cells stored in liquid nitrogen as well as the growing heart cells contracting under a microscope. In the second lab, students got to see how cancer cells are tagged with fluorescent markers for imaging. In the third lab, students got to practice pipetting by following a specific measurement protocol.



The researchers were extremely impressed by our students' engagement, enthusiasm, and questions that they asked. They have even invited us back for next year! Additionally, the researchers gave students numerous resources for opportunities to get involved in research at various hospitals in the GTA as well as a template on how to "cold email" researchers.

Unfortunately, pictures were prohibited in the labs due to the highly sensitive and confidential nature of the research that students witnessed, however we were able to get a few pictures of students pipetting! Malvern would like to extend a huge thank you to Kate MacDonald and the rest of the team at Princess Margaret for such an unbelievable experience!





Malvern Medicine Dissections

On March 27th, students in the Malvern Medicine club dissected fetal pigs as well as an adult pig heart and kidney, and an adult sheep brain. Students were amazed at how large the pig heart was and how small the sheep brain was! It was great to see students not afraid to get right in there with the dissection and to learn more about the various components of the organs.

Mighty Microscopes

This past month, gr. 11 biology classes used microscopes to examine many specimens at 400x magnification including tuberculosis, salmonella, staphylococcus aureus, streptococcus pneumoniae, amoebae, paramecia, and peziza apothecium. Students did a phenomenal job of getting clear images with the microscopes and thought it was really cool to

see what various bacteria that cause common illnesses actually look like! The microscope images seen below were all captured by students.





MALVERN STAFF MEMBERS ANNOUNCE THEIR PLANS TO RETIRE!



Congratulations to Paul Leclerc and Sandy Kaskens, who will retire from the TDSB on June 30.

Paul Leclerc is a French teacher, and has been at Malvern since 1991! Sandy Kaskens was a VP at Malvern from 2004—2008 and returned as Principal in 2020.

MALVERN'S SCHOOL COUNCIL

We would first like to congratulate **Principal Sandy Kaskens** on her retirement - this is very well-deserved and you are ending your career on a high! That said, we will be sad to see you leave - you have been an exemplary leader and role model, and will be greatly missed! We will have more to say in the coming months!

We hope everyone will be able to attend our **April 11 meeting at 7PM** which will be hybrid once again. It will be your first opportunity to congratulate Principal Kaskens on the news of her retirement PLUS **Trustee Michelle Aarts** will also be joining and will provide us with an update about the TDSB budget, among other things.

The meeting agenda will be sent next week with the Zoom link or please come in-person to the library! If there are topics that you would like Trustee Aarts to specifically address, please send questions to MalernSchoolCouncil@gmail.com by April 9 or feel free to ask her directly during the meeting..

Angie Law & Adrienne Scott (Co-Chairs)

MALVERN'S CHESS TEAM HAS ALL THE RIGHT MOVES!

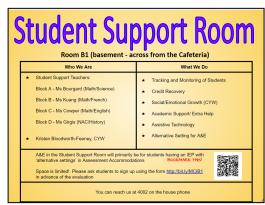


Ok, well, they didn't win the tournament, but our Chess Team had a great time at Birchmount's Chess Invitational on March 31.

Malvern has supported a Chess Club for several years, and now we are moving on to competitions in the TDSB!

We have noticed chess is now "all the rage" for so many Malvern Students. Students seem to be playing Chess everywhere!

We have added chess boards to the library, and our chess club keeps growing in numbers!







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