



A few recent school events & adventures



In February, Mr. Williams, Ms. Fischer & Ms. Preddy took 29 students on a trip to Montreal, Quebec City and Ottawa. The group had many amazing experiences and survived the bitter cold that swept through the east coast. In Montreal they enjoyed sledding and skiing in the bitter cold at Beaver Lake, and they visited McGill University. In Quebec City they attended Carnival and the giant ice slide, as well as the plains of Abraham. In Ottawa they toured the House of Commons and managed to have a seats in Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's chair.

Ms. Berg and her Leadership students hosted Thunderfest in February. Thunderfest was an evening event with games and activities. The gym was full of giant inflatable games, a bouncy castle, as well as sumo suits for students to wrestle with. There was a food truck and lots of other food options for students. Most importantly this was a family event open to our community and was incredibly well attended. On top of all the fun, it was a fundraiser for a high tech running wheel chair for our special needs students.



This week Mr. Burns hosted the Spring Concert (with snow outside) which started with the elementary band students playing Mission Impossible and Alien Invasion. That performance was followed by our Junior and Senior Concert band and it was so amazing to see the contrast and the growth of these musicians as they performed at such a high level. The Concert Choir performed three songs including The Lion Sleeps tonight and were followed by Vocal Jazz performing some Beatles classics. The night finished with The Messenger Boys performing I Will Survive and Bohemian Rhapsody. It is always great to have these performances so students can showcase their growth to family and friends. It was a great night of music!

Every year in their Law 12 class, Mr. Biggar & Mr. Goodman conduct a crime scene investigation that engulfs their students in a complex web of clues to solve a fictitious crime using real life investigative skills. This year, principal Rowell is the victim. Of course there are many staff suspects who would have a motive. Students have to look at physical evidence that was found in the auto shop, as well as reams of paper-based clues and a number of shifty looking staff suspects who have to be interviewed. The amazing part of this process is the teamwork by the student groups, as well as the time they devote to solving the murder. Students come in on pro-d and conference days so they can work to solve the crime. This is a truly amazing learning and collaborative experience for students.





Thomas Haney had the privilege of hosting five educators from Halifax, Nova Scotia for three full days as they plan to launch a self-directed learning school in September 2023. Their visit included student guided tours, a student panel discussion and many other staff and student conversations. These type of opportunities are also great for our school community, both staff and students as we reflect on all of the amazing things about our flexible self-directed learning model. The group did interviews which were recorded and are being

used to promote the model for prospective students – the video is all about Thomas Haney and you can view it using this [LINK](#).

Important Upcoming Events:

- Friday, March 10 - Last day of school before Spring Break
- Monday, March 27 - School reopens after Spring Break
- Friday, April 7 - Good Friday (school closed)
- Monday, April 10 - Easter Monday (school closed)
- Tuesday, April 11 - PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
- Monday, April 17 - Grad 2023 Student Meeting at Y Block in Rotunda
- Monday, April 24 - Collaboration Day (student late start)
- April 24 - 28 - Numeracy 10 Assessments

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Sincerely,

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