NEWS FROM MAYFIELD’S GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Post-Secondary Conference

This year’s annual post-secondary conference took place on November 2, 2016. College, university, apprenticeship, and workplace representatives were in attendance from over 45 Ontario and East Coast institutions. Students were able to register for four 30 minute in-class sessions, of their choice, in addition to the “fair” style Marketplace with all representatives present at once.

Course Selection Assemblies

In the first week of January, the guidance counsellors presented course selection assemblies to Grades 9, 10, and 11 students. Course options, pathways, and online course selection, through myBlueprint.ca, were highlighted and reviewed. Students have until February 10th to submit their courses online. Students were instructed to print and return the signed verification form to the Guidance office. Parents and students are encouraged to review the presentations on our website at www.mayfieldss.org, under Student Services, Course Selection.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Grade 12 Graduating Students

As Grade 12 students await decisions from the colleges and universities, students must ensure they meet all the requirements and expectations of their programs. Students need to double check their program choices for any additional criteria. Students’ 40 hours of community involvement must be completed and submitted in April. http://www.peelschools.org/students/40hours/Pages/default.aspx

Remember to login to BYOD and myBlueprint to indicate your intentions for next year.

Grade 9 to 11 Students

A verification letter, indicating the courses requested, will be provided to students midway through semester two. If a change is required, this letter is to be signed by a parent and/or guardian, and then returned to the Guidance Office, only if a change is required. Course changes may be requested; however, they are not always possible, so students are encouraged to choose wisely. Only level changes for grades 9 and 10 and pathway changes for grades 11 and 12 will be considered.

Summer School

Many Mayfield students attend summer school to either work ahead on a new credit, make up a missed credit or take advantage of the two credit summer school co-op. Information for the summer school co-op program will be available in the guidance office at the end of February. New credit, make-up credit, and online summer course information arrives in the office mid to late April. Students are responsible for their own summer school registration. The registration process will be similar to last year, having students register themselves online. Students are encouraged to listen to morning announcements and check our website for updates. Please see http://www.peelschools.org/adulteducation/summerschool/Pages/default.aspx for information in regard to summer school 2017.
Senior Social

Mayfield once again hosted the Senior Citizen’s Social in December 2016. Over 380 seniors joined the staff and students kick off the festive season with a talent show performed by the Arts students and a luncheon prepared and served by our culinary students. We look forward to continuing the tradition – December 2017 will be the 35th Anniversary of this wonderful event!

STUDENT SUCCESS

Peer Tutoring

After a great start semester one, Peer Tutoring will once again be available semester two in room 203 the second half of both lunches starting a week or so into semester two.

It is important to note that senior students provide the tutoring and this means that it is a service that is:

1. Free of charge (they get volunteer hours)
2. Easily accessible and offered every day
3. Often recommended by teachers and it is important students take advantage of it to help when problems arise in their courses
Project Complete

We offered students two chances semester (mid-term and near finals) to finish off work and possibly rescue a credit that was in jeopardy. We had 15 teachers and 42 students in January to use this opportunity and we hope many credits were completed successfully.

In the end it is about students learning from their mistakes. So many opportunities are here through Student Success for students to get work done, get support, and obtain tutoring on the lunch hours for free from their peers. It's all about parents and teachers encouraging students to make good decisions as they become ever more responsible.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Mayfield Junior Boys Basketball team had a roller-coaster of a season, beating 2 of the best teams in ROPSSAA and losing to 2 of the weaker teams in their division.

The result was not making the top 3 in the league's toughest division, so the Mayfield Juniors didn't even qualify for a potentially long playoff run! However, the team's performance improved drastically from the beginning to the end of the season, and Coach Ferris is extremely proud of the quality student-athletes that represented Mayfield with sportsmanship and teamwork, and an ever-increasing level of basketball skills.

A highlight of the season was a top 8 finish in the 64-team Kawartha Classic Tournament in Peterborough. The Junior squad came as close as a team can get to making the Semi-Finals, losing a hard fought battle 61-60 in overtime!

Archery

Archery is about to make a return to Mayfield. This spring, any student who owns their own recurve bow is invited to join the Mayfield Archery Team. Mr. Casha is hoping to enter both a boys and a girls team into the ROPSSAA championship. Practices will start early Semester 2. Please see Mr. Casha in science if you are interested in joining Mayfield’s newest team.

RUGBY

Rugby Sign Up at Mayfield is finally here!!
ALL PLAYERS
(girls and boys, grade 9 to 12)
Sign Up TODAY!!!

Sign up outside of Co-op for all 5 teams
gr.9 boys, junior boys,
junior girls,
senior boys, senior girls)

MARCH 2018

MAVERICK RUGBY TOUR TO WALES
TALK TO YOUR COACHES WHEN THE SEASON STARTS!!
SIGN UP SOON TO SOLIDIFY YOUR SPOT
MODERN/FAMILY STUDIES

In keeping with the Modern Languages Department's annual tradition, senior French students once again had the opportunity to work with an artisan Chocolatier to make their own gourmet chocolates. This experience followed their critique, in French, of the film Chocolat. Please click on this link to view a few photos from this exciting day!  [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B8_Fiya00GqWcVZP1JMOHVsdEZyRjQ?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B8_Fiya00GqWcVZP1JMOHVsdEZyRjQ?usp=sharing)

Junior and Senior Family Studies students studying Food and Nutrition put their culinary skills to work and prepared several delicious desserts for Mayfield's annual Senior Social once again this year. The treats were well-received by the over 300 attendees. Well done, chefs!

VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT

Please visit our school website for updated info during the school year. Go to the tab Regional Arts (RAP) and scroll down to Visual Arts or access it here:  [http://schools.peelschools.org/sec/mayfield/RAP/visual/Pages/default.aspx](http://schools.peelschools.org/sec/mayfield/RAP/visual/Pages/default.aspx)
Follow us on Twitter: @MayfieldVisArts

GUEST ARTISTS

Gr. 9 RAP - Wendy Mitchell-Burke
Ms. Burnett’s and Ms. Smitka’s Grade 9 RAP classes worked with guest potter and local artist Wendy Mitchell-Burke creating beautiful clay pottery on the pottery wheels. Bowl and vase designs were based on student family histories and heritages. Students will glaze their pottery semester 2.

Gr. 11 RAP – Bridget Wilson
Ms. Smitka’s grade 11 RAP classes worked with local glass artist Bridget Wilson on creating glass tiles. The tiles are currently being fired and will then be installed as a permanent design installation for the RAP office for all school community members to enjoy.

Gr. 12 RAP – Candace Slack
Ms. Burnett’s grade 12 RAP classes completed a series of figure drawings of model Shel Goldstein under the artist direction of guest artist Candace Slack.

SEMESTER 2 - UPCOMING

Gr. 9 RAP – CJ Shelton
Illustrator and Alton Mill artist CJ Shelton will be working with Ms. Burnett’s grade 9 RAP students to create stunning watercolour paintings of live raptors. We are fortunate to have Kingsport Environmental bring in three live birds of prey on April 14th and 16th. Eddie, the great horned owl, Lady, a snowy owl, and Rex, a red tailed hawk will be coming into Mayfield with their handlers. Grade 9 RAP students will be drawing the birds from life and then working the drawings up into a finished watercolour piece with the assistance and guidance of CJ. She will be working with our student in February and early March. The resulting paintings will be displayed at the Falls Gallery in the Alton Mill at the end of April.
ART SHOWS

Albion/Bolton Library Art Show
Our annual Albion/Bolton Library Art Show was on display from December until January with over 100 students (gr. 9-12 open and RAP) submitting artworks to the show. We would like to thank the Albion/Bolton Library for hosting us once again. A special thank you to Mrs. Radford, one of our VA Parent Council members for helping to organize the show and to all the parents who provided food for the opening reception as well as transported all the art work. A special thank you to Principal Kardash for attending the opening reception.

Peel District School Board, CBO
Ms. Smitka’s grade 11 RAP students had their My Idol paintings on display at the Peel District School Boards central office for two weeks. Subject matter was based on idols/icons our students were inspired by. Paintings were mixed media and included text transfers.

Alton Mill Arts Centre and the Ontario College of Teachers
Ms. Smitka’s gr. 11 RAP students had a group show of their Animal Within Me paintings at the Alton Mill in early January. Subject matter was based on the connection between humans and animals in the natural world. A special thank you to Trustee Stan Cameron, VP Seravalle and Principal Kardash for attending the opening reception. Prints from these artworks are on display at the Ontario College of Teachers during February and March 2017.

UPCOMING ART SHOWS

* Check the bulletin board outside the art office for more info. on events/shows.

Rainbarrels design and creation – check criteria and submission information on the bulletin board outside the art office under the Art Shows heading. Due dates are soon.

Caledon Concert Band artwork creation – check criteria and submission information on the bulletin board outside the art office under the Art Shows heading. Due dates are soon.

Gr. 12 Photography and Open Art
Ms. Theo and Ms. Smitka are currently working towards a collaborative art show featuring artworks by Ms. Theo’s grade 12 Photography students and Ms. Smitka’s grade 12 open art students. Details TBA.

Gr. 12 RAP Students
Alton Mill - June 6-11, 2017

Gr. 12 Film and Video
Many grade 12 students who just completed the semester 1 Film and Video class will be taking their finished works to the next level by entering local film festival competitions including; The Caledon Young Reels film
Festival in March, the *Peel Student Film Festival* in May and our very own *Mayfield Film Festival* coming this spring. Best of luck to all students entering the competitions.

**Walk the Art**  
Peel Art Gallery and Museum Archives – June 15, 2017

**Dufferin County and Museum Archives**  
TBA

**Student Visual Arts Council (VAC)**

Our VA student council ran their first Holiday Bazaar this year. The bazaar ran for three days before the Christmas holidays with students selling handmade stockings, art prints, baked goods and so much more. They raised a total of $531.35 with 100% of the proceeds going to Sick Kids Hospital for the Christmas holidays. Well done students! Follow the student art council on Twitter @MayfieldVAC.

**Mayfield Visual Arts Parents Association (MVAPA)**

We are always looking for new parents to join the MVAPA and support the VA department. Time commitment is kept to a minimum with the council meeting once a month. Our parent members help with department initiatives such as fundraising for specialized art equipment, organizing art shows, driving artworks to different shows, etc. Mr. Belcher has setup and helped to organize our fundraiser for this year through Fundscript. Fundscript offers a variety of gift cards for purchase at various retailers (food, clothing, etc. in Ontario). You are invited to log on to [https://www.fundscript.com/Sign-Up.aspx?IID=JSMUBQ](https://www.fundscript.com/Sign-Up.aspx?IID=JSMUBQ). A portion from each sale goes towards maintaining and purchasing specialized industry standard equipment for Mayfield's visual arts students.

If you would like to be a member of the MVAPA, please email a request to join at mayfieldvapc@gmail.com.

**TRIPS**

**Greece and Italy:**  
The Visual Arts Department in conjunction with the Technology Department will be heading to Greece and Italy from May 12-21, 2017 to enjoy the sights and sounds these countries have to offer.

**Auditions**

We had a total of 116 applicants apply to Mayfield for visual arts. Auditions ran for three full days. A special thank you to our guest adjudicators Ina MacIntosh, Janine Minor and Candace Slack, to our student helpers Elena S., Taylor C., Lara H., Sarah M., Curtis B., Learah H., Chloe G., India S., Supriya B., Anmol C., Meaghan M., Fatima R., Tai N., Alisen M., Gurleen D., Ranmeet D., Julia Z., Catherine Z., Shivangi G., Rayven R. Finally, thank you to all visual arts teachers for all their hard work and dedication to the Visual Arts Department.
Mayfield Drama Department proudly presents our Sears Drama Pre-fest. This year’s shows explore topics from divorce and death to zombies and drama cliques! Student-written and published scripts. Excellent student directors.

Tickets are $6.00 and can be purchased on lunches or at the door.

The Mayfield Drama Parents Association will be fundraising by selling delicious popcorn, Terra Cotta cookies, and flowers. We look forward to your generous support.

Shows begin @ 7:00 pm sharp!

Bring your family and friends for a full night of entertainment and fun. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Monday, February 13 & Wednesday, February 15**

1. **Split**

2. **Nex**

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   (1) Death, the process of dying (2) Violent death.
   By Jacob Lost
3. Little Women 2: Wrath of the Undead

Tuesday, February 14 & Thursday, February 16

1. Booby Trap

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2. *That’s Not How I Remember It*

*THAT’S NOT HOW I REMEMBER IT*

by Don Zolidis

Mayfield Secondary School
5000 Mayfield Road
Tickets $5
February 14 & 16, 2017

Directed by: Grace Maury & Jade Trichilo

3. *The Drama Club*

*THE DRAMA CLUB*

Debuting at Mayfield Secondary School:
Tuesday February 14th, 2017 @ 7 pm
Thursday February 16th, 2017 @ 7 pm
Ticket Price: $8.00

Written & Directed By:
Isaac Piloz & Loren Zimmermann
Shirley Jackson’s infamous story was first published in the New Yorker magazine in 1948. It produced an unprecedented reaction. Its controversial commentary on a corrupt, inert and mindless society drew international readers and is now a renowned literary classic. Recently, novelist Suzanne Collins was inspired by Jackson’s story to write her highly successful Hunger Games series which explores the conflict between social systems and individual impulses. Like the story, the play starts as people are assembling for the lottery. Who will be chosen? Only gradually do we begin to suspect the nature of the lottery as the play builds swiftly to its crucial and moving climax.

Mayfield Magnetics are crowned National winners of the CBC’s Canadian Classroom Challenge!

Congratulations to the Magnetics Vocal Jazz Choir won the CBC’s Canadian Classroom Challenge in the Top Senior Vocal Class category in their nationwide contest. Under the direction of Jennifer Moon, The Magnetics is one of two senior SATB vocal jazz ensembles at the school. This ensemble is comprised of students from grades 10 through 12, who explore both jazz and classical choral music as an ensemble. One of the longest running choirs at Mayfield, The Magnetics have performed with jazz great such as Holly Cole, Kevin Turcotte, Phil Nimmons, and Oscar Peterson. Over the past two years, the choir has had the pleasure of performing at a gala ceremony honoring former Premier Bill Davis, at a fundraiser hosted by former Brampton Mayor Peter Robertson, in two feature concerts at the OMEA iInspire#15 conference, as featured guest artists at YouTube/MuchMusic sensation Jus Reign’s concert, performed in the 2016 Noon Concert Series for the Ontario Vocal Festival. This past January, they were special guest performs at the CBC as part of their Beat Blue Monday festivities. On March 22nd, they will be performing an hour feature concert at the Ontario Vocal Provincial Jazz Festival.
Mayfield Secondary students channel their inner animal for Alton Mill art show

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A group of Grade 11 visual arts students from Mayfield Secondary School had a chance to shine last month with their hard work on display at the Falls Gallery at the Alton Mill.

Working with the theme of the show, The Animal Within Me, the students were asked to explore the connection of animals and humans and how they are linked biologically, teacher Julie Smitska explained to The Enterprise.

“Students had to choose an animal they felt they shared similar characteristics with. Some students chose animals instinctively and others did quizzes on the internet that were aimed at ‘truly’ identifying their animal,” she said.

All forty-nine pieces on display had an individual, unique story to tell.

“There is quite a range in the selection of animals, personalities showcased and techniques used,” Smitska continued.

One of which, was a ‘smearing technique’ inspired by Charlotte Caron, a French artist concerned with the humanization of animals.

“For us, the smearing technique was used for the purpose of transitioning or morphing between the animal within ourselves, hence the name of the show, The Animal Within Me,” said Smitska.

The students involved in the show are all members of a specialized Regional Arts Program.

They are required to apply, audition and be accepted into one of four areas - in this case, visual arts. Other RAP programs exist for dance, drama and music.

Along with showing their staff at the Alton Mill in the last week of January, all 49 pieces have now been moved to the Ontario College of Teachers at Bay and Bloor in Toronto where the work will be displayed for the entirety of February and March.
Thanks to our Principal Mr. Kardash, who believes in bringing technology to the class room, the Technology Department now has a brand new 3D printer. It has created a tremendous amount of excitement among both the students and staff, as well as opening students’ imagination to different career paths in their future. 3D printing is still in its infancy, but already there are many professions and industries that see it’s potential, from the ability to 3D print organs and prosthetics that actually work, to building an entire house on site using a giant 3D printer. Even NASA is thinking about sending 3D robotic printers to Mars to build shelters and labs ahead of the actual expedition. As a learning tool its potential is only limited by our imagination.