

Welcome To Blyth Academy Yorkville



Blyth Yorkville is located in the heart of the downtown area close to great shopping from the Golden Mile to Kensington Market, exotic restaurants, and world class museums.

Upcoming Events

Dec 19th - Parent Teacher Meetings from 3pm - 6pm. (Half day for students)
Dec 25th - Jan 5th - Winter Break

Welcome to Term 2

- 1. Welcome Back Assembly**
- 2. Blyth Yorkville continues our Club & Co-Curricular program.**
- 3. Course Milestones**
- 4. Campus upgrades**
- 5. Attendance matters...An Important Policy Announcement to Blyth Families.**
- 6. Blyth Academy Clothing Line**

Welcome Back Assembly

Serenaded by the dulcet tones of Principal de Pencier's small pipes in the key of A, students were welcomed back for Term 2. Awards were handed out to a number of students:

1. Academic Success Award: Arwen Kaposi
2. Leadership Award: Regina Figueroa-Bautista and Hannah Watanabe
3. School Spirit Award: Grace Beyleveldt and Alexia Monize
4. Motivation Award: Mathilde Beauvais







Yorkville Campus Club and Co-Curricular program

Clubs & Organizations

Under the direction of Co-Curricular director Matthew Hines, we are continuing with the following offerings in term two.

Model UN with Mr. Hines, are currently in Montreal.



Student Council with Mr. Webb and Ms. Sang (room 4 at lunch)
Yearbook with Mr. Kearney- Mondays at lunch Science Lab (Rm 5)
Film Club with Ms. Lancaster- Tuesdays (Rm 9)
Math Club with Mr. Trochanowski Thursdays at lunch
(Rm 8)
Science/ Environment Club with Mrs. Caliskan - Thursdays at lunch (Rm 1)
Bagpipes Club with Mr. de P - Tuesdays at lunch (Rm 4)

Rowing Club Announcement:

Based on some feedback, we have decided to create two options to accommodate various commitment/ interest levels for the winter

training.

Option A:

9 Class Package

Price: \$300

November 22nd - Dec 20th

Option B:

38 Class Package

Price: \$500 (Reg \$1000, a 50% discount if you commit now!)

November 22nd - May 2nd

Practices will be on Wednesdays from 4:30-6:00pm, and Saturdays from 8:30am-10:00am. All practices will be held at the Miles Nadal JCC (Spadina & Bloor). We will be breaking for holidays and long weekends. An Option A package can be converted into an Option B plan.

As training is scheduled to begin next week, so we need to have our numbers confirmed ASAP, so please let Matthew Hines, matthew.james.hines@gmail.com, know which option you prefer by Monday morning, November 20. Payment can be made via cheque made out to Blyth Academy.

Course Milestones

CLN4U: Canadian & International Law

On Thursday October 26, 2017, the Grade 12 Canadian & International Law class, was joined by The Honourable Russell Silverstein, an Ontario Court Judge. The Honourable Russell Silverstein brought his stories, knowledge, and passion for the law to Blyth Academy - Yorkville in a very successful lecture and Q & A period. The students took his words to heart and applied his advice to their Mock Trial, "When an accused doesn't testify, the jury will draw an inference of guilt." (Deacon, Gill, Tim Bosma Trial: Q & A with Toronto criminal defence lawyer Russell Silverstein, CBC News, Jun 17, 2016.



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On Friday October 27, 2017 the Grade 12, Canadian & International Law class went to the Old City Hall courthouse. The class had the distinct and very moving privilege of watching several cases being tried in the Gladue Court.

There is much cooperation between the Crown and the defence. The Court applies the principles set out by our highest court, the Supreme Court of Canada. "When an offender has come to this point, no matter how long, tortuous, or difficult the path taken to get there, there cannot be sadness or disappointment. There can only be hope." (R. v. Armitage, 2015 ONCJ 64, Justice S. Nakatsuru, February 11, 2015.



Mock Trial

On Thursday November 2, 2017 the Grade 12 Canadian and International Law class had a very fun, exciting and successful Mock Trial. The teams worked together very well, the Crown mounted a strong case and the Defence defended their client admirably. The Witness testimonies were very powerful, and the Judge and Jury now have a greater understanding of the importance of their roles in a Criminal Court of Law. A wonderful time was had by all and the students walked away with a sense of accomplishment knowing that justice had been served and that sleepwalking was not enough of a defence in the case of R. vs. Hudson.



HHS4U: Families in Canada

Wedding

On Friday October 20, 2017, the Grade 12 Families in Canada class got married! It was the culmination of a project in which they had to plan, with as much accuracy as possible, their wedding and future life path, together. The complexity of married life was experienced by each student as they worked through the various components and made decisions in each stage of the assignment including;

Your Wedding: Plan your dream wedding and research all costs associated with it.

Your Financial Picture: Provide details about your projected financial future, including some reporting on income, housing, and monthly expenses.

Your Future: As in any marriage, challenges can be more than financially driven. Student were required to confront the realities faced by married couples as they tried to resolve mandatory issues and optional scenarios such as; roles and finances, a partner is unfaithful, or a partner begins to gamble on a regular basis.

The Wedding was a lovely ceremony complete with party favors, linen table cloths, flowers and a Wedding Cake. The ceremony was presided over by our very efficient officiant, Jessica Lewis, and arranged by Mrs. Virginia Rossman. Everyone had a great time, and enjoyed dancing their way out of the reception to the tunes of "The Chicken Dance"!



Pot - Luck - Snack

On Friday November 3, 2017, the Grade 12 Families in Canada class had a Pot - Luck - Snack. The class had spent the week researching the family unit in different parts of the world as part of their Families Through History and Across Cultures unit. Students were encouraged to bring in an edible, or non-edible treat, related to the global region they had researched and presented on. Examples of items we enjoyed eating and using included:

- Japan: sushi & home-made spring rolls
- Persian/Iranian: honey pastries

- Thailand: dried fruit (mangoes, papaya, etc.)
- Israel: hummus baba ganoush & pita
- Afghanistan: traditional cookies
- Latin America: tortilla chips & salsa

Thank you for making the "family - style" pot - luck - snack a very enjoyable experience for everyone.





Campus Upgrades

We have upgraded our Learning Commons. It's a wonderful space to study, do group work, or just hang out. We have new sofas, and standing desks and very functional red mushroom pods.

Computers are available as well as an atlas to assist students in their academic endeavours. This completes a process begun almost one year ago of renovations to our campus.





attendance **MATTERS**

Blyth Yorkville Policy: Important information for families.

Class time is sacred; material cannot be covered anywhere else half so well. If a student is going to miss a class, it must be for a valid reason, and the sooner the teacher knows, the better the chance that learning can be caught up. In the event of illness for a regular day of school, a parent or guardian's written notice to the teacher and Michael Minicucci, our Campus Administrator, will do (michael.minicucci@blytheducation.com).

However, in the event of a scheduled test, a note from the student's doctor is necessary, and it must indicate that the student in question has been examined that day. Otherwise the student forfeits the chance to write the test/presentation and will receive a mark of zero.

Teachers and admin. will send regular warnings about missed class time, and while there is no absolute threshold where a student will lose a credit, in most cases missing any more than ten hours could have the effect of a student being removed from the class; as a Ministry inspected school we are actually under more scrutiny from the provincial authorities, much more so than our public school counterparts. So a combination of legitimate and not so legitimate reasons for missing school (which includes lateness both before class and coming back from break) all count to the same undesired result.

Thank you for helping us forge a strong partnership in helping us to help our students.

Thank you
The Blyth Yorkville team.



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GRAB YOUR BLYTH ACADEMY GEAR HERE!

From t-shirts and athletic apparel to backpacks, headphones, class rings and more, the Blyth Academy Swag Shop has something to suit every student!

Place your order before December 1, 2017 and your Blyth Academy swag will be shipped directly to your campus* in time for the winter break! Please see our campus administrator Michael Minicucci for details.

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