

Saunders Secondary School
School Council Meeting Wednesday, November 21, 2018 7:00 p.m. Library



Department Reports

Dance and Drama:

In December, The Saunders Dance Company will perform a touring show at selected feeder schools and at The TAP Centre for Creativity in Downtown London.

Guidance:

Grade 12 interviews, university and college application auditoriums and college and university visits are all taking place in November and December.

History:

In October, the History department took 45 students to Western for their conference day *History: It's Not What it Used to Be*. In November, some law students will be going to the courthouse to tour, see part of a trial and meet with a judge. Also in November, some history students will be going to the Canada Club for lunch and to hear a talk by Ted Barris -an award-winning journalist, author and broadcaster- where he will speak about his book The Dam Busters: Canadian Airmen and the Secret Raid. Grade 11 Ancient History students will experience Roman re-enactors coming to discuss life in ancient Rome. There will be an interactive presentation where the students can try on and pick-up props.

Physical Education:

The Health and Wellness SHSM (Specialist High Skills Major) program will participate in Infection Control Certification and attend Kin Days at the University of Waterloo. The Recreation and Leadership class is presenting a *Coats for a Cause Drive*. The GPP Leadership and Health for Life classes will be presenting the Scrooge Campaign and Scrooge Carnival on Nov. 30th. The Health for Life class continues to hold Westmount Wellness days with grades 1 to 3 students at Westmount Public School.

Science:

In the Science department, various dissections are taking place in different classes. Field trips continue alongside the ongoing Chromebook Pilot Project (integrated into science curriculum). The Science Club will be starting soon. New science courses will be offered next year (Gr. 12 Biochemistry). Planning for the course will start this month.

Technology:

The Technology Department will present *Jill of All Trades Day* on November 14, where grade 10 girls are invited to try out the transportation, manufacturing, woodworking and computer engineering shops. This day will allow the students to gain exposure to and learn about the Women in Skilled Trades program at Conestoga College. Skills Canada try-outs will allow many students in many technology fields to compete with their peers for a chance to enter the TVDSB Skills Canada competition in February. The Technology department is also busy spreading the

buzz about apprenticeships and the need for skilled tradespeople in Ontario's workforce. Most recently, the department was focused on getting their newest SHSM (Specialist High Skills Major) program (Health and Wellness) up and running. They are currently hosting three other SHSM programs: Construction, Manufacturing and Arts and Culture (where the Hairstyling and Aesthetics program falls under). The department is also hosting a guest speaker from Fanshawe College for all students interested in trades. The Robotics program is under way and looking to enter contests at the board and provincial levels.