

NEWS FROM GUIDANCE

The Grade 8 Orientation Day will take place on Wednesday, May 6th from 9:00am-11:30am. Students will have the opportunity to meet the staff of our school and follow an organized tour through the building.

Students searching for volunteer opportunities are encouraged to read the Volunteer Binder in the Guidance office or speak with a Guidance Counsellor. There are several exciting opportunities to get involved in our community!

Any **grade 10 and grade 11** students who are interested in both "planning ahead" and getting **scholarships when they graduate, are invited to speak to Mrs. Mantell in the Guidance Office.**

In planning for the future, please note that on Wednesday night, October 28th, 2009, Milliken Mills High School will be hosting an information open house for all of our community. You are invited to speak with representatives of colleges and universities from our province who will be in attendance. In your planning, please also do research on the programs available at college by visiting the ontariocolleges.ca (OCAS) site and check out universities' programs at www.electronicinfo.ca

Further, the entire MMHS community is invited to join a list server which will keep you informed of upcoming events, scholarships and so forth of interest to our Milliken family.

Send an email to millikenlists@mmhs.ca

In the body of the message, include the command: Join MMHS GuidanceNews@mmhs.ca

Please take care to use an address other than hotmail or yahoo.

All grade 12 students are invited to check the Potential Grad List in the Guidance office to make sure that they have fulfilled all the requirements in order to merit a high school diploma. Remember that you need to have passed the literacy test, done 40 hours of community service and successfully completed 18 compulsory and 12 optional courses. Please speak to Ms. Mantell if you have any questions with regard to the grad list.

Please note that the Class of 2009 will have their Commencement on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2009 at the Unionville Alliance Church, 4898 16th Avenue.

Mathematical News



The Mathematics department is pleased to welcome Mr. Ian Tam back for another semester teaching Grade 9 Essentials Mathematics and English and Grade 10 Academic Math. We would also like to welcome Ms. Tetyana Konaryeva who will be covering for Ms. Paterra.

We would like to congratulate all students that wrote the Canadian Open Mathematics Contest in November, Pascal, Cayley and Fermat contests in February, and those who participated in the McMaster Online Math Contest. Many of students did really well in the contests and they did their personal best. Good Work Students! Congratulations go out to the following students who received Certificates of Distinction:

Contest	Students
Canadian Open	Guang Wu, Eddy Liu, Harkamal Aggarwal, Sivaskanth Jegatheswaran, Swapan Shah
Fermat (Grade 11)	Cecilia Lam, Victoria Vuong, Piera Wong, Chester Tsao, Kent Ma (highest score on the contest in the school)
Cayley (Grade 10)	Vinusha Gunaseelan, Kevin Wong, Sunny Liu, April Kong, Shirley Zhang, Vincent Chan, Michelle Tam (highest score on the contest in the school)
Pascal (Grade 9)	Daniel Luo, Vivian Szeto, Thatshajin Vinayagamoorthy, Sanjay Sivaraja, Calvin Ly, Doris Tsang, Amy Hu, Hardi Patel, Durugshan Wijayakumar (highest score on the contest in the school)

On the McMaster contest, Kent Ma won second place in the grade 11 category and Eddy Liu won first place in the grade 12 category and Guang Wu won second place in the grade 12 category. All three students received a certificate and \$100 prize. Excellent Work!

The Grade 9 EQAO Math test will be written on Thursday June 11, 2009 and Friday June 12, 2009 during the students' regular Math class. Teachers have been working with the students and will continue to do so to help prepare the students for the EQAO. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact your child's Math teacher.

A reminder that the Math extra help sessions take place Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays in room 305. This is a chance for students to get extra help from senior students.

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM!

The MMHS Music Department has had a busy start to Semester 2. Rehearsals run every morning and afternoon, and sometimes even into the evenings in the busy Music rooms! Most recently, the MMHS music students have begun to participate in the York Region "Music Alive!" Festival that runs from March to May. The Grade 9 Junior Band returned from their Festival debut with Silver, while the MMHS Vocal Jazz Ensemble earned Gold in their category! Congratulations to all the performers! Next up, the Senior Band will have their day to shine on April 16th, while the Concert Choir wraps things up on May 1.

The Music Festival is not the only item on the agenda for our busy music students. On Monday, May 4 at 1:00 p.m., MMHS Music will present an Atrium Concert right in our own Milliken Atrium as part of annual *Music Monday* celebrations that will be taking place all across Canada. *Music Monday* is a very special demonstration of our love of music - in our lives and in our schools - and is the one moment when the entire nation is united in one simple song! Join us in the Atrium at 1:00 p.m. if you'd like to sing along! Watch your local news or CBC stations that evening for highlights from nationwide *Music Monday* presentations. Shortly after *Music Monday*, the Music Department will kick it into high gear for the final preparations for our very own Music Night, on **Thursday May 14th, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.** Come on out for a night of fantastic music and fun scenes from the exciting musical, *Hairspray!*

The spring season will wrap up with a trip to the opera on May 22nd to see *La Boheme*, and then it's on to the celebrations! Music Banquet and Awards Night will be on Friday June 5 ~ we have a lot to honour this year! Congratulations to all our musicians, and we look forward to seeing their friends and family members at our upcoming shows!

Community-Based Education (Co-op)

There are exciting changes in experiential learning offering more ways to succeed in high school! **Garson Siu**, for example, was signed as an apprentice by **Markham Mitsubishi** and is now a participant in the **Dual Credit Program** (Students earn credits by participating in apprenticeship training and postsecondary courses). Garson will be attending Centennial College for the last 8 wks of the semester for Level I training. He will be receiving his level I apprenticeship training for free thanks to the York Region District School Board! In other news, **Danny Sue** has been signed as an apprentice in automotive at J&F Auto Ltd. Congratulations to you both!



Many of the same community partners are participating along with the following new placements: IdeoLogical Systems Inc., Dynamix Solutions, Sable Metal Fabricating Inc., Evans Electrical, Technimate Heating & Cooling, Artful Solutions, Visual Arts Ontario, Moss Park Armory, and Z103.5. **Thank-you to all of the companies and organizations who take our students!**

Applications for all co-op programs for next year are now complete; however, there is still room for new students. Students who are interested should contact the co-op office as soon as possible. If you, or your organization, are interested in helping a student get valuable hands on experience please contact Miss Mitchell or Ms. Ramos at 905-477-0072 ext. 123.

Food & Refreshments 6:30 pm
Workshop & Discussion 7 - 9 pm

Childcare Available

"Teenagehood: Dispelling the Myths"

A Workshops for Parents & Teens Together

Wed. May 6th

Cyber smarts; Tips & Strategies for Online Safety & Security; Cyberbullying (recognize the signs and how to report) & 21st Century Challenges on How to Help Prepare Our Children.

No Cost to Families

Location: Loyal True Blue and Orange Home.

Address: 11181 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill North of Elgin Mills

Sambles	19 th Ave.	Bayview	Leslie
★	Elgin Mills Rd		
Sheppard	Yonge	Major Mackenzie	

Please call 905 884-4775 ext. 330 to register

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