



Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute

# Rebels Warriors

## December 2017 - Newsletter

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### Dining in the Dark - Excellent Success - Well Done Rebels and Warriors!

Thank you very much to the Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute Interact Club under the guidance of Mme Kouao and student LINK leader, Shabrina Chowdhury, who organized a fantastic evening of 'Dining in the Dark' on Thursday, November 23. All our guests enjoyed a meal of spaghetti, fusilli, marinara sauce, rosé sauce and meat sauce all prepared under the guidance



of Mr. Edwards. The food was delicious, and the ambiance was terrific to simulate the reality of eating as a visually impaired individual. Black



tablecloths, white carnations, roses arranged on tables, and a darkened room with strings of white lights transformed our cafeteria into a dining masterpiece. Our hosts provided all guests with CNIB blindfolds for anyone wishing to have the full experience. The evening showcased the tremendous talent exhibited by our own Rebel and Warrior students! Over thirty of our students shone with an impressive display of planning, organization, food preparation, and professional execution of food service. Our students, from all grade levels, operated like seasoned professionals. Our students, including student leaders assisting on the floor, the welcoming committee, the kitchen staff, the clean-



up crew, and the set up crew exemplified politeness, respect and servant leadership. All of our guests commented on the excellent quality of students we have at Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute. The event raised \$560.25 for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

### Happy Holidays Students, Parents, and School Community!

Well done, team! A great community-minded initiative.

On behalf of the entire staff at Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute, we would like to wish each and every member of our school community a



wonderful Holiday Season filled with happiness and quality time spent with family and friends. We wish you a wonderful New Year filled with health, happiness, and good fortune in 2018. Happy Holidays, Rebels & Warriors!!

### School Council

Our third School Council meeting will be held in the Learning Commons on **Thursday, January 18 at 6:30 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!**

### My Family Room

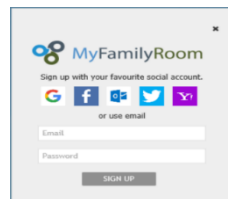
My Family Room represents the interface *that parents use* to set their contact preferences like phone numbers and email addresses. **Parents can also view their sons' and daughters' Office 365 calendar through this interface.**

Parents have the ability to self-register for a My Family Room



account and choose to use their preferred social media account OR create an account using an email address of their choice (except for UCDSB employees who cannot use their UCDSB email address as their primary email address) with a My Family Room password. Parents just need to register their email with the school as a first step. Parents can visit myfamilyroom.ca and click on the sign-up button to begin the process. Parents will then receive an email called

'account confirmation'. When they confirm the account, the parent will be registered. Parents can also download a free My Family Room app for their phone. From the calendar, parents can then follow school activity or classroom activities taking place at VCI.



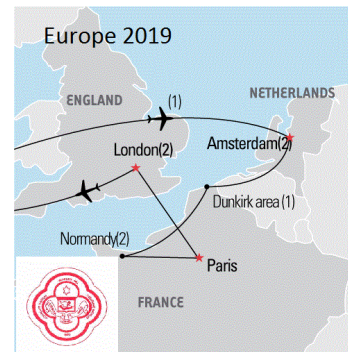
### Games Room & Gym Open

Students can access the VCI games room located in room 127. See Mrs. MacDonald for details. In addition, the school gym is open regularly at lunch for students wishing to play b-ball, or indoor soccer.

### Leadership Teams Field Trip

On November 16<sup>th</sup>, VCI made a trip to AMAZE Escape Rooms in Fairview Pointe-Claire. This trip was designed to encourage students' problem solving skills, as well as to develop their leadership skills in new and unique environments. There were three rooms for the students to escape, the circus, the museum robbery, and the pirate room. About half of the students were able to escape their rooms, which was cause for celebration!

## VCI Students Travelling to Europe in 2019



Ms. Baker and Mrs. Sauve are excited to be taking 42 students to Europe from April 18<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Highlights of the trip will be the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, Le Louvre in Paris, Buckingham Palace in

London, and so much more. 2019 is the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day so students will be visiting Juno Beach in Normandy. Juno Beach is where Canadian soldiers landed for the invasion in 1944 to help bring an end to the War. This is an amazing opportunity for our students. The trip is full at this time but if you have a child who is interested, they may be added to the waiting list. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Baker or Mrs. Sauve.

### Code Heroes - Computer Programming at VCI

Code Heroes continue to work with our grade nine students who are taking Exploring Technology this term. They are learning about 21<sup>st</sup> century computing skills. Code Heroes teaches everything from web making 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. We are excited about this opportunity for our students and look forward to building future programming opportunities.



## 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, students wrote a mock literacy test on November 23. 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](http://www.eqao.com) for more information about the OSSLT.

## Emergency Response Procedures

VCI continues to practice our emergency preparedness with staff and students. If your son or daughter has been recently diagnosed with a concussion, an anaphylactic allergy, asthma, diabetes, or any other serious medical condition, please notify the school so that we can develop a 'plan of care' with parents, students and the school to ensure our students' safety and health. Contact the school at any time if you have questions.

## Montreal Memorial Holocaust Museum

Students in Grades 9 & 10 English, with Mrs. Sauve, started their year by reading The Diary of Anne Frank (play version). To conclude this unit, students travelled to Montreal to visit The Montreal Memorial Holocaust Museum where they were given a guided tour of the museum. The museum contains many artifacts of the Holocaust and pays tribute to many Jewish individuals such as Anne Frank. Following the tour, students listened to a Holocaust survivor's testimony in which they shared personal experiences.



## Student Information Forms - Very Important!!

The following forms were sent home in September

- A Student Info Verification Form



Please check to ensure the information is accurate. Please notify the school if there have been any changes to student contact information.

## 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.



## 2017-18 January Exam Schedule - Planning Ahead

Please note that semester one final exam schedule will be posted shortly and shared with students and parents. Briefly, the exam schedule will appear as follows: **Period 1 Exam: Wed., January 24; Period 2 Exam: Thurs., January 25; Period 3 Exam: Fri., January 26; Period 4 Exam: Mon., January 29;**

Inclement Weather Day: Tues., January 30.

More information will be shared with students and parents as we move closer to the dates.

## Guidance News:

You are required to apply to University (January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018) and College (February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018). We have met with all graduating students 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.**

**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.

### **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 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.

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### **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.

### **Transportation News**

Students who ride the school bus must follow the Bus Regulations of the Upper Canada District School Board. For more information, please visit the transportation website at <http://www.steo.ca/> or contact STEO at their office at 1-855-925-0022. Follow STEO on Facebook and or Twitter to receive late bus notifications or bus cancellations due to inclement weather.



### **VCI Stratford Festival Trip 2018**

Next fall, VCI will be heading back to Stratford, Ontario to experience Canada's best live theatre at The Stratford Festival. There are only 24 spots available for this bus trip that includes premium seat tickets to three performances: stage adaptations of Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*, studied in grade 10 English at VCI, and Richard O'Brien's musical *The Rocky Horror Show*, as well as William Shakespeare's *Julius*

*Caesar*, studied in grade 10 or 11 English at VCI. We travel on a coach bus and stay two nights at the Best Western, only a few blocks from the theatre. Three group meals are also included in the cost of the trip which is \$490 before fundraising (most students usually reduce their cost by approximately \$100). There will be an information meeting for students and parents in January. Please listen to the morning announcements for details, but if you are interested in holding a spot, please contact Ms. Dagg or Madeleine Fortin at VCI.

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### **VCI Bus Trip to see Les Miserables at the NAC**

On February 14th, 2018, students, parents, and staff are heading to Ottawa to see an evening performance of the musical *Les Miserables* at The National Arts Centre. Tickets were on sale in November for the cost of \$75 (including bus transportation from VCI) and have been ordered. Payment is due by Dec. 7th. There is a waiting list if anyone else is interested. Please contact Ms. Dagg or Cameron Larocque for more information.

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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.**



### **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](http://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.



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Sun.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Sat.
	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Mrs. Sauve's class – Montreal Holocaust Museum</b> After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<b>5</b> SHSM Trip to MacDonald College – Montreal Sr. Girls' Vball @RDHS After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<b>6</b> Jr. & Sr. Boys' Bball @RDHS <b>Post Secondary Information Session for Graduating Students</b> 1:00 pm – students 6:00 pm – parents After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<b>7</b> Alcohol & The Law – CARS Committee – Senior Students Boys and Girls Curling – Winchester Bonspiel After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<b>8</b> VCI – Semi-Formal Dance – 7:00-10:00 pm	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<b>12</b> Sr. Girls Vball @Casselman High School After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<b>13</b> Sr. & Jr. Boys Basketball @VCI vs L'Escale After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<b>14</b> Jr. Girls Vball @St. Francis Xavier HS After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<b>15</b> Staff and Student Volleyball Game for Christmas Angel Fund	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<b>19</b> Sr. Girls Vball @St. Francis Xavier After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<b>20</b> Jr. & Sr. Boys Bball @VCI vs Embrun After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<b>21</b> Jr. Girls Vball @VCI After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<b>22</b> <b>Holiday Breakfast presented by VCI Staff</b> VCI Talent Show 12:55-2:10 pm	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Holiday</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Christmas Holiday</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Christmas Holiday</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Christmas Holiday</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Christmas Holiday</b>	<b>30</b>



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