



## Happy Thanksgiving!

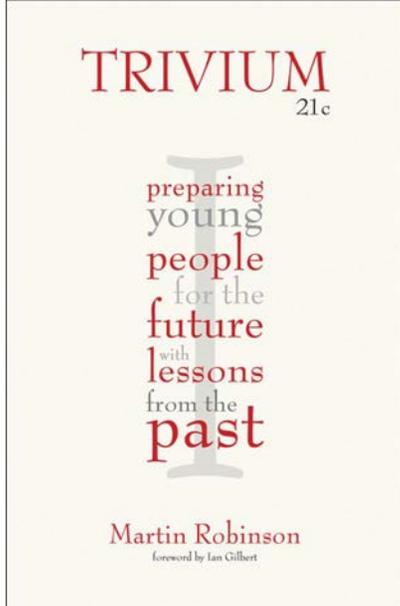
We are now almost half way through the Fall Term and the school is bustling with events, fundraisers, excursions, and of course classes. Report cards are available next week at Parent Teacher interviews (details below) The school will re-open Tuesday Oct, 10 at 8:00 am.



## Parent Teacher Interviews are coming October 12.

Please contact Michael at [michael.minicucci@blytheducation.com](mailto:michael.minicucci@blytheducation.com) to schedule interviews for Parent Teacher Night, Oct 12, from 3pm - 6pm. (647 347 0958 ex. 10).

## Yorkville welcomes UK scholar, Martin Robinson, November 10th



In just over a month's time our campus will welcome Martin Robinson who will address the faculty and students in a special assembly, and then meet any interested parents at a lunchtime session to discuss his book *Trivium 21c: Preparing Students for the Future with Lessons from the Past* (Crown House Press) pbk. \$29.95.

If interested in attending, please let Mike know at 647-347-0958, or email (michael.minicucci@blytheducation.com) by the end of October, and allow yourself some time to read this most compelling book.

You can read *The New York Times* review of Robinson's book by accessing the following link:

<https://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/06/07/a-classical-education-back-to-the-future/>

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## Clubs & Sports

We had an assembly today to announce the addition of a number of clubs, and to celebrate the progress made by the fundraising efforts for the Terry Fox Foundation! We have reached almost \$500 towards a goal of \$1500, passing 3 different incentives.



We have many exciting clubs and extracurricular activities up and running in order to enrich student life.

**Rowing Club:** The rowing club is excited to announce that they will be offering a rowing club in partnership with Hanlan's Club! The first meeting was held this past Tuesday in room 4 at lunch. Please talk to Matthew Hines for details.

**Volleyball Club:** The Volleyball club met Oct 3 for their first practice/scrimmage! It's not too late to sign up! Please speak with Ms Fatigati for more information.



**Film Club:** The Film club went to their first film this past Tuesday, Oct 3. They saw Darren Aronofsky's *Mother!* Interested students should talk to Ms Lancaster for more details. Students are responsible for purchasing their own tickets. Some movies will be shown on campus, others will be seen at a local cinema.



**Math Club:** The Math club has started off preparing for this year's University of Waterloo math contests in November and April! They will also be learning some of the math outside the curriculum, such as alternative number systems and cryptography! The math club meets on Thursdays at lunch and into period 3, and anyone is welcome to drop in.

**Science Club:** meets with Mrs. C after school on Wednesday and is making a special focus to make our rooftop classroom more environmentally friendly.

**Debate Club:** met today at lunch and are quite excited about upcoming debate competitions. Please see Ms Poulton for details on upcoming meetings of the debate club, or Model Student Parliament.

**Gay-Straight Alliance:** meets weekly as a safe-space for students to come for discussions and community, or as a safe-space to learn more about queer culture. Meets with Mr. Minicucci and Ms. Lewis.

**Model U.N.:** Model U.N. has met this past week under the leadership of Matthew Hines. They are looking forward to going to Montreal in November to compete and other excursions will follow.

**Yearbook:** Meets with Mr. Kearney lunchtimes on Thursday. Please see for Mr. K for details.

**Bagpipes Club:** meets Thursdays at lunch on the roof; no experience necessary and you don't need to buy an instrument, just something called a practice 'Chanter' which I can explain all about(AdeP)

**NB: Please encourage your son or daughter to get involved in an extra-curricular activity; they will become more engaged in not only whatever they choose but their studies as well...**

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## Student Council

Student Council, lead by Celina Mancini and Michael Spiro Kalpouzou, is up

and running in full force! Additionally, various committees and sub-groups are forming to develop and implement fun and engaging activities around the school. There are now some 25-30 students involved.



We recently had a bake sale to raise funds for those effected bu the earthquake in Central Mexico, and are planning a clothing drive for Oct 13th, so please donate your old clothes (winter and summer), to ensure those in our community can be warm and comfortable!

### German Student Teachers visit Yorkville...

Today our campus was visited by a group of German educators from the University of Applied Sciences in Berlin. They are on a trip to Toronto studying Canadian education, and after a conversation with the principal they visited classes and our assembly.



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### Class Excursions

The **Foundations program** has been doing some fun stuff! They went to the Toronto Humane Society and visited with an assortment of dogs and

cats, and are now working on a fundraising campaign. They also went on a hike through David Balfour Ravine Trail last week to enjoy what remained of the unseasonably warm weather. The trip concluded with a visit to Mount Pleasant Cemetery for a little serenity and quiet...

**Ms. Fatigati's grade 11 English class** just put on their first poetry slam, where students got up on make shift stage to share stories from their lives, using all the story-telling techniques they have been studying so far. Students were brave, not only because it is difficult to get up and present a story in front of their peers, but because it takes courage to be vulnerable and authentic with others. They did an amazing job!

**Ms. Poulton's grade 10 Civics class** went to the Ontario Legislative assembly yesterday on Wednesday, Oct 4.

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## School Projects



The grade 11 Marketing class conducted a Blind Taste Test this week! The class learned how to write functional surveys, how to analyze data and turn those surveys into useful marketing strategy recommendations. According to one group, Pepsi beat Coca Cola among the students, but staff preferred Coca Cola!



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