



# Richview

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## Pulse @ Richview - June, 2015

### Principal's Message

#### Dear Richview Parents and Guardians:

From all of us to all of you, a hearty thank you for your involvement in the academic and co-curricular lives of our incomparable students! Student achievement is no accident- your partnership has and continues to make the difference for our students as they identify lofty and achievable goals and work tirelessly to achieve and surpass them.

In the pages that follow, you will learn of just some of the hi-lights of the year from a variety of curricular areas that underscore what is another highly successful year at RCI.

To our 208 graduates, we applaud your many and varied achievements- we are blessed to share this part of the journey with you; and, we extend our wishes for even greater success and fulfillment in your future pursuits. To this end, we eagerly anticipate your return to the Richview Family for Commencement exercises on Thursday October 8, 2015 when for the third 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

If you haven't heard, Richview student speakers bid thanks and adieu at the Farewell Assembly to two longtime stalwarts of our faculty. Ms. Too-good and Mr. Nunes were pillars in the Visual Arts and French Immersion departments respectively. We are indebted to them for their wonderful service to generations of Richview students.

Our thanks and best wishes to teachers who were newly arrived in September and too soon gone from our faculty: Ms. Carrozza and Ms. Shockness in Canadian/World Studies/Social Science/Humanities; Mr. Jefferies in Health and Phys-Ed; Ms. Carstairs and Ms. Froude in English.

Two staff members will be on leave for the 15-16 school year, Ms. Fitzgerald in Drama/Immersion and Mr. Tripodis in Science. We wish them the very best and look forward to their return.

We look forward to welcoming staff new to Richview: Ms. Beaulieu in Art and Drama as our Interim Assistant Curriculum Leader, Ms. Johnston in Immersion/Drama, Ms. McCalla in English, Ms. Pandurevic in French Immersion, Ms. Pugsley in Science, and Mr. Shook in Health/Phys-Ed, Math and Science. We also welcome back from leave Ms. Sabadash in the English Department.

Thanks and farewells are extended to our Long Term Occasional teachers who quickly became solid staff members: Ms. Calce, Ms. Cardoni, Mr. Panas, Mr. Richards, Ms. Park and Mr. Zapfe.

My personal regards to all Richview Families; your involvement, support and partnership is indispensable in our mutual endeavour to provide the best for our children. Be sure to join your fellow parents and faculty at our first Parent Pub Night, Thursday October 29, 7pm at the Crooked Cue. Go Saints!

Sam Miceli

# THE PRINCIPAL'S ADVISORY GROUP

**2014 - 2015**



The Principal's Advisory Group (PAG) consists of Richview's Peer-to-Peer Mentoring Program and the S-A-I-N-T-S initiative (Students Assisting Independent Neighbourhood Toronto Seniors).

This year, we have 40 amazing Grade 11 and 12 students involved with the PAG. Our goal is to encourage student success for all students at Richview CI, with a focus towards the Grades 9s. Richview's senior students meet with the Grade 9s to discuss various themes such as developing leadership skills, how to achieve academic success, dealing effectively with friends and relations, health and wellness and school community involvement. In addition to mentoring the Grade 9 students, the PAGs realize the importance of giving back to our community. This year, we provided assistance to our community senior citizens by raking their leaves and shovelling snow

from their driveways. We have also formed a wonderful partnership with the Scarlett Heights Retirement Residence. During the Holiday season, we decorated their lobby, baked cookies with them, had a Gingerbread Decorating Competition and organized a friendly Family Feud Event that was greatly appreciated by the residents. Just recently, on June 27, we had a very successful BBQ with the seniors. It might have been raining outside, but indoors, it was all sunshine connecting with the seniors. At each event, Richview students did an amazing job representing our school with pride.

If you know of a senior citizen in need of some help, please contact [sam.miceli@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:sam.miceli@tdsb.on.ca) or [olga.calabria@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:olga.calabria@tdsb.on.ca).





# THE ARTS

ART ENABLES US  
TO FIND OURSELVES AND  
LOSE OURSELVES  
AT THE SAME TIME — *thomas merton*



*The Art Department, staff and students would like to wish Ms. Toogood a very happy retirement. We are so thankful for her years spent at Richview enriching the Visual Art classes, pushing her students to create, be themselves, and stand up for what they believe in. We will miss you, Ms. Toogood!*

## VISUAL ARTS

### Grade 9 Art

The Grade 9 Art classes spent the second half of the year creating a group mosaic Art history. They also did figure drawings, and designed the front and back cover for next year's Student Agenda.

For their culminating activity, they drew pencil sketches of the school property, and then created magnificent 3-D paper sculptures based on their drawings



# THE ARTS



## Grade 10 Art

The Grade 10s made advances working with pen and ink to create landscape drawings of the school property. Their culminating project was a clay sculpture in the round.



## Grade 11 Art

The Grade 11 Art class created stunning scratch board abstract designs. They also went to the AGO Basquiat exhibit and spent the morning touring the gallery. In the afternoon, they created stunning wire sculptures that they were able to take home with them. For their culminating project, they were given the theme of 'before and after', where they created 2 interesting works (one was a 2-dimensional piece, and one was 3-dimensional). The students used a wide variety of mediums to create their imaginative and artistic projects.

# DRAMA

Opportunities to see professionals hone their craft were abundant as our students had the opportunity to see 'Lungs' and 'Cake and Dirt' at the Tarragon Theatre as well as 'Helen Lawrence' at the Canadian Stage.

## Grade 10 Drama

During this term, the 'Shakesperience' workshop was brought to Richview by professional actors from the Stratford Festival to work with our Drama students to understand and appreciate Shakespeare. They participated in several activities that tested and expanded their knowledge. The actors even got them excited about reading and performing Shakespeare!



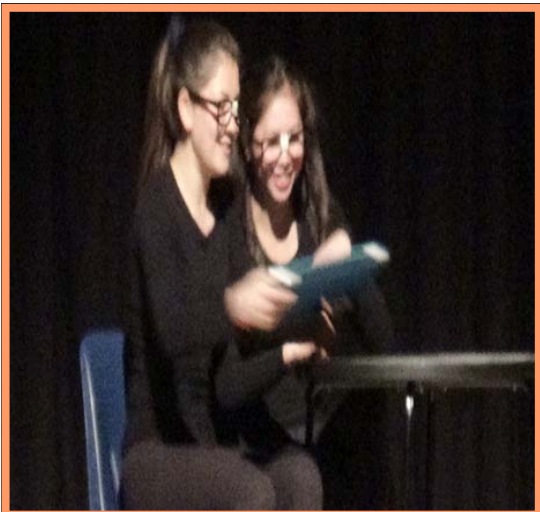


# DRAMA THE ARTS

Our Junior Drama students became confident stage performers this year in drama; they learned and practiced skills such as: collaboration and teamwork, taking initiative, problem solving, flexibility, leadership, and organization.

They finished their year with their culminating performance of a dramatic anthology. Students worked in groups to effectively write, rehearse, add both lights and sound, and then perform their own creative pieces. The results were funny, emotional, creative and confirmed the ingenuity of our students.

Ms. Carstairs' Grade 10s performed their own class collective theatre piece about stereotypes to the visiting Grade 8 students on the Grade 8 Feeder School Visit Day. Their hard work paid off, as it was met with rave Reviews. The Grade 8s were introduced to a very exciting side of the Arts at Richview.



## Grade 11/12 Drama

This year's Senior level Drama course concentrated on character development, script work and collective theatre. Students used a range of exercises, including improvisation, movement, writing in role, reflection, peer-evaluation and others to help dig deeper into the characters they were trying to discover.

Students then produced their own play '*Pop Star High*'. This fun look at what celebrities would have been like during their high school years, helped students understand the stresses of production and playwriting, as well as how difficult it can be to truly work as a large collective! All these skills plus aspects of technical theatre were then put together in their final performance of the '*Shadow Box*'. All three groups took this minimalistic script and produced varied ideas around identity and self.



# THE ARTS DRAMA

Ms. Fitzgerald encourages all students to see as much live theatre as possible. With *The Fringe* starting soon and *Summer Works* just around the corner, as well as *Niagara on the Lake*, *Stratford* and all the great professional theatre in Toronto, there are ample opportunities to watch how amateurs and the pros get across important social messages, artistic visions and change how theatre is 'seen'.



## Evening of Love

The '*Evening of Love*' in March, was organized by the Arts Council. The show was filled with one-act plays and musical theatre numbers with a love/hate theme. The students worked very hard to prepare for the evening performance. We have an incredible group of stage performers with boundless energy and talent. Bravo and thank you to all of the student actors and crew who participated in all of our events this year!



# ATHLETICS



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 the West Region Championships. The Richview Track and Field team won the Junior and Senior West Region Championship in the Boys and Girls divisions. The Girls Slo-Pitch team won the West Region Championship, defeating Martingrove in the Final. The Girls Soccer team also won the West Region Championship defeating Etobicoke in the Final. The Boys Baseball team won their seventh straight West Region Championship defeating Etobicoke 6-5, in the Final. The Boys also went on to compete at OFSAA. The Girls Flag Football team won its second consecutive City Championship in 2015. The girls defeated R.H. King in the City Championship Final. The Junior Boys Soccer team won the West Region Championship. The Boys went on to defeat Mackenzie in a thrilling TDSSAA City Championship Final.

The 2014-2015 school year proved to be a great one for the Athletic Program at Richview. The Senior Boys Football, Junior Boys Soccer, Girls Flag Football, Senior Boys Golf and the Boys Competitive Curling teams all won TDSSAA City Championships. We would like to thank retiring teacher and coach, Adrian Nunes, for his tremendous commitment to students-athletes at Richview. Adrian Nunes was the Alpine Skiing and Snowboarding coach at Richview for 25 years. We would also like to acknowledge Mrs. Deborah Haden-Reeves, who received the TDSSAA Leadership Award at the coaches Annual General Meeting in June. Mrs. Haden-Reeves was recognized for her support and commitment to student athletics at Richview.

Congratulations, Richview student-athletes and coaches, on another great year in 2014-2015.

GO SAINTS!!!

# ATHLETICS

## Most Valuable Player Award Winners

### GOLF

**Boys** Adam Park, Greg Harant

**Girls** Nicole Gargarella

### CROSS COUNTRY

Megan Watson, Breanna Faiczak

Dean Licul, Gregorio Lopez-Bondi

### SLO-PITCH

Rachel Colle

### BASKETBALL

**Junior Boys** Brent Parobec

**Senior Boys** Max Ciarmela

### BASEBALL

Julian Giannone, David Mochenko

### BASKETBALL

**Junior Girls** Sidney Crawford

**Senior Girls** Tara Laing, Gabrielle Major

### SWIMMING

**Junior Girls** Emily McTier

**Senior Girls** Yi Min Shen

**Junior Boys** Sebastian Menendez

**Senior Boys** Djalal Fakim

**Open Girls** Carli Jurevicius

**Open Boys** Daniel Shmygel

### HOCKEY

**Boys** Eric Thrower

**Girls** Rachel Colle

### SOCCER

**Girls** Daniela Testani

**Senior Boys** Greg Harant

**Junior Boys** Luke Marando

Victor Mazzuca, Luca Pascucci

### INDOOR SOCCER

Stephen Bell

### ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Billal Elayas, Mieka Saunders

### CURLING

**Boys** Drake Foo

**Girls** Allison Huras

**Most Improved** Melissa Finlay

### ARCHERY

Reid McInroy, Alexandra Sargent

### BADMINTON

Brian Canham, Sean Fleming

Sarah Tyndall, Greg Tyndall

### LACROSSE

Liam Limoges

### TENNIS

**Singles** Victoria Preston

**Doubles** Sava Sandic, Hunter Wedgbury

### VOLLEYBALL

**Junior Girls** Alexis Cheng, Dana Roskic

**Senior Girls** Tamara Sceanovic

**Junior Boys** Sava Sandic

**Senior Boys** Brandon Cho

### CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

Tamara Sceanovic

### RUGBY

**Most Improved** Jordan Dalicandro

Nathan Lorenz

### FLAG FOOTBALL

**Most Valuable Player** Tavnetar Kaur

**Offensive** Kezia Allen

**Defensive** Rachel Adjei

**Lineman** Karina Stellato

### FOOTBALL

**Junior Offensive:** Michael Capizzano

**Defensive:** Anthony Cummins

**Lineman:** Jonathan Chung

**Senior Offensive:** Donald Shaw

**Defensive:** Damien Monestier

**Lineman:** Nicolas Latina

### TRACK & FIELD

**Juniors** Dave de Buckham, Oshauntae Foster

**Seniors** Matthew McKelvey, Vanessa Weremi

### WRESTLING ROOKIE

**Rookie of the Year** David Podpecan, Minya Karac

**Most Valuable Player/ (Leadership)** Sean Sweeney, Keana Shahin



# ATHLETICS

## Richview Special Awards

### Athletes of the Year

Junior Girls	Keira Kent
Junior Boys	Sava Sandic, Matthew Garner
Senior Girls	Breanna Faiczak
Senior Boys	Brian Canham

### Class of 2015

### Athletic Leadership Awards

Yanni Taxis	Jessica DeCarlo
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## 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 2014-2015 school year.

Boys Hockey	Justin Phillips
Junior Boys Football	Bruce Boyd
Boys Baseball	Bob Hunter
Girls Soccer	Corey May
Boys/Girls Volleyball	Chris Dolan
Senior Boys Basketball	Gianfranc Ciarmela & Kevin Smith
Junior Boys Basketball	John Gurnham & Vadim Levin
Senior Boys Football	Peter Chilakos, Matt Lelyk, Joseph Belding & Marcus Marchese
Curling	Stuart Garner & Graeme McCarrol
Rugby	Paul Rooney & Mark Holt
Wrestling	Shevonne Witter-Watts & Jordan Watkis

## The Inside Ride

*The Inside Ride* took place on Friday, March 6, 2015 in the gymnasium at Richview. It is two hour indoor cycling challenge and fundraiser dedicated to raising money in support of families and children with cancer. At Richview, it 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 \$24 000 for kids and families dealing with cancer. A special thank you goes out to staff, students and parents of the Richview community for their support of this event. Next year's event will take place on Friday, March 4, 2016.

## Health and Physical Education

Physical exercise, healthy nutrition, and mental health are just a few of the topics that are covered throughout the year in the Health and Physical Education classes.

Our students continue to push the envelope, not only academically, but also physically. Our staff and students recognize the benefits of daily physical activity and the enormous positive lifelong results.

Throughout the year, we had the privilege to teach and coach numerous sports and activities to all the students partaking in Phys. Ed. Courses. These students showed tremendous skill, enthusiasm and effort while improving in each sport that was covered.

Some highlights of the year include: Rock Climbing, Yoga, Zumba, Kangoo, Strength Training, and CPR.

Fitness testing continues to be an integral part of the courses. This testing provides each student with an overview of their physical status during the year. These results can be used to set new Health and Physical Education goals for the following years to come.

It has been a joy to teach and connect with all our students and we wish them the best, always!

Please continue to lead a fun, healthy and active lifestyle throughout the summer and beyond.

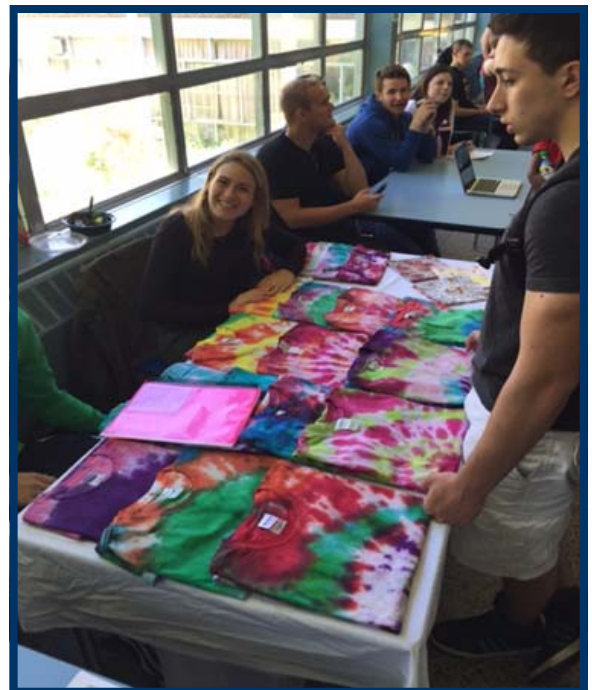
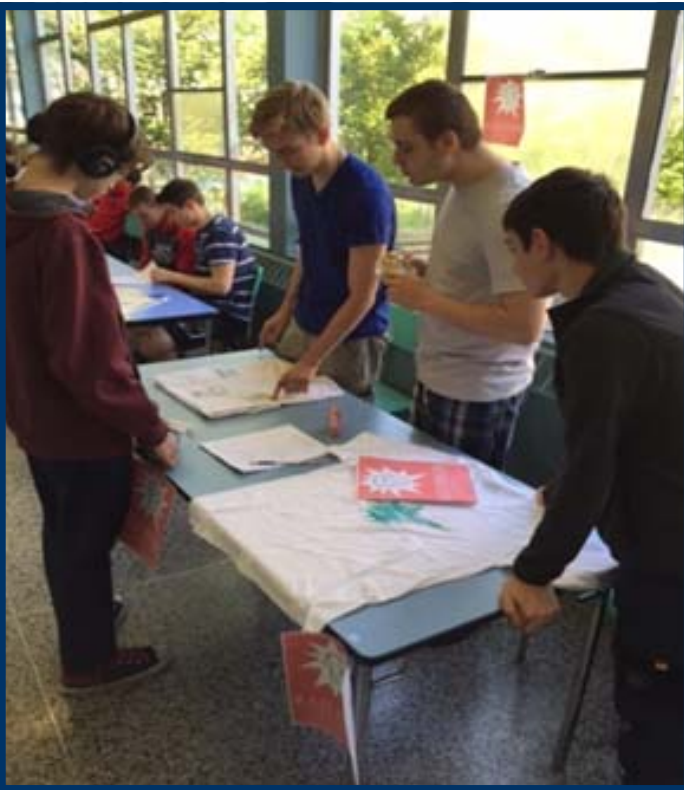
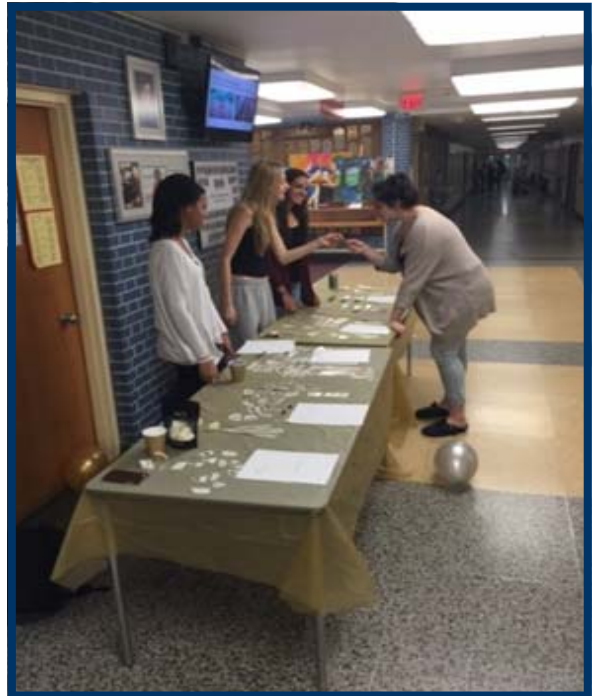
Mr. Stath Koumoutseas

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

# BUSINESS DEPT.

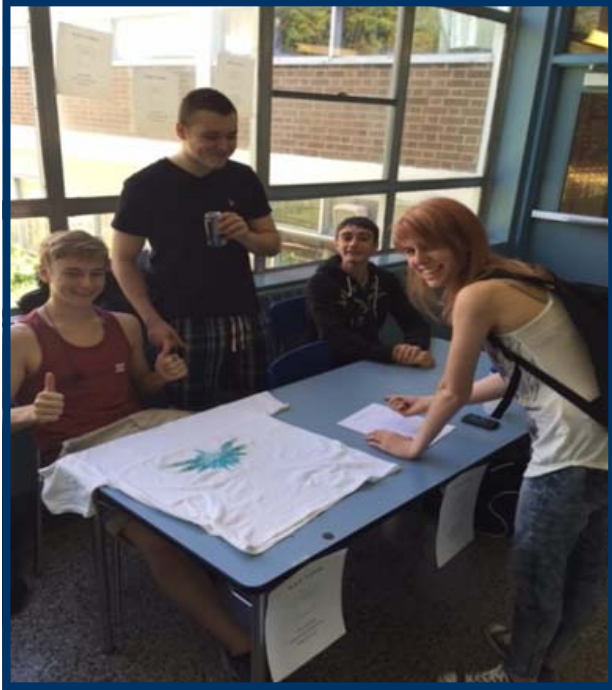
## BDI3C1 - Entrepreneurship

**Saints Den** - Richview's Venture Fair has come and gone, and what a success this year's Fair turned out to be! Mr. Zapfe's Entrepreneurship class raised \$85.30 for *Meagan's Walk*! Well done everyone, enjoy your well-deserved Summer Break.





# BUSINESS DEPT.



## The Wolves of Richview

The Grade 12 Finance students have just completed their Financial Advisor summatives. They are now experienced investors who are hungry to make money in the markets. Good Luck to all of our future investors!

## BBB4M1 – International Business

The International Business class has just completed their Goodies Inc. Marketing Plans. Eighteen countries tried to convince the board to expand to their country but only one pitch stood out. Congratulations Australia, you will be the new home for Goodies Inc.'s next plant!

## BOH4M1 – Business Leadership

The Business leaders of tomorrow have just completed their management portfolios. The next generation of Business Executives have learned a lot from their idols, and are now taking their next steps in becoming Canada's Business leaders. Good Luck!



# BUSINESS DEPT.

**NO LIMITS TORONTO 2015**

**CAREER CONFERENCE**

**Sponsored by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario**

On Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, eight lucky senior accounting students attended an all-day accounting career conference at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. The day's events started with a keynote address from Steven Lehman, CPA, CA and Executive Director and CEO of the Ontario Racing Commission. Mr. Lehman spoke about his education, his career paths and the skills required for success in the business world. He highlighted the importance of hard work, integrity (which should never be compromised), finding a mentor, taking risks, and giving back to your community.

Richview students benefitted from roundtable discussions with current CPA students and CPAs from a variety of industries. They heard about different career paths, participated in a financial literacy presentation by Funny Money man himself, James Cunningham, and contributed to a team-building challenge, which highlighted the importance of team-work in business. Overall, the students were very grateful for the experience as they learned a lot about career opportunities in business, university pathways, and won some CPA "swag" prizes. Hopefully, one day, these Richview Saints will Rule the Business World!





# 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 education.

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 28 University and College liaison representatives visited Richview to answer specific questions about their programs and the institutions themselves. Workshops on scholarships, bursaries and loans available to graduating students, were held during the lunch hour. This year, in addition to an online post-secondary information site (<http://richviewguidance.weebly.com>) providing students with pertinent information regarding scholarships, planning and applications to post-secondary pathways, a **"Remind account"** was created for Grade 12 students to receive notifications and reminders about applications to university/college and scholarships. Student Services also hosted a College Panel for all Grade 12s 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., abroad, or at work.

As one group of students leave us, we welcome 263 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 September 2<sup>nd</sup> for our **"Moving On Up"** day.

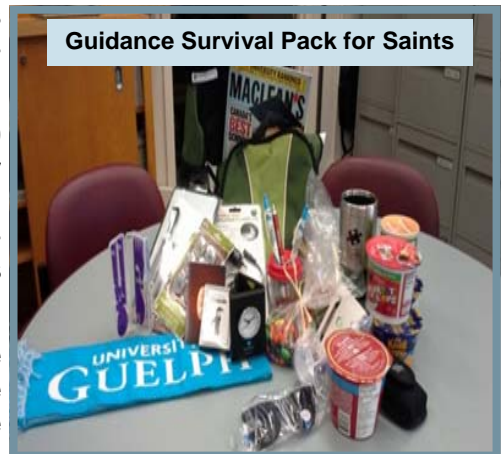
Career exploration and planning is an important component of the Student Services mandate and this year students continued to use the website [www.myblueprint.ca](http://www.myblueprint.ca) for educational planning and course selection. Parents are invited to explore the valuable information offered 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. This year, during the Wednesday Late Starts, Student Services, Special Education and Student Success offered student initiatives/workshops, including locker clean-up, a stress management workshop and summative extra help sessions to improve student success. 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.



Halloween

Initiated by Ms. Haden-Reeves, this year Student Services and the Environment Club started a milk bag collection program at Richview. The 4L milk bags are used to weave mats which are sent to developing countries

where they are used as sleeping mats. Please help our cause to divert waste from landfills and benefit others in need. Clean milk bags (just the large ones that hold the 3 individual bags of milk) are being collected in Student Services. We wish all our students and their families a happy and restful summer as we look forward to another productive school year.



Guidance Survival Pack for Saints



Milk Bag Mat



# MUSIC DEPT.

Mrs. O'Brien and the music students have been busy raising money for this year's trip to Chicago. They sold oranges and grapefruit, coffee and Crispy Creme donuts. Thank you to everyone that supported us!

In mid-April, 47 of us boarded a bus for Chicago. Some of the highlights were going on a cruise in downtown Chicago, visiting the famous 'Bean', visiting Millennium Park, attending a performance by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, attending the Million Dollar Quartet Musical, visiting Andy's Jazz Club, eating at the Hard Rock Café, performing at the Children's Shriners Hospital, a local retirement villa and participating in a clinic at Northwestern University. Memories to last a lifetime!



After returning from Chicago, there was a week and a half to get ready for our annual Spring Symphonia. Nine ensembles performed music from various eras and styles. The students put on a fantastic two hour concert displaying their talent and enthusiasm for music at Richview.



# CANADIAN & WORLD STUDIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES & THE HUMANITIES

It was a busy, yet exciting year for the students who took any of the Canadian & World Studies, Social Sciences & the Humanities courses at Richview. Our students took part in educational field trips, the Law students participated in realistic mock trials, the Civics students took part in mock municipal elections and so much more.

## Grade 12 International Law

Mr. Richards' Grade 12 International Law class had a fantastic year. Highlights include a visit to Richview from first year York University Faculty of Law student, Madeleine Brown, an excursion to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and a mock trial performance in partnership with Central Technical School's LAWS program. It's very exciting to see a number of students heading to university with the intention of applying to law school after completing undergrad degrees. We wish them all the best!

## Grade 11 Law Trip to the Superior Court of Justice

On Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, sixty Grade 11 Law students and their teacher visited 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 their 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.



# CANADIAN & WORLD STUDIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES & THE HUMANITIES

The Grade 10 Civics students campaigned for the position of Mayor of the City of Toronto, Councilor of a ward and other distinguished positions. Everyone had an important real life role to play. Candidates campaigned for their positions, participated in dynamic debates and voted for the best candidates.



**Grade 10 Civics**





# CANADIAN & WORLD STUDIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES & THE HUMANITIES

## **Accident Awareness Crash Car Display at Richview**

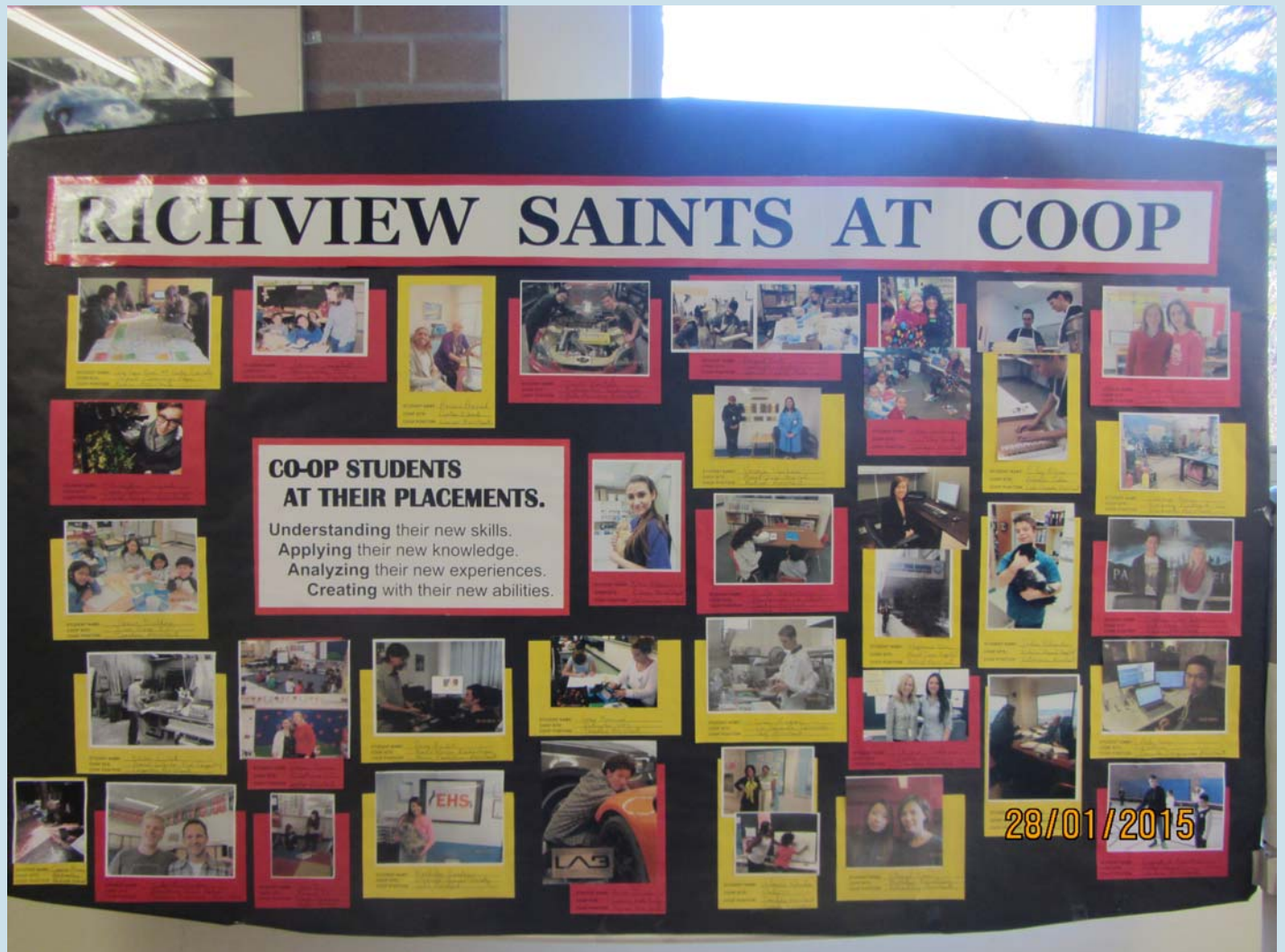
On Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Annan, a retired police officer currently with Accident Awareness visited Richview C.I. He set up a crash car display on the front lawn and shared the story behind the car with students who visited the display during the lunch hour.

He also spoke to Grade 11 Law students about distracted driving and the laws associated with it. Students learned first-hand from Mr. Annan about the perils associated with impaired and distracted driving and the threats that we all face as pedestrians on our roads and parking lots.



**We would like to thank Ms. Carrozza and Ms. Shockness, who made a lasting impression on our students during their short time here at Richview.  
We wish them all the best at their new schools in September!**

# COOPERATIVE EDUCATION



Thank you to all our Co-operative Education students for their professionalism,  
their enthusiasm and their hard work at their placements.

They have represented Richview C.I. with pride.

Thank you also, to all our Placement Organizations and their Supervisors.

Without them, this Program would not be possible.

Sincerely, Mrs. Calabria



# ENGLISH & MEDIA STUDIES

## **LITERACY**

In preparation for the Grade 10 OSSLT test written this past March, the Literacy Department implemented a *Lunch and Learn* program. Every Wednesday at lunch, students (who had been identified as at-risk by their teachers, or who were unsuccessful at a first EQAO attempt) gathered with a group of teacher volunteers to practice OSSLT style questions; a worthwhile endeavour which helped many of our students successfully complete the test. Students wishing to get a head start on practicing for the OSSLT can visit [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com) for sample questions.

## **ENGLISH**

The Richview English Department continues to enjoy a constantly changing program which reflects the richness of the curriculum. New initiatives implemented this year, focused on encouraging students to improve their literacy skills and saw the design of challenging, enriching and innovative activities that address the diverse interest and needs of students. Students enjoy the graphic novel, more relevant and enriching media studies, as well as student-centered differentiated instruction and evaluation in their English classes. The Department remains passionately committed to student development and a learning experience, which emphasizes the relevance of class material to the world beyond the classroom.

From Shakespeare to Mythology, 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, Grade 9 students attended a variety of field trips to enhance their English and Media experiences.

From Graphic Novels, to 'Romeo and Juliet', to the old U.S. South in to Kill a Mockingbird, forward to Dystopian worlds, the Grade 10s explored their own world and their own belief structures, through the writing of others. Themes of love, death, racism, survival and coming of age were dissected, discussed and debated

Students saw these representations in live theatre, print and in film. They then created their own media assignments and pitched them to their class, exploring aspects of media and their own strengths of oral persuasion. Reading a range of items both fiction and non-fiction will help students prepare for Grade 11. Keep in mind that Grade 11s also study the documentary form and there are wonderful documentaries available in the theatres and to stream.

The Grade 11 English course continues to evolve as pedagogical instruction and lesson planning improves as a result of teachers' commitment to team collaboration and professional development, and as differentiated and up-to-date resources become available. Over the course of 2014-2015, students delved from the Bard's dark, Jacobean tragedy *Macbeth*, into Ayn Rand's *Anthe*, while considering despots, dictators and tyrants who have wreaked havoc on our world. They also entered the lavish world of Gatsby and the Roaring Twenties, and the fine journalistic art of editorial analysis and writing, culminating in truly impressive student-made documentary films on social issues that complicate the lives of the modern day teenager. Students also had the delightful opportunity to attend the *Toronto Hot Docs Festival*. Through it all, teachers worked diligently with students to improve and refine the critical communication and higher order thinking skills necessary for success in the Grade 12 English program.

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 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.

# ENGLISH & MEDIA STUDIES

## 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 movie makers from the Grade 12 IDC Media course, and later on in the year screened for students, teachers and parents at our yearly 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 anthology, *The Enchanted Truth*, a collection of re-imagined fairy tales.

## MEDIA STUDIES

As programs in Media Studies have proliferated at the university level, the Media courses offered at the school have become more and more popular. 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. The second annual Richview *Film Festival* once again offered students a more formal forum for their output. Congratulations to Calder and Jacob Lund and Eric Mergelas, whose documentary about their band, *The Burnt Lemons*, won this year's audience Choice Award, narrowly beating out John Robichaud's, *The Robishow*.

The 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 its own docs on topics of their choosing, as well as filming and editing all their own work. The course culminated in a study of genre, involving both research and the production of a fictional trailer. Exciting new ideas are brewing for next year as this newer course continues to develop.

The Grade 11 course (EMS 301) 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 had 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-published their own 'zine. Special thanks to both Rachel Venneri and former student Matt Whittall for providing their remix expertise for the class and to Wes Marskell and Jason Couse of a local Indie band, *The Darcys*, for coming in to talk about all things DIY. For the second year, the students, after going to TIFF for their "Film in a Day" workshop, took their newfound knowledge to two Norseman Public School Grade 5 classes to run a similar program for them. It was two incredible days and the end products, 10 very short films, are available for screening on YouTube under "Norseman Film Fest". This event looks like a keeper.

### Richview Film Festival





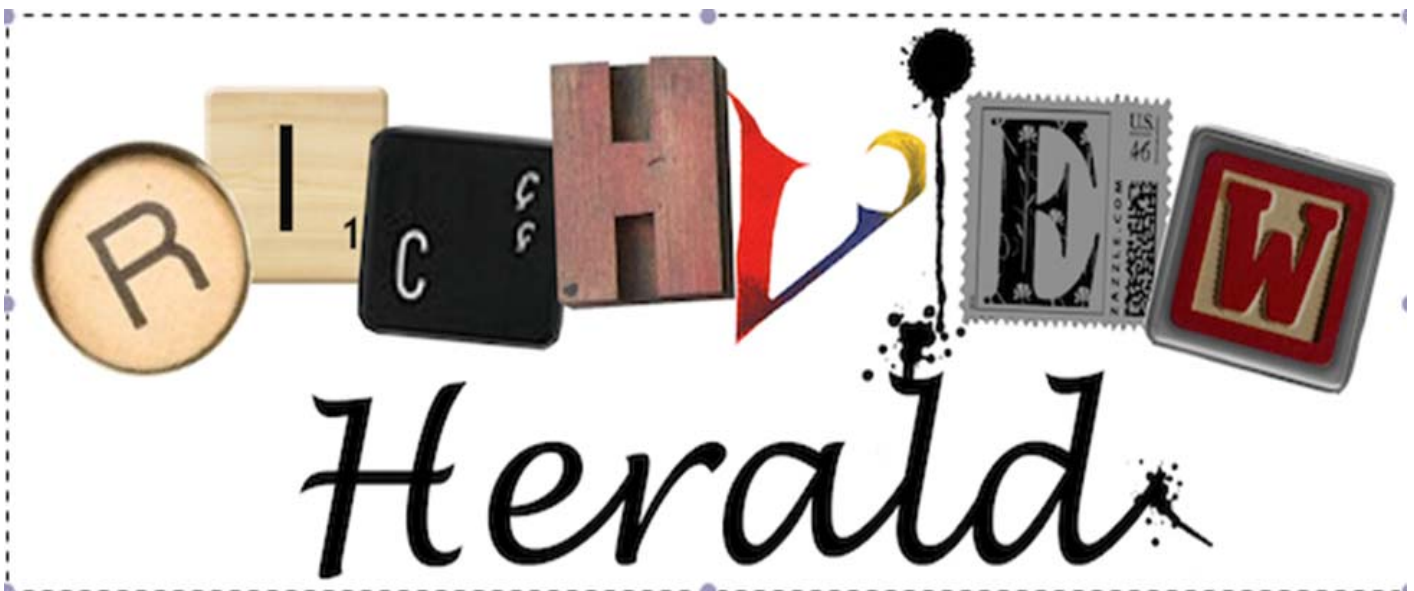
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The Grade 12 (IDC 4U1) students continued to engage heavily in the formal filmmaking process generating scripts and storyboards, while also learning how to build a narrative using the latest in digital film and editing technology. Recently, the IDC 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 which will once again be held in early spring. The theories of Marshall McLuhan, Jean Baudrillard, and Todd Gitlin continue to provide the academic basis for the course.

## The Richview Herald

Our online newspaper continues to be a writing success, showcasing the work of our very own Saints from all grades. Our news-team, made up of over 25 writers, photographers, social media conveners, videographers and editing team, work together every month to put together a stunning collection which reflects the latest school happenings and students voices. Please have a look at our latest offerings at: [www.richviewherald.com](http://www.richviewherald.com).



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Once again, RCI's annual trip to New York City provided 48 students, four teachers and with 4 days of fun and learning. The trip included a graffiti workshop, a hip hop tour of the 5 boroughs, two museums, 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. Dipchand and Mr. Richards for their hard work and commitment to the trip.



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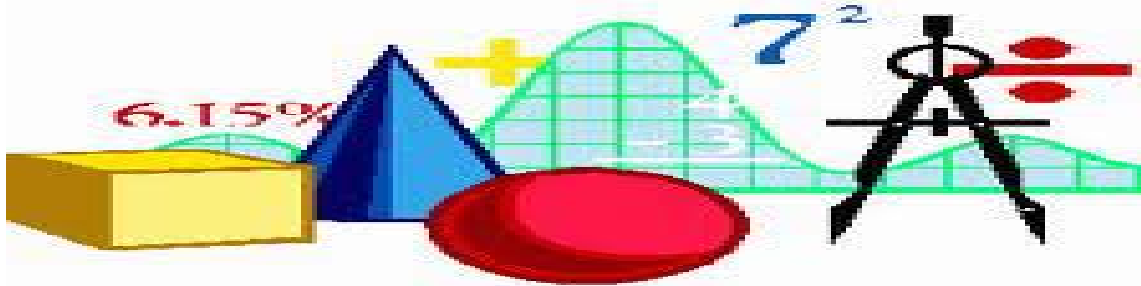
## **BATTLE OF THE BANDS**

This year's Battle Of The Bands was another big success. The event was organized and operated by Richview students from top to bottom, and the talent on stage was deeply impressive. From Grade 10 acts to returning grads, a wide display of Richview rock, covers, ballads, metal and punk was showcased. The Battle is a shining example of the power of community and the unity of music, and we look forward to next year's event. Thanks to all who attended, volunteered and lugged equipment from the garage/basement to the stage.





# MATH



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. Students and teachers have much to be proud of and a lot to celebrate.

Our students' achievement, and hard work throughout the year, has resulted in winning several certificates, medals and awards in various Math contests and competitions.

Congratulations to the following Waterloo Math contest winners:

Grade 12 Euclid Contest – Nenad Bauk

Grade 11 Fermat Contest – Anton Khimich

Grade 10 Cayley Contest – Yun Kim

Grade 9 Pascal Contest – Dior Hamja

Students enrolled in Grade 9 applied and academic Mathematics courses participated in several Lunch and Learn Sessions and extra help drop-in Math sessions throughout the year. These sessions were designed to improve students' mathematical thinking and also to consolidate previous learning to ensure that the learners' diverse needs were met, while zeroing in on areas that need more attention. These extra help sessions were designed to complement and assist students in mastering the basic skills, while providing a variety of materials to help students with problem-situations. In addition, this provided opportunities for students to participate in enrichment activities, and to review concepts covered in class.

The Grade 10s ended the year with Similar Triangles and an introduction to Trigonometry. The mnemonic SOH CAH TOA is now firmly in the minds of these students as they made their way through the use of the trig ratios, learning about equivalent ratios, perspective, and inverse functions. The use of graphing calculators found on most phones aided the understanding of the concepts as students inputted equations, then pinched, swiped, and otherwise manipulated this easily accessed tool.

The Applied Math and Science students had the opportunity to visit the Ontario Science Centre in the Spring to participate in workshops directly related to the curricula – Math Extravaganza and Light & Optics. The workshops were not only hands-on and informative, they provided opportunities for students to make direct connections to the Mathematics studied in school. The connections made during the excursion were then reinforced upon the return to the classroom.

March through June were very busy months at Richview, with exam preparations, summatives, Math competitions, final exams, and EQAO Mathematics assessments for all Grade 9 students, and extra-curricular activities. As a result, Mathematics teachers worked collaboratively and cohesively to continue to challenge students' thinking and provide them with multiple opportunities to receive feedback on work completed. This also aided them in determining the next step in improving the quality of their work.

# MATH

Although our Mathematics teachers were busy engaging in their own students in the teaching and learning process, they found time to participate in co-teaching exercises to promote collaboration among faculty members. This emphasized joint instructional decisions and collective responsibility for students' learning to ensure our students have continued success.

Thank you to Mrs. Haden-Reeves for taking the time out of her busy schedule to visit the Grade 9 Mathematics classes in June to explain how the Math EQAO exams are scored. She analyzed the scoring guide and anchor codes used by EQAO to assess the accuracy of a student solution. She also recommended strategies for students to use to become successful in the EQAO Math exam in June.

A big thank you goes to our Administration for their continued support in providing resources and lunches for the weekly Lunch and Learn sessions. Appreciation also goes to the student volunteers who assisted with the Lunch and Learn sessions and the Homework Club.

The Mathematics Department would like to wish all students and staff a happy and safe summer with their families and friends. Good luck to all our graduating students!





# MARCH BREAK EUROPE TRIP

## 2015 ENGLAND, FRANCE & ITALY

Mrs. Calabria organized a fabulous 10-day visit to England, France and Italy to explore the legacies of four world class cities – London, Paris, Florence and Rome. During this visit, our students observed some of the world's best museums and historical landmarks such as the London's National Gallery, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Notre Dame Cathedral, Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre, Champs-Elysees, the Eiffel Tower, the Vatican Museums, the Renaissance Duomo, St. Peter's Basilica, the Trevi Fountain, the Sistine Chapel and the Colosseum, just to name a few.



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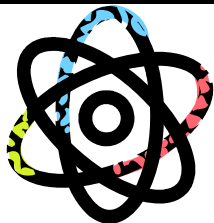
**2015 ENGLAND, FRANCE & ITALY**



Richview students experienced various cultures, cuisines, incredible advances in engineering and were surrounded by famous artwork created by master sculptors and painters. We're sure these memories will be treasured forever and students will continue to explore the world around them.

**March Break 2016, will be to Rome, Florence, Pisa, Nice, Monaco, Provence and Barcelona.**





# SCIENCE DEPT.

## Highlights from Science

The Science Department continued to roll out our STEM initiatives this term. Our Grade 12 Biology students travelled to McMaster in the Spring to use a variety of biotechnology techniques to identify a genetically engineered plasmid. They then had a follow up session with U of Ts *Let's Talk Science* Outreach Team to practice these biotechnology skills.

We also had an outreach team from McMaster visit us this term. McMaster's team worked with students from SNC1D and SCH4U to apply their learning in an engineering task. The tasks were challenging, but students had fun struggling through them.



Overall, the outreach programs were a wonderful addition to our core programming this year. Next year we hope to build on these opportunities to increase the number of investigations and STEM activities to which students are exposed. To facilitate these opportunities, our department has been undergoing a major clean-up and reorganisation of our resources. The process has been tedious and daunting at times, but we are in a better position now to utilize our equipment much more effectively.

So next year, we should see a significant increase in the number and variety of investigations in our science classes.

