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# Lisgar Collegiate Institute

## Newsletter

February 11, 2010

Newsletter for Students, Parents and Staff of Lisgar Collegiate Institute

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### Absence Reporting by e-mail!

Starting this semester, you can now report your child's absence by e-mail. Just send an e-mail message to

[Lisgarattendance@ocdsb.ca](mailto:Lisgarattendance@ocdsb.ca)

and include your child's name, the date(s) of the absence and the reason for the absence.

Please include your name and a phone number so that we can contact you if necessary.

### END OF SEMESTER 1 REPORT:

Students are receiving a report card on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, which reflects final marks for the first semester courses. We are extremely pleased with the efforts of all students and the progress and achievements they have demonstrated.

With March Break just around the corner, we recognize that many grade 12 students may have plans to travel to warmer destinations. Please be advised that the only school supervised and sponsored trip is the trip planned by the Music Department to Leipzig and Prague. We want our students to be safe at all times and we encourage parents to investigate any proposed trip to ensure it satisfies your expectations. If you are unsure

whether a trip is school sanctioned, please call the school. We often do not hear about the student-planned trips until just prior to the date of departure or, in some cases, after the students have returned. The ONLY school sponsored Grad event is Commencement, which is scheduled for Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM.

### IMPORTANT DATES

February 18 – Mock Timetable Afternoon (4:30 pm)

February 25 – Option Sheets Due

March 2 – School Council Meeting (7pm)

March 15 – 19 – March Break

March 25 – Parent-Teacher Interviews (3pm-7pm)

April 2 – Good Friday (no classes)

April 5 – Easter Monday (no classes)

April 6 – Kiwanis Music Festival begins

April 7 – School Council Meeting (7pm)

April 8 – OSSLT

April 8 – 9 – Theatrical Production, *The Imaginary Invalid*

April 15 – Term 4 begins

April 27 – Semester 2, Term 1 Report Cards distributed

### FINE ARTS, BUSINESS & LAW

#### Drama

Lisgar Collegiate School Play!

This year's Lisgar Drama Club production, *The Imaginary Invalid (Le Malade Imaginaire)*, will be presented on April 8 & 9 at 7:30pm in the Lisgar Auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door, \$10 Adults, \$5 Students.

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This seventeenth-century farce, a satire of the medical profession, was first performed in February 1673 in Paris to amuse King Louis XIV. Don't miss this chance to see a great classic comedy! Production crews still require volunteers to help with set, costumes, props and publicity. Any parents who are able to lend, donate or transport furniture, or who can donate clothing, fabric or paint, please contact Ms. Szeles at 613-239-2696, or email [jean.szeles@ocdsb.ca](mailto:jean.szeles@ocdsb.ca).

### Music

Dates from the Music Department:

**Wednesday March 3:** Leipzig/Prague Concert with the Wind Ensemble and String Ensembles. Alumni Auditorium @ 7:00 pm

**Friday March 12:** Saturday March 20 - Leipzig and Prague trip

**Week of April 6 – 9:** Kiwanis Music Festival – All Concert Bands and Jazz Ensembles @ Woodroffe HS.

**Week of April 19 - 20:** Kiwanis Music Festival – All Orchestras and String Ensemble @ Lisgar CI (Alumni Auditorium)

**Thursday May 13:** Jazz and Choir Evening – Alumni Auditorium @ 7:30 pm

**Thursday May 20:** Spring Music Night – Alumni Auditorium @ 7:30 pm

**Wednesday June 9:** Grade 12 Graduation Recital – Alumni Auditorium 7:00 pm

### Visual Arts

Last semester was another productive one for the Art department. The annual Animation and Design school fair was enjoyed by the grade 11 and 12 students. A second trip to the National Gallery provided an opportunity for the students in grades 9, 10 and 11 to see the Daphne Odjig exhibit - an especially inspiring collection.

In September, two volunteers helped for a short time with both the morning and afternoon classes. **Ms. Ceci-Ward's** classes enjoyed the benefits of a student teacher, **Chelsea Caillier**, from the university of Ottawa.

January was a busy month for art students with the January Art Show and Sale. The graduating grade 12 students, curated by **Penghui Sun**, exhibited their incredible array of artwork in the library while the students in grades 9, 10 and 11 displayed their creativity and technical skills in the art room and fourth floor. The positive feedback from visitors was a testament to the variety and quality of work showcased in this event.

Now that the dust has settled somewhat from the Art Show, Summative projects and in-class exams, we would like to extend a huge thank you to all of those students who made the semester such a grand success. We would also like to remind students to pick up any outstanding work they might have set aside in the Art room.

### ENGLISH & LANGUAGES

#### *English*

On February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, teachers will lead second semester grade 10 English classes (as well as students in other grades who are eligible to write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test), through two **OSSLT** practice sessions. These sessions are very important as they provide an opportunity for students to familiar themselves with the type of tasks on the test. Additional practice materials can be found at [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com) by selecting "Student Resources." The practice sessions for first semester grade 10 students occurred on November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>; students were permitted to take home their resource packages for further review. The OSSLT, which is a graduation requirement, will take place on Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. If a student misses this date, he or she will not be eligible to write the test until the following year. The test is evaluated on a pass/fail basis. Students who are unsuccessful on the

test the first time, will need to re-write it the following year. Those who are unsuccessful on a second attempt should enroll in the Ontario Literacy Course (OLC) to ensure the completion of this provincial requirement.

Grade 10 English students have been invited to a Classical Theatre Company performance of *Romeo and Juliet* on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Carleton University. The performance is accompanied by a workshop during which students learn techniques of stage combat, practice Shakespearean language, and critique scenes from *Romeo and Juliet*. The cost is \$41.00 per person, and spots are limited. We hope students won't miss this wonderful enrichment activity.

### *Languages*

#### **Spain and Portugal**



We are excited to be embarking on a 10-day trip to wonderful Spain and Portugal during the March Break 2011.

We will spend 3 days in Spain, in stunning Madrid. Your sightseeing adventure begins with a panoramic tour of Spain's capital city. At the Puerta del Sol, the centre of Madrid, pass through one of the nine arched gateways leading to the Plaza Mayor, the Renaissance hub of the city. This grand square has witnessed events ranging from bullfights to royal weddings to public executions. Continue to the Plaza de Oriente, Madrid's largest square, outside of the Palacio Real (Royal Palace). Next, you will explore this magnificent palace, built by the Bourbon King, Philip V. Once the seat of the most powerful court in the world, it was here that Spain

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officially joined the European Community in 1986. The palace boasts more than 2,000 rooms, including one with extravagant ceramic walls. Marvel at the splendid marble staircase, the golden Throne Room and the incredible variety of priceless frescoes and chandeliers.

Next we are going to Portugal. Once in Lisbon – one of the most beautiful and charming capital cities in Europe- recall the Age of Discovery at Padrão dos Descobrimentos and the Torre de Belém. It was from here that many navigators set sail, including Bartolomeu Dias, who sailed around the southern tip of Africa. Then visit the Castelo de São Jorge, Lisbon's oldest monument, in the Alfama district. The early kings of Portugal once resided inside the castle, enjoying breathtaking views of the city and the Tagus River below.

There will be a meeting for students on **Tuesday, Feb 16**, at lunch time in room 302. There will also be a very important meeting for parents on **Tuesday, Feb 23** at 6 pm in the library. If you are planning on attending the meeting, please RSVP to the following address: [robert.derry@ocdsb.ca](mailto:robert.derry@ocdsb.ca) or [ana-maria.constantin@ocdsb.ca](mailto:ana-maria.constantin@ocdsb.ca)

### **HEALTHY ACTIVE LIVING**

**Ms. Middleton** has just purchased a number of new tents for the outdoor education program.

**Mr. Findlater** will be leading a trip to the Ottawa Party Program for our grade 10 students.

Where possible, **Mrs. Morrison** has arranged for Self Defense unit instruction for our second semester classes.

Course selection for next year will take place in the up coming weeks. Parents of Grade 9 students should know that students are permitted to take both outdoor education and regular physical education in grade 10. Outdoor

Education is offered outside the timetable giving students the opportunity to receive an additional credit on top of their regular course load. Grade 11 students who wish to pursue a career in any health sciences field should consider taking Exercise Science in Grade 12. It will give them a great introduction to anatomy and physiology, injury treatment, management and prevention.

Lisgar hosted conference work shops for The Ontario Association for the Supervision of Physical and Health Education on January 29.

Congratulations to our Boys' Basketball teams. The regular season is wrapping up and play offs are starting. Our Junior Boys are currently in first place in their division.

The junior volleyball teams are finishing try outs. The regular season will be starting soon.

The Nordic Ski and snowboard racing teams have been training hard and will be racing in NCSSAA competition this month.

Congratulations to the Swim Team! Lisgar's amazing team of 42 swimmers did the school proud at the City Finals in December. Our fourth-place finish in the city (out of 20 teams) was a result of hard work and raw speed from the whole team. Particularly awesome performances were from **Mike Xiang** (winner of the Sr Boys 100IM and 50 Breaststroke), **Benson Lai** (winner of the Jr Boys 50 Backstroke), **Vincent Dragnea** (winner of the Jr Boys 50 Freestyle), and **Anne-Marie Lafontaine** (winner of the Novice Girls 50 Freestyle). Two new trophies will be on display in the trophy case, one for the highest score for Senior Boys, and another for highest score for Junior Boys. They will be advancing to OFSAA in March. The coaches, **Ms. Odecki** and **Ms. Hammond** are very proud of the whole team.

Rugby training will soon expand beyond the weekly training session. Interested

students should check the gym schedule, listen to the announcements and communicate with Mr. Grills and Mr. Ruff about the teams. No experience is needed and all students are welcome to join at any time. The senior team is planning to attend a pre season tournament at Trent University.

Track and field training will start after the March break. Girl's soccer will begin pre season training in the next few weeks.

This semester, the Lisgar sports council will be running tournament for badminton, floor hockey, and volleyball.

The gym schedule can be found at [www.lisgar.ca](http://www.lisgar.ca), follow the athletics link. Team standings and results can be found at [www.fatdog.ca](http://www.fatdog.ca), follow the NCSSAA link.

### **SCIENCE**

The science department is very pleased to welcome **Mr. Cermak** back. He will be teaching grades nine and ten for the entire semester.

From February 22 to February 27 the Space Simulation students will travel to Europa, the smallest of the Galilean moons of the planet Jupiter.

Lisgar will be sending a team to the Science and Engineering Olympics at the Canada Science and Technology Museum on Wednesday February 18th. Areas of competition include Web site design, Elastic Band Powered Vehicle, The Fun Machine, The Bionic Arm (electrical), Construction of a Trenched, and The Light Maze (an on-site event).

Grade 11 and 12 students are encouraged to enter the biology, physics, and chemistry contests. The entry deadlines vary from late February for the University of Toronto National Biology Competition to before March break for the University of Waterloo and OAPT chemistry and physics contests. Students can register for the competitions through their science teachers. There is a nominal fee for each contest.

## SOCIAL SCIENCE & LIBRARY

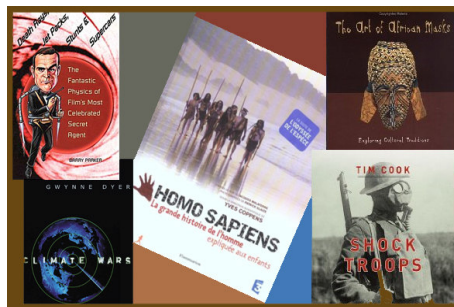
### *Library*

Lisgar's library strives to meet diverse interests and needs

Lisgar's grade nine students participated in the second part of their library orientation in the late autumn or early winter when they came with their period 3 classes to participate in a workshop on plagiarism and correct documentation of research. After listening to mathematician-turned-performer Tom Lehrer's song "Lobachevsky" which suggests there is a fine line between plagiarism and research, the students used electronic databases to find newspaper articles about plagiarism and its real-life consequences. They were then introduced to on-line citation generators which can help them in avoiding plagiarism by properly documenting their research with parenthetical notation and bibliographic citations.

Electronic databases that provide students with access to hundreds of newspapers, magazines and academic journals can be accessed from Lisgar Library's "On-line Resources" page (<http://lisgar.ca/library/resources.html>). The citation generators as well as on-line style guides can be accessed from the library's "Research Tools" page (<http://lisgar.ca/library/tools.html>). The "On-line Resources" page also includes extensive links to audio-visual resources including a digital library of National Film Board films, licensed for classroom use, that are available on-line.

Despite the proliferation of available electronic resources, book circulation at Lisgar Library continues to rise over previous years. For the period from September to February it has risen 17% over last year and 35% from its level of two years ago.



Among the recent additions to Lisgar Library's book collection are books ranging from collections of short stories such as Vincent Lam's *Bloodletting & miraculous cures* and *The year's best science fiction : twenty-fourth annual collection* to *Chicken soup for the unsinkable soul : 101 inspirational stories of overcoming life's challenge*, *Homo sapiens : La grande histoire de l'homme*, *Stress relief : the ultimate teen guide*, *Climate wars, Blame it on the weather : strange weather facts*, *Death rays, jet packs, stunts & supercars : the fantastic physics of film's most celebrated secret agent*, *Guantanamo's child : the untold story of Omar Khadr*, *Pirates : a swashbuckling journey across the seven seas*, *Canadian criminal justice : a primer*, *The end of education : redefining the value of school*, *The art of African masks : exploring cultural traditions*, *Modern conversational Korean* and award winning Ottawa author Tim Cook's two books on World War I, *At the sharp end : Canadians fighting the Great War, 1914-1916* and *Shock troops : Canadians fighting the Great War, 1917-1918*. This somewhat random sampling of Lisgar's eclectic list of new acquisitions reflects the diverse research needs and reading interests of Lisgar's students.

### *Social Science*

November and early December saw a flurry of field trips. **Mr. Meng's** Grade 10 History class visited Laurier House. Students were interested in seeing the living quarters of one of Canada's most enigmatic Prime Ministers, William Lyon Mackenzie King. A hit was also the study of Lester B. Pearson which featured some of his favourite political cartoons, framed and on the wall, poking fun at his time in office. **Mr. Buschlen** accompanied Grade 11 HSP students to the "In love and in danger"

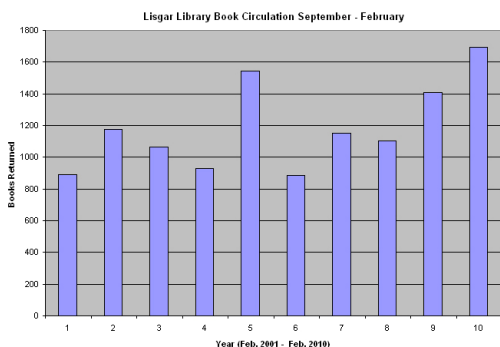
conference to learn about abusive relationships, through listening to testimonials and discussing the issue. There is a possibility that they will set up a school initiative on this issue. **Ms. Crabtree's** World issues students attended a conference at Ottawa U., focussing on health and development issues, with particular reference to Lesotho. Grade 11 Travel & Tourism students went on a field trip to the Ottawa International Airport to experience the importance of, and possibilities within, the airline travel industry.

In class students have been benefiting from the increased number of media carts this year: each department classroom now has its own permanent unit which greatly facilitates teacher and student presentations. Grade 9 students have been taking part in the Canadian Geography Challenge and we congratulate the winner, **Aayush Shah**, who will be representing Lisgar and, we hope, attending the provincial finals later in the spring.

Upcoming events include a presentation by **Chris Alexander**, former ambassador to Afghanistan (10:00 on March 4th in the Auditorium - parents welcome) and a World Issues Conference at Carleton U.

### *Leaf*

As usual LEAF has been busy, with a fund-raising craft fair just before Christmas, a veggie lunch, maintenance of the school's worm composters, planning an environmental documentary Movie Night for February 19th and a Coffee House for March 26th. Members of the group hope to attend EarthCare training in late February and a Youth Water Symposium at Ottawa U. in March. At the end of first semester they donated food and clothing to The Well (a women's support centre on Elgin) and sent bags of used clothing to the Salvation Army. In response to the tragic Haiti earthquake they donated \$500 from their general fundraising and helped the Language Club collect money and supply daily bake sales which raised another \$1000.



## **Reach**

Reach will be hosting a NAQT qualifier competition on Feb. 20th. Then, in March/April they will be playing in the regional competition, hoping to qualify for provincials once again. They have also qualified for the American National Academic Quiz Tournament Finals, for the fourth consecutive year, and will be sending two teams to Chicago in late May. (So far Lisgar is the only Canadian team to have ever taken part in the U.S. finals.) To this end the club is fundraising with regular bake sales and an upcoming Trivia Night on Friday March 5th—please contact [ruth.crabtree@ocdsb.ca](mailto:ruth.crabtree@ocdsb.ca) or see the school website for details/tickets.

## **STUDENT SERVICES & CAREER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

### **Scholarships**

Last year Lisgar students received a wide variety of scholarships. Please note that some scholarships require a separate application. Students are responsible for checking the information in the Counselling Office and meeting the application deadlines. We have an in-school information bulletin that students can take home, and two different books listing scholarships. (The bulletin is also available on our website at [lisgar.ca](http://lisgar.ca).) We also have a scholarship information binder that is updated continually, as materials come in throughout the school year.

### **University**

In a typical year, 98% of Lisgar graduating students go on to post-secondary studies. Students who have applied to an Ontario university for Fall 2010, admission should receive an acknowledgement letter in the mail at home for their program choices. These letters are sent directly by the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) once it has processed a student's application. The application deadline was January 13th, 2010. Ontario university applications were done on-line by the students.

Now that the second wave of application materials to Ontario universities has been completed, counsellors and students are presently working on applications to universities in eastern and western Canada and the United States. Students are cautioned to pay careful attention to deadlines for applications and supplemental documentation.

### **College**

Ontario college applications were done on-line by the students. Any student who still wishes to apply should do so right away. Once OCAS (Ontario College Application Service) has processed a student's application, it will send a verification form directly to the student's home address. The Ontario college application deadline was February 1st, 2010.

### **Lisgar's Tips For June 2010 Grads**

- Be sure that the computer-generated credit counselling summary you received in February, shows all of the following courses: online, night school, summer school, Saturday school, correspondence courses, etc. Students are responsible for bringing their report cards from these courses to their Lisgar counsellor, so the marks can be entered on our computer system.
- Work to the best of your ability to get high marks and examine last year's cutoff marks for college and university.
- Be sure you have completed and documented your 40 hours of community involvement.
- Carefully prepare for any additional admission criteria.
- Research program and admission requirements carefully.
- Apply as early as possible.
- Follow all deadlines carefully for submission of extra material to

institutions (e.g.: personal information forms, reference letters, portfolios, audition appointment arrangements, etc.).

- Consider alternate plans for fall 2010 (e.g.: work, travel, volunteer work, another year or semester of high school to raise marks, do co-op to get work experience, etc.).

### **Choosing Lisgar Courses for 2010-11 (Course Selection Contracts)**

Counsellors will make assembly presentations to students on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> about choosing courses for next year. Topics covered include high school graduation requirements and college and university admission requirements. Students may use the books in the Counselling Office to further research these admission standards. The Ontario universities' website: [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca) has information on university programs and admission requirements. The Ontario colleges' website: [www.ocas.on.ca](http://www.ocas.on.ca) has information on college programs and admission requirements. Students and parents looking for career information should go to the following website:

[careercruising.com](http://careercruising.com)

(USERNAME: ottawa  
PASSWORD: 26250)

(Do the interest inventory, "Career Matchmaker", to discover your interest pattern, then use the results to research careers in the "Careers" part of the program. Next use the "Education" part of the program to see which college and university programs are required to enter the occupations that interest you).

When completing the course selection contracts, parents and students should refer to pages 3, 4 and 5 in the book "2010-11 Secondary School Courses" to check that they are selecting the courses needed to meet Ontario's graduation requirements. Your son or daughter received a copy of this book.

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It is also available in pdf on the [lisgar.ca](http://lisgar.ca) website, under Home, 2010/11 Information, OCDSB Secondary Coursebook 2010/11.

**Course selection contracts should be signed by the parent or guardian, and returned to the period one teacher by February 25th, 2010.**

### **Parent Information Meeting (Course Selection Contracts)**

There will a presentation following Mock Timetable / Meet the Teacher Afternoon, February 18 for those parents who have questions regarding course selection. Interested parents are asked to meet in the Auditorium at 5:50pm for a short presentation and question and answer period.

### **New Course for 2010-2011**

Lisgar will be offering a new course next year! It's called LINK and it will be offered at both the grade 11 (open) and grade 12 (university) levels. The LINK classes will focus on: leadership theory and skills, building school spirit and community, and helping incoming grade 9s transition successfully into high school. The class will be offered in the first semester only and will be schedule during the regular school day.

### **Advanced Placement (AP) Program**

The international Advanced Placement Program is available to all Lisgar students. Our students can take university-level courses in the AP program and receive equivalent credits for first-year courses from universities in Canada, the United States, and other countries. Over 200 of our students will be writing AP exams in May. Lisgar students' AP exam results are superb every year.

**Note that the exams will be written off site this year at the Confederation Education Centre (1645 Woodroffe at Hunt Club) or at the Adult High School (300 Rochester Street).**

### **2010 AP Exam Schedule**

Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12:00 French Language  
Confederation EC Room 126

Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 Statistics  
Confederation EC Cafetorium

Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am Calculus AB  
Adult HS Staff Room

Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am English Lit.  
Confederation EC Room 126

Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 European History  
Confederation EC Room 126

Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am Music Theory  
Adult HS Staff Room

Wed., May 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am English Lang.  
Confederation EC Gymnasium

Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 Latin: Vergil  
Confederation EC Room 126

### **Community Involvement**

All students who began their Grade 9 year in 1999 or later, **must have completed their 40 hours of volunteer community service in order to obtain their secondary school graduation diploma and take part in the Commencement ceremony.** All Grade 12 students graduating in June 2010, should have completed their hours already. Students should see Mrs. Stephens in the counseling office if they need further information. All students are encouraged to have their forty hours of community service finished before the end of Grade 10, because senior students are often busy with part-time jobs and other activities.

### **Information Presentations To Grade 8 Students and Their Parents**

Lisgar's counsellors and vice-principals visited the Grade 8 schools in December to present information about our school and how to choose Grade Nine courses. Lisgar hosted Grade 8 Night in January. We had a full house! All Grade 8 students and their parents were invited to attend, and presentations were given on Lisgar programs and activities.

### **Enrichment Mini Courses Program**

Talented students from grades 9 - 11 have an opportunity each year to explore a field of study or area of interest in a university or college setting. These students can acquire knowledge and skills that will help them achieve academic success and stimulate their interest in pursuing post-secondary studies. The courses are offered every year during the first week of May, at Carleton University and the University of Ottawa. The registration period for this program runs from mid-November to mid-January, each year.

### **Mentoring**

Bouge, an organization run out of Harvard by young Canadian professionals, offers mentoring to Lisgar students in the areas of engineering, hi-tech, business and governance. Mentors are available on-line at [www.bouge.ca](http://www.bouge.ca) with advice on careers and university courses.

### **MATHEMATICS**

What did 0 say to 8? "Nice belt!"

What is significant about the number 8? It's the number of Gold Medals we have been awarded in the last two years in the Canadian Open Math Challenge- 4 last year, and 4 more again this year to **Andrew Xue** (our school champion), **Hyuo Keen Cho** (for the second time!), **Alice Ye**, and **Sonja Xiong**. The Canadian Mathematical Society awards 9 medals in each region across the country to acknowledge outstanding work, and this is the second time in as many years that almost half the medals in the Ontario East Division have been awarded at our school. Well done!

Coming later this month are the Pascal, Cayley, and Fermat Contests, as well as the AMC 12.