



Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute

Rebels Warriors

October 2017 - Newsletter

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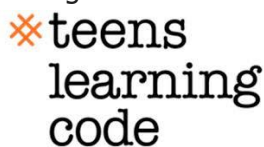
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Greeting Rebels & Warrior Community!

We have had an excellent September. Thank you to our student leadership teams, Student Council, Link Crew and Bridge Crew, as they continue to assist and mentor our student body and build school spirit among our four houses. Our extracurricular sports and clubs are up and running. Thank you to staff who continue to coach and lead our Rebels and Warriors in so many excellent clubs and activities.

Code Heroes - Computer Programming at VCI

VCI has invited Code Heroes to work with our grade nine students who are taking Exploring Technology this term. They are learning about 21st century computing skills. Code Heroes teaches everything from webmaking to game-making, graphic design, to writing scripts, and we use free web-based tools to do so. Our students learn all about problem-solving, creativity, and logical and critical-thinking. The hands-on aspect of what we teach allows youth to dive in, build their confidence, and to consider career opportunities in the tech sector. Code Heroes will be working with Mr. Doran's tech class once a week for the next five weeks, and then Code Heroes will be teaching students from Mr. Williams' class for the next five weeks. We are excited about this opportunity for our students and look forward to building future programming opportunities for our students.



Bringing Drama Study to Life at Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute

On **September 28th**, a group of 24 VCI students from grades 9 to 12, along with Languages Department members, Sarah Dagg and Natalie Kouao travelled to Stratford, Ontario to experience Canada's best live theatre at The Stratford Festival. The trip included three shows: the exciting musical comedy "Guys and Dolls", the action packed "Treasure Island", as well as the Shakespearean classic "Twelfth Night". The students also experienced a tour of the Festival's Props and Costume Warehouse where they learned about several of the tricks of the trade and were permitted to try on costumes. To add to this amazing experience, the students got the opportunity to meet and talk with Katelyn McCulloch who played the role of Ben Gunn and Bennett in "Treasure Island". The students were amazing ambassadors of VCI and received compliments everywhere they went for their respectful, mature behaviour. The staff involved look forward to organizing this trip again next year with an excellent line up of plays such as, an adaptation of Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird", the musical "The Rocky Horror Show", as well as Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" to list a few. Announcements for this trip will begin in late fall for those interested. There is also the possibility of an after-school trip to Ottawa's National Arts Centre in February to see "Les Misérables". Students should listen for announcements and check the VCI Facebook page for updates regarding these great opportunities.



Terry Fox Run/Walk – September 26



On Tuesday, September 26 our Rebels & Warriors took part in the annual Terry Fox Run/Walk for cancer research. Over 100 students came out to support Terry's Marathon of Hope; students and staff raised \$1282.50 for the Terry Fox Foundation to aid in the fight against cancer. Staff and students walked 3.0 km around Vankleek Hill on a beautiful early fall day. Congratulations staff and students who participated in donating, walking and supporting this important tradition for Terry.



Student-Parent Handbook

All grade nine students have received a student-parent handbook that they should review thoroughly together to ensure all rules and policies are understood. The handbook has been posted on our website and Facebook sites.



School Photos

The ***photo retakes will take place on Thursday, October 12.*** In order to ensure the best picture possible **Students should NOT wear green.**



Student Information Forms - Very Important!!

The following forms were sent home on September 05.

• A Student Info Verification Form
Please check to ensure the information is accurate. If changes need to be made please make the changes on the form.



• A Computer User Agreement
• A Media Consent Form
• Serious Medical Condition Information
All of these forms MUST be signed and returned to the main office.

VCI Media Club

VCI's Book Club has changed and expanded its focus for the 2017- 2018 school year. Originally meant as a place where students could share books they were reading or work they had written, the new Media Club now is looking to promote student work: written, caricatures, or artistic. Students are working on gathering work for a first newsletter or Facebook publication which will demonstrate the creativity of the VCI school community. We encourage you to keep your eyes open for future examples of VCI creativity.

Tobacco and Smoking

Please be reminded that all grade nine and ten students are not to be in possession of tobacco or tobacco products at VCI – including VAPES.

Guest Speaker – Nick Foley

At 1:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 18**, Nick Foley will be visiting Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute. Nick Foley is the founder of Celebrate the Hero and Move for Inclusion. Both are initiatives that motivate and empower people of all ages to make a difference by propagating good through action. Nick has had the privilege of speaking all over North America and is also the author of two books: "Act Like You've Been There" Rules For My Brother" which is a guide to living with integrity and perpetuating good citizenship, and most recently the children's book "Kapernakus" (Ka-fern-a-akus) which focuses on self-esteem and inclusion. Most recently Move for Inclusion took Nick on a coast to coast bike trip from Victoria BC to St John's NFLND, stopping at various locations to speak about Inclusion of all people without bias. Nick was able to complete his 8312 km journey on July 25th, 2015 after 95 days on the bike. On his ride Nick spoke to thousands of people on the importance of creating a culture of understanding and acceptance as well as raising money for charities. Nick is the very proud father of beautiful Brynn, from whom he has learned more than he ever thought imaginable. She has been, and continues to be the greatest teacher in his life. His high-octane presentation is sure to keep our students engaged and leave them with words and thoughts to live by. The content of the presentation is centred around one key question, "How do you want to be remembered?" Nick will speak to our students about inclusion, taking action, finding our way, and giving. Through his anecdotal tales, our Rebels & Warriors will meet the colourful characters that have inspired Nick throughout his life. We look forward to this whole-school presentation.

Parent Teacher Interviews and Meet the Teacher Night!!

On **Thursday, October 19, Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute will host our Fall Parent Teacher Night.** Grade 9-12 preliminary progress reports will be sent home with students on Monday, October 16. Parents of our grade 9-12 students will have the chance to discuss their children's progress from **2:30-4:00 pm** and from **5:00-7:00 pm** in the cafeteria that evening. We look forward to seeing parents and students on this night. We hope to see a great turnout!

Personal Property



The school will not be responsible for the loss, theft or damage to any personal items brought to the school. Bicycles should be locked, while skateboards, iPods, Smartphones, laptops, tablets and MP3 players should be safely stored in a locker. Students should NOT bring valuables to the gym locker room at any time. **Students must have permission from their teacher to use devices in the classroom – curriculum and learning purposes only.** Students are encouraged to keep their locks on their lockers for safety purposes.

Shakespeare @VCI - October 30

VCI will also be hosting The Montreal Shakespeare Theatre Company on October 30th as they put on Shakespeare's "Macbeth" for those interested in an earlier fix of theatre and great pre-Halloween treat. Watch for information posters that will also advertise our "Three Witches" contest to be judged by the actors! Tickets are now on sale. We have invited our future Rebels & Warriors from Pleasant Corners Public School to enjoy the presentation with us as part of a transition experience to our school and to enjoy live professional theatre with us.

VCI - Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

Grade 10 and 11 students were invited to a Specialist High Skills Major recruitment meeting on Sept 25th. VCI has two High Skills Major programs running: one in Health and Wellness and the other in Agriculture. Students were informed about the programs, program requirements to become a SHSM student and the benefits to joining the program. SHSM are programs geared toward senior students with an interest in a particular field. The programs offer students a chance to engage in field trips, certifications, guest speakers and coop experiences related to a particular SHSM while fulfilling requirements for their diploma. Successful SHSM students get a red seal on their graduation diploma indicating completion of the SHMS program. If you would like more information about the SHSM programs available at VCI, please contact the guidance department.

Guidance News:

Student Services continues to work hard to bring colleges and universities to VCI so that our students can make informed decisions regarding their post-secondary plans: **October 13th at 8:15 a.m. - Ottawa University; October 26th at 9:30 a.m. - Trent University; November 6th from 12:00-2:00 p.m. - UIP at GDHS; November 14th at 9:30 a.m. - Western University; November 15th at 11:30 - Ryerson University; November 16th at 11:30 a.m. - Nipissing University; November 21st at 10:00 a.m. - University of Guelph.**

Don't forget to check out local post-secondary **OPEN HOUSE** events:

Carleton University on Sat., October 21st or Saturday, October 28th – depending on the faculty. Ottawa University on Saturday, October 28th. Algonquin College on Tuesday, November 7th 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. OR Wednesday, November 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. St. Lawrence College on Saturday, November 18th. If you are interested in a different post-secondary institution, check the website for more info. Registration for these events are sometimes required. This is the only OPEN HOUSE event before you are required to apply to University (January 17th, 2018) and College (February 1st, 2018). We have met with all graduating students prior to end of September to discuss and to begin planning for their post-secondary options. If you have any questions regarding your child's educational pathways, no matter what grade, please do not hesitate to contact the guidance office. Please continue to access the MyBlueprint.ca site to further your investigations of career and post-secondary pathways. **If students have done community hours over the summer, make sure to drop by Guidance to fill out the paperwork and get them recorded. Students need 40 hours of community service to obtain a diploma.**

Attendance, Punctuality and Safe Arrival

Students must attend school daily in order to have the best chance at being successful. **Parents or guardians, if your child is going to be absent from school or late, please contact the general office by 7:45 am.** If we have not heard from a parent or guardian, we will contact the

home of any student who is not in school when the attendance is taken. If a student is going to be absent for more than one day it is very important to call the school and request that work be sent home for the student. Please register to MyFamilyRoom if you have not done so already.

Student Parking

All students must park in the designated student parking area near the "tennis court" end of the parking lot. All student vehicles must be registered at the General Office.



Students must drive carefully and respect all traffic rules when entering and leaving the parking lot. Failure to abide by safe driving rules will result in the removal of the privilege to use the school parking lot and police contact.

School Council

Our second School Council meeting will be held in the Learning Commons on **Tuesday, November 21st at 7:00 pm.** All parents are encouraged to attend and become an active member of the Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute School Parent Council. **As a school council member,** parents and guardians can help your school council discover new and exciting ways to contribute to the education of students at VCI. Education is a partnership involving parents, students, teachers, principals, school boards, government, and the community. Your involvement in the council gives you the opportunity to strengthen that partnership, and to be part of a dedicated team working to ensure a high quality of education. Your participation can make a difference. **Join Parent Council!**

After School Club - 2017

VCI hosts the After School Club in the learning commons. This is available to all grades. The After School Club will operate every afternoon (except Fridays) from 2:15 pm until 3:00 pm. The space is available for those students who would like to complete their work in a quiet environment, who need to access computers or for those students who need some assistance or supervision in order to complete their school work and/or class assignments.

VCI Student Council

On September 20th the VCI Students' Council organized a very successful Grade 9 welcoming day activity for the whole school. The day was meant to build school spirit and to welcome the grade 9 students to VCI. Morning activities included the following: a house cheer competition; grade 9 costume contest (grade 9's were encouraged to dress as 'your future self'); a dance off; and a scooter race around the school. Lunch was prepared for the whole school by Mr. Edwards and his cooking students. Everyone was raving about the chili fritos pie and many students came back for seconds. Activities continued outside after lunch with a grad fundraiser that saw willing students and staff get a pie in the face, and house relay games with hula hoops and water balloons and finished off with an inter house tug of war contest. Well done, VCI student leaders!

Students' Council is busy planning its next activity which will be Halloween Spirit week.

Transportation News

Students living farther away than 2.0 km will be transported by bus to VCI. Students who ride the school bus must follow the Bus Regulations of the Upper Canada District School Board. We will notify the parent or guardian of any student who misbehaves on a bus. If a student continues to misbehave on a bus then the privilege of riding the bus may be lost. For more information, please visit the transportation website at <http://www.steo.ca/> or contact STEO at their office at 1-855-925-0022.



GET INVOLVED! VCI Athletics

Soccer News: This fall, we were excited to have almost 30 girls come out for soccer. Over the past few years we have only had enough at tryouts to make one varsity team, but this year we are offering both Junior and Senior teams, coached by Mrs. Sauvé, and Ms. Dagg. Our first tournaments were promising, with the juniors winning over Rockland, and just falling a few goals short to St. Thomas. The seniors started out their day strong, with a big win over Plantagenet, but lost to Hawkesbury and Le Sommet. Going into week two we will be focusing on positioning, and hopefully

having a few call ups from the junior team to support the older girls. Ms. Dagg is especially proud of the senior girls who have played for four years together now, and are stepping up in leadership roles to keep a positive team vibe.

Jr Boys Soccer: After 4 games, the junior boys soccer team sits atop of the junior standings in the PRSSAA with 9 points. The boys got off to a great start with wins against Le Relais 5-0 and Casselman (ESCC) 2-1. Damien Gauthier led the charge in the 5-0 win by scoring twice while Luke Goosen, Michael Sauve and Tyler Burmeister each added singles. Matthew Miller was responsible for shutting out the Alexandria team. The second game of the day was a lot tighter. Damien Gauthier scored on a penalty kick with only a few minutes left to give the Warriors a 2-1 win. Jorge Vazquez opened the scoring on a wonderful free kick from 30 yards away. Week 2 started off with a tough first half which ended with the Warriors on the wrong side of a 3-0 score against Embrun. The boys bounced back nicely against Le Sommet with a 2-1 win. Damien Gauthier scored in the early minutes of the first half and everything indicated that the Warriors would be able to hold off their opponents the rest of the way. Le Sommet, was able to score with only 3 minutes left in the game to tie the game 1-1. Once again, Damien Gauthier was able to put a ball passed the goaltender with only 1 minute left giving the Warriors their 3rd win of the season. The Jr Warriors will play their final two regular season games on October 11th, with the playoffs scheduled for October 16th. The top 4 teams in the league will advance to the playoff round. So far, the coach has been really impressed with the extremely solid crop of grade 9 students that have come in this year. Hopefully, the team continues its winning ways: 1.VCI 9pts; 2.Le Sommet 7pts; 3.Casselman 7pts; 4.Embrun 6pts; 5.Le Relais.

Sr. Boys Soccer: The Sr. Boys soccer team has had a solid start to their season. They currently sit at .500 with wins over Russell High School (4-1) and St. Thomas Aquinas (3-2). The team has gelled really well and has worked hard in their first two tournaments. They will look to keep their playoff hopes alive going into their last two regular season games against Plantagenet and L'Escale.



Clubs and Other Activities

At VCI we have many great clubs and activities that will keep everybody interested and active. Listen to the announcements, access our Facebook page, watch the bulletin boards or check with your homeroom teacher for more information!



VCI - School Instrumental Band

VCI Instrumental Band will meet at lunch time to rehearse for a number of performance opportunities in the future. Please listen to announcements for more information. See Ms. Morris if you would like to join the VCI Instrumental Band. This is an excellent opportunity for our students.

Emergency Response Procedures (ERP) - September & October

VCI continues to practice our emergency preparedness with staff and students. In September, our school conducted two fire drills and one more in October. In addition, we will conduct one 'lockdown' drill and one 'hold and secure' drill in October. We have invited our OPP partners to assist us with the lockdown drill. Please review our student and parent handbook to discover the procedures followed during these events. Contact the school at any time if you have questions.




MyFamilyRoom


My Family Room represents the interface that

parents use to set their contact preferences like phone numbers and email addresses. **Parents can also view their sons' and daughters' Office 365 calendar through this interface.**

It is important to emphasize that this service is for parent use only – in other words, *staff do not go into My Family Room to post or send information to parents.* To contact parents electronically, staff may use Office 365 (for routine class or school emails, to look up contact information or send calendar invitations to students) or alternatively, MIR3 for urgent notifications. **To Register** for My Family Room call the general office at 613-678-2023 and asked to be added to MyFamilyRoom. All you need is an email address

to register.

 Office 365 is a service available to all students and staff in the Upper Canada District School Board. You can access your email by logging in to Office 365 from any web browser, on virtually any device, by going to <http://office.ucdsb.ca>, even on home computers! Office Online is a free product suite which allows you to create and edit files using lightweight, web-based versions of Word, Excel, OneNote and PowerPoint. No installation is required. **In addition, Office 365 allows each student one free download of the entire suite of programs on his/her personal computer.**

- 1) Log in to the Outlook Web App (OWA) by going to <http://office.ucdsb.ca>
- 2) Click the  Office 365 logo in the top-left corner of the screen.
- 3) Click one of the following icons to launch the application you want.

My.ucdsb.ca

Students can access My UCDSB from any location that has internet connection. Step #1: Open your browser window and enter the following URL – my.ucdsb.ca. Step #2: Log into your My UCDSB account with your student number and password. Or, you can open your browser and enter the following URL – www.ucdsb.on.ca. Then, click on My UCDSB image at the bottom right hand side of the main page. Then, log into your My UCDSB account.

Children's Aid Society Purple Ribbon Campaign - 2017

October is child abuse prevention month. This is an incredibly important campaign which serves to raise awareness about the issues of child abuse/neglect and ultimately protect the children/youth of our community. Last year, CAS enjoyed the highest school participation rate in history with 61 schools wearing purple. We are asking all staff, students and community groups **to wear purple on October 24.** Wear purple to raise awareness about child abuse and to show our support for the children and youth of our community. Follow Valoris at ValorisPR.ca for more information.

French Immersion @VCI

There are currently 2 different French certificates available to students at Vankleek Hill Collegiate: **EXTENDED FRENCH CERTIFICATE** (7 credits) and **IMMERSION FRENCH CERTIFICATE** (10 credits). Upon graduation, all students who achieve 30 credits (compulsory & elective), who complete a minimum of 40 hours community service, and who complete the OSSLT requirement, will receive an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), like all other Grade 12 students in Ontario. In addition to their diploma, a student can receive either an EXTENDED or IMMERSION French certificate. The certificate indicates that they have completed a specific number of high school credits entirely in the French language.

The following French courses are required for both certificates:

FIF1DF – Grade 9 Extended/Immersion French
FIF2DF – Grade 10 Extended/Immersion French
FIF3DF – Grade 11 Extended/Immersion French
FIF4UF – Grade 12 Extended/Immersion French

Any combination of the following French courses can be used for either 3 more credits for the Extended Certificate and 6 more credits for the Immersion Certificate.

CGC1DF – Canadian Geography
CHC2DF – Canadian History
CHV2OF/GLC2OF – Civics and Careers
PPL1OF/2OF/3OF/4OF – Healthy Active Living, Grade 9-12
HSP3UF – Anthropology, Psychology, Sociology
CO-OP Credits in a French workplace

Students are not required to take all of the French courses offered every year. In some cases, scheduling conflicts arise and students may need to decide between a compulsory credit or a pre-requisite credit for post-secondary (college or university) and a French certificate credit.

Wood Sign Painting Fundraiser

Thursday, October 26th 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Come out for a fun-filled evening with friends and make a painted wood sign to display in your home or give as a gift!

The money raised will help to offset costs for our students extra-curricular activities.

Please visit our Facebook page to choose your design and place your order.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen or Trena in Student Services (613) 678-2023 ex 4305 or 4309)



October 2017

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Sun.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Sat.	
1	2 7:45-Jr. Boys Soccer @Casselman 9:00-Sr. Boys Soccer@ Plantagenet After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	3 8:45-Jr. Girls Soccer @St.Thomas Aquinas Sr. Girls Soccer @Le Sommet 9:30-Bishops Univ. After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	4 10:00-Jr. Boys Football @Carlton Place H.S. After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	5 Algonquin College CIP (11:30-3:30 pm) After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	6 Parent Council Fundraiser – Steak Night at Windsor 10:30-Sr Boys Football @GDHS	7	
8	9 Happy Thanksgiving Rebels & Warriors!!	10 Fire Prevention Week! 8:00-Jr & Sr. Girls Soccer @Casselman 8:00-Sr. Boys Volleyball @Russell After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	11 Fire Prevention Week! 8:00-Jr Boys Soccer @Le Relais Sr Boys Soccer @VCI Jr. Girls B-ball @VCI After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	12 Fire Prevention Week! VCI Photo Retake Day 9:00-Jr Boys Football @St. Michael's After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	13 Fire Prevention Week! 8:15 – Ottawa U 12:00 – Sr Boys Football @Tagwi	14	
15	16 Preliminary Progress Reports to students. 10:30-Jr Boys Football @GDHS Jr and Sr Soccer Playoffs begin After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	17 8:00-Jr Girls Soccer @Rockland 7:45-Sr Boys Volleyball @Casselman Sr Girls Soccer Tournament After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	18 1:00 pm – Guest Speaker – Nick Foley Jr Girls Basketball @VCI After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	19 8:00-Jr. Boys VB @ Casselman 10:30-Jr Girls B-ball @St. Thomas Aquinas 9:30-Jr Boys Football @NGDHS 2:30-4:00 @ 5:00-7:00 Parent Teacher Night After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	20 Student Senators Meeting @ Roebuck Center 9:25-Sr Boys Football @GDHS	21	
22	23 After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	24 8:30-Sr Boys Volleyball @VCI After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	25 11:30-Jr Boys Football @VCI After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	26 8:00 Jr. Boys VB @ Plantagenet 9:30 – Trent University 6:30 – Wood Sign Painting Fundraiser – VCI SDG Semi-Finals – Football @VCI 11:30 -Jr Girls Basketball@VCI After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	27 Professional Activity Day BMS Training @VCI	28	
29	30 11:30 a.m. Montreal Shakespeare Co. Presents 'MacBeth'!! After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	31 Halloween Activities @VCI 8:00 Sr. Boys VB @ LeRelais After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	Nov. 1			2	3
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