



Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute

Rebels Warriors

January 2018 - Newsletter

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Happy New Year VCI Community!



Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute would like to extend our best wishes to our students, staff, their families and to the entire school community for the 2018 New Year. We hope 2018 brings you all good health, prosperity, and fulfilling learning. Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute wrapped up the final weeks in December with some excellent activities. Our Bridge Crew Leadership Team organized the collection of wool hats, mittens and socks to donate to the local women's shelter in Hawkesbury. Our students and staff enjoyed an enormously successful Holiday Breakfast prepared by staff and students on December 21; in addition, Rebels and Warriors demonstrated their talents during our Talent Show on December 22. Well done, Rebels and Warriors.



Specialist High Skills Majors - Agriculture & Health and Wellness - Exceptional Experiential Learning!!

Students from both SHSMs, Agriculture and Health & Wellness, went on a field trip to MacDonal Campus in Ste Anne de Bellevue, Quebec. The students had the opportunity to tour the campus, as well as participate in several interactive activities which included, learning about Horticulture and bringing home plant clippings

from the MAC greenhouses, as well as participating in a blind taste test as part of the Dietician Program. The day ended with students learning more about the Farm Management Technician program, while visiting the fully operational and high tech barn on campus. SHSM students had a great day at the college. Thank you to Guidance and SHSM Staff for organizing this experience!



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!**

Secondary Examinations

Wed., January 24 A.M. – Period 1 exam

(supervised study period for students remaining at school)

Thurs., January 25 A.M. – Period 2 exam

(supervised study period for students remaining at school)

Fri., January 26 A.M. – Period 3 exam

(supervised study period for students remaining at school)

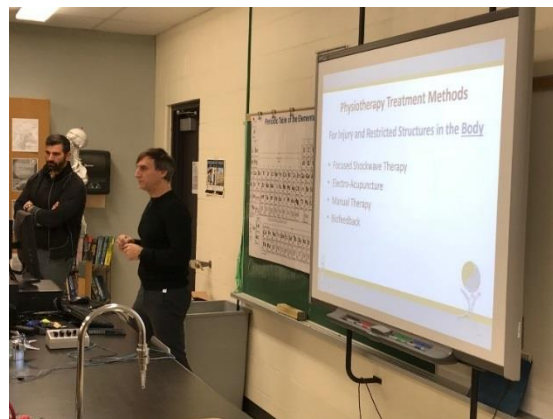
Mon., January 29 A.M. – Period 4 exam

(supervised study period for students remaining at school)

Tuesday, January 30 – Inclement Weather Day (if needed)

Students will be picked up in the morning at their regular time and will return home, by bus, at 2:10 pm. In place of regular classes, beginning on Wednesday, January 24 through to Monday, January 29, students remaining at school will be required to work in supervised study on exam days, unless parents have made arrangements to have their child picked up. Please communicate with the school the date and time if your child is being picked up following exams in the morning. The supervised study period will run from the time examinations finish until 2:10 pm. This is an excellent opportunity to complete culminating activities or study for exams. For future reference please refer to the Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute website vci.ucdsb.on.ca or the Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute Facebook page @VankleekHillCI for more information on the exam schedule.

Learning About Science and Physical Education in Real Life!!



Emmanuel Lo Monaco and his team from Hawkesbury Physiotherapy visited VCI to educate our students about physiotherapy and the varied roles within the team with respect to physiotherapy and the rehabilitation process. Students were engaged and attentive as they internalized the 'team approach' which is such an important part of rehab. Students witnessed the state of the art technology as they saw the first portable shockwave machine in Canada work on Mr. Tremblay's shoulder. Derek demonstrated vigorous moves and poses which are all part of rehab yoga. The session gave all students an important glimpse into potential career opportunities and the world of rehabilitation. VCI thanks Hawkesbury Physiotherapy for their donation of time and energy to educate our youth. The team certainly emphasized the importance of critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication as critical components of their trade. Thank you, Mr. Tremblay, and your team for organizing this opportunity for our students.

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.



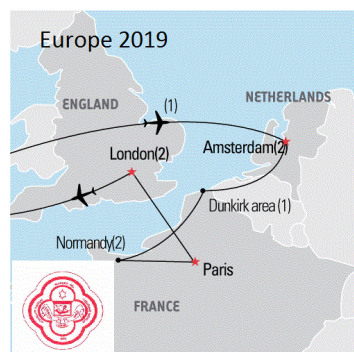
Parents can also download a free My Family Room app for their phone.

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.

VCI Students Travelling to Europe in 2019



Ms. Baker and Mrs. Sauve are excited to be taking 42 students to Europe from April 18th to 28th, 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 75th 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.

Athletics - VCI Curling and Hockey Teams

Congratulations to all of our curlers who became the "Gore Mutual Curling Zone "B" Champions" in December! Hurry hard, Warriors! The boys curling team made it to Regionals in the Gore Mutual Curling tournament. The regionals will be held in



Vankleek Hill and Maxville this year. The boys defeated Gananoque 10-8 in the "B" finals of zone 1. The boys hope to return to provincials this year which will be held in Sarnia.

The Prescott-Russell season will kick off on Tuesday February 6, at 8am at the Vankleek Hill Curling

Club. This season schools from ESCRH, Le Sommet, St-Thomas Aquinas, Russell and VCI will be competing to go to EOSSAA held in Cornwall on Feb 20-21. Last season, the girls made it all the way to OFSAA (provincial championships) where they finished 3rd. Our VCI hockey team begins its tryouts early in February. Pay attention to announcements notifying tryout and practice times!

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 21st 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 in November. 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.

After School Literacy and Numeracy Programs

Please be reminded that VCI's After School Literacy and After School Numeracy Programs will begin during the second week in February. More to come!

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.

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:

This is a reminder to all graduating students. You are required to apply to University (January 17th, 2018) and College (February 1st, 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, make sure to drop by Guidance to get them recorded. Students need 40 hours of community service to obtain a diploma.** Course selection for the 2018-19 school year begins in February!!

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.

Character Always Education

Character Education is valued at VCI. Monthly, staff nominate male and female students from grades 9-12 who exemplified the character trait highlighted for that month – September (respect); October (responsibility); November (courage); December (generosity); and in January, the trait is perseverance. Several Rebels and Warriors were recognized for demonstrating 'courage' and 'generosity' for November and December respectively. Character Education is embedded in the curriculum that we teach and the actions we perform at Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute. Whenever possible, staff make a point to connect their instruction and their efforts with students to the character education values and credo.

After School Club - 2018

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). Tickets for our annual Stratford trip have been pre-ordered, and there will be an information meeting for interested students at the end of January. Please see Ms. Dagg or Madeline Fortin to have your name put on the reservation list. Please listen to the morning announcements for further details.

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.

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. Then, click on My UCDSB image at the bottom right hand side of the main page. Then, log into your My UCDSB account.

VCI Wall of Fame Nomination Form and Parent/Guardian Letter attached.

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Healthy **LEARNING** environments
POSITIVE peer dynamics and relationships
Climate of **WELL-BEING**
Limitless **OPPORTUNITIES** for **LEADERSHIP**
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Inclusion
Recognition
INTERCONNECTEDNESS
Responsive
AWARENESS Caring
EMPOWER
RichLiterature
COMMUNITY



Character Trait:

Perseverance

January 2018

Sun.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Sat.
	1 Christmas Holiday	2 Christmas Holiday	3 Christmas Holiday	4 Christmas Holiday	5 Christmas Holiday	6
7	8 After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	9 After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	10 After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	11 After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	12	13
14	15 After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	16 After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	17 Deadline to complete ILC Exams After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	18 Parent Council Meeting 7:00 pm After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	19	20
21	22 1:00 p.m. - Link Leaders Leadership Fair Interactive Presentation for grade nine students After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	23 After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	24 Exams - A.M. Day A - Period 1 After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	25 Exam - A.M. Day B - Period 2 After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	26	27
28	29 Exam - A.M. Day D - Period 4	30 Exam Period Inclement Weather Day (if needed)	31 PA Day	1 Semester Two Begins Day 'A'	2	3



GO VCI GO!!



Wall of Fame Nomination Form



Nominee Information 2018

Name of Nominee: _____
First Middle Last

Year of VCI Graduation: _____ (Must be at least 15 years previous)

Address: _____
(Family contact if deceased) Street City Province Postal Code

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Nominee's Area of Distinction

Please check all that apply:

- Business
- Science/Technology
- Performing /Fine Arts
- Government
- Education
- Other (explain) _____
- Religion
- Sports
- Medicine

Evidence of Nominee's Distinction – [Nominator must submit a summary which highlights the information below]

PLEASE ATTACH INFORMATION THAT DISPLAYS HOW

1. The nominee has made significant contributions in his/her field of endeavour or in the community.
2. The nominee has attained high honours in his/her field.
3. The nominee has made significant efforts to help mentor or train others in his/her field.
4. The nominee has made significant contributions in their community as a volunteer or as a member of a volunteer organization to help others foster community spirit.
5. The nominee has distinguished him/herself as an appropriate role model of outstanding character.

In addition every nomination must have three (3) letters of reference supporting the nominee.

Nominator Information

Name of Nominator: _____ Year of VCI Graduation: _____
(if applicable)

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Each Nomination Form and substantiating data to be received either by:

Mail OR Hand Delivered to: VCI Wall of Fame Committee,
c/o Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute

5814 Highway 34, Vankleek Hill, On K0B 1R0

OR Email to: trevor.wheeler@ucdsb.on.ca

NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, MARCH 29th, 2018

N.B.: les formulaires de nomination sont disponibles en francais.

Veillez appeler le 613-678-2023 ou aller à VCI





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V.C.I. Wall of Fame Nominations

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute has a rich history and many reasons to celebrate that history. Its extensive list of outstanding Alumni is certainly one reason to celebrate the school's ongoing success.

Past Graduates of Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute may be honoured on the VCI Wall of Fame displayed in the VCI cafetorium. Posthumous nominations accepted.

The nomination form is attached to this letter. Additional forms may be picked-up at the VCI General Office and via the VCI website. Upon receipt of the completed *Wall of Fame Nomination Form*, and substantiating data, the Wall of Fame Committee will decide on the 2018 honourees. Submission deadline for nominations is Thursday, March 29th, 2018 and may be accepted by hand, mail or e-mail (trevor.wheeler@ucdsb.on.ca)

These honourees will be showcased during the 2018 Graduation Ceremony to be held on Wednesday, June 27th, 2018 at VCI.

Respectfully yours,

VCI Wall of Fame Committee

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