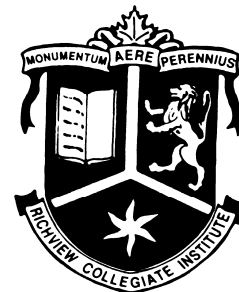




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Parent and Community Newsletter - June 2014

Principal's Message



Dear Richview Parents, Guardians and Partners:

On behalf of the Richview Family of teaching and support staff, a hearty thank you for partnering with us. Student success for all does not happen without the on-going and meaningful involvement of our invaluable parents, community coaches and volunteers. The *Reinvigorating Richview* fundraiser is an example of this relationship. Owing to your generosity, we raised approximately \$10 000 that was used to purchase 14 laptops and 12 desktops so that each department is better equipped to facilitate the teaching-learning dynamic. This initiative is complimented by the installation of 23 Wireless Access points rendering roughly half of the school "wired" for business. On this note, it is especially important to recognize the knowledge, leadership and initiative of Peter Gehbauer, our Computer Science-Math-Teacher-Librarian for teaming up with Mr. Schwellnus and Mr. Pope to survey the landscape, identify the needs and implement the plan. As of July 8, network connectivity will be upgraded from 100 MB to 1GB! Certainly, the 2013-2014 year has been meaningful and significant - not least of which because we welcomed a vibrant Grade 9 class in September, we reveled in the achievement of the graduating class of 2014 and we warmly welcome new grade 9s to RCI on Frosh Day, August 27.

In the following paragraphs you will be served a generous portion of the events and accolades associated with our students and staff. This will doubtlessly reinforce the fact that Richview remains a destination to prepare future generations of leaders. It is a truth underscored by relentless demand for registration. Over 700 parents attended Grade 8 Open House in January with the hope of admission offers that are few and far between.

To our graduates, we applaud your many and varied successes and extend our wishes for greater achievement and fulfillment in your future pursuits. To this end, we eagerly anticipate your return to the Richview Family for Commencement exercises on Thursday, October 9, 2014 when for the second year, a prominent alumnus will deliver the Commencement Address. To our returning students, we wish a safe and satisfying summer and look forward to a new school year and all the promise it holds.

Staff Changes

The on-going pattern of Board-wide declining enrolment has brought unprecedented levels of change to staffing, not only

year to year, but during the school year, especially this one. In February, we extended best wishes to Mr. Hamilton in his retirement and to Ms. Dougherty on her Leave of Absence. Also taking a year's Leave is Ms. Sabadash, from our English Department. Returning from Leave to the English Department is Ms. Brandon.

Our thanks and best wishes to Ms. McCurdy-Fagan as she transfers to George Harvey C.I.; her two years at Richview have provided numerous benefits to students. At the same time, we congratulate Ms. Kletke who was promoted to the position of Principal at Central Etobicoke High School. Her three years at RCI were remarkably selfless and productive. Our VPs will certainly be missed. In their place, a hearty welcome to two accomplished educators: Ms. Tuck joins the Admin Team from Etobicoke Collegiate and Ms. Ladouceur joins the team from Kipling Collegiate.

At the time of publishing, it remains to be seen if our more junior staff members, those "bumped" to other schools and/or declared surplus, will be placed elsewhere or pulled back to Richview. Mr. Sexsmith was bumped and recently pulled back- welcome home. Other cherished colleagues who are currently bumped are Ms. Fitzgerald, Ms. Striftobolas, Mr. Gallo, Ms. McDowell and Mr. Dipchand. There is much more staffing news to come over the summer months - we hope for the best.

Teachers who are bumped to other schools are Ms. Siiskonen to Leaside, Mr. Mazumder to Leacock, and Ms. Campoverde to Northern.

Bumped in to Richview are Lisa McCalla in English, Mr. Magwood in Business, Ms. Freitas in Immersion, and Mr. Whitfield in Physical Education.

Thanks and farewell are extended to our Long Term Occasional teachers who quickly became solid staff members: Ms. Savage for Ms. Barton, Ms. Kopun for Mme Siiskonen, Ms. McMahon for Ms. Dougherty and Ms. Pacitti in Math.

My personal regards to all Richview Families and our incomparable Parent Council led by Co-Chairs Bev Fircuk and Charlene Sam; Treasurer Tina Majthenyi; Secretary Christy Caspary and Staff Rep Olga Calabria; whose involvement, support and partnership is indispensable in our mutual endeavour to provide the best for our children. **Go Saints!**

Sam Miceli

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School's Out for Summer!

After the incredibly long and cold winter it seems that summer has finally exploded around us! At this time we would like to thank **Ms. Savage** for her Long Term Occasional teaching placement with our department during the past five months. Many of you are familiar with the caring and compassionate efforts she makes to engage and reach out to all her students. You can view her students' accomplishments within our department pages. We wish her and her family a wonderful summer holiday.

To all our students and their families we wish you a safe and restful summer! To all our graduates,

Carpe Diem!



Photos (from L-R): Grade 10 Civics students *Nick Durban, Mark Draper, and Brandon Lin* from *Ms. Manitaros'* class on the campaign trail during the Elections Simulation for their summative; *Yana Kovacevic* interrogates *Chantal Laing* while students look on in *Ms. Striftobolas'* Grade 12 Law class; Civics students *Jamal Abdi, Grace Morrison, Samedu Sulo and Harrison Spence* build a straw tower to demonstrate different types of leadership.

Richview CI Wins the TDSB History/Civics Contest

On Wednesday, April 30th, 2014, for the first time in recent history, **Ms. McDonagh-Vella** brought eight of our **Grade 10 Academic Canadian History** students to the TDSB's annual **History/Civics Contest**, hosted by Bloor Collegiate Institute. The eight students who expressed an interest in competing were from **Mr. Eng's** and **Ms. Manitaros'** classes. These students were registered as two separate teams and spent two intense hours hovering around the contest packages, with only 20 minutes to document their responses, complete each section, and resubmit their work for evaluation by numerous History teachers from across TDSD schools. The students were only allowed to collaborate their responses within their team of our students.

After the final calculations were made, we were thrilled to hear that both of our teams were ranked in the top 10, and the top prize of **1st place** was awarded to **Angelica Giansante, Samedu Sulo, Emily Guglielmin and Yi Min Shen**. Well done, girls! Our second team came in a respectable **9th place** and was comprised of **Gregorio Lopez-Bondi, William Almand, Ensi Martini and Ikjot Grewal**.

Well done competitors! You were *class* acts and put in a sensational showing for our first chance to participate in this contest. Excellent work!



History/Civics Contest Winners (Top L-R): *Angelica Giansante, Samedu Sulo, Emily Guglielmin and Yi Min Shen*. Participants (Bottom Clockwise L-R): *Emily Guglielmin, Yi Min Shen, Gregorio Lopez-Bondi, Ensi Martini, William Almand and Ms. McDonagh-Vella*.



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Departmental Spotlights for 2013-2014

Every newsletter, we pick a few of our departmental courses or events to highlight and this one is no exception! Enjoy reading about some of the unique experiences we offer to our students at RCI.



Tina, Anastasia, Anna and Verona's Orange-Yogurt

Ingredients

Unsalted butter, softened, for pan
1 cup all-purpose flour, sifted
1/2 cup plus 3 tablespoons granulated sugar
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/8 teaspoon baking soda
Pinch of salt
1/2 cup plain whole-milk yogurt
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1 teaspoon grated orange zest, plus 1 tablespoon orange juice
1 large egg
1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
2 large oranges (1 zested into thin strips, both segmented)
Confectioners' sugar, for dusting

Step 1:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter an 8-inch round cake pan. Stir flour, 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar, the baking powder, baking soda, salt, yogurt, oil, orange zest and juice, egg, and vanilla in a bowl. Pour into pan. Bake until a cake tester comes out clean, about 25 minutes. Let cool on a wire rack.

Step 2:

Place zest strips in a bowl. Stir in segments and remaining tablespoon sugar. Garnish cake with some segments; serve with the rest. Dust with confectioners' sugar.

Source:

Martha Stewart Living,
December 2006

HFN20 Food and Nutrition

Ms. Savage has been a respected frequent fixture as an educator at Richview CI over the past few years. While most know her through the Physical and Health Education and her fine efforts coaching teams such as Girls Softball and Volleyball, she found another home in our **Social Sciences Department** this year, teaching the **Grade 11 Introduction to Anthropology, Psychology and Sociology**, the **Grade 12 Families** and the **Grade 10 Food and Nutrition** courses.

In fact, **Ms. Savage's** class became so popular among the RCI crowd that many teachers and students alike popped into her classroom enticed by the many wonderfully appetizing scents of the culinary treats her Grade 10 Food and Nutrition students whipped up. One day it was guacamole, another day breakfast tortilla's, the next, **Jamoy Thompson's** delicious "fresh out the oven" cookies.

The conversations over the summative meals gave various lucky members of our Richview community an opportunity to have a brief respite from the frenzy of summative season and share some meaningful dialogue over the flavourful feasts.

Students even took their skills to the **Fun Fair** for a "**Bake Off**" in which **Kadejah Baksh and Alexa Triandafillou** were awarded **First Place** by their creation of yummy treats.

Many thanks to **Ms. Savage** and her creative and hospitable students! You would get our vote on the Iron Chef!



Clockwise from top left: *Jake Mackenzie and Roshawn Clarke* prepare to cook; bruschetta and guacamole HFN style; *Brittany Ellington and Melanie Doran-Kinney* chop vegetables; table setting for a summative luncheon; Greek Salad with Chickpeas; *Tina Rouhi Anna Djacic, Anastasia Andric and Verona Vumbaca; Robert Thi and Benjamin Formosa* preparing bruschetta.



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Grade 10 Civics Elections Results

Mr. Eng CHV20-01
Toronto Mayor: **Camilo Bonilla**
Ward 13 Councillor: **Justin Tung**

Ward 18 Councillor:
Nicholas Almand

Ms. McD-V CHV20-02
Toronto Mayor: **4-Way-Tie between Chiara Culmone, Katarina Djuric, Ensi Martini, Sarah Romano**

Ward 8 Councillor:
Sabbie Qadeer

Ms. Manitaros CHV20-03
Toronto Mayor: **Nicholas Regan**
Ward 33 Councillor: **Isaac Crawford**

Ms. Manitaros CHV20-04
Toronto Mayor: **Spencer Dayes**
Ward 44 Councillor: **Justine Gould**



Clockwise from Top Left: Civics students **Nina Atanackovic, Katerina Djacic, Ryan Hunt and Sean Sweeny, Kristina Curcin, Jamal Abdi, Spencer Dayes and Harrison Spence** participate in the mock election this June.

Departmental Spotlights Continued...

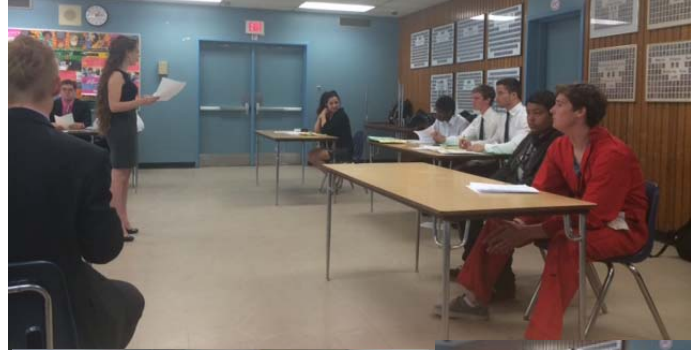
CNL4U - Canadian and International Law

This year, **Ms. Striftobolas' Grade 12 Law** classes participated in two mock trials. In February, our students participated in a **criminal mock trial** where the students were required to solve a case in real-time. Students took on various roles including lawyers, judges, witnesses and court services officers. The students were responsible for every aspect of the case and worked collaboratively to ensure that justice was served. In the end, both of the accused were found not guilty as neither case was strong enough to prove that they were guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

In June, our students participated in an **international mock trial** that was set in the **International Court of Justice**.

The accused in this case was a tribe leader who was charged with the recruitment of child soldiers and war crimes. This trial again saw amazing performances from all involved. Their opening statements were riveting, the victim statements were heart wrenching and our judges delivered the guilty verdict with efficiency.

As they head off to their various post-secondary destinations, we look forward to hearing about their future successes and careers in the legal field!



Clockwise from top: Grade 12 Law students partake in the international mock trial. They are L-R: **Andrea Gonsalves, Hanna Buonvivere, Adrien Francois, Steven Draper, Alex Simmons, Andrew Thompson and Eric Coverdale**; Taylor Polaniec questions **Aaliyah Abbott**.

CHV20 – Civics

This May and June, the classrooms of **Mr. Eng, Ms. Manitaros and Ms. McDonagh-Vella** were a blaze of colour and campaigning for the coveted position of **Mayor of the City of Toronto** during our **Summative Elections Simulation**. We heatedly debated hot topics such as transit routes and fares, how to galvanize the youth, increase affordable community programming, maximize green space and, of course, repair potholes, Casino's, airports, the Gardiner Expressway, LRT vs. subway...sound familiar? As the campaigning continued, it became clear that our students are caring and concerned citizens about the way we live, the decisions we make today and the impact they



Election Candidates in CHV20-02 during the first debate (L-R): **Sabbie Qadeer, Peter Kovacevic, Ensi Martini, Kat Djacic, Greg Lopez-Bondi, Sarah Romano,**

will have upon the future. Full of vision and ideals, they were also pragmatic and budget savvy as discussion about taxation became animated and contentious. Excellent work in applying your skills students! You would give our current candidates a run for their money!



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Departmental Spotlights Continued...

Richview CI Students & Families: Can you help us prepare for the 100th Anniversary of the start of World War I?

This year marks the 100th year since the beginning of World War I. As we are starting initial preparations for our Remembrance Day Ceremony, which will be on November 11th, we would like to extend an invitation to all the families in our community who may have had a specific family connection to World War I, World War II, the Korean War or Canada's role in Afghanistan. We are hoping that if you have memories, stories or historical artefacts (including photos, documents or memorabilia) to share with our Canadian History students you can let Ms. McDonagh-Vella know over the summer at maureen.mcdonagh-vella@tdsb.on.ca. We will contact you via email or in September to work towards integrating these stories into our memorial service with the help of our Canadian History students.



Law Students Take a Trip to the Superior Court of Justice

On Tuesday, April 15th, sixty senior law students were accompanied by their teachers, **Ms. Markakos** and **Ms. Striftobolos**, for a day at the **Superior Court of Justice** located at 361 University Avenue.

Students started the day with a **Public Legal Education** session, which provided them with the opportunity to interact with a superior court judge and a crown attorney. Students heard about career opportunities, educational requirements and personal experiences. They also had an opportunity to pose questions to our hosts during the education session.

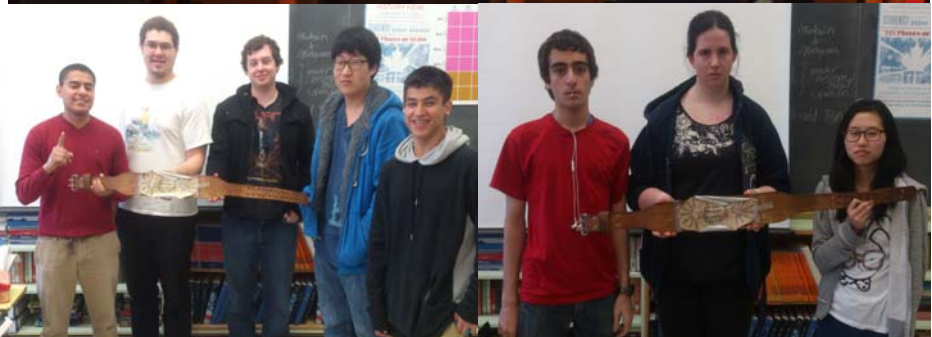
Richview students got a chance to observe our criminal justice system in action by visiting courtrooms that were in session and open to the public. They observed cases involving charges for murder, assault, robbery, weapons, fraud and arson. By the end of the day, students developed an appreciation of the workings of our legal system and had many stories to tell.

Many thanks to their teachers for providing this enriching educational opportunity.



Philosophy Students Debate Limitations of Artificial Intelligence At the Superior Court of Justice

TED Talks recently launched a competition to the general



Top-Bottom: Scenic shots on way to Superior Court of Justice; Law students pose for a photo inside the court; The Great AI Debators (L-R): HZT4U-01 winners *Youssef Bessada, Taylor Polaniec, Zachary Dawe, Se-Jin Park, and Joel Fernandez*; HZT4U-02 winners *Aryan Memarzadeh, Alana Moore and Hannah Park*

population to set the parameters for the potential of having an AI deliver a talk to an audience. *Should the AI be given the theme or topic in advance? Should the AI be physically represented by a free-standing structure? Should the AI demonstrate the ability to answer audience impromptu questions immediately after the talk?* These types of questions (and much more) were raised by our **Grade 12 HZT4U, Philosophy Theories and Questions** students this past Spring. They debated whether limits should or should not be placed on their development, as well as whether the AI could actually have the potentiality to think. What do you think?

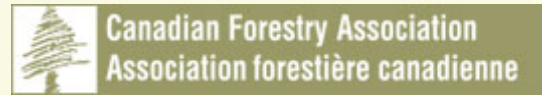
Science Department

Highlights from 2013 – 2014

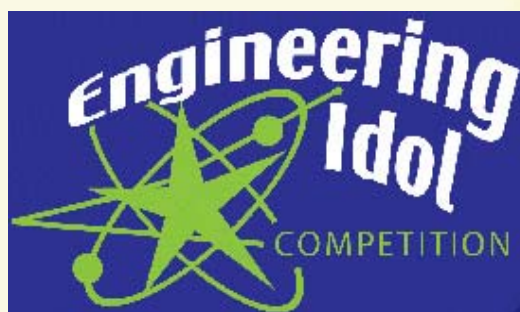
Our Science Department was a very busy one this year. Over the past months, we hosted a number of presenters for several of our classes. Our grade 11 Biology students learned about forestry management with a consultant for the Forestry Association. Grade 11 and 12 Biology students learned about organ donation with the Trillium Gift of Life Foundation. And two of our grade 9s learned about farming practices with Aaron Thompson, a local farmer trained in genetics.



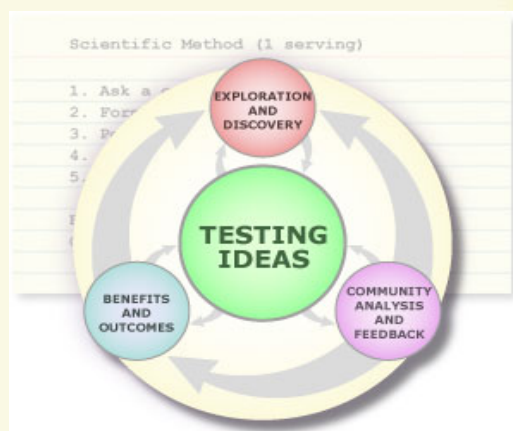
In addition to hosting traditional in-person presentations, one of our grade 12 Biology classes got to partake in our piloting of the VROC (Virtual Researcher on Call) system. Using VROC, our students participated in a live on-line conference call with Dr. Alberto Martin (Canada's Research Chair in Antibody Diversification at UofT). Through conference calling, students learned more about immunology and how cancer cells evade our immune system. This Pilot Project was both enlightening and fascinating. Next year, we will be making the VROC system available to all Science teachers in the hopes of bringing in more experts to our classes.



Outside the classroom a number of our teachers supported extracurricular Science events. With teachers' support, our students competed in the Engineering Idol, The National Crystal Growing Competition, U of T's Biology Competition and The University of Waterloo's Chemistry Competitions. Overall, our students performed very well. However, bragging rights goes to our Engineering Idol Team who brought home Gold.



Continuing with our goals for more cross curricular activities, we partnered with the Family Studies classes and the Library in the second half of the year. With Family Studies, one of our Science teacher's guest lectured on research findings on milk consumption. As always, our Richview students had some excellent questions for our Science teacher. While partnering with our Library, Mr. Gehbauer worked with one of our Biology teachers to convert training resources from U of T and



McMaster University into a checklist and template to guide students in lab-report writing. These materials were used by grade 12 Biology students this year and the results were very good. Students' feedback showed that the resources dramatically reduced the stress associated with this challenging writing task and the final products by students were of excellent quality. Next year, we plan to modify these materials to gear them towards each of the grade levels in order to target this skill set systematically, starting from the grade 9 level.

Finally, our staff started training for the roll out of our STEM initiative next year. This initiative will focus on using an integrative approach to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math in order to address real world problems and issues. The initiative is designed to bring depth to the learning experiences of students and to foster more creativity and better problem solving skills. We are looking forward to this initiative and will be working diligently to ensure that it is a resounding success next year. Until then, we wish all our Richview families a wonderful, engaging summer!



BUSINESS

Rotary Club of Etobicoke Camp Enterprise 2014 Competition RCI Entrepreneurship Students Win Competition!

During the first weekend in May, the following Richview Entrepreneurship students were selected to participate in the Rotary Club of Etobicoke's annual Camp Enterprise: **Carmen Mallia, Soo-Ah Youn, Julian Giannone, Janice Rhee, Jun Park, and Isidora Rojkc.**

The main purpose of The Rotary Club of Etobicoke's Camp Enterprise is to nurture and reward the entrepreneurial and charitable spirit of Etobicoke's youth. This year's competition was held over a four-day period at the University of Toronto, Mississauga campus. Students were accommodated in student residences for the duration of the camp.

Under the theme of "Change Your World", participants developed leadership and team-building skills from community experts. Motivational speakers, marketing experts and captains of industry donated their time to enrich the overall Camp Enterprise experience.

The competition required students to develop and implement, as part of a team, a business plan to raise funds for a charity of their choice. The team that pitched the best venture idea, was rewarded with some financial assistance in order to see their vision become reality.

Congratulations to our very own Richview student team for being successful at this year's venture competition!



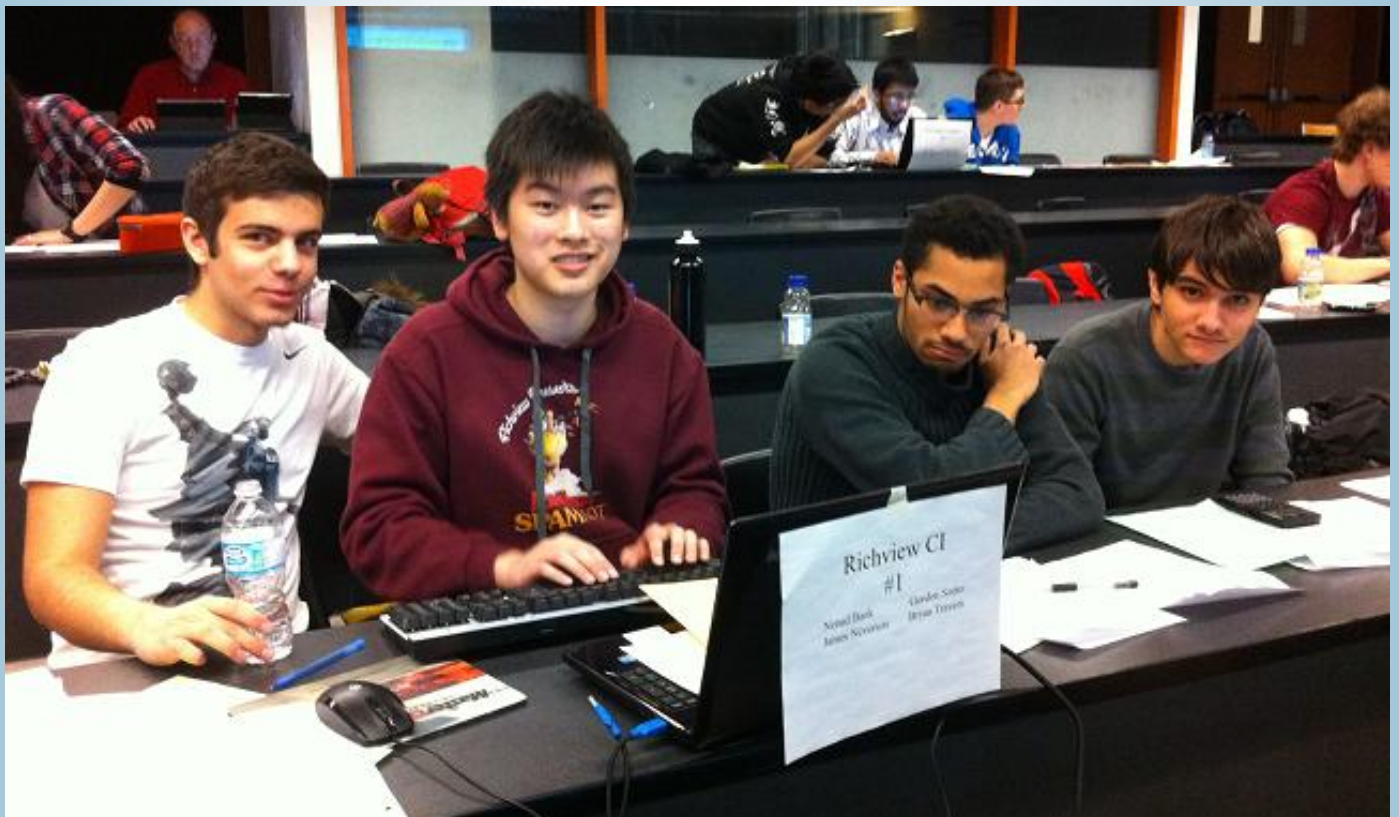
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COMPUTER SCIENCE

Richview's Programming Contest teams once again demonstrated their prowess as the "*best in the West*", with string performances on the University of Waterloo's Canadian Computing Competition (CCC), and the Educational Computing Organization of Ontario's DWITE Contest.

Our grade 11 students, in particular, showed signs that next year will be even more dominant. James Neverson achieved a perfect score on the Junior CCC – the first time that Mr. Foster has had a student achieve such a result!

As part of a programming team, Nenad Bauk and Gordon Szeto, James and Bryan Travers, led Richview through the DWITE Contests, first excelling at the Board-wide contest, improving even more at the Regional Contest, and then finishing string with an 8th overall placing at the Provincial Contest in May. Three quarters of this team returns next year with their sights on repeating this wonderful accomplishment. Congratulations to all who participated.



BUSINESS

A “Day on Bay”

Senior Business Studies Field Trip

On May 16, 2014, 90 Grade 12 Business Studies students put on their business attire and went downtown to spend the day on Bay Street. This field trip, sponsored by the Junior Economic Club of Canada and Sun Life Financial, focused on financial literacy and the importance of money management for youth.

The students had the opportunity to hear many guest speakers, including CTV news reporter, Pat Foran, Federal Ministers Kevin Sorenson and Kelly Leach, and Rick Blickstead, the President of the Canadian Diabetes Association.



The students were treated to a wonderful lunch and participated in a simulation led by Mike Klein of the Chartered Professional Accountants, entitled “*Your Money, Your Life*”. They were given a life scenario and had to deal with financial “emergencies” as they occurred. Students got the chance to win money for answering questions pertaining to Financial Literacy. We ended the day with a copy of Pat Foran’s book entitled “*The Smart, Savvy Young Consumer*”.



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BUSINESS

The Apprentice



Our grade 12 Business Leadership students participated in the first ever Apprentice challenge. They competed for the community's hard earned dollars in order to raise money for charity. Students set-up professional concession stands which included popcorn, flowers, candy, chocolate, coffee, tea, cotton candy, hot dogs, pretzels, doughnuts and much more! The students were extremely business-savvy, using many business gimmicks including raffles, concession trolley's and good 'ole fashion seat-to-seat sales.

The students' fundraising efforts paid off and over \$2,000 was raised for charity! The money was donated as follows:

\$1,650 to Meagan's Walk <http://www.meaganswalk.com/>

\$350 to Free the Children and Oxfam, in the form of gifts which help those in Third World countries start their own businesses, grow healthy food and create greater self-sufficiency, self-esteem and educational opportunities for recipients and their families. Students chose to buy two goats, chickens, a vegetable garden and seeds to provide improved and sustainable crop fields. More information can be found at: www.freethechildren.com and www.oxfamunwrapped.ca.

The students did so well, Donald decided not to fire anyone....



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Recently, **RCI**Innovate, Richview's newest Business Club, completed their first annual stock market simulation for students. This competition was held over the Investopedia Program and had students investing in stocks from both the American and Canadian stock markets. During the course of this two month-long simulation, there were thirty-seven participants who attempted to increase the value of their stock portfolios. Congratulations goes out to *Andy Su*, whose Canadian portfolio increased the most, *Matthew Boback*, whose American portfolio increased the most, and *Anton Tsyhanok*, the overall winner of the competition. Well done to all of our future investors!



New York City



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Once again, RCI's annual trip to New York City provided 48 students, and four teachers with 4 days of fun and laughs. The trip included a filmmaking workshop, a hip hop tour of the 5 boroughs, two museum tours, Broadway, improv, a tour of High Line Park and the Chelsea Market, not to mention all the shopping and eating you could want. A fantastic group of students made this one of our most (if not the most) successful trips to date and we look forward to continuing this one of a kind RCI tradition next year. Ms. Pereira and Mr. Johnstone would like to thank Mr. Mehic and Ms. McDowell for their hard work and commitment to this trip.



ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Media Trip

GRADE 9

From Shakespeare to Mythology to Non-Fiction news reports to Modern and Graphic Novels, grade 9 students continued to develop their literacy skills through the exploration of different genres of English language and literature. For added invention and creativity, students were able to construct both fiction and non-fiction pieces using the technology of Comic Life and Bit Strips. Going beyond the classroom, the grade nine students attended the grand Casa Loma to not only tour the castle, but watch a production of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* within its extravagant halls. For next year, a trip to Young People's Theatre is in the making to see a LIVE production of *To Kill A Mockingbird*-- a classic many of the parents know and love!

GRADE 10

This school year brought some highly anticipated changes for the Grade 10 English students at Richview, while continuing to build on some of the exciting texts and assignments from previous years. The always popular Book Clubs continued this year, as students selected a novel of their choice from such popular dystopian texts as *The Hunger Games*, *Divergent*, *Unwind*, *The Maze Runner*, and *Fahrenheit 451*. In March, approximately 180 Grade 10 English students converged on the Scotiabank Theatre downtown for an opening-day viewing of the highly anticipated film version of *Divergent*, which was arranged exclusively for Richview students. We were also happy to introduce a new summative assignment for grade 10 students this year, which focused on an exciting literary genre that students were introduced to in Grade 9: the graphic novel. In addition to some popular graphic novels offered by the English Department including *Maus*, *Skim*, *The Night Fisher*, and *I Kill Giants*, the teachers worked together with Richview's Library to add a number of graphic novels to the library's collection. Based on personal interest, each student selected a graphic novel of their choice to complete a variety of creative and analytical tasks, including a "sales pitch" to their fellow classmates explaining why their chosen text should be added to the course selection for next year's grade 10s.

GRADE 11

The grade 11 English course continues to evolve as instructional planning improves through professional collaboration and development, and as differentiated and up-to-date resources accrue. The past year saw students delving into the Bard's dark Jacobean tragedy *Macbeth*, into the despots, dictators and tyrants who have wreaked havoc on our world, into the fine art of journalistic editorial, the ostentatious world of *Gatsby* and the Roaring Twenties, and culminating in truly impressive student-made documentary films on social issues that complicate the lives of the modern day teenager. Through it all, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Richards, Ms. Sabadash, and Ms. Waller have worked diligently with students to improve and to refine the critical communication and higher order thinking skills necessary for success in the grade 12 English program.

GRADE 12

The Richview English Department continues to enjoy a constantly changing senior level program which reflects the richness of the new curriculum and the diversity of our student population as well as the ever changing world around them. New initiatives implemented this year, focused on encouraging students to improve their literacy skills (especially essay writing), and saw the design of challenging, enriching and innovative activities that address the interest and needs of students. Students enjoyed a Memoir Book Club, more relevant and enriching media studies, as well as a student centred unit on identity. The department remains passionately committed to student development and preparation for post-secondary studies at college and university.

THE GRADE 12 WRITER'S CRAFT



It was a busy year for this year's Writer's Craft students who proudly displayed their writing talents in a number of ways for our Richview audience. Our young and talented writers once again embarked on their yearly cross curricular endeavour with the grade 12 media students. Future screen-writers collaborated on movie scripts which they then saw brought to the screen by the aspiring move makers from the grade 12 IDC Media course, and later on in the year screened for students, teachers and parents at our very first (but certainly not our last) Richview Film Festival.

As a lead up to the Film Festival our aspiring authors also got a taste of published life as they sold their fiction 'zines at *Exposure*, a pre-festival reception highlighting some of the incredible photography and creative fiction 'zines imagined by our very own saints.

Students in the writing course have also been instrumental in the continued growth of our online newspaper the *Richview Herald*, and contributed articles as well as editing mastery to the student run paper. Parents can check out the latest school happenings and newest student submissions at www.richviewherald.com.



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MEDIA STUDIES

As programs in Media Studies proliferate at the university level, the Media courses offered at the school have become more and more important. The courses themselves are ever-evolving, providing students with access to cutting edge ideas and cutting edge technology. While founded upon a critical thinking pedagogy and providing students with the tools necessary to navigate the intricacies of the media landscape, the courses also afford the opportunity for students to express themselves and to contribute to the vast media flow with texts of their own creation. This year, at **RIFF**, Richview's first annual Film Festival, the students had a more formal forum for their output. Held in the RCI auditorium, this highly successful event is already in the calendar for next year.

The 3 year old grade 10 Media Arts course offers students their first opportunity to explore the impact of media on their lives and to participate in a small way, in the production thereof. The course started with a focus on advertising, both deconstructing and creating, and then shifted its attention to documentary and mockumentary film. The class, this year, made their own mockumentaries on topics of their choosing, filming and editing all of their own work. The course culminated in a study of genre, involving both research and the production of a fictional trailer.

The grade 11 course (EMS 3O1) once again turned its attention to counterculture, the DIY ethic, and the remix this year as well as to the evaluation of the impact of audience driven content on popular culture. The course culminated in two summatives: one where the students have been asked to create their own remix and to consider issues of copyright and intellectual/ creative property ownership, and a second where the students self-publish their own 'zine. This year, the students, after going to TIFF for their "Film in a Day" workshop, took their newfound knowledge to a Norseman Public School Grade 5 class to run a similar program for them. It was an incredible day and the end products, 5 very short films, are available for screening on You Tube under "Norseman Film Fest".

Richview Film Festival

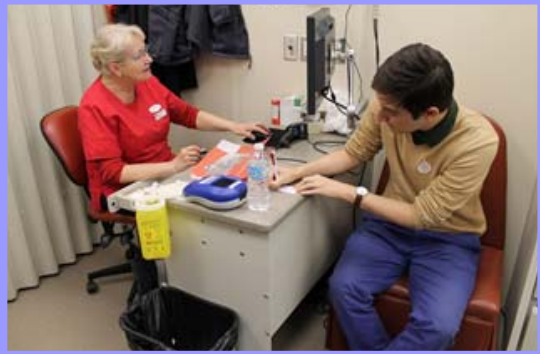


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The grade 12 (IDC 4U1) students continued to engage heavily in the formal filmmaking process generating scripts and storyboards, while also learning how to build a narrative using the latest in digital film and editing technology. New this year was a project involving font design where the students created their own font using computer software as a part of a unit on semiotics. Recently, the IDC class has collaborated with the Writer's Craft class in the production of a conversation driven short film. These films were the backbone for the RCI Film Festival held in early Spring.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

Richview C.I. has been hosting an annual Blood Donor Clinic for several years now and the Saints continue to rise up to the challenge of donating their precious blood to those in need. Perhaps squeamish at the thought of writing a pages long English essay, Richview never shies away from being one of the best schools in the TDSB to donate in droves. Canadian Blood Services is always impressed with the generosity and graciousness with which our Saints come through year after year. This is a Saintly tradition that Richview is extremely proud of and one that will, no doubt, continue on for years to come!



BATTLE OF THE BANDS

This year's Battle Of The Bands was a great success. Student-led from all stages of planning to performance, the event saw over 100 guests through the doors of Richview's auditorium. Some highlights include a stand-out set from Sympathetic Vibrations, fronted by Alex Apostolidis, whose nostalgia-drenched covers had the crowd re-living John Hughes' most iconic cinematic moments. Head 4 The Exit brought Mr. Miceli's foot to tapping with their Rush cover, Alternative Action's Weezer tune caused some commotion, while Mr. Richards joined Taylor Polaniec and Audrey Bruce who made a touching grad dedication over Green Day's "Good Riddance (Time Of Your Life)". All-grade-nine band Burnt Lemons impressed everyone with their talent, well beyond their years, while Steven Lin & Friends rallied the crowd into an epic sing along of Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'". Finally, Richview alumni metal-heads Rust ended the night with a set that nearly brought Mr. Mehic into the mosh pit. Our MCs Emma Ababio and Tessa Box kept the crowd entertained with laughs, and skillfully kept the night on schedule, as did our A/V team of Roel Calimlim and Gordon Sze-to in keeping the sound and lights show on-par with any downtown rock-and-roll venue. A huge thank-you must be expressed to Mr. Sexsmith's help in running the evening, and Mr. Miceli's support and guidance. Thanks to Olivia Huber and Marina Schwellnus for their professionalism while volunteering at doors and concessions. Finally, a huge shout-out goes to Taylor Polaniec and Tessa Box their hard work and dedication in planning an awesome end-of-year celebration for Richview students. We hope to see another successful night in June 2015.



Richview Athletic Department

Richview's strong showing in TDSB Athletics continued during the 2013-2014 school year. The Senior Girls Basketball team had an excellent year in 2013. The Girls made it all the way to the City Championship Final; unfortunately they lost to York Memorial. They also went on to compete at OFSAA. The Cross Country team was dominant this year. They won the Overall Girls, Junior Girls, Overall Combined and the Midget division championships in the West Region. The Junior Boys Football team repeated as City Champions in 2013 defeating Birchmount Park 28-7. The Senior Boys Football team was one of nine OFSAA Bowl Provincial Champions in 2013. They defeated West Ferris 12-10 in the OFSAA Bowl game.

In the Winter season, the Boys and Girls Curling teams won West Region Championships. Both teams also went on to win the City Championship. They also represented the TDSB at OFSAA. The Wrestling team also had a strong showing in the Winter season. The Girls team won the West Region Championship. Members of the team also competed at OFSAA. The Swimming team placed well at the City Championships this year. There were many outstanding performances in the pool for Richview.

The Spring season was a tremendous success for Richview athletics. The Track and Field team won the Overall Boys, Overall Girls, Overall Combined and the Overall Track and Field Championships in the West region. The Midget Boys and Girls also won West Region Championships. The defending City Champion Girls Slo-Pitch team won the West Region Championship defeating Martingrove in the final. The Co-ed Volleyball team won another West Region Championship and came within two points of winning the City Championship. They lost a close game in the City Finals to Woburn. The Boys Baseball team won their sixth straight West Region Championship, defeating Silverthorn 10-4 in the Final. The Boys also went on to compete at OFSAA. The Girls Flag Football team won their first ever City Championship in 2014. They defeated Agincourt 22-0 in the Finals.

Congratulations Richview student-athletes and coaches, on another great year in 2013-2014.

GO SAINTS!!!



Richview Athletic Department

The Inside Ride

The Inside Ride took place on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 in the gymnasium at Richview Collegiate. The Inside Ride is two hour indoor cycling challenge and fundraiser dedicated to raising money in support of families and children with cancer. The Inside Ride at Richview is dedicated to the memory of Sharon Hewitt and the contribution she made to student life during her time at Richview. This year's event was a tremendous success, raising over \$20 000 for kids and families dealing with cancer. A special thank you goes out to the staff, students and parents of the Richview community for their support of this event. Next year's event will take place on Friday, March 6, 2015.

Muskoka Woods Leadership Camp

This year marked the thirteenth year of the Muskoka Woods Leadership Camp at Richview. The camp involved over 200 grade nine students and 130 senior students. It took place from Monday, January 27 to Friday, January 31, 2014. Students participated in a variety of activities such as: high ropes, low ropes, Winter games, athletics, arts and crafts, co-op games, group dynamics, So You Think You Can Dance and ski adventure. The grade nine students were provided opportunities to work with, and get to know many of the senior students, as well as other students in grade 9. The goal of the camp is to create a sense of community within Richview by bringing all of the students together and providing them with opportunities to get to know each other in different settings. This year's camp was a tremendous success! A great time was had by all who attended. Students were given the opportunity to experience many new activities. The grade 9 students returned from this year's camp having made many new friends at Richview. It is through these new found friendships that a greater sense of ownership and belonging can be established for grade 9 students attending Richview for the next four years.

The Muskoka Woods Leadership Camp will run next year from Monday, January 26 to Friday January 30, 2015. The application process for grade 11 and 12 students hoping to attend the camp as a Senior Leader will begin at the end of September, 2014.

Richview Community Coaches and Volunteers

A special thank you to the Community Coaches listed below for their dedication and contribution to the Richview athletic program during the 2013-2014 school year.

Senior Boys Basketball	Ray Tone
Senior Girls Basketball	TJ Rutty
Senior Boys Football	Peter Chilakos/Graeme Richardson/Joseph Belding
Junior Boys Football	Bruce Boyd/Bert Faibish
Boys Baseball	Bob Hunter
Curling	Jim Wright
Wrestling	Adri-Anna Aloia/Sophie Aloia
Co-ed Volleyball	Stefan Ristic
Girls Soccer	Corey May

Mr. Stath Koumoutseas

Curriculum Leader: Health and Physical Education, Athletics and Co-Curricular Programs.

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The Junior Boys Football Team punctuated an undefeated season with their 28-7 championship victory over Birchmount Collegiate, to repeat as City Champions, for the first time in school history. Highlights include two victories over rival Etobicoke Collegiate and a dramatic interception from our nose tackle. The defence pitched a shutout for nearly all three games of the playoffs and our offence averaged 34 points per game and had touchdowns scored by eight different players. The key to all victories was the dominating performances from our offensive and defensive lines. Football games are always won in the trenches. Good luck to the grade tens who move up to senior and good luck to the returning grade nines who have their eyes set on a three-peat.

The Girls Flag Football team captured their first City Championship in school history with a resounding 22-0 victory over Agincourt Collegiate. The Saints were undefeated in league play highlighted by a victory over perennial powerhouse R.H. King on a last second touchdown pass. The offence led the league in scoring and the defense didn't allow a point in the playoffs. Many thanks go out to the graduating seniors for mentoring younger players, providing tremendous leadership and most of all, for demanding a tireless work ethic from their teammates. The cold, dark 7am practices or the heat of the long afternoons in May never dampened their spirits. They will always be the first Richview Champions in this great sport. They will be missed, but their impact will be seen at Richview for years to come.



Bonjour! Les Nouvelles du Département de langues modernes à Richview!

Spring has turned to summer with a blur of activity! The Modern Languages Department would like to thank all students and staff for their efforts in our latest progress and successes.

Thank you to **Ms. Campoverde**, **Ms. Cardoni**, **Mr. Dipchand**, **Ms. Kopun** and **Ms. Siiskonen** for joining our department team this year. Your tireless efforts, in many cases both inside and outside the classroom, have contributed to the wonderful French and Spanish programs that we are so proud of here at Richview. We were lucky to have had the pleasure of working with these fine teachers in the Moderns Department. Best wishes on your future endeavours - *Meilleurs voeux!*

This year Richview Collegiate's Moderns team hosted two teacher candidates from **York University's Faculty of Education – Glendon campus & York Keele campus**. We would like to congratulate **Ms. Hala Faress** and **Ms. Jina Kuk** on the completion of their practicum/observation blocks here at Richview. Your willingness to assist students and staff combined with your creative teaching ideas were very much appreciated by all. Merci à **M. Dharmo** and **Mme Bourgeois** for hosting these candidates.

The Richview Modern Languages tradition of participating in the annual **Concours d'Art Oratoire** French Public Speaking Contest carried on this year with several students representing our school. The department would like to congratulate all students who participated at the school level, regional level and provincial level. Special recognition to **Aliyah Khadaroo** (grade 11/12 FSL+ category), **Laura Nelles** (grade 11/12 French Immersion category), **Fenil Patel** (grade 11/12 Core French category), **Junjun Liu** (grade 9/10 FSL+ category), **Sara Pejic** (grade 9/10 French Immersion category) and **Rachel Baran** (grade 9/10 Extended French category) for their hard work, professionalism and good sportsmanship as they represented Richview beyond the school level. Congratulations to **Sara Pejic** on placing second in the province for her speech entitled "*Le showbiz de la vie*". We would also like to thank the many Richview students who volunteered their time as assistants during the provincial competition hosted by **Canadian Parents for French** at **Glendon** on Saturday, May 10th.



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On April 29th and 30th, some grade 12 Core French, Extended French and French Immersion students took the **D.E.L.F.** exam. The **Diplôme d'études en langue française** is a certification of French-language abilities administered by the International Centre for French Studies for France's Ministry of Education. It is composed of four independent diplomas corresponding to the first four levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: A1, A2, B1 and B2. The day long exam at Scarborough Civic Centre was well worth the effort. We are thrilled to announce all six candidates were successful and will be obtaining their official diplomas from France shortly. Félicitations à **Jessica Baliwalla, Riva Banh, Paloma Lopez-Bondi, Fenil Patel, Melissa Pospiech** and **Ana Urosecvic!**

The local **Français pour l'avenir/French for the Future Forum** was a real hit this year. Ten students from various grades took part in this conference on April 25th at **Glendon**. The forum was organized by the not-for-profit organization **French for the Future** to support and motivate students on their path towards bilingualism. Students attended creative workshops, engaged in discussions, and met local bilingual professionals

On February 21st, over 100 grade 11 and 12 French Immersion and Core French Richview students attended the 17th annual **Cinéfranco** film festival. They enjoyed this French learning experience at the Bloor Docs cinema where they watched *Couleur de peau miel* – a film based on an autobiographical graphic novel exploring the conflicted identity of Jung, a famous Belgian-Korean cartoonist. Many R.C.I. students also participated in **The Contest for Best Film Review 2014** by submitting film critiques. Félicitations à **Olga Misic** et **Djalal Fakim** (1st and 2nd Prize Winners of the 2014 Best Film Review Contest under the “French Immersion” heading).

The Modern Languages Department looks forward to continued success in the 2014-2015 school year. Bonnes vacances d'été à tout le monde!

**VIVE LE DÉPARTEMENT DE LANGUES
MODERNES À RICHVIEW!**



STUDENT SERVICES

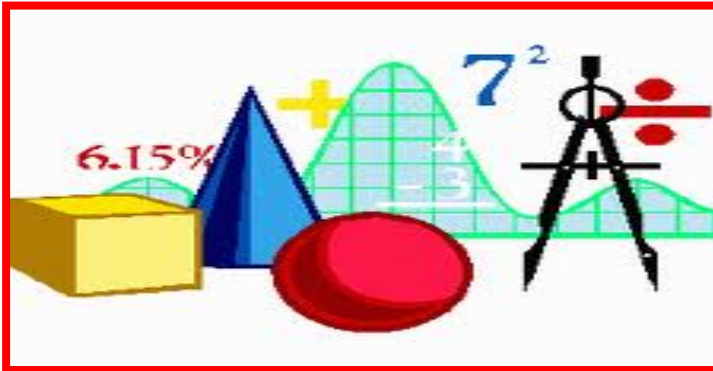
It has been another productive and busy year in Student Services.

Throughout the year, our graduating students were busy preparing themselves for their post-secondary pathways to university or college. During lunch hours and after school, our Grade 11 and 12 students had the opportunity to attend information sessions presented by various universities and colleges. In total, 27 university and college liaison representatives visited Richview to answer specific questions about their programs and the institutions themselves. In the Spring, we were very fortunate to have one of our alumni visit the school to speak with students about post-secondary preparation for the field of medicine. Workshops on scholarships, bursaries and loans available to graduating students were held during the lunch hour. Also, this year, an online post-secondary information site (<http://richviewguidance.weebly.com>) was created by Student Services to provide students with pertinent information regarding scholarships, planning and applications to post-secondary pathways. Graduating students are encouraged to visit this site on a regular basis. In addition, Student Services hosted a College Panel and a Parent Information Session on navigating post-secondary options. We wish all our graduating students success in their future endeavours whether it be at college, at university in Ontario, other provinces, the U.S. or abroad, or at work.

As one group of students leave us, we welcome 209 new Grade 9 students for the upcoming school year. Their transition to secondary school has already started as they attended our Grade 8 Orientation afternoon in May. Students will have another opportunity to familiarize themselves with Richview before actually beginning classes when they visit us on August 27th for our “Moving On Up” day.

Career exploration and planning is an important component of the Student Services mandate and this year students continued to use the website www.myblueprint.ca for educational planning and course selection. In fact, this year we expanded the online course selection process to include our incoming Grade 9 students. Parents are invited to explore the valuable information offered at this site by using the password “richviewci”. Student Services also supported the Grade 10 career courses through interest inventories and through workshops on university, college and apprenticeship. Presentations on course selection were held in classes at each grade level and students were encouraged to meet with their counsellor with individual concerns. A Course Information Fair was also held in the Spring which provided students with the opportunity to get more in-depth knowledge about the various courses offered at Richview.

We wish all our students and their families a happy and restful summer as we look forward to another productive school year.



It's hard to believe we are at the end of the school year, a time to reflect on the mathematical accomplishments of the past year of our staff and students at Richview. We have much to be proud of and a lot to celebrate; for example, our students' success, achievement, and hard work throughout the year. Our students have won several certificates, medals and awards in various math contests and competitions.

Students enrolled in the grade nine applied and academic mathematics courses participated in several Lunch and Learn sessions and extra help drop-in math sessions at least once a week throughout the year. These sessions were designed [to enhance students' mathematical thinking](#), support concept development and consolidate previous learning to ensure that the learners' diverse needs were met, while zeroing in on areas that needed more attention.

In order to enhance the teaching of mathematics and to support the students' learning, teachers participated in a co-teaching exercise. This was done to promote professional collaboration among faculty members and to emphasize joint instructional decisions. In addition, this allowed us collective responsibility for students' learning, as well as monitoring and documenting students' progress.

A big thank you to the administration for their support in providing resources and lunches for the Lunch and Learn sessions. The Math Department would also like to thank the senior student volunteers who assisted with the Lunch and Learn sessions and the Homework Club. Also, many thanks to Mrs. Haden-Reeves for taking time out of her busy schedule to talk to all grade 9 mathematics students to recommend useful strategies and insights on how to approach and prepare for the EQAO exam.

June has been a very busy month at Richview with exam preparations, summatives, final exams, regular school work and EQAO mathematics assessments for all grade nine students. As a result, teachers worked collaboratively and cohesively to challenge students' thinking during this period as was done throughout the year and provided students with multiple opportunities to receive feedback on work completed to aid them in determining the next step in the process to improve the quality of their work.

The Math Department would like to thank Ms. Pacitti, and Mrs. Kalami for their continued support of student learning and their contributions to our learning community. We wish them well in their future endeavours as they move to the next phase of their careers.

The mathematics faculty members would like to wish all students of Richview Collegiate a happy and safe summer break with families and friends. Good luck to our graduating students!



Music

This term has seen some exciting things happening in the Music Department. On May the 2nd, we had our annual Spring Symphonia Concert. It displayed the work of 9 ensembles; Junior, Intermediate & Senior Bands, Junior & Senior Strings, Junior & Senior Orchestras, Chamber Choir and the Stage Band. The ensembles played music from Johann Sebastian Bach, from the early 1700's, to the 20th Century, Henry Mancini's *The Pink Panther!* Music was chosen that represented a variety of styles to make the concert entertaining for all. Students had the opportunity to attend Disney's *The Lion King* at the Princess of Wales Theatre and to experience a concert put on by The Canadian Brass at the University of Toronto.

We were excited to host "Jazz in The Schools" put on by Humber Jazz students and faculty. This Spring saw the graduation of 20 grade 12s from the program, and as part of their summative, they put on a concert and dinner for their parents in the cafeteria here at Richview. The Department is looking forward to new talent coming in next year and new performance opportunities in September. Best wishes to all those graduating!

