



# Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute

# Rebels Warriors

## February 2018 - Newsletter

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### Open House Night!



Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute cordially invites students and parents to join us at our **Annual Grade 8 Open House on Tuesday, February 13 from 6:00-7:30 pm.** We are excited about meeting all of our future Rebels and Warriors and opening our school for classroom tours and highlighting our program offerings. VCI is proud to offer a variety of programs and co-curricular opportunities that are designed to produce caring leaders, hard-working members of our community, and exceptional learners.

'Learn. Lead. Live it!' is a strong message which places value on lifelong learning, hard work, innovation, and positive leadership. It challenges our students to put their learning into action. Our students will use the thinking skills and the experiences they gain at our school both to build our community and to lead the people within our school, our province and our country. Moreover, our youth will be prepared to imagine new solutions to challenges that we face in the present as well as those we may anticipate. Come out to learn more about your school, the programs, and the extra-curricular activities that we offer.

### After School Literacy and Numeracy Programs at VCI

As you know, grade ten students in Ontario are required to write **the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)** on **Tuesday, April 10, 2018.** Please ensure that any medical appointments have been rescheduled if there is a conflict. Students are required to pass this test to receive an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. All staff at Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute are committed to cultivating students' reading and writing skills across the curriculum as they work to become productive, contributing citizens within our community. In addition, in February and March, VCI will run an **After School Literacy Program** for all students requiring more support with specific reading and writing skills. Students will receive additional help to improve their chances of success on the literacy test. The program runs **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:25-3:25 pm** in our Learning Commons. These sessions will begin on **Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, and conclude on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018.** A letter and registration form has been mailed to all students in grade ten. Please contact Mr. Wheeler or Mrs. Kilger if you have any questions. Feel free to go to [www.egao.com](http://www.egao.com) for more information about the OSSLT. In addition, in semester two, VCI will provide an **After School Math Tutoring Program** every **Thursday during semester two, from 2:25-3:25** in the Learning Commons **beginning on Thursday, February 15.** This math tutoring support will complement and support students in math for semester two.

## School Council

Our third School Council meeting will be held in the Learning Commons on **Tuesday, March 27 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!**



## Physical Education and Emergency Preparedness

Mr. Tremblay's physical education class spent some time in semester one learning about the proper use of AEDs and CPR. These life saving procedures represent valuable training for our Rebels and Warriors. AEDs can be found all over various public buildings; in fact, VCI has two AED units on its premises.



## Virtual Learning Commons



**A PLACE FOR STUDENTS,  
TEACHERS AND PARENTS**

**Check it out!!!!**

**<http://vlc.ucdsb.ca>**

**UCDSB Virtual library ... Check out  
Britannica Online as well as 128  
databases UCDSB subscribes ...  
Usernames and Passwords available in your ( Library) - Learning Commons - Let's check it out!!**

**Databases found under Games & Databases  
Tab...**

**DISCOVER  
COLLABORATE  
CREATE**

## 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](http://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 activities or classroom activities taking place at VCI.



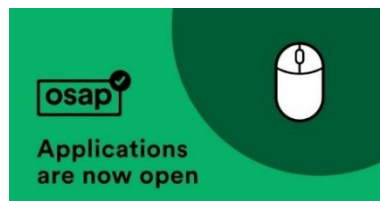
to receive non-repayable grants or even free tuition. Visit [Ontario.ca/OSAP](http://Ontario.ca/OSAP).

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](http://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!!

## Financial help for students attending university and college in 2018-19

Is your child making plans to attend college or university next fall? Visit [Ontario.ca/OSAP](http://Ontario.ca/OSAP) to see what financial aid is available to help pay for tuition and other expenses. This year, about one-third of students attending college or university full-time are receiving free tuition from OSAP. Visit [Ontario.ca/OSAP](http://Ontario.ca/OSAP) and use the calculator to see what your child may be eligible to receive from OSAP. Apply early and use the OSAP comparison tool to help your child make the best choice for their future. Find out more and apply at [ontario.ca/osap](http://ontario.ca/osap).



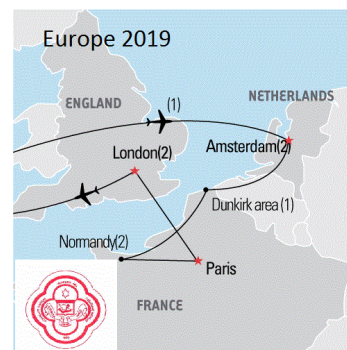
## Guidance News - OSAP - Ontario Student Assistance Program

This year, about one-third of students attending college or university full-time are receiving free tuition from OSAP. Apply today to see if you're one of the hundreds of thousands of students eligible

## 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 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.

## Athletics – VCI Curling

The boys curling team played in the Gore Mutual Regionals on Feb 2-3-4, 2018 in Vankleek Hill and Maxville. The Warriors had a difficult time vs Fellowes High School (Pembroke) in their first game losing 8-5. Fellowes eventually went on to win the "A" division of the Regionals. The boys then played on Saturday in Maxville vs East Northumberland Secondary School in the "B" side of the bracket and needed to win to stay alive. They played much better and won 9-5. On Sunday, the Warriors needed to string together 3 consecutive wins in order to move on to the Provincial tournament and that's exactly what they did. VCI defeated Loyalist (Kingston) 9-0, All Saint (Kanata) 9-3 and North Dundas District High school 5-4.

The boys have now qualified for the Provincial tournament for the second consecutive year, which will be held in Sarnia on February 15-17. This tournament allows the top 8 provincial teams to face off against each other.



Left to right - Lead - Nate James, Second - Todd Zihlmann, Vice - Freddy Parisien, Skip - Cameron Larocque and coach - Dan Tremblay

## 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.

**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 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. Travel is by coach bus and the stay is 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. 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](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.

### **Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute**



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**POSITIVE** peer dynamics and  
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## **Employment Services Centre Invests \$250,000.00 in Prescott- Russell's Youth**

The Employment Services Centre (CSEPR) proudly announced that it will invest \$250,000 over the next five years in Prescott-Russell's youth through its Job Succession Scholarship Program. This new program, developed and implemented by the centre, will be available in early spring 2018 in all participating schools of Prescott-Russell – including Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute. The scholarship program will be available for 2018 to 2022 inclusively, and it is open to grade 12 students as well as local employers in need of specialized labour. Ten scholarships of \$5000 each will be offered annually by the Centre with all participating schools in Prescott-Russell. In summary, the employer in need of specialized labour will inform the CSEPR of his interest to participate in the program, and if retained by the selection committee, the job offer will be presented to students in participating schools so that those interested in a trade or a profession can apply for the position. Once the interview process is completed by the employer, the student chosen for the position will receive confirmation of a guaranteed job with the employer when the student's postsecondary studies are completed. The Centre will then grant a \$5000 scholarship to the student to be paid in two instalments as per the Job Succession Scholarship Program. This is a unique and exceptional opportunity for VCI students and the youth in the Prescott-Russell area.



**Graduates** – Graduate photos will be held the afternoon of Wed. Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, and all day, Thurs. Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, Fri., Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, Mon., Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, Tues., Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> and Wed. Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. Appointment times must be scheduled at the General Office.



Character Trait:

Caring

# February 2018

Sun.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Sat.
			<b>31</b> <b>Professional Activity Day</b>	<b>1</b> <b>Semester Two Begins - DAY 'A'</b> After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<b>2</b> Sr. Boys Bball @RHS	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<b>6</b> Sr. Girls Vball Curling Bonspiel @VKH Curling Club 8-4 After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<b>7</b> Sr. Boys Bball @VCI versus Le Sommet Jr. Boys Bball @VCI versus Le Sommet GRAD Photos – P.M. Only After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<b>8</b> <b>Grad Photos</b> Jr. Girls Vball Boys Hockey @VKH Arena After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<b>9</b> <b>Grad Photos</b> Sr. Boys Bball @VCI versus Casselman School Council Fundraiser –Steak Night at the Windsor	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Grad Photos</b> Semester I Report Cards Sent Home Boys Hockey @VKH arena Jr. Boys Bball @St. Thomas After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<b>13</b> <b>Grad Photos</b> Sr. Girls Vball <b>Grade 8 Open House 6:00-7:30 pm</b> After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<b>14</b> <b>Grad Photos</b>  After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<b>15</b> Carlton Univ. Info Session After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<b>16</b> SHSM Ski & Snowboard Trip Deadline for Course Change	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Family Day Holiday</b>	<b>20</b> EOSSA Curling @Cornwall Curling Club After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<b>21</b> EOSSA Curling @Cornwall Curling Club After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<b>22</b> CARS Presentation – PR Emergency Services After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<b>23</b> <b>Student Skating – Canada 150 Rink</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<b>27</b> After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<b>28</b> After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<b>March 1</b> After School Club (2:15-3:00 pm)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>



# GO VCI GO!!