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Grade 9 students enjoy the 2013 yearbook on Oct 11. Photo by Ms. Brooks

LIVE TO FEED THE HUNGRY

BY YUMI

Just in time for Thanksgiving, North Toronto Christian School held its annual Food Drive, donating food to the less fortunate people of our city. SALT's (Service and Leadership Team) purpose is to serve the school and community through God's guidance. The Thanksgiving Food Drive was SALT's first event of the year to aid in fulfilling their purpose. The goal for this year was to collect 6,500 nonperishable items and, to motivate students, SALT promised a casual day if

the goal was reached. Many students showed their passion for the Food Drive and every-



Cans begin to pile up in the office. Photo by Yumi Kim

one put in their best effort to complete the challenge.

The SALT members also did a great job trying hard to encourage students to bring anything they could. "Although we did not reach

our goal as a school, God certainly blessed the effort. I am sure that He was glad to see the students in all grades participate," said Angela Kim, the leader of SALT.

In fact, even though we did not reach 6,500 cans, we still brought a total of 5,367 cans, which is a considerable amount of food. The 2009 average number of donations was only about 3.35 cans per person, and since then, the individual result has been improved. This year, the grade two class led the drive by bringing a total of 780 cans.

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STUDENTS CELEBRATE NTCS

BY MRS. CROUSE

Period 6 on Friday, October 11 was not just the last class before the holiday weekend; it was yearbook distribution day. Last year's yearbook team had a sneak preview

October 10 and were really proud of their work. "Our hard work paid off," said editor Elizabeth Crouse.

On Friday the team delivered books to the elementary classes before setting up their stations for distribution to the high school. Once they received the signal, students poured into the halls to pick up their books and sign autographs. Last year's grads and students who did not return this year made a special trip to get their copies and reunite with

friends and teachers. It was an exciting time for everyone.

This year's journalism team is already planning the next book and has picked a top-secret theme and are busy taking pictures. "Last year's team did a great job capturing the memories and energy of the year. We're excited to put our unique spin on covering the individuals and activities of 2013-14," said Julia Cooke, one of this year's editors.



Yearbook editors Mary Salama and Taylor-Ann Seath get ready to distribute the books. Photo by Ms. Brooks



Editor's Corner by Joycelyn

A MONTH OF THANKSGIVING

Welcome to a new volume of *The Torch*! I am so pleased to be your editor for the 2013/2014 school newspaper. My vision for *The Torch* this year includes participation throughout the school to find the place where all of us can fit in.

The theme of the first *Torch* is autumn. The leaves on the deciduous trees have turned into those bright and brilliant colours of fire and are falling fast. We are at the end of the harvest season and are now getting ready for winter. In the midst of our busy days and chilling nights there is a holiday that

many of us recently celebrated with our families. Juicy stuffed turkey, pineapple sauce drizzled on ham, and fluffy mashed potatoes with gravy, all add up to a stereotypical Thanksgiving dinner. Having a great feast is fine, just be sure to take into consideration the people who slaved at the stove all day to make that mouth-watering pumpkin pie.

This year we are adding an elementary column for more interaction with younger students. The high school department never really knows what is happening in the elementary while every month, the elementary gets



to read about High School life through the newspaper. This year we want more interaction and engagement from both sides of our school.

We've decided to keep your favourites: games, updates, advice columns, and quiz columns. We are happy to bring back *He Said, She Said* to the *Torch*. If any of you have any topics, other additions you like to see, or questions to discuss, please send them to our email: newspaper@ntcs.on.ca. Let's have many wonderful thought-provoking discussions through the year.

LOOKING "FORE!"-WARD TO A GREAT YEAR: MR DUFFY ON FAITH, NTCS, AND GOLF BY JULIA

Mr. Michael Duffy, a new teacher at NTCS, is a man with a strong love for God, teaching, and sports. He shares stories of his faith, his position at NTCS, and his personal interests with readers of *The Torch*.

Mr. Duffy grew up in Oshawa, just northeast of Toronto. He was baptized into the Macedonian Orthodox church and attended Sunday school when he was young. He also learned the Macedonian language throughout his childhood and participated in youth leadership in his church when he was a teenager. In fact, one of the best experiences of his life occurred during a spiritual retreat he attended with his church.

"I was at a low point," Mr. Duffy said, "I had slipped away from practising my beliefs." While he was at

the retreat, however, God spoke to him in a way that changed his life. "I heard a voice that said 'I am here, my son. I love you. Everything will be okay.' From then on, I've had no regrets of the past or fears of the future.

The Lord can do things for me that I can't do for myself."

Sharing his faith with others is an important part of Mr. Duffy's life. Working at a school that "places Christian

faith in the forefront" has been a blessing for him. "The staff here have been extremely supportive, and the students are exciting, happy, and respectful," he explained, smiling broadly. "Every day is a new adventure! I thank God that I can do this, because it doesn't feel like a job."

Outside of school, Mr. Duffy loves to play and watch sports, particu-

larly golf. He competed in golf at a young age and taught with the Canadian Professional Golfers' Association. He also enjoys running and has trained for two marathons.

Mr. Duffy's cheerful heart, love for teaching, and athletic abilities are a strong addition to NTCS. Students and staff alike are thankful that God's plan has brought him to the school this year.



Photo by Cheery-Maria Attia

“ EVERY DAY IS A NEW ADVENTURE! ”

FOOD DRIVE CONTINUED....



Grade 11 and 12 students load the truck with boxes of food items. Photo by Mrs. Crouse

The Food Drive is not the only event that SALT will host; they will also encourage students to participate in other outreach events during the year . They hope that students will get excited about the activities. Angela

Kim believes that SaLT consists of members that have passionate hearts

for God, “We are really excited to positively impact not only the school but the community around us as well.

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Members are currently generating new ideas for this year,” said Kim. SaLT’s next event is Operation Christmas Child Shoe-

boxes which gives students a chance to donate items for children. Students should try to help SaLT fulfill their vision by participating in every event this year.

NICE TO MEET YOU BY CHEERY

North Toronto Christian School has drastically changed over the years but one thing that has not changed is its extraordinary staff. A new addition to the teaching staff this year is a culture savvy travel enthusiast: Mrs. Lochan.

Mrs. Lochan has invested her free time to learning cultures and languages and she can speak Spanish, English, Tagalog, and Chinese, and also enjoys traveling. Mrs. Lochan’s travels include exotic destinations such as the Philippines, Mexico City, Taiwan, China, France, Jamaica and the U.S.A. However, the Philippines hold a special place in Mrs. Lochan’s heart.

Mrs. Lochan was born in Manila, Philippines and moved to Canada at age nine. At the age of seven, Mrs. Lochan had a few ideas of what career path she wanted to pursue: vet, princess, teacher, mother,

scientist and president of the Philippines. However, by grade nine, Mrs. Lochan had decided that she wanted to pursue a career in teaching. She took a four year concurrent education program at York University, where she minored in Spanish and majored in English.

When asked what her happiest teaching moment has been, Mrs. Lochan replied with a smile and said, “When students realize that learning has taken place.”

For her university practice teaching, Mrs. Lochan taught at a school located at Jane and Finch. At the start of the year, Mrs. Lochan was uneasy about what she could do to motivate the students to learn; many of them faced problems, saw life differently and were not eager to learn. However, by the end of the year, through God’s grace, Mrs. Lochan was able to connect with the students and, as a result, saw a dramatic change in their eagerness to

“ SHE’S A
WORLD
TRAVELER! ”



Photo by Cheery –Maria Attia

learn and put effort into their work.

“NTCS is a godsend,” Mrs Lochan said when asked how she came to find our school. Growing up in a Christian home really influenced her lifestyle. Prayer has become a very important part in her life and has helped her in her decision making, in her career, and in her journey to our school.

YOU AND ME? WE'RE BROKEN! BY CHEERY

Broken. Disappointing. Unfixable. These words are just a few of the many words that can be used to describe who we are without God. "We're full of sin and there's nothing we can do about it," said Sam Moore, NTCS alumnus and son of Madame Moore, who spoke to NTCS' high school students during the second week of October about what he learned during his time in Nicaragua.

Sam's initial reason for going to Nicaragua was to plant a church in Managua, the capital city. During the first four months, Sam and his missionary team learned Spanish, gave out Bibles, and invited people to Bible studies. After Christmas, his missionary team began "campaigning."

Their campaign goal was to begin preaching and get contacts to start a church. After two weeks of campaigning, the missionaries started house meetings in about six or seven different neighbourhoods. These Bible study meetings were so successful that they began to schedule regular church services for the people of Nicaragua. "We grew as individuals as well," said Sam.

During his free time in Nicaragua, Sam and his colleague, Juan, decided it would be 'fun' to go crocodile hunting in the wee hours of the morning. As the idea of going



Photo from Sam Moore

“ THE GOSPEL IS REAL ”

“ WE GREW AS INDIVIDUALS ”

crocodile hunting became a reality, the truth of how 'big' and 'scary' the crocodiles were became evident to Sam and his bud. However,

crocodile hunting wasn't the only thing on Sam's mind; he also wanted to get an even bigger kick out of it by scaring Juan as well. As Juan was slowly getting ready to grab the crocodile, Sam scared his friend, so he fell out of the boat! "What a sight! He fell out of the boat... and his boots were in the boat," Sam said with a smile.

Sam spoke about how real the crocodile was and then com-

pared the experience to the Gospel; just like the crocodile, the Gospel is real. It is crucial that we understand that "the Gospel is real." It is not just some phrase that gets thrown around for the sake of it. The Gospel is alive, and because we are God's children, we are alive. If we abide by the reality of the Gospel and live by the Gospel, we are no longer broken, we are no longer alone, we are no longer disappointing and unfixable; we are made whole. We are cleansed and made anew.

What a thought provoking message from a young man whose passion for the Word of God really shows!



BLOOD CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY JOYCELYN



Donation box. Photo by Joycelyn To

Trying to find a way to heal children from illnesses, the CALIPER Project, affiliated with SickKids Hospital, came to NTCS on October 31st so that kids under the age of 17 could give some of their blood in this project.

A week before the project was initiated at the school, two representatives from Caliper came to introduce the project vision and how they were going to proceed. Students had to fill out a form with their personal information and let the volunteers measure their height, weight, and waist size. After that was completed, the students made their way to the desk where many friendly volunteers awaited to give a slight pinch and a smile. Fortunately many of the little ones from the elementary grades courageously took on the pain and successfully completed an adult's day of work. "It was an opportunity for kids to help kids," said Mr. Schenk as he enthused about the project, "it is a practical way to serve." Made-moiselle Gagné noted that if the project will help find a solution to cure the little ones, she is all for it. At the end of the day multiple smiling students with a Band-Aid on one arm went home with a story to tell; they had made a difference not only in our community but in the world.

What the Caliper Project is doing will benefit the children of the future; so far, over 6,000 students across Canada have participated. Remember the main reason for participating in this project was

not for the casual day, the money, or for the community service hours, but for helping others who long for a life like ours. "That was the main point of participating," said a student from 11B.

On November 1st, it was announced that over 50% of the students had participated in the project, and that \$580 was donated back to the Caliper Project. Unfortunately NTCS cannot participate a second time because each school can only participate once. However, students from different grades were happy to say that they

would love to participate again if they could. This was a wonderful experience for the school as a family. The CALIPER Project brought a warm feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction.



Andrew Birdsell bravely gives blood. Photo by Joycelyn To

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NTCS SPORTS UPDATES

UP DOWN, UP DOWN, UP DOWN: THE DWYER INVITATIONAL RACES *BY MRS. COTTRILL*

October 20th was a perfect sunny autumn day and 1300 competitors joined the high school cross-country runners at the Dwyer Invitational north of Claremont.

Renae Appadurai ran the Senior Girl's 4750 m race in a time of 24:02.28. Despite dirty looks from the competition and a field of 175 runners, Renae is still "my hero" said an NTCS sideline fan.

Trent Myers finished the 6740 m Senior Boys run in a time of 28:33.93. He noted that there was "hill after hill", with "no flat area" on the course unless you were

one of the runners that fell flat on their

“ THERE WAS HILL AFTER HILL ”

face. Trent ran hard all the way to finish in the top half of the field of runners.

Teammate David Goudie finished the same race in a time of 29:38.07. David commented on how dodging classmates in gym class during the warm up run provided good training for how to start a race with a mass of people - 244 runners - all trying to use the same few metres of space. The team thanks the Lord that there were no injuries, no rain and all are now qualified to run in the TDCAA championship races.

BOYS GEL AS A TEAM *BY JESSICA*

On October 21, the NTCS boys' volleyball team won their first victory of the season. Toronto Montessori Schools organized a volleyball tournament that started at 5:00 pm; the Flames and the Warriors played in an intense atmosphere, and the Flames achieved a 25-13 victory in the first game. Our players continued the momentum of a leading score, and the final score was 25:18 for a victory in the second game.

NTCS then began a fierce game with another school: TMS. In the first part the players did not play their normal level; they made some mistakes. However, in the second half of the game their play improved a little but

they eventually lost to TMS by 15-25. In the last game they played their strongest, but unfortunately



Jens, Matthew and Daniel get ready to block.

Photo by Jessica

lost with a score 18-25. In these two competitions all the players acted in harmony, encouraged each other, worked hard, and played well.

On October 23, the senior boys played against Metro and despite the other school's bigger players, the Flames emerged victorious with two close but winning games.

As of October 31, the Flames' record is 4 and 4, so the boys are looking pretty good for a spot at the tournament on November 27. They have a three week break before their next game on November 25.

"I am very pleased with the progress of the team so far," Mr Hoover said. "Early on I was a little worried about how young we are, but we have gelled better in recent games."

Good luck to the boys as they continue their training and work towards more victories at the end of the month.

CROSS-COUNTRY: THE UPS, THE DOWNS AND NOT A FLAT PATH IN SIGHT

BY MRS. COTTRILL

The NTCS Flames once again took on the challenge of the ACSI Championship Cross-Country race course at Simeon Park on October 16. Despite slip and slide conditions NTCS's Girls' and Boys' teams overcame hills and competition to win big.

Jessica Cheng took 2nd out of 85 runners in the 1000m race for the Gr. 3/4 Girls. Joining Jessica was Joy Lee, Natalie Pak, Zoe Dean, Chloe Hung, Joy and Grace Salama; the team placed 3rd overall. Chloe Hung "lost her breath going up a hill" but was still delighted she did "way better this year." She was happy she "could be part of the team" and is looking forward to being on the team next year.

Noah Schenk came 7th out of 105 runners in the Gr. 3/4 Boys 1km race. Teammates Damian Salama, Aegir Wang, Matthew Koo, Sam Dean, Kyle Maliakkal, Raphael Pinto and Nicholas Francisco also worked hard to secure 4th overall. Matthew Koo said he was "pushed and then tripped" during the start of the race. He didn't let that stop him and got up and ran a faster race than last year.

Emily Shenouda finished 6th out of 58 runners in the 5/6 Girls 2000m race. Natalie Yik, Carol Iskander, Gabriela Tam, Danielle Newman and Edith Chua formed a pack and placed 4th overall. Gabriela Tam later said that it helped "not to sprint" as fast at the beginning in order to save energy for the ups and downs on the route.

Isaiah Agee finished 8th out of 69 runners in the 2Km race for the 5/6 Boys. Theo Van Halteren, Jason Anness, Cale Myers, Jacob Lem, Benjamin Lee, Tobias Pak and Jonathan Shenouda quickly fol-

lowed and earned 3rd overall. Cale Myers said that it was easier to "push to the extreme" when you "work as a team." Coming down hills was dangerous because everyone was "extremely close and you were running fast and had to stop to avoid running into slower runners."

Jalena Lee led our 7/8 girls team in a time of 13:40 for the 3km race and finished 4th out of 48 runners. Tara Behruz also finished in the top 10, placing 7th. Everyone was concerned about slipping, sliding and falling off the course due to the mud left by the all-night rain. Tara said "the last hill proved to be the most difficult" part of the race. Tara, who is always concerned about fairness, directed the first

11:40. He was at least 25m ahead of the next runner. Kyle learned through this experience that some things "look harder" than they end up being. He passed the second place runner with a kilometre to go and never looked back. This is Kyle's first experience as a cross-country runner. David Scherbinsky blazed in to take the 3rd place medal. Jacob Park who has the same running genes as his cousin Edward Kim came in 6th and Aaron Li secured 9th. The boy's score was 19 and thus the team handily won 1st place. Other strong finishes included Sean Wu, Michael Magahey, Kevin Anness and Donald Tucker-Yates, who finished in the top

20. Peter Sellars and Ethan Appadurai also ran hard and finished strong. Everyone agreed that the hill training really helped prepare for the race. "Hills are your friend," said Mrs. Cottrill. Together the 7/8 NTCS Girls and Boys teams captured the ACSI Senior Banner. At the end of the day, all the NTCS cross-country run-



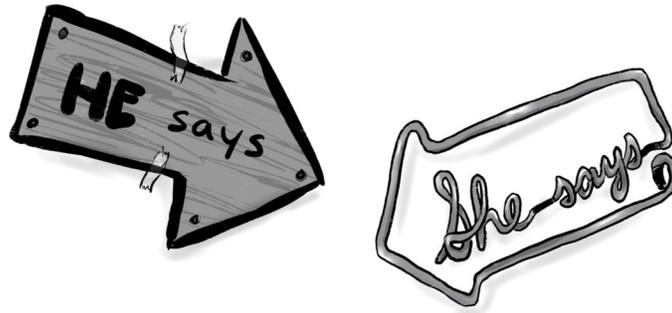
The Triumphant Team. photo by Mrs. Magehy

ners assembled for a celebration picture with the banner and trophy. Lined up on the hill were tired but happy runners and parents Mrs. Anness, Mr. Seath, Mrs. Newman, Mrs. Magahey and Mrs. Shenouda, among others. The secret weapon to such a great team has to be such wonderfully "supportive parents." In all of the ACSI Championship races NTCS had a top ten finisher. All NTCS teams were 4th or better in a field of 12 participating schools.

Kyle Seath was 1st out of 57 runners in the 7/8 3km Boys race in a time of

place runner back onto the course and in the right direction during the race. While Mike Holmes builds homes RIGHT, Tara Behruz makes sure runners race RIGHT. Emma Hsu finished 12th and Naena Drazman completed the quartet in 24th spot. Naena then acted as a third leg for injured team mate Ingrid Leung who had a tough fall during the race. The girls had a score of 47. In the same way a low score in golf wins, the low score of our NTCS 7/8 girls team was enough to win 1st place.

Congratulations on an excellent run by all of the NTCS runners!



BY EDWARD & MACKENZIE

I like someone. How do I get their attention?

He said: Walk up to them and wing it as you make conversation. If you are shy, try bringing yourself to tears (tip: rub your eyes and don't blink for about 30 seconds) and maybe they will ask you what is wrong. They would for sure want to know and that would help get a conversation going. If you want to make some laughter instead, you can tap on their shoulder while standing on the other side. When they turn their head to see who is tapping their shoulder, you can scare them by saying, "Boo!!" You will for sure get their attention, have a laugh, and hopefully, make good conversation too.

She said: First of all yes, crying will get someone's attention, but not a good kind of attention. A girl doesn't want a boyfriend who just randomly breaks out in tears. Be confident and have a few possible subjects ready in your mind to make conversation. Second, do not go up to someone and tap on their shoulder and make them turn the wrong way. This is childish and annoying; I'm sure you will get some negative attention from this. The best way to get someone's attention is by making a small

effort and just talking to them. It's not that difficult. Ask them questions about their likes and dislikes and say hi to them when you pass by them in the hall. Just remember to be confident and make the most of the moments.

Do looks really matter?

He said: Beauty matters but it doesn't matter if they are not the kind of person you are looking for. Therefore, don't go for looks but go for personality and looks so that you won't end up with an empty wallet. Be careful with really beautiful girls because underneath they might have a personality that could lead you down a hill. Too much make-up may mean a huge difference to what you will actually end up with.

She said: I would be lying if I said looks don't matter, but they're not everything. Looks are just a first impression. Once you get to know someone you will like them for their personality not what they look like. Good looks doesn't mean a good personality.

For friendly advice on relationships, send all your questions to newspaper@ntcs.on.ca!



Junior soccer players take a break and discuss plays with coach Duffy. Photo by Mr. Schenk



Dilin, Irene, and Raghav perform a tableau of the prodigal son in drama class. Photo by Mrs. Crouse

A PLACE WHERE BEAUTY AND CREATIVITY COME TOGETHER BY TABITHA

The card making club has officially started up once again for the 2013-2014 school year. Card making club is directed by Mme Gagne on Thursdays in C1 from 3:15-4:00 for students in grades 7-12. The elementary card making club meets every other week on Day 2s for grades 4-6. If you are in elementary school and interested, be sure to talk to Mrs. Lew-Ong, Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. DeVries, Mrs. Melnichuk, or Mme Gagne for more information.

At this club, students will have the opportunity to create beautiful handmade cards. Why should you join the card making club? First of all, it is absolutely free! It means no more buying cards for every occasion. You can make them instead! Secondly, cards are needed by everyone. Whether you know someone who is graduating, sick, or celebrating a birthday, cards are always appropriate. Lastly, handmade cards will show the receiver that you genuinely care about them, and they will almost always keep it longer than any store bought card. So, what are you waiting for? Just grab your glue stick, and head to C1 for a time of fun and creativity! If you are not interested in making cards, but

would love to purchase them, cards will be periodically sold throughout the school year for events such as Christmas and Mother's and Father's Day. Proceeds often go to charity, so be sure to check it out!



A card made by the elementary card club. Photo by Tabitha

TOP TEN: BY CHEERY

The autumn season is glorious. It's so glorious that we all secretly wish it would last longer. Here's to some of the many things we enjoy during the cool and colourful months that make up the fall season.

1. Pumpkin Spice Latte

This delicious flavoured coffee beverage from Starbucks™ is to die for! The perfect blend of spiced pumpkin and rich coffee, topped with whipped cream makes it a must for the autumn season.

2. Pumpkin Pie

This desert is sure to tickle your taste buds with its strong flavours and its sweet aroma. Don't forget the whipped cream!

3. Hayrides

Come on, let's be serious! No matter how old or how young you are, hayrides are a definite 'do' for the fall season. Who wouldn't want to ride around in a wagon full of down bumpy country lanes?

4. Apple Picking

This fun activity is sure to unite the family and create tons of new bonds and memories! You know how they say "you shouldn't keep all your eggs in one basket"? Well, in this case, it's apples and it doesn't apply here! The apple orchards await you.

5. Corn Mazes

"Where's the exit?" said no one ever. The thrill of finding your way through the maze, getting lost, and bumping into friends will keep you purposefully trying not to find the exit.

6. Apple Pie

Apples? Check. Crumbly pie crust? Check. Cinnamon? Check. Served warm with a scoop of ice cream? Check. Delicious? Check, check and double check.

7. Apple Cider

Cinnamon, apple, and spice, oh my! This should be self-explanatory. Who can't resist sweet apple flavours teamed with smoky cinnamon?

8. Funnel Cakes

This 1,000 calorie deep-fried goodness is sure to show up at any fall festival near you. Toppings, you might ask? Toppings include strawberries, whipped cream, sprinkles, cinnamon, and a dozen or so more of the very sweet variety. How many, you might also ask? As many as your heart desires.

9. The Fireplace

For those of you who are not the "outdoors type," here's the next best thing. Sitting inside, in front of a nice, warm fire with a cup of hot chocolate and a good movie to watch is sure to become a family moment.

10. Leaves

Leaves are a really important part of fall. They not only transform into beautiful, deep shades of red, bright shades of orange and yellow, and rich shades of brown but they provide one of the most accessible activities of all. How? Well, after raking up all the leaves in the front yard and in doing so, making your parents really happy, form a nice big pile and on the count of three...jump in!

Happy Fall Everyone!

NUIT BLANCHE: A NIGHT OF ART BY SAMUEL

Walking through a gallery may be boring and less exciting for some. However, Nuit Blanche is not a regular art gallery exhibition for grandpas and grannies. Nuit



A giant chair sculpture. Photo by Samuel Chan

Blanche is an all-night art event with eye-catching artwork, amazing performances, and parties for all ages.

“Sleepless Night”, as it is called in English, transformed the city into bubbles of colours splashing into the sky, where people sprinted to the best spot, snapping pictures of the best moments of the year. Every fall, over a million people show up at Nuit Blanche; that’s almost half of all Toronto-nians!

This year on October 5th, I attended Nuit Blanche with a few friends. We saw humongous public artwork and structures made using bicycles, chairs, garbage cans, and much more. One of my favourite structures was called *Forever Bicycles*; it is designed by Ai Weiwei, a Beijing artist and activist, who designed a sculpture using bicycles that stacked on each other to create a 3D effect.

Many teens were impressed with their art experience. “Nuit Blanche really captured the beauty and art in Toronto. It showed that art doesn’t only need to be on a canvas, but every little thing can have its own story and beauty,” said participant Jennifer Fok.

According to the Scotiabank Nuit Blanche Website, this festival started in

2006 and has attracted over 425,000 people to explore the city’s art transformation. Hundreds of artists, galleries, and museums participated in the event the first year. The following year, the event saw a significant increase in attendance and art projects. In 2008, Nuit Blanche brought more than \$16.7 million tourist dollars to the city. iPhone and Blackberry apps were introduced to help visitors navigate from exhibition to exhibition in 2009. Nuit Blanche has more exhibitions and events every year with world renowned artists participating in the past eight events. Toronto is one of the 25 cities that participate in Nuit Blanche globally and the number of cities continues to rise as more people know the event. (Scotiabank Nuit Blanche official site)

Nuit Blanche is an art event suitable for all ages and I highly recommend you take friends and families Downtown next year. It’s fun and full of surprises and it will leave you an everlasting memory.

ELEMENTARY NEWS BY TABITHA

Twice a year, students from grades 3-9 are given the opportunity to travel to Chandos, located in the Kawartha Lakes, close to the town of Apsley. This year’s fall Chandos was a time of enjoyment for many of the students.

When asked what their favourite part of fall Chandos was, answers included capture the flag, canoeing, and the famous hobo breakfast. “My favourite part about Chandos was when my cabin did a play next to the campfire,” said Natalie Pak, from grade 3.

Students also participated in many activities such as hiking, swimming, and archery.

They also really seemed to enjoy the food! A day full of running, games, and learning is bound to make any student hungry.

So, are the elementary students excited for winter Chandos? The answer was a unanimous “Yes!” Danielle in Grade 7 is excited to go because, “even though we are going to Chandos to learn, they teach it to us in a fun way.” This year, students did geography, collected leaves, and played educational games.

Jonathan Shenouda, grade 5, is looking forward to winter Chandos because, “we can go tobogganning, skating, build snow forts, make snowmen, and play capture the flag in the snow.”

Taylor Lam, from grade 4,



Grade nines canoe across the beautiful lake. Photo by Ms. Chow

said that she was looking forward to winter Chandos because “... we go sledding, and when the parents go[,] they scream, ‘Ahhh!!!’ It will be exciting to hear about the memories that are made in upcoming Chandos trips.

Tasty Treats

AUTUMN RECIPES BY TORI



*Tori's very own pumpkin pie and seeds.
Photo by Tori Whiteman*



PUMPKIN SEEDS

What better way to break in the fall season than with decorating your house with carved pumpkins? It's a hassle trying to clean up all the pumpkin guts so why not make half of it useful? Here's a tasty snack that takes minutes to make and does half the job of cleaning up!

PUMPKIN PIE

Ingredients:

2 eggs
1/2 can E.D.SMITH® PURE PUMPKIN
1 cup brown sugar
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
1/4 tsp ground ginger
1/4 tsp salt
3/4 cup evaporated milk
1 9-inch unbaked home-made or frozen deep dish pie shell

Preparation:

prep time: 35 minutes
cook time: 45-50 minutes
1. Preheat oven to 425°F (220°C).
2. Beat eggs lightly in medium bowl.

Ingredients:

pumpkin seeds
approximately 1 tsp salt
1/2 – 1 tsp olive oil

Preparation:

prep time: 10 minutes
cook time: 28-30 minutes
1. Clean the seeds simply by washing them in a colander under warm water to get all of the pumpkin guts off.
2. Bring the seeds to a boil in a pot of water along with the salt, then reduce heat to a simmer and cook for 10 minutes – while doing this, preheat the oven to 325°F (162°C).
3. Drain the seeds in a colander and dry lightly with a paper towel or tea towel.

3. Add E.D.SMITH® PURE PUMPKIN sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger and salt - stir until well combined.
4. Blend in milk.
5. Pour filling in pie shell and bake for 15 minutes.
6. Reduce oven temperature to 350°F (180°C) and continue baking for 30-35 minutes longer or until knife inserted in centre comes out clean.

Tips and Hints:

- To make two pies use 1 can of E.D.SMITH® PURE PUMPKIN and double all other ingredients
- Refrigerate unused portions

4. Spread the seeds flat onto a baking sheet and drizzle with the olive oil and add a generous pinch of salt.
5. Next put the seeds in the oven and roast for 10 minutes.
6. Remove from oven, stir then roast for another 8-10 minutes. During the last 5 minutes of cooking, remove a seed or two and crack it open – the inside should have a golden tinge, you know they're burnt when they are brown.
7. Finally remove from oven, let cool and enjoy.

Tips and Hints:

- For a better taste add another pinch or two of salt when you remove the seeds from the oven.

GIRLS HAVE AN IMPRESSIVE SEASON START



Girls warm up and huddle with their coach. Photos by Fraser Banjaw

The senior girls have played well so far this season and have a record of three wins and 1 loss. Their coach, Ms. Cross, said recently that every game the girls play she notices that each team member is playing better and learning new skills. They are communicating encouragement and strategy to each other on the court which shows mature teamwork. Ms. Cross is especially impressed by the positive way the girls represent the Lord in the non-Christian league.

Bethany Lahn, one of the two captains, voiced appreciation for the younger

players. "It's great to have young players who are keen to learn the game and develop their skills. It is a big jump from the one day tournament of the junior teams to a longer season in high school."

Samantha Lau, the second captain, echoed Bethany's enthusiasm. The young players have "a lot of spunk and potential," she smiled.

The girls play one more game in the regular season on Thursday Nov. 7th against Town Centre Private High School. Be sure to encourage them on Thursday when you see them in their team uniforms.

Go Girls!

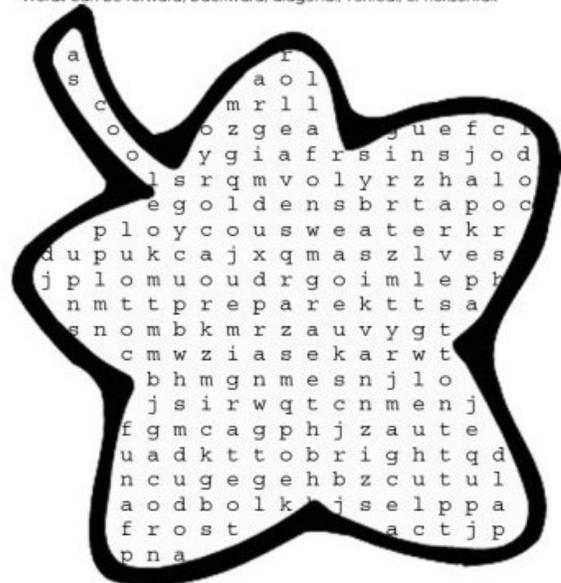
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What do you thank God for this season?

Autumn Word Search Puzzle

Find and circle the autumn related words in the puzzle. Words can be forward, backward, diagonal, vertical, or horizontal.

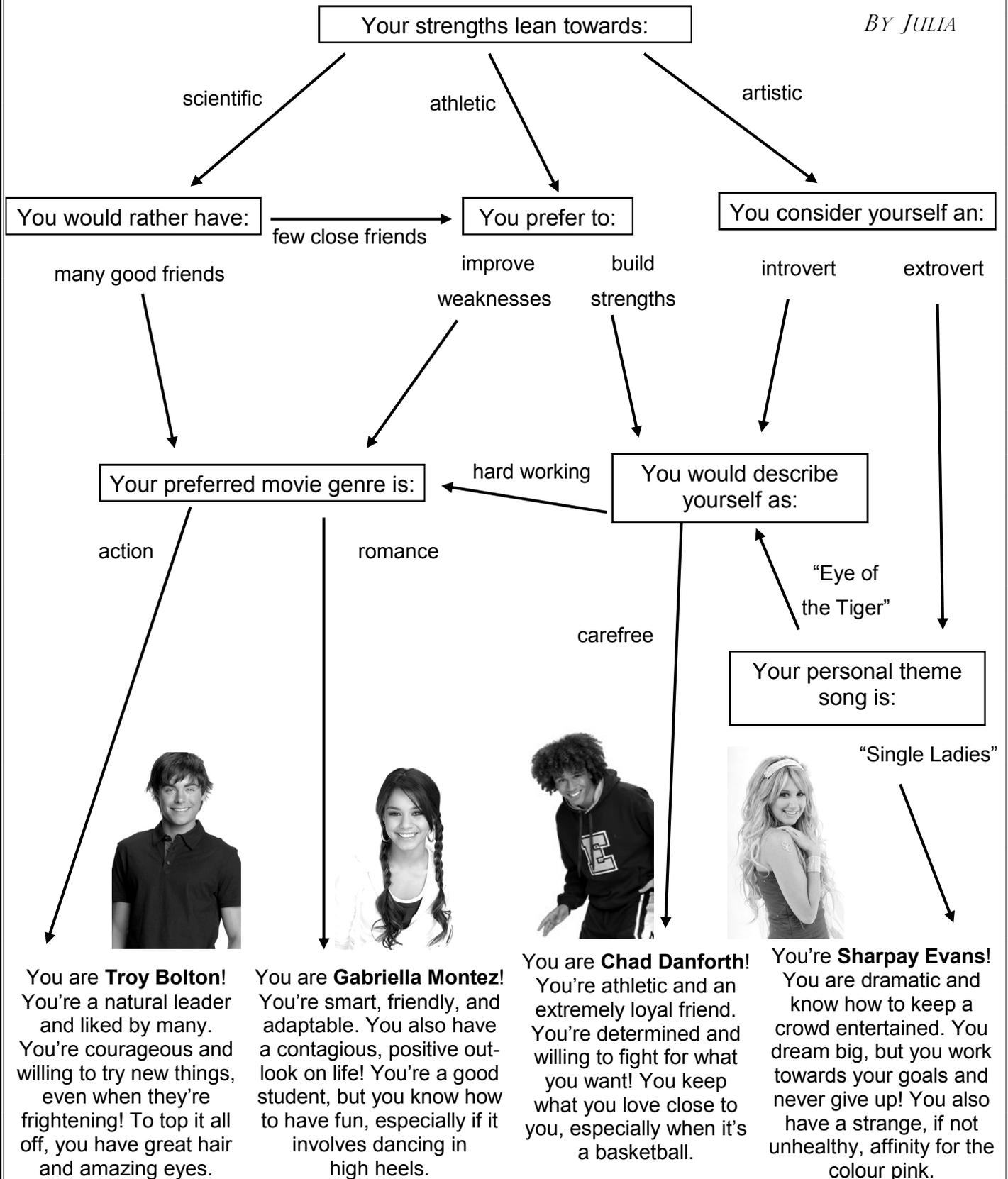


Autumn Words

fall	apples	smoky	prepare	golden
autumn	migrate	pumpkin	frost	sweater
harvest	cool	acorn	rake	bright
colors	leaves			

WHICH HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL CHARACTER ARE YOU?

BY JULIA



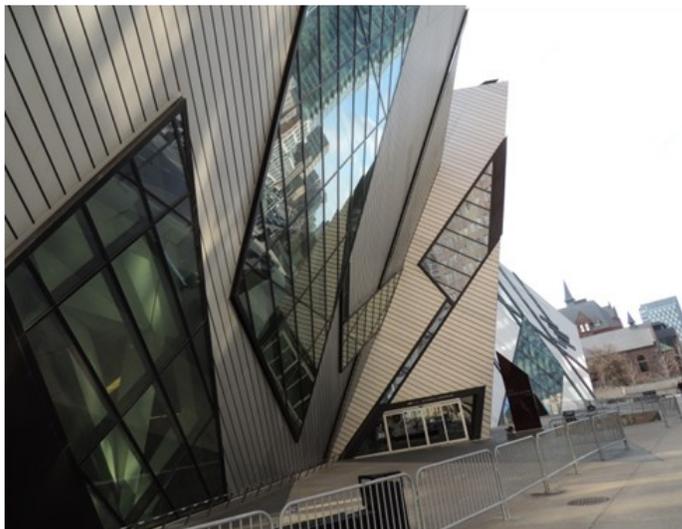
I ♥ TORONTO

BY SAMUEL

Ripley's Aquarium of Canada

Ripley's Aquarium of Canada opened its doors on Wednesday October 16th at the base of the CN Tower, with over 16,000 marine animals including sharks, seahorses, electric eels, and poisonous fish. The Toronto Sun reports that it is the largest indoor aquarium in Canada with almost 40,000 square metres of marine habitat.

According to the website, the aquarium can be quite pricey for a visit, with admission of \$29.98 for adults, youth at \$19.98, child at \$9.98, and a senior at \$19.98. However, considering the amount of things you can do at the aquarium, it's worth it. Within those 16,000 marine animals, there are an incredible 450 species for you to see. The aquarium also offers the largest jellyfish tank in the world and an underground tunnel that gives you a 180 degree view of fish and sharks. The annual pass would be a great value if you visit the aquarium four or more times a year. The cost for an annual pass is \$100 for adults, \$60 for youth, \$25 for a child, and \$60 for a senior.



ROM's "Mesopotamia: Inventing Our World"

Ever walk through 3000 years of human history? Well, here's a chance for you to catch a glimpse of what it was like back then at the Royal

170 artifacts that had never been shown in Canada before.

"Mesopotamia was a true front-runner," notes ROM curator Dr. Clemens Reichel, "with great cities of sizes not achieved by Paris or London until the Industrial Revolution, empires that controlled most of the known world of that time, and technological achievements still shaping our lives." Among those technologies: the tracking of time, which developed from an ancient base-60 numeral system.

Mesopotamia is a Greek word meaning "land between the rivers." This was the birthplace of writing, written law, urban-planning, long-distance trade, and empire building. There is a recreation of Babylon using 3D technology.

The *Mesopotamia: Inventing Our World* exhibit goes from June 22, 2013 to January 5, 2014. Be sure to check this once-in-a-lifetime exhibition from one of the world's greatest museums.

For more information, check out the following websites – (<http://www.rom.on.ca/en/mesopotamia/home>, <http://torontoist.com/events/event/>

Ontario Museum's *Mesopotamia: Inventing Our World* Exhibition. The exhibition is presented by the British Museum in London, England. It has over

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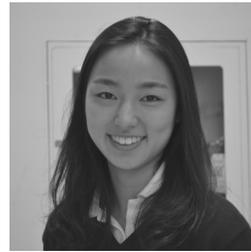
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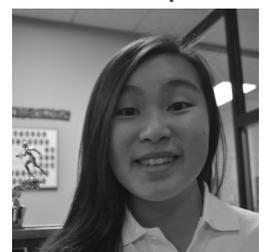
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