

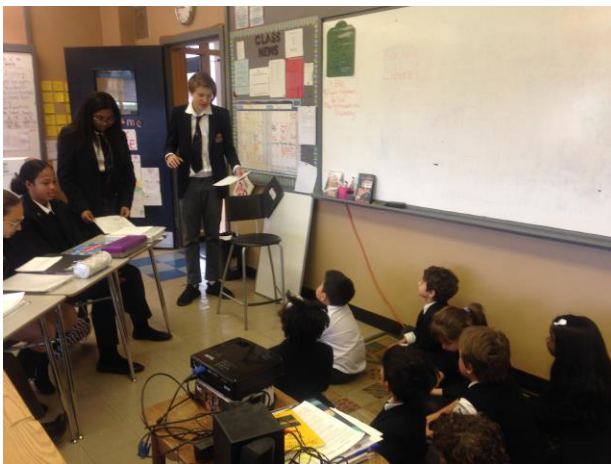


# Middle School Update

**Friday, June 8, 2018**

It is hard to believe that the end of the school is approaching and that next week is our last full week of classes. The Middle School will be busy with Cambridge Progression Tests and final assignments. Reminder: all students must start cleaning out their lockers and a few reusable bags are requested to take things home starting next week.

This week, the Middle School participated in the province-wide Student Vote to learn about the provincial election. On Wednesday, the students taught the lower grades about the electoral process and what it means to vote. The students participated in a mock vote where they were successful in electing a minority Progressive Conservative government. Thank you to the Grade Six class who made wonderful campaign videos and the Grade Seven and Eight students who presented and led an assembly on the political party platforms.



## **English**

The Grade Six class has been completing a variety of tasks to end the year off in the best way possible. Students have demonstrated excellent speaking and listening through our study of Julius Caesar, and they've fine-tuned their grammar and punctuation skills by editing text excerpts. In preparation for their Progression Tests, they practiced their reading and writing skills to alleviate any worry, boosting their confidence by knowing what to expect. Well done, everyone!

The Grade Seven and Grade Eight classes wrote soliloquies that were indicative of the play Romeo and Juliet. They read them in front of the class and had their peers guess what character was speaking. Students finished their traditional Romeo and Juliet scene presentations and next week they will re-perform them in today's language.

### **Social Studies**

The Grade Six, Seven and Eight classes presented the electoral process with an assembly on the Student Vote. The classes taught the younger grades all about the Ontario election, the different parties involved and how to vote. They then participated in the mock election of the MPP in the Eglinton-Lawrence riding.

### **Math**

In Grade Six Math, the students have finished time, ratios, and proportions and finished their test. On Thursday, we reviewed proportions and completed an in-class assignment. On Friday, we worked through our first practice progression test. Next week, we will freshen up some of the concepts learned earlier in the course in preparation for the final tests of the year.

This week, the Grade Seven students wrote their Chapter 18 Math Test on Tuesday. We are now reviewing various math concepts in preparation for next week's Cambridge Progression Tests.

The Grade Eight students have finished 2D and 3D shapes. On Thursday, we worked through a circumference application question that Mr. Munshaw dreamed up (literally), while on the exercise bike, and worked through a few sample problems in the textbook. On Friday, we worked through a practice progression test and results so far suggest that we are on track for a good performance next week!

### **Science**

In Grade Six Science, the students have finished their organelles assignment that was handed in Thursday. Presentations proceeded on Thursday and Friday and the students did an excellent job sharing what they have learned with their peers. A shout out to Roberto and Sofia who asked some really great questions that led to productive class discussions. Everybody did a great job helping presenters answer some of the tougher questions. Next week we will be reviewing the course through practice tests and revisiting some of the trickier concepts before we take the final tests.

In Grade Seven Science, the students have been researching a particular digestive disorder due this Thursday. They finished up the circulatory and respiratory systems and touched back on micro-organisms and made agar in lab.

In Grade Eight Science, the students had their plant reproduction test on Monday and then moved on to adaptation. We touched back on micro-organisms and made agar in lab. They had a practice progress test on Friday.

### **Health and Physical Education**

This week, the students in Middle School completed their Human Development and Sexual Health unit. Their Strategy and Game Concepts Unit will start next week.

### **Visual Art**

The Grade Six students are learning about ancient Celtic gold jewelry design and are designing their own fibulas or pins featuring a Celtic stylized animal or mythological animal and Celtic knot work.

The Grade Seven and Grade Eight students are working on a collaged mixed-media portrait of an iconic figure.

### **French**

The Grade Six students are working hard on their power point presentation and writing this week. The due date for the project is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

The Grade Seven and Grade Eight have submitted their projects and did their presentation this week.

**Students are expected to work on the Rosetta Stone programme for at least ten minutes a day every day.**

### **Music**

Our students are working hard to prepare for our Spring Arts Night next week – we hope to see you there!

**\*NOTE:** All instruments and bows borrowed from Fieldstone must be left in the music room after the concert.

### **Middle School Homework Sites**

[Grade 6 FDS Homework Site](#)

[Grade 7 FDS Homework Site](#)

[Grade 8 FDS Homework Site](#)

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GRADE SIX?**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Book Club English Progression Test Paper 2			<a href="#"><u>Spring Arts Night</u></a> Number One Dress needed and be in homeroom for 6:30 p.m.	

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GRADE SEVEN?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Math Progression Test Paper 1		Math Progression Test Paper 2	<p>English Progression Test Paper 1</p> <p>Math Progression Test Paper 3</p> <p><u>Spring Arts Night</u> Number One Dress needed and be in homeroom for 6:30 p.m.</p>	English Progression Test Paper 2

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GRADE EIGHT?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			<p>English Progression Test Paper 1 and 2</p> <p><u>Spring Arts Night</u> Number One Dress needed and be in homeroom for 6:30 p.m.</p>	

### IMPORTANT SCHOOL-WIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UPCOMING SIGNIFICANT DATES	
Spring Arts Night	Thursday, June 14 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

<b>Grade 8 Graduation/Last Day of Classes</b>	<i>Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup></i>
<b>Awards Ceremony – Afternoon</b>	<i>Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup></i>