



Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute Rebels Warriors

November 2017 - Newsletter

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Dining in the Dark

Preparations are underway for our Dining in the Dark event on Thurs., Nov. 23rd, from 5:30-7:30 PM. This is your chance to enjoy a delicious pasta supper, homemade desserts, and great entertainment, all while supporting the CNIB. All of this with the lights set low (or even blindfolded, for the full experience!). Cost: \$10/adult or \$25/family. Tickets available at the door, or at the VCI front office or from any Interact member.

Thursday, November 23, 2017
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
\$10/ adult and \$25/ Family
Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute



Community
Enlightening Event Guide
Have fun raising funds for CNIB



Greetings Rebels & Warriors Community!

We have had another excellent month in October. Thank you to Ouimet Farms who supported our Class of 2018 with a successful Halloween Fundraiser! Our Rebels and Warriors efforts and partnership with Ouimet Farms raised \$2000.00 for our Graduating Class! Well done, student leaders!

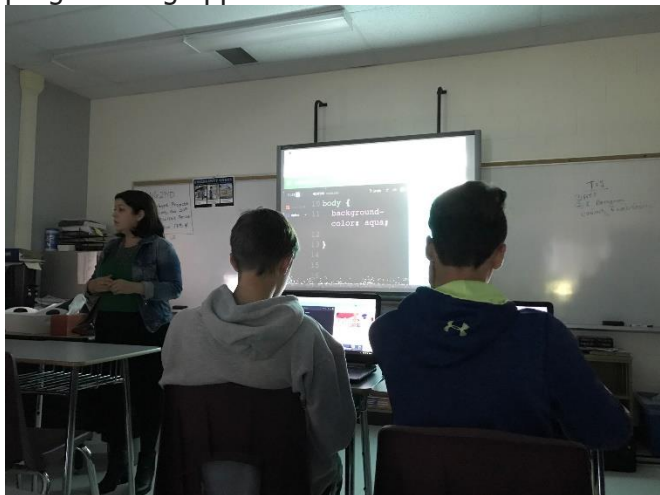


Code Heroes - Computer Programming at VCI

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

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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.



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.

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

As you may know, all grade ten students across Ontario are required to write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) on **Tuesday, April 10, 2018**. Literacy skill development is an important component of the curriculum delivery across all subject areas at Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute. In order to assist students in their preparation for the OSSLT, mock literacy test activities have been organized to take place this term. Test materials will be marked by VCI staff and all students will receive extra support in areas where they may need more practice. Please

do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer to help. Feel free to go to www.eqao.com for more information about the OSSLT.

Interact Club

The VCI Interact Club has had a busy fall! Our annual "We Scare Hunger" campaign, collecting non-perishable donations for area food banks, ran throughout the month of October. Students earned points for their houses, with the Red House picking up the most (865 points!). Thanks to everyone who brought in food for those in need!



Club members also helped out at the recent fundraising dinner & silent auction in support of Child Haven International, a locally-based

charity providing homes and education for hundreds of children and destitute women in India, Bangladesh, Tibet, and Nepal.



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.

Bullying Awareness Week @VCI

BULLYING Awareness Week - Week of November 19th -25th, 2017. Bullying is defined as a form of repeated, persistent and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause (or should be known to cause) fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance. When Bill 212 was introduced, it added bullying to the list of activities that a student can be suspended for at schools in Ontario. A quick and effective reaction to bullying is very important to ensuring a safe and caring school environment. However, a proactive approach to bullying can be more effective in helping to reduce or eliminate the number of bullying incidents in a school. There are a number of excellent resources that you can use in your school community. Click on some of the following links to find various bullying resources for your classroom or schools.

- <https://www.facebook.com/safety/bullying>
- <http://www.bullyingawarenessweek.org/>

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. Please be reminded that students are not to leave school property during the 10 minute morning and afternoon breaks.

Secondary Midterm Report Cards!!

On **Wednesday, November 22, Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute** will send home, with students, the 2017-18 semester one midterm report cards. Please contact the school at any time if you have questions or concerns regarding your child's progress this semester. Our staff will have communicated with parents/guardians if credits are at risk. An open communication between home and school is vital for our students to be successful in their classes.

WE Day!



The VCI Interact Club are looking forward to attending this year's National We Day, to be held Nov. 15th at the

Canadian Tire Centre in Ottawa. **WE Day** is a celebration of youth making a difference in their local and global communities. **WE Schools** is the yearlong program that nurtures compassion in young people and gives them the tools to create transformational social change.

Civics

The grade 10 Civics students recently had the opportunity to visit Parliament, with a guided tour of the

buildings, including the Senate and library, and a meeting with our local MP, Francis Drouin.



They then had the opportunity to be in the Visitors' Gallery for Question Period, watching in person as the debate and action unfolded on the House of Commons floor.

SHSM First Aid Course

The First Aid course for SHSM students will be held on Monday and Tuesday, November 27th and 28th. Priority will go to Grade 12 students in our SHSM program, and they MUST attend both days to achieve the certification.

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.

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: **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; Nov 21st at 10:00 a.m. - University of Guelph.**

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

Algonquin College on 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** or leave a phone message. 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.

Congratulations - VCI Students - Christine Peters and Megan Parent

Christine and Megan were selected as student ambassadors for the '150 Reasons to Be Canadian' Exhibition which will be held throughout the month of November at the Prescott Russell Arts Council (CAPRAC). These budding young artists deserve our support and congratulations for their fine work promoting Canada's 150th Birthday!

Football Report

Football is still alive and well at VCI. There is something about the fall weather that makes one think about the game of football. Together VCI and Glengarry had enough players to make up a junior and senior team. The juniors play a modified game of 6 on 6 where all players are eligible to catch or run with the ball except the center. The seniors play regular 12 on 12 Canadian rules football. Being a rebuilding period our senior team's record of 2 and 4 is fairly good. Our VCI Warriors-- Gaels were always in the game during the first half and just seemed to run out of gas in the second half because of a smaller roster. Lots of heart from everyone.

Senior VCI players are: James Lauzon, Derek Leclerc, Lucas Millette, Riley Murphy and Taylor Stalker.

Our JR boys played 10 games, won 4 and tied the final game against the first place team 21-21. Mati Gouskos who is in grade 9, won player of the game. Great running Mati. James Lauzon who was eligible to play JR, played this game and made a big difference.

Junior VCI players are: Sean Barton, Joshua Bracelin, Mati Gouskos, Deric Lepage, Matthew Miller, Liam Murphy, Jordan Sauve and our first JR girl player, Sydney Smith. Right on Sydney.

Thanks very much to Mrs Lepage and Mrs Murphy for your caring support. Thanks to all our players for their unselfish participation and commitment to this game.

Looking forward to next fall.



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. On November 7th, under separate cover, a letter from Director Sliwa was distributed to each student on "the Transportation of Students During Inclement Weather". For more information, please visit the transportation website at <http://www.steo.ca/> or contact STEO at their office at 1-855-925-0022.



Boys Volleyball

Senior boys volleyball have completed their year. They may not have been the best on the floor but they had the most fun and were strong competitors throughout. Special thanks to senior student Emma Caron for coaching the team. Boys basketball tryouts begin soon.



All fall season sports are wrapping up this week or have wrapped up already. Boys basketball, girls volleyball and curling are going to start mid November, and there are many students who have signed up to try out (which is exciting).

Go Rebels and Warriors!

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) - November

VCI continues to practice our emergency preparedness with staff and students. We will conduct one 'lockdown' drill and one 'hold and secure' drill in November. 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.

CARS - Regional Action Committee for Safety

On Wednesday, November 8, the CARS Committee presented "A Safe Party: Part I" to all grade eleven and twelve students at Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute. The local fire department, the OPP, the RCMP, Emergency Response Teams, the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, MTO, Emergency Services, and our own VCI students co-ordinated a mock crash and then explored the dangers and risks associated with distracted and impaired driving. Thank you to our local emergency services and our own VCI staff and students for making this opportunity possible as an effort to educate our youth and community on 'safe party' planning.



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 ask to be added to MyFamilyRoom. All you need is an email address.

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.

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.

VCI REMEMBERS



November 2017

Sun.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Sat.
	30	31	1	2	3	4
			After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Indigenous Leadership Day – Kemptville Jr. Boys Vball @Le Relais After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	Tell Them From Me – Student Forum - Brockville After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	CARS SAFE Party Pres. 8-10:30 am After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	Ward 10 Meeting – PCPS – 6:30 pm – C. Carkner After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	 <i>Remembrance Day Ceremony</i>	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	WE DAY - @Ottawa After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Bullying Awareness After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	Bullying Awareness After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	Bullying Awareness Secondary Semester I Midterm Report Cards Sent home After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	Bullying Awareness Dining in the Dark! Fundraiser for the CNIB – 5:30-7:30 pm After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<i>Professional Activity Day</i> BMS Training @VCI	
26	27	28	29	30	Dec 01	2
	After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	Sr. Girls Volleyball @ ESRCH After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)		Jr. Girls Volleyball @ La Seigneurie, Casselman		

