MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL PAUL FREIER

Hello TL Kennedy parents, guardians and community members. Welcome to our spring newsletter. On April 17th you will receive your child’s mid-term report card. This represents their progress to date. Please take some time to discuss with your child the success and areas in need of improvement in order to collectively set some goals for the remainder of the school year.

TL Kennedy is a great place to learn and work. This is in large part to the excellent work you do with your children to support them in school. The key element to success is our partnership we share. This partnership between teachers, parents, students and the wider school community fosters a sense of belongingness that make our school a vibrant place for student success.

High academic standards continues to be the cornerstone of what makes TLK a great place to learn and work. Providing students with opportunities to pursue their talents, interests and abilities fosters a sense of confidence and pride in our students. Combining this with a strong commitment to extra-curricular opportunities helps develop the whole student with the skills necessary to become global citizens ready for any challenge that might come their way.

We are always interested in what you have to say about TL Kennedy. Our door is always open. Please call us at 905-279-6540 if you have any questions. Please also keep updated on TLK Life at www.tlkennedy.com or www.twitter.com/tlklife or www.instagram.com/tlklife.

Sincerely,
Paul Freier
Principal

SPIDER JONES SPEAKS TO TLK STUDENTS

On Wednesday, April 8th renowned motivational speaker Mr. Sider Jones spoke to a group of TLK students during period 4. Mr. Jones is a well-known radio show host, author, former boxing champion and motivational speaker. Throughout his career he has interviewed and come to know many celebrities: professional athletes; famous musicians, singers and actors; and political figures - everyone from former U.S. president Bill Clinton, to the famous boxer Mohammed Ali, basketball great Michael Jordan, Nelson Mandela … the list goes on.

Speaking to a small group of male students in the Contact room, the topics of his session included: goal setting, positive attitude, and the skills and attitude required to be successful in school and in the future.

Drawing on his personal experiences while growing up in a tough neighbourhood of Detroit, Michigan, Mr. Jones emphasized in his no-nonsense and inspiring speaking style that although he comes from a humble background, he was able to fulfill his dream of becoming a radio show host because he had a personal goal, and because he was able to persevere, struggle and work hard to overcome adversity and a learning disability. After dropping out of high school, he
completed two degrees later in life: a degree in Communications from Seneca College and a degree in Journalism from Ryerson University.

He graciously spoke to the small group of students at no cost. He also donated two signed copies of his best-selling book to the school library, signing them and writing the inscription, “Stay Inspired.” The book is titled Out of the Darkness – The Spider Jones Story. In return he was presented with a TLK mug and an “I LOVE TLK” button, as symbols of our appreciation. This was Spider’s second visit to our school this year. During our celebrations of Black History Month in February, Mr. Jones addressed the entire TLK student body, motivating our students in his humourous and inspiring style.

In addition to his motivational speaking engagements and writing, Mr. Jones runs a drop-in centre in Toronto called Believe to Achieve, a non-profit centre devoted to supporting and motivating youth. As the description of the drop-in centre reads, “Spider Jones has lived it. And survived. Now, Spider Jones is here to help others and to, quite simply, show these kids both love and direction – and a way out and up.”

Thanks for the inspiration, Mr. Jones.

### DECA CLUB

This was an extremely exciting first year for the TLK DECA Club! DECA is an exciting Business Club that allows students to participate in conferences and compete in regional, provincial and international competitions. DECA has over 180,000 members with chapters all over the world!

Our DECA Club is headed by a student executive team and two teacher advisors – Ms Nikolov and Mr. Vlachos. For the 2014-2015 school year, our DECA Exec was headed by Presidents, Neha Dogra and Lena Lam. DECA Vice Presidents included Arooj Rehman, Warda Ahmad, Harika Pothamsetti, Ali Mohsin, Mahrulk Khan and Rida Nauman. Pawan Earasi, Sindhu Korlapati and Tyann Reid fulfilled the role of Executive Business Associates. DECA Club members included Maya Deeb, Diego Lopez, Tanveer Mohan, Arthika Nareshkumar, Wendy Pope, Kaji Raveendran, Sear Salimi, Harry Singh and Ahmed Syed.

During this past year, all DECA Club members participated in the DECA regional and provincial competitions. For the provincial competition, all DECA Club members stayed overnight at the Sheraton Centre in downtown Toronto from February 5 – 7, 2015. At this phenomenal event, thousands of students from all over Ontario competed in oral and written case study simulations or attended the DECA business leadership conference. At the DECA Provincial Competition, one of our students, Lena Lam, won a medal for achieving a score in the “Top 10” for her category. Congratulations Lena!

### VARSITY BOYS SOCCER

The 2015 Varsity Boys Soccer team, led by Head Coach Mr. Mushka and Assistant Coach Mr. Cerone, featured a talented mix of rookies and veterans from Grades 9 - 12. The core of the team practiced indoors from October 2014 to the beginning of the season in April 2015. Returning veterans included past MVP Moiz Imran, Ilham Rahman, Branavan Yogalingam, and Hadi Abed. The team participated in the Hershey Centre Sportszone High School Soccer Tournament
on March 27th, 2015 and finished third in their group led by two goals by Moiz Imran. The team also participated in the ROPSAA Tier II Central Division from April to May.

Front Row: Ahmed Aljouri, Branavan Yogalingam
Second Row: Hadi Abed, Suhaib Hassan, Amir Noarei, Doshiant Ramtohul, Moiz Imran, Ilham Rahman,
Third Row: Mr. Cerone (Assistant Coach), Fehr Madani, Haseeb Afridi, Mr. Mushka (Head Coach)
Fourth Row: Ahmed Alfifi, Masee Assad Allah, Imrajaa El Kadi, Amer Al Barbara, Moamen Mohamed, Nasir Ahmadi
Fifth Row: Osama Hafez, Mohamed Fatayri, Khalid Hassan, Amr Aly, Hameed Azizi, Salal Imran (Manager)
Missing from Photo: Ryan John (Manager), Joseph Jan Villarin (Manager)

GOOD NEWS ITEMS FROM MATH AND SCIENCE

TLK Grades 9 to 11 students participated in the Pascal, Cayley and Fermat Contests on February 24th, 2015. The event was hosted by the University of Waterloo. Fourteen students participated and had an opportunity to have fun and develop their mathematical problem solving ability.
Congratulations to the school champions: Urooba Imtiaz and Lynn Al Agilly for the Cayley contest and Raajini Rajaratnam for the Fermat contest.

The University of Toronto Biology Competition is being written on Thursday April 30th. The University of Waterloo Chemistry Contests for grade 11 are being written on Thursday May 1st and for grade 12 on Thursday May 14th.

**PAWS TO ROAR AWARDS**

Last semester we introduced a new award program for all of our students called PAWS TO ROAR. This is a monthly ceremony celebrating students based on their various achievements. Teachers can nominate a student based on their good character, outstanding performance or improved performance, good citizenship and a host of other reasons. This is a great way to celebrate our students, not just for their outstanding academics, but for their commitment to the school and community as a whole.

**GRADUATION FORMAL**

The formal will take place on June 5th, 2015 at the beautiful Payal Banquet Hall in Mississauga. Tickets are only $60 and will be available for purchase beginning April 13th, 2015. Please see Ms.Mehra/ Ms.Longley for details.

**TLK ARCHIVES**

T L Kennedy S S opened 61 years ago by our namesake, Colonel Thomas Laird Kennedy and Premier Frost. Many thousands of our alumni have gone on to great things in Cooksville/Mississauga and around the world. Today we're seeking to *Collect, Preserve and Celebrate* this history with the new school archive.

A committee consisting of Principal Freier, Ms Tu and teachers Ms Thorpe, Ms Mehra, Ms Kalia, Ms Ryall, Mr. Martin and Mr. Mosher has many projects on the go including collecting artifacts, photos, clothing and stories etc about our history. We're creating a new Hall of Fame and are seeking nominees. We are also planning an Alumni Dinner for Friday, November 6th, 2015.

So send us your stories, memorabilia and nominees and we hope to reacquaint with alumni from all decades this autumn.

Mr. Mosher

P.S. The photo (below) shows TLK math teacher Mr. Black (left) and Vice Principal/Phys Ed teacher Mr. Cochrane with a saber, c. 1958. It's thought to be our ceremonial saber, the blade inscribed with the T L Kennedy name. We seek its return to the school. (PhotoShop repair credit to: Sarmed Dubuni.)

"Alumni dinner, Date changed to Friday, Nov 6th, 2015"
Wow – What a year so far!

The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) students, in Business and ICT, were having fun this year experiencing a range of customized, career-focused opportunities.

Here are some activities that took place or are coming soon!

- A trip to the Air Canada Center where they met the CEO and a number of key managers. That same day students watched a Raptors game.
- A trip to Wonderland where they will meet the CEO and a number of key managers. Professional Engineers will also be there to answer questions.
- Students earned certifications in First Aid/CPR, WHMIS, Customer Service, Counterfeit Detection, Identify Theft, Office Safety, and many more.
- Special training was offered to some students in Android Programming, Gaming Programming, Biomedical and Electronics.

This month, students attended an SHSM conference with hundreds of other SHSM students from Ontario. Here they met Sean Aiken, author "The One-week Job project" and a representative from the Bank of Canada. These are only some of the activities that took place. It has been an amazing year and there is more to come. SHSM at TLK is 84 members strong!

A special congratulations to all our RED SEAL recipients. You did an awesome job! Also a BIG thank you to the teachers and students at TLK who assisted everyone in this program!
As we reach the midway point of the second semester, students are beginning to think about their summer activities and are anticipating the end of the academic year. In this newsletter, you will find information about activities that will take place between now and June and also some important dates and information regarding summer school, employment and college/university opportunities.

**College and University Information**

May 30th is the deadline for Ontario secondary school applicants to receive university offers of admission. Students who have not received acceptance into the University of their Choice still have the opportunity to enroll in programs that have not been completely filled. They may telephone 1-519-823-1940, *extension 10* and receive information about programs that are still available for September 2011. Students may also access this information at [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca). University admission requirement information is available at [www.electronicinfo.ca](http://www.electronicinfo.ca)

Students who are still interested in enrolling in college for September can learn about program availability by accessing the college website at [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca) (click on the Program Locator link). For information regarding the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), access the website at [www.osap.gov.on.ca](http://www.osap.gov.on.ca) and apply online.

**Summer School**

Summer school information and applications will be made available in the Guidance Office on April 27th. Please listen for announcements or check the Peel District School Board and Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board websites. Summer school spots fill up quickly and it is advisable to secure a spot early, rather than be disappointed at a later date.

**Peel District School Board**

- **April 27**: Registration for credit courses begins.
- **June 19**: Last day to register for summer school courses at TLK's Guidance Office. *Registration closes at 12 noon.*
- **June 30**: Classes begin for all new credits and make-up credits.
- **July 14**: Final day for first session make-up credits. Mid-term report card for new credits and full make-up credits.
- **July 15**: Classes begin for second session of make-up credits.
- **July 28**: Exam review and final report card day for new credits, full make-up credits and second session make-up credits.

**Dufferin-Peel Catholic District Summer School**

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District Summer School classes run from **June 30** until **July 28**. The deadline for application submission is June 3. You must register through your Guidance Counsellor at T L Kennedy's Guidance Office.

**Community Service/Volunteer Hours**

***ATTENTION GRADS***
The Secondary School Diploma requires **40 hours** of **volunteer services** in order to graduate. All students must complete this requirement for University and College admission. Guidance Counsellors are not available during the summer so forms must be submitted by **May 31st** at the latest.

**Job Opportunities**

Service Canada Centres for Youth have been helping students find summer work for more than 35 years. For more information on summer jobs and the Government of Canada’s Youth Employment Strategy check the following website: [http://www.jobbank.gc.ca/Intro-eng.aspx](http://www.jobbank.gc.ca/Intro-eng.aspx)

Job opportunities are continually posted on the bulletin boards and students are encouraged to keep checking for summer opportunities.

**Scholarships**

- Scholarship and bursary information is posted on the Peel Internet website at [www.peelschools.org](http://www.peelschools.org) in the **Students** section.
- More scholarship information is available in the Scholarship Binder located in the Guidance Office.

**Grad Morning**

A half day conference at TLK for our Graduates will be held on June 5th. The morning will include advice from former TLK grads and breakfast. Listen to the morning announcements for more details.

**Course Selection for Next Year**

Students will have already selected their courses for the next academic year when they receive their mid-term report card. In a few weeks they will receive a course verification form that they will take home. Please discuss with your student the courses that he/she has selected for next year. If any changes need to be made, please make them on the form provided and return the form to the Guidance Office.

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**CIVICS STUDENTS VISIT ONTARIO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

This group photo is from TLK’s recent visit to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.
This month the music department hosted Singer, Songwriter and Producer, Julie Kryk to engage students in a collaborative song writing workshop.

Members of our extracurricular music clubs and music students from all grades participated in an afternoon filled with fun, creativity and composition. The students came together to write the music and lyrics of a new school song, Lead, Inspire, Achieve.

The much anticipated song will be showcased by the choir and rock band at this month’s Arts event, M.A.A.D. night, Thursday, April 23 at 7:30. Hope to see you there!

The Arts Department will be presenting Music, Art, Animation and Drama (M.A.A.D.) Night on Thursday April 23, 2015 at 7:00 pm, in T.L. Kennedy’s Cafeteria.

Don't miss out on the wonderful performances of T.L. Kennedy's Music and Drama and Media Arts departments. You will also get the chance to view visual art displays.

Tickets will be on sale Monday April 20 to Thursday April 23rd in Arts teachers’ classrooms as well as in the cafeteria for $3.00.

You can also buy them at the door for $5.00. It will be a wonderful evening. Don't miss it!