

# Northview Heights S.S.

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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We hope that you find this newsletter informative and enjoyable to read. The articles, student creations and the pictures included are testaments to the many opportunities for growth that Northview Heights Secondary School offers to its students. Please continue to support your sons/daughters and encourage them to take part in those activities, be they sports, clubs, contests, etc.

Included with this newsletter is a copy of your son/daughter's mid-semester report card for semester one. Please discuss the report card with him/her and, should you have any questions, please call the school at 416-395-3290.

We started off the school year with our focus on "Stronger . . . Together". What we did not anticipate was that our "Together" would number almost 1700 students and an increase in teaching staff to just under 110 teachers! That was even higher than our initial Board projections. The Admin team in consultation with our school leadership team has done a wonderful job of maintaining our class size caps to stretched yet acceptable levels.

Together, we have lived through the strains of the TDSB wide Transportation issues (thanks to all affected families for their patience and continued updates regarding this daily service) and the ongoing water main construction in front of the school and along Finch Ave. This increase in student population and the effects of the transportation and construction issues make it even more imperative that we pay close attention to our morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up procedures. All drop-offs and pick-ups should occur on the East side using the "stand-by" lane which spans the perimeter of the newly configured East lot. "Kiss and Ride" signage and directional arrows have been installed to help direct the flow of traffic. The West side parking lot is designated for Northview Heights S.S. Staff parking only. Please co-operate in following these important procedures.

We have had a wonderful beginning to semester 1 at Northview and we are looking forward to building on this strong start. Our school continues to grow and thrive because of the strong partnerships that exist between its students, staff, parents and the school community.

Stronger . . . Together,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Paputsis'.

Peter Paputsis  
Principal

## Hospitality & Tourism SHSM

The Hospitality & Tourism SHSM program is proud to announce that our culinary team was one of the three finalists for the Annual Royal Agricultural Winter Fair's Ontario High School Chef Competition! The team prepared their winning dish LIVE on stage in front of a panel of judges on November 8th at Exhibition Place.

The culinary team has been practicing as a group and were excited about this amazing opportunity to represent Northview.

Friends and family are proud to continue to support these talented Northview students.

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## ESL Department

It's been an exciting fall in the ESL Department. In October, our ESL D and E students had the chance to go on a trip to Ripley's Aquarium and the CN Tower with Ms. Haveruk and Mr. Burke, and they had a great



From left to right: Ms. Murphy, Rico L., Felipe P. and William D. enjoying their Ripley's Aquarium visit.

time. Through our connection with the LAWS program, two ESL students got a chance to go to an amazing Women in Law conference downtown, which included a visit to Osgoode Law School and a Bay Street law firm. At the end of October, ESL students had a chance to be part of a special Halloween party where they learned how to carve a pumpkin and enjoyed some tasty treats!

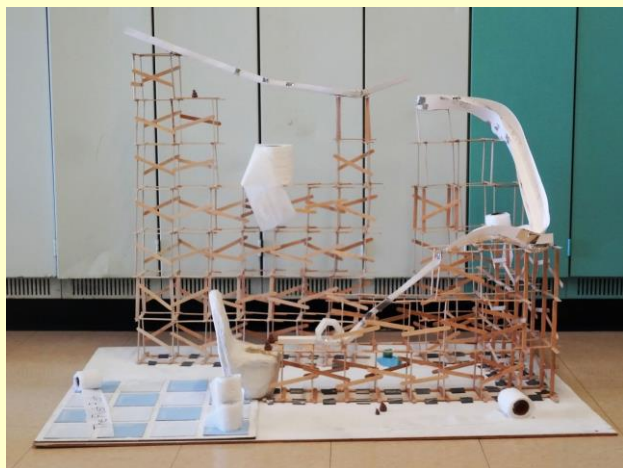
ESL and B classes also had a great Canadian experience in early November at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair with Ms. Luong-Scott and Ms. Saunders. They learned all about farm life in our country, and got up close with farm animals.

Up next, the ESL C, D and E levels have a lawyer visiting from the LAWS program to teach them about different aspects of law. Everyone in the ESL department is looking forward to another great term!

## Science Department

With the school's growing population, parents and guardians may notice the addition of some new teaching names in the Science Department. These teachers come with previous experience and innovative ideas so we welcome the addition of Mr. Tang, Mr. Fischer, Ms. Lee, Mr. Sukhu, Mr. Shook, Mr. Hundal, Mr. Maltby, and Mr. Nguyen.

Grade 12 Physics students are busy designing, building and analyzing their Rube Goldberg machines, Grade 11 students are about to begin designing, building and analyzing their roller coasters and Grade 10 Science



students are preparing for the upcoming Science Fair. In October, Grade 12 Biology students attended the Gairdner Lectures at York University. Physics club runs during the lunch hour on Fridays in room 260 for students who enjoy problem solving.

To get in touch with a Science teacher during the school year, you may call the school or contact your student's teacher

via e-mail. E-mail is usually the preferred method since teachers are very difficult to reach by telephone. When contacting by phone, please leave your student's name and the teacher's name so we know who the call is intended for.

We encourage you to ask your student(s) regularly how they are finding their Science course. If they are having difficulty with the material please tell them that they should arrange to receive extra help.

We look forward to encouraging your students to enjoy Science.

Kirk Fischer  
Assistant Curriculum Leader  
Science Biology and Chemistry

Sandy Evans  
Assistant Curriculum Leader  
General Science and Physics

## Honours Math, Science and Technology (HMST)



### Giving a new meaning to the T in HMST

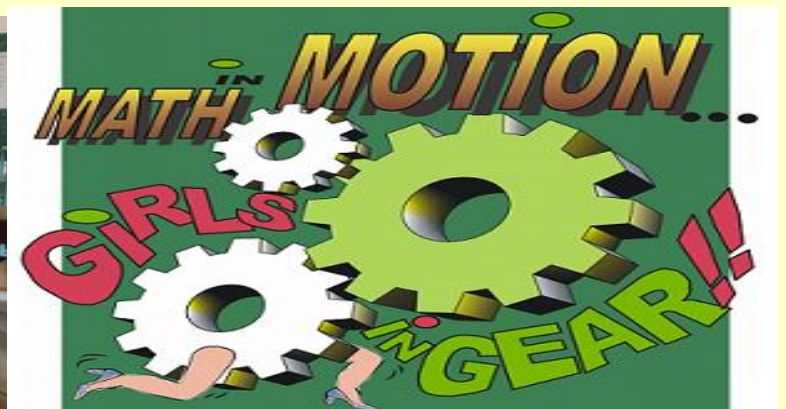
The T in HMST stands for *Technology*, but it has also come to stand for *Teamwork*. On Oct 24, 2016, our Grade 9 HMST students spent a day climbing walls, competing in land-ski races, swinging on ropes, balancing on logs, being passed through a “rubber tire” portal, and climbing a giant ladder at the YMCA Cedar Glen Outdoor Centre. All of these activities developed leadership skills and a strong sense of community within our HMST family. Best of all, it was fun! We even had a campfire at the end with roasted marshmallows and songs!

### HMST students get WISE

Our HMST students learned more about opportunities and careers in science and engineering from the University of Toronto’s Women in Science and Engineering (WISE), who visited Northview on Oct 4, 2016. Although WISE specializes in women in science and engineering, their presentation was informative for everyone.

### Math in Motion

On Oct 20, 2016, a number of girls from our Grade 9 HMST family attended the Girls in Gear conference at the University of Toronto Scarborough to have fun with math, and learn more about the different opportunities that a strong background in math can provide.



### Lending a helping hand

If the T in HMST can stand for *Teamwork*, then the H can stand for *Help*, as our Grade 10 HMST students will help assemble personal care packages on Dec 10, 2016 for homeless youth, and actually deliver the packages in person at Mel Lastman Square on Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>, just in time for the holidays! It’s a way for our HMST family to connect with our local community, and provide for others whenever we can. The Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> event is packed with fun, and includes skating as well as delicious refreshments from Starbucks as well as other sponsors.





### CyberARTS Department

CyberARTS 2016-2017 started in July with the screening of **Red Circle** at the **Toronto Youth Shorts Film Festival**. The animated film created by Alia, Ori and Avital promotes inclusive spaces and was selected to be part of a regional festival celebrating filmmakers aged 30 or younger.

This fall, Northview was selected for the screening of **Sidra**, a short virtual reality film produced for the **United Nations**. Wearing VR gear, our students followed the life of a 12 year old girl in a Syrian refugee camp. Reflecting afterwards, one student wrote that it was a great opportunity for Canadians to see conditions outside of our country. She added that, "we should take advantage of the freedom we have and take action to help others."

In the classroom, one of our favourite visiting artists Kurt Lehner worked with the visual arts and technology students to develop their character design and animation skills. Katherine Yamashita, founder of the CyberARTS program returned as an **Adobe Educator** to introduce the Grade 10 classes to a suite of free Adobe apps. The videos and websites created are stored in the *Cloud* and easily accessible for presentations and sharing.

Outside of Northview, fifteen Grade 10 and 11 students have taken the opportunity to enroll in mentoring programs at **George Brown** and **York University** with **Big Brothers and Big Sisters**. Senior students are looking forward to the upcoming **Creative Futures Expo** field trip and we're all looking forward to **Arts Everywhere** on December 7 to 9. See you there!

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### APGA Department

We are off to a very busy start to the school year in APGA. For those who don't know, APGA stands for the Academic Program for Gifted Athletes. Currently, there are 65 students in the program who train and compete outside of school at the provincial, national and international level. APGA students train approximately 10-30 hours a week with their club/team.

We recently welcomed our grade nine athletes to the program during our Halloween team building event. Our APGA students took part in a scavenger hunt, face painting and trivia.

#### Athlete Highlight:

- Vital K. recently returned from representing Team Canada at the U-17 Women's World Cup of Soccer in Jordan. Her performance at the tournament caught the eye of the U-20 National coach who offered her a spot on the team. The U-20 Women's National Soccer Team is playing in the World Cup tournament being held in Papua, New Guinea. Their first match is on November 13 against Spain. We wish Vital and the Canadian U-20 Women's National Soccer Team the very best!

Are you interested in joining APGA? Please contact Mr. Fiorio at extension 20139.

## Arts Department

### Visual

The Gr.12 Visual Arts students enjoyed attending “**ArtTO 2016**”, Canada’s international Art show at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre! Providing unique access to the Canadian art market, the fair is one of the most important annual art events in Canada. Now in its 17th year, Art Toronto presents important artwork from leading Canadian and international galleries combined with PLATFORM, our engaging series of lectures and panel discussions from prominent art world figures, curated projects, an extensive VIP Program, and top-tier cultural offerings throughout the city.

Senior Visual Arts students will be going on a field trip to “**Creative Careers Expo**” at the Toronto Centre for the Arts. Representatives and educators from more than 20 leading art colleges and universities will be on-hand to discuss their schools and programs. Students will attend a Q&A discussion with creative professionals within the advertising, graphic design, photography, illustration and CGI/animation industries who will talk about how they won their dream job.

Students will also view the winning work from the 2016 Applied Arts Awards in Advertising, Design, Photography, Illustration and Interactive to see what it takes to get to the top. Also on display are their winning Student Awards entries, many completed by top students who are enrolled in the post-secondary creative programs exhibited at the School Fair.



Photo by Nadia P., Asylum Artists



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### Dance

The Gr 10 Dance class has been working with several former Northview graduates who are currently successfully working in the Dance Industry. The class performed in the Remembrance Day assembly for the entire school and are hoping to showcase their talents for more upcoming Arts events!

### Music



**Humber College's Jazz** visit was an energetic and creative musical extravaganza. We hope to have them back again soon! NHSS Musical guests introduce the history and melodies of Jazz to a whole new generation of music lovers!

### Drama

Grade 9 and 10 Drama have been working on Movement and Mime. Focus and concentration are certainly intensified when small movements and stillness are required on stage.

Look out for 'Silver Elvis' aka Peter Jarvis to be in the school in November to help teach students the nuances of mime. These two day workshops are a wonderful way to learn from a professional in the field!

Also, grade 9 students will be going on a field trip to see a piece of live theater. So please look out for permission forms that will be sent home soon.

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## Guidance Department

September began with a busy and productive opening. Over the years, the Guidance department has been instrumental in organizing events and workshops for our students.

For our senior student we hosted a university and a college dialogue. Representatives from numerous universities and colleges gave an overview of post-secondary choices, answered questions and distributed information. Our University and College Application evening had a large turnout of parents and students and was very successful! Our scholarships and awards workshop for graduating students gave important information about how to research and apply for financial assistance.

Our counsellors have been busy welcoming and helping our grade 9 students with the transition to secondary school. We have visited all of our grade 9 core classes where students were given an overview of requirements and options necessary for graduation, including the 40 hours of community service.

Our grade 10 Careers teachers are providing our students with important information regarding self-assessment, career exploration and educational planning through myBlueprint: Individual Pathways Planner (IPP)

Our goal is to give our students the necessary tools to make informed decisions to ensure success in secondary school. Counsellors are always available to assist students. We wish all of our students a successful second term.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2016  
5:45-8:30PM AT NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS SECONDARY SCHOOL  
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English, ESL, Health and Physical Education, Hospitality, Mathematics, Modern Languages, Science, Special Education  
Technological Education, Academic Program for Gifted Athletes, CyberARTS, Honours Math, Science and Technology  
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