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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Students:

It is very busy at CCH as we reach the halfway point in the first semester. Progress reports were issued on October 20 and Parent-Teacher Interview Evening on October 22 was well attended. Our purpose with the Progress Reports was to provide parents with an early indication of how well students are advancing in their classes. Please discuss the mid-term report which accompanies this newsletter with your child and do not hesitate to contact the teachers if you have concerns. We have included staff extensions in the newsletter.

A highlight this term was the Academic Awards Evening on October 15, an opportunity to celebrate academic excellence, effort and service to the community. This year we initiated two new awards. The Elisabeth Reurink Memorial Scholarship, in honour of Elisabeth who died tragically in her Grade 12 year, was awarded to Mimma Anello. The Clare Robinson bursary in honour of retired teacher Ms. Robinson was awarded to Shelby Riddell. Congratulations to all award winners and their families. Catholic Central presents over 70 community based awards and more than 500 subject based awards.

At the time of printing, we are preparing for our Remembrance Day Assemblies. The theme of remembering will be demonstrated through words, music and art as we acknowledge Canadian soldiers in wars past and present. Our guest speaker will be Master Corporal Cameron Burton, a serviceman for over 22 years who has recently returned from Afghanistan. While in Kandahar Master Corporal Burton volunteered his time to raise funds for the basic needs and safety of children at the Sayad Pacha School. We look forward to hearing about Master Corporal Burton's experience and his reflection on what Remembrance Day means to him.

Please take note of the many activities taking place during the second term. CCH staff makes a commendable effort to provide students with extracurricular opportunities in fine arts, athletics and clubs. These opportunities often provide life lessons that make an impact on students far beyond their high school years. Thank you to all coaches of fall sports, club advisors and music directors for an

active fall season.

On December 10 at 8:30 a.m. we will celebrate our Annual Advent Mass. Parents are always welcome. An expectation of being a CCH student is attendance at all Masses. The Eucharist is at the root of our faith and active participation is vital to developing the spirituality of our students. Please support us in this important aspect of our school's vision.

If you have not already done so, send an e-mail to catholiccentral@ldcsb.on.ca. In return you will receive the weekly CCH newsletter and other important memos from school, including Health Unit updates about H1N1. Included here as an insert is a letter from Director Wilma de Rond outlining the proactive steps being taken at all L.D.C.S.B. schools including ours to prevent the spread of H1N1. Stay healthy and I hope to see you at one of the events or activities happening at the school this term.

Donna M. Hammond

Donna Hammond
Principal

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DAILY SCHEDULE 2009 – 2010

Reminder Bell	7:55 a.m.
Opening Exercises	8:05 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.
Period One	8:10 a.m. – 9:25 a.m.
Period Two	9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Period Three or 1 st lunch	10:50 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.
Period Four	11:35 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.
Period Five or 2 nd lunch	12:05 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.
Period Six	12:55 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.

BUSES DEPART AT

2:20 p.m.

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

I have received permission from Most Reverend Ronald P. Fabbro C.S.B. for the appointment of auxiliary ministers for the distribution of Holy Communion at our school Masses. Among the ten approved, three are students. They are Monica Barglinski, Juilan Paparella and Danny Hart. The teachers that have been approved are Marg Dika, Marc Gelinis, Tammy Denomme, Lisa Moynihan, Frank Tancredi, Michael Conlon and Paul Theriault. I offer them congratulations and thanks for offering their time and service in this ministry. Please take time to acknowledge all of them.



St. Michael's Parish Youth Ministry

Check out our upcoming events and volunteer opportunities at www.stmichaels.dioceseoflondon.ca or call Natalie Simek, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, at 433-6689 ext 206

“Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity (1 Timothy 4:12)”

Mr. Vince Silvestro

Chaplain

CRIMESTOPPERS

The Crime Stoppers Team is out in full force at CCH. The team's focus this year will be Cyber Safety and Cyber Bullying. All around the school the informative posters have been distributed reminding students that what they say on line doesn't stay on line. This awareness program is aimed at informing students that “before they send, think again.” On Friday, October 30th, members of the Crime Stoppers team attended the Student Crime Stoppers Symposium. Students from various high schools were in attendance and they learned how to bring awareness of the cyber dangers that are in their world of technology. This was an all day conference which included dignitaries from our law enforcement communities such as London Police Force, the O.P.P. and the R.C.M.P.. The workshops included Cyber Bullying Prevention, Security in Social Networking, and On the Job Security. The students were commended for their initiative in understanding the importance of prevention, and how their information highway is not always what it seems. If you have any information about a crime, please call 1-800-222-TIPS and remain completely anonymous.



Mrs. Alma Gordon

Crimestoppers Advisor

CCH & LONDON FIRE DEPARTMENT WINTER COAT DRIVE

Catholic Central High School in conjunction with the London Fire Department Annual Winter Coat Drive **starts December 1st, 2009**. Please join us this December for our Winter Coat Drive for the Homeless and most in need in London. Over the past 9 years, we have received and donated over **11,607 coats!**

Please drop off your winter coats to any **London Fire Station** or the bins set up in the **atrium at the school** for the month of December. We will then donate the coats to the following agencies who are in desperate need: *The London Intercommunity Health Centre, Ark Aid Mission, Life Spin, The Women's Community House, Zhaawanong Women's Shelter, Unity House, Streetscape, St. Joseph's Hospitality Centre and Namirind Friendship Centre.*

Thank you for your continued support of this worthy cause, and please help us meet our target of 1000 coats this year!

*Ms. Keely McFarland
Mrs. Veronica Sferrazza
Mrs. Christina DiCola,*

*Attendance
Teacher
Teacher*

ATHLETIC NEWS

As the semester nears its midpoint, our fall athletic teams approach their final weeks.

The cross country team led by Laura Morrison and Paul Lamarra had another successful season. Laura captured first place in the senior girls' division while Paul finished in third place at the TVRAA Championships.

The junior and senior football teams were very competitive in the tough "A" division of TVRAA. The junior's were eliminated in the quarter finals 4-2 by Mother Teresa. The seniors completed their season with a 16-14 loss to the South Lions, also during quarter final play.

The boys' volleyball teams have rebounded from mediocre play the past two seasons. Both teams enter playdowns versus Regina Mundi College. Congratulations to Roger Lyle, Frank Tancredi, Cindy Castanza, and Scott Mosley who have rekindled the passion.

In Girls' basketball action, both squads are at or near the top of their respective divisions. The senior girls' coached by Adriana Pompa are improving as the season progresses. The junior girls' team is coached by Steve Chiras and are now poised to capture a championship.

Congratulations should be extended to all players and coaches for their dedication and commitment.

FINAL EXAMINATIONS JANUARY 25 TO 29

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

TIME	DAY, DATE AND PERIOD			
8:15 to 10:15	Day 1 Monday Jan. 25	Day 2 Tuesday Jan. 26	Day 3 Wednes day Jan. 27	Day 4 Thursday Jan. 28
	Period 1 Exams	Period 2 Exams	Period 3/4/5 Exams	Period 6 Exams
FRIDAY JANUARY 29 EXAM REVIEW DAY 9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM		MONDAY FEBRUARY 01 P.D. DAY NO CLASSES FOR STUDENTS		



Mike Circelli

Physical Education

STUDENT COUNCIL

Hello Crusaders!

Another year is now well underway, and your Student Council is working hard to ensure that this is one of the best! Our year kicked off with an amazing turn out at our **Red Feather** Football game; dressed in blue and white, with clappers in hand, our school showed amazing support for our team. We raised our school spirit, while also raising a significant contribution to give to United Way. To keep spirit high, we continue to play our **Crusader Song** every morning, and we've even recorded our own version. **Spirit Passes** were sold to watch a football game and raise money for our athletic department, and **GPS**—one of our newest school clubs—has worked hard to support our athletes at every game. As October came to an end we had our first dance, a “**Ghost in the Dark**” theme and it was a success! The Student Council wants to thank everyone for participating in all our events so far. We still have a lot to look forward to, so get involved, the year has just begun!

*Victoria Sheahan
Patrick Boelsterli*

*Minister of Communications
Minister of Environment*



*Back Row: Jacob Wolfe, Zaid Farid, Mr. Circelli, Bryon Hall, Alex Kurowski, Kevin Griffiths, Patrick Boelsterli.
Front Row: Rachel Brown, Victoria Luu, Michelle Penate, Victoria Sheahan.*

GUIDANCE NEWS

Now that students have settled into their classes, the continuous process of post-secondary exploration has started with our senior students. Both college and university liaison representatives have been visiting CCH to outline course programs, career paths and important registration information. In conjunction with the Guidance Department, these scheduled visits have been posted in the Guidance Office and by Homeroom teachers.

Students are encouraged to make Guidance appointments with their counsellors when contemplating University, College, Workplace or Apprenticeship post-secondary planning.

A warm welcome to our new Grade 9 Crusaders!

The Guidance Counsellors have visited the Grade 9 homerooms and have distributed copies of: **A Reference Guide For Grade 9 Students**: (an Overview of Guidance Services Provided). The Guidance counsellors have reviewed this document with the student and have answered many questions. Planning ahead makes great sense.

Construction Work Experience Program 2010.

Commencing Semester II, C.C.H. will be offering a Four credit Construction work experience program. The system program provides classroom theory and hands-on experience in the Construction Industry. For further information contact Mr. Perquin at Catholic Central High School or see Mr. Wycichowski.

Take Our Kids to Work Day for Grade 9 students took place on Wednesday, November 4th. Grade 9 students across Canada went to work with a parent, relative, or adult friend. Volunteer hosts are matched up also for Grade 9 students who cannot go with a parent, relative or adult friend. Prior to November 4th, students, parents and workplace hosts must sign a consent form issued from the London District Catholic School Board. Participation in the Take Our Kids to Work Day program benefits all students, parents and teachers.

Mr. Ted Wycichowski

Guidance Department

Mr. Wycichowski	A – F
Mrs. Boughner	G – M
Mr. Gillen	N – Z & IB

LIBRARY NEWS

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY HOMEWORK HELP IS AVAILABLE ONLINE!

Catholic Central is always striving to provide the best educational resources for our students. The school has several databases from which students can search for journal, magazine, newspaper and reference articles for research purposes. There is also full access to **Worldbook, Grolier, and Canadian Encyclopedias online**. I am pleased to tell you that electronic resources available in our library can also be accessed through home computers. Our library catalogue is also available online so students can search from home for library materials and check their account. I have created a school library website where all of this information, and more, is available. I urge you to "bookmark" this site so your child/ren will have quick and easy access. The URL or web address is: <http://fc.ldcsb.on.ca/~l.crawford>

When using any of the products at school, except for **Grolier and Teen Health and Wellness**, no passwords are necessary, however, if they are using them at home, a login and password are needed. The database products, **Gale and Ebsco**, which can be accessed through the **Online Databases** link on the library webpage, have the same login and password: **ldcsb**. The password for **Teen Health and Wellness** is **londond**. The three online encyclopedias can be found by linking to the **Library Catalogue** on the website. At the top of the page, together with additional links to **Gale and Ebsco**, are linked tags to the three encyclopedias. The login for **Grolier** is **londldcsb**; the password is **lond8882**. **Worldbook's** login is **ldcsb**; the password is **worldbook**. No login or password is needed for **Canadian Encyclopedia**. Please take time to review these products with your child/ren.

Mrs. Crawford

Librarian

COMPUTER PRINTING POLICY

Each student receives 50 free printing credits at the beginning of each semester. Students can purchase more credits when they run out at a cost of 10 credits for \$1.00 from the librarian. At the end of each semester, the accounts are purged and 50 free credits are applied to each account for the new semester.

RUN FOR THE CURE

Catholic Central had another winning year with their **Run for the Cure Team of 106 students and staff**. Led by co-coordinators, **Mrs. Lorraine Crawford, librarian and Mrs. MaryLynn Palarchio, teacher**, the team was able to raise **\$14,396**, winning the **City School Challenge Award** for the **10th year in a row**. Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Palarchio are thankful for all the wonderful community support they received from local businesses and friends who donated prizes, food, or money for their team's Think Pink Campaign. They are: *Baskets Plus, Black's Cameras, Caffè Demetre, Canadian Tire, Canon Business Solutions, The Catering Company, Circle R Ranch, Comic Book Collector, Dr. Pennie Thornton, East Park Golf Gardens, Ellison Tours, Fleetway Bowling Centre, The Grand Theatre, Halpern's, Jock Shields Driving School, John's Valu Mart, Laser Quest, Palasad, Pizza Hut, Real Canadian Superstore, Remark Fresh Markets, Spencer & Co., Taylor Clinic, To Wheels, and Twin Streams Golf Course*. A huge thank you also goes out to the staff who donated wonderful gifts and baskets for the Think Pink raffles. Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Palarchio would also like to say thank you to all of the students and staff who participated and enjoyed Think Pink Week at CCH - after all, at CCH

WE BLEED BLUE AND WE THINK PINK!



RELIGION

"The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth". (Psalm 145: 18)

Now that our school year is well under way I thought I'd take the opportunity in this newsletter to introduce to you the members of the Religion Department for this semester and fill you in on a few of the many activities happening with our teachers and students. First, there are 11 teachers directly involved in delivering Religious Education courses this semester and they include: Mr. Mooney, Ms. O'Connor, Ms. Poniger, Mr. Bilyk, Ms. Bomans, Mr. Conlon, Mr. Gelinas, Ms. Moynihan, Ms. Di Cola, Ms. Schned and Ms. Pompa. If you were to drop by our department office you would notice that many of these teachers currently have a teacher-candidate from Althouse College working on their first of three practicums before becoming a teacher. Some of these teachers will also be involved in a new concurrent education program with King's University College where we will offer third and fourth year students, interested in teaching high school Religion, experiences in the classroom.

A number of guest speakers and field trips have been organized for each grade to enhance the faith formation of our students and extend learning beyond the classroom. Grade 9 students are currently involved with retreats with our Chaplain Mr. Silvestro. Grade 10 religion teachers are in the process of planning a trip on Thursday, November 12 to the ROM in Toronto to view the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit. Grade 11 students are being visited by Officer Ian Norman and taken through the IMPACT drug awareness program. On October 22nd a number of grade 11 students will also be attending the youth portion of a conference entitled **"When Faith Meets Pedagogy"** and listen to a talk given by Craig and Marc Kielburger. They started the organization **"Free the Children"**, which is now worldwide. I will be attending this same conference and listen to talks given by Catholic educators from across the province. On November 4 a number of Grade 11 students will be on a field trip to visit Houses of Worship in Toronto. Recently, Ms. Bomans attended the **"Festival of Faith"** conference put on by our Diocese and brought one of our Grade 12 students with her to hear talks given by Teresa Hartnett and Fr. Tom Rosica on living our lives as a gift from God and satisfying the hunger in our hearts through scripture. As you can tell, we have a great deal happening in our Department this semester involving the spiritual growth of both our students and teachers.

God bless,

Mr. M. Gelinas

Religion Department Head

TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The System Program of Construction Work Experience Program (CWEP) is available at Catholic Central for Semester Two 2009-2010:

CWEP is designed for senior students on track to complete their OSSD requirements. Students should have a strong interest in working in the construction industry, and previous credit in any of the Construction Technology related courses is strongly recommended.

This Four Credit Package provides classroom theory and hands-on experience in the Construction Industry. Students attend CCH for 9 weeks of in class theory (4 class periods) to learn about: residential construction theory and practical shop application; health and safety training; career exploration. Students will then complete full-day co-operative education placements for 9 weeks. (Many students get offers of continued employment after program completion, often leading to Apprenticeship opportunities.)

Students throughout the district are eligible to apply. Forms are available from your Guidance Counsellor. Completed forms, including teacher reference are due by November 26, 2009. The interviews will be conducted in early December and successful candidates will be notified before the Christmas break.

For more information, contact your Guidance Counsellors or call Mr. Rob Perquin at CCH 519-675-4431 ext. 21211.



Mr. R. Perquin

Technology Department

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

To serve the Catholic student in a community that nurtures a living faith and provides a quality Catholic education that enables the individual to become a contributing member of the Church and Society.

The International Baccalaureate Organization Mission Statement

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment. These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IB) is an intellectually rigorous pre-university course of studies for students within schools worldwide. It is offered to highly motivated, self-directed learners in the final two years of secondary school. Preparation for the grade 11-12 Diploma Programme can begin with enrichment and acceleration in grades 9 and / or 10 at CCH. Students can also apply to the IB Diploma Programme in the second semester of their grade 10 year. All pre-requisites must be met before final acceptance in September of the grade 11 year.

The International Baccalaureate is a widely recognized, highly challenging two-year comprehensive program that allows graduates to fulfill requirements of various national education systems. Mastery of subject content and the development of critical thinking and research skills is excellent preparation for success at post secondary institutions anywhere. The IB Program requires that students investigate academic disciplines at a greater depth and breadth than the regular core programs. Successful Diploma Candidates will receive the IB Diploma as well as the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Success in the IB Program requires focus, ability, self-motivation, organization, commitment, and sustained concentration. Students must be able to balance demanding academic responsibilities with enthusiastic participation in extracurricular activities and community service.

Acquisition of the IB Diploma identifies a student as one who has met a rigorous academic challenge and succeeded based upon internationally set and

internationally assessed standards of excellence.

While our CCH IB students are involved in athletics, teams, clubs, school and local organizations and much more they are also much involved in community service activities which have taken them to many local venues as well as some international destinations.

They can attest to the fact that **IBIZ4U!**

Mr. Maurice Blanchard

I.B. Coordinator

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Social Science Department News

The Social Science Department is up and running strong for the 2009/2010 school year. The classes are running as follows:

Grade 9: four classes of Canadian Geography

Grade 10: five classes of Canadian History

Grade 11: one class of Ancient Civilizations, one class of American History, one class of Law, one class of Travel and Tourism (Geography), and one class of Physical Geography

Grade 12: two classes of Modern European History, one class of Law

Field Trips

The Grade 9 Geography students will be doing some tree planting with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority in early November. In mid-November, they will be travelling to the Longwoods Conservation Area for lessons in orienteering and a survival game.

The Grade 10 Canadian History classes will be seeing the Holocaust movie *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* at the Galleria mall on Friday, December 11th.

The Ancient Civilizations students (Grade 11) will have the opportunity to go to the ROM in early November; a highlight of this trip will be a chance to see the Dead Sea Scrolls.

The Grade 11 and 12 History classes will be going to a History lecture at the University of Western Ontario on Tuesday, November 24, 2009; veteran professor Craig Simpson will be the lecturer. Thank you Professor Simpson for this fantastic learning opportunity!

The Grade 11 Law class went to the moot court at UWO's Law Faculty on Friday, October 9th. They participated in a session with 8 UWO law students on the Criminal Justice Act. The Grade 12 law students will have an opportunity to try out the moot court on November 20th. A special thank you to Mr. Blaine Joseph Henderson, the graduate law student from UWO who organized this fantastic experience for CCH's law students.

Both the Grade 11 and 12 Law students will be visiting the London Court House to view proceedings in October. In October, Grade 11 Physical Geography will be taking a tour of downtown London to learn about the materials that make up the facades of some of London's well-known buildings. They will also be tree planting near the end of October.

Grade 11 Travel and Tourism Geography will be going on a Niagara Falls Field Trip in December to investigate the tourism industry and discuss future plans with the Tourism Planning Department for this booming tourism destination. This class will also be having several guest speakers throughout the semester who have travelled to various areas of the world for holidays and business. The issues surrounding this industry will be investigated through the use of the internet, case studies, and the generosity of these guests including a representative from the Ministry of Tourism.

Family Studies News

The Family Studies Department is up and running strong for the 2009/2010 school year. The classes are running as follows:

Field Trips

Grade 10: two sections of Food and Nutrition

Grade 11: one section of Parenting, one Fashion class

Grade 12: one class of Parenting, one Food and Nutrition class, two Sociology courses, one Psychology course

The Grade 10 Food and Nutrition class visited the apple orchard in early October. They picked apples, got an orchard tour, and then made apple crisp after returning to class.

The Grade 11 Parenting Class will be visiting the UWO/YMCA Child Care Centre in November for their infant, toddler, and preschooler observations. They will also be hosting a "CCH Day-Care" on one day, just prior to Christmas vacation. Students will have the opportunity to bring in a family member or friend between the ages of 1-5 yrs. for an exciting day-care experience hosted by the Grade 11 parenting class. Grade 12 Parenting has also starting their reading buddies program with Grade 1 and 2 students at St. Mark's Catholic school.

The Grade 12 Food and Nutrition class will be visiting Covent Garden Market in early November to learn about eating locally.

Mrs. T. Denomme

Department Head

FINE ARTS

With the start-up of Chamber Orchestra, Concertante, Camerata and Concordia, the completion of the Junior String Retreat on October 1st and Concordia's participation in the Mass of St. Therese at St. Justin's Parish, students are poised for another great season of String at CCH. This season began with a unique opportunity for String and Instrumental students at CCH to witness an once-in-a-lifetime event - the gathering of 14,000 students from across Ontario at a mass concert featuring the *Simon Bolivar Youth Orchestra* (SBYO) and their next generation of conducting superstars from Venezuela on **Thursday, October 29th at 11:30 a.m. at the Rogers Centre in Toronto.** This 250 member strong youth orchestra, is a product of *El Sistema*, Venezuela's national system of free music education, founded by Dr. Jose Antonio Abreu. This year, Dr. Abreau is the recipient of the **Eighth Glenn Gould Prize**, Canada's most exclusive arts award, given to a person who has made an exceptional lifelong contribution to music communications and cultural humanitarianism. As a gesture of gratitude, Dr. Abreau brought the SBYO, a product of *El Sistema*, to Toronto for a week-long residency in Toronto, to promote the vital role of arts education in child development, economic competitiveness, and poverty/crime reduction for a series of concerts including the one at the Rogers Centre on October 29th. This amazing youth orchestra tours as an ambassador of *El Sistema*, spreading awareness of the value of music and arts education as a transformative force, but has never performed in Canada. This concert provided a unique opportunity for musical and cultural exchange, so that Canadian youth can meet their Venezuelan counterparts and see first-hand the limitless possibilities for personal development and success that music and the arts provide to every young person. We were thrilled to be able to pass on this opportunity to allow our students to witness this incredible educational, cultural and social event. A special thanks to Ms. Martinelli for organizing this opportunity for the string and band students.

Concert choir who consist of all members of the Music Vocal Extension program rehearse every Tuesday morning. The Concert Choir sang at the Blue Jays Game at the end of September. A special thanks to the **Catholic Central Music Parents Association** for their time and assistance in organizing this great opportunity for the Concert Choir. The Ladies Choir, made up of female singers from the Extension Vocal Program rehearses

every Tuesday after school. Testosterone, all the men of the Extension Vocal Program are in full swing rehearsing Wednesday mornings. Triple Trio is an auditioned group that rehearses after the Ladies Choir on Tuesdays. Chamber Choir rehearses Thursday mornings. Chamber Choir is an auditioned group. We are getting ready for a Christmas school tour on December 14th. We have been invited to join **St. George Church Choir** for a concert with **Denise Pelley** and **Steve Hollowitts**, I believe. The concert is November 29 at 2 p.m. at St. George Church here in London. We are also preparing for Remembrance Assembly. All choirs are busy preparing for the Advent Concert and Festivals in Toronto and London. Lastly, the whole Vocal Extension Program went to the High School Production of Grease on Sept 24. We had 5 members from our program in the production. They were **Caitlin McKeon**, **Brady Johnson**, **Cassandra Hodgins**, **Gonzalo Arboleda** and **Nick Borg**. Congratulations to you all for a fine Performance!

The Band program is busy preparing for a Jazz Workshop at the **University of McGill in Montreal**, November 24th – 26th. The **Senior Jazz Combo** and the **Jazz Ensemble** (Stage Band) had their debut performance at the Academic Awards Ceremony on October 15th. Congratulations to all who earned Academic recognition. The Prep Band is looking for more members. Anyone interested in learning a concert band instrument is welcome to attend rehearsals in room 120 after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, no experience is necessary. A special thanks and welcome back to **Mr. Pireddu** to CCH and for his time in running the Prep Band this year. Senior Band Rehearses Monday and Wednesday after school, new membership is welcome. The **Jazz Ensemble** is looking for more saxophones, trumpets and trombones. The **Jazz Ensemble** rehearses after school on Tuesdays. Please see **Mr. Williams** if you are interested in joining this group or any of the other bands.

Students are reminded that tuxedo deposits and Monsignor Feeney donations are past due. Please submit your cheques to the Fine Arts Mailbox in the main office. Thank you to all parents purchasing gift cards. Register for Fundscript and support CCH Music! Please contact Donna Payeur at bumblebee_1960@hotmail.com for more information regarding this fundraising opportunity.

The Music Parents Association will again organize a CCH Has Talent Evening for February 4, 2010. Last year's event was a great success. Auditions will be held the week of January 25, 2010.

In **Visual Arts**, the **Summer of '09** saw CCH Visual Art students involved in some of the artistic opportunities in the city of London. **Connor Gillet** took part as a chalk pastel artist in the live drawing show and exhibit "**Expressions In Chalk 2009**" (Imadon Chalk Festival). **John Lawler** worked behind the scenes as a scenic artist at **The Grand Theatre** for their student production of "**Grease**". Soon the students will be preparing their entries for **The Royal Canadian Legion's Annual Poster Competition**. As well, excursions to **Museum London** and **The Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO)** are in the works for Semester 1. A reminder to all students that they are invited to join the **CCH Visual Art Club**. Students can work on projects or just do their own "art thing" in an artistic environment. The club gives students a chance to make friends and improve their drawing and other art skills. **The club meets after school on Thursdays in the Art Room (#123 -North Wing)**. Please see **Ms. Rochon-Ratko** if you are interested in joining and come on out and bring your pencil!

The Dramatic Arts program is off to a strong start with the Drama Club working on plans for the November Broadway Revue underway under the direction of **Mr. Mooney** and **Ms. Simas**. Auditions have just concluded and the sequences of numbers are being planned. Look for a large and strong cast of singers, dancers and actors. The working title for this year's **Broadway Revue** is **Forgotten Broadway: the B List songs**. Show dates are **November 24 to 27**.

A number of theatre field trips are being planned to performances by our sister high schools and the Grand Theatre during both semesters. The **Fine Arts Staff** have met and are in the initial process of organizing and planning this year's **School Musical Production**. Auditions for the musical will occur early January and the production is set for **May 2010**. Look for an exciting and dynamic production! Please keep posted to announcements for upcoming updates regarding the High School Production and Audition requirements. Please see **Mr. Williams** or **Mr. Mooney** if there are any questions regarding the school musical. If there are any businesses that would like to purchase space in the program please contact **Mr. Williams** regarding advertisement space and size. Any financial support to this production is greatly appreciated! The Production will not be announced until the school secures the rights to perform the production. Listen to the announcements for updates regarding events in the Fine Arts Department.

Mr. Paul Williams

Fine Arts Department Head

MATH NEWS

Enclosed with the newsletter and report card is the Individual Student Report for students who took Grade 9 Applied or Academic Math in 2008 – 2009. The Math results over the last several years are also included here. As a school Mathematics Department, the teachers continue to work on strategies to support students in Math. In the 2008 -2009 school year, Grade 9 and 10 Math teachers engaged in professional development sessions with Grade 7 and 8 teachers to work on consistency of approaches to Math curriculum and assessment. Our academic math results remain stable with room for improvement; applied math results demonstrate significant improvement. In addition to the ongoing Math Help Centre in Room 222, supported by Math teachers, IB students and student tutors, we will also run intensive After School Math Classes for grade 9 and 10 students who need Math help. The classes will run from Midterm to Semester One Exams. The Math After School Classes are part of the Centre for Life Long Learning Numeracy Program, are staffed by qualified Math Teachers and follow the Grade 9 and 10 Curriculum as needed.

Figure 1. Year-to-Year Comparisons for Grade 9 EQAO Assessment of Mathematics - Academic Math
(Percentage of students at Levels 3 and 4)

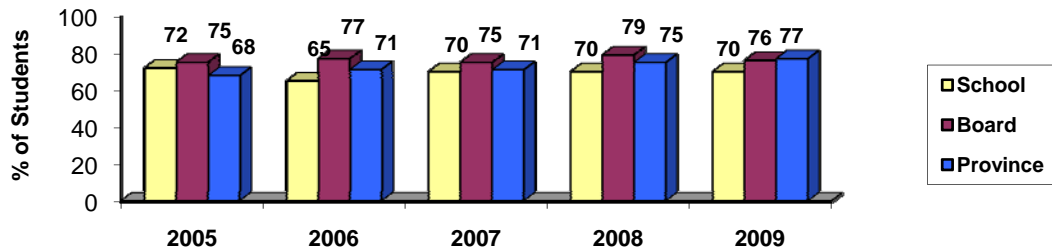
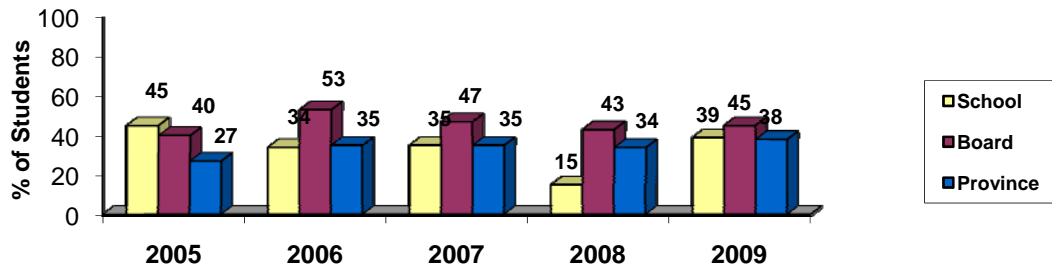
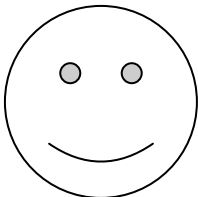


Figure 2. Year-to-Year Comparisons for Grade 9 EQAO Assessment of Mathematics - Applied Math
(Percentage of students at Levels 3 and 4)



Math Contests

The Canadian Mathematics Open Challenge sponsored by the University of Waterloo is on November 25th, 2009 in Period One and Two. Grades 10, 11 and 12 students are encouraged to participate in this contest. The Pascal, Cayley and Fermat (Grade 9, 10, and 11) Contests will be in February and Grade 12 Euclid Contest is in April. Please see Ms. Bawa in the Math Department for details and sign-up.



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