

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 4th - Parent teacher meetings 12:30 – 6:00

Half Day Schedule for Students:

Period 1: 9am-10am

Period 2: 10am-11am

Period 3: 11am-12pm

Dec. 6th – Half Day for Students (schedule above)

Being Brilliant in... International Business Fundamentals

Do you know what makes up Canada's industry sectors, or how raw resources are transformed into products and sold to Canadian consumers? In BBB4M Business Fundamentals, students were able to explore this process in detail. Students learned that Canada's industries are divided into primary, secondary and tertiary industries. Armed with this knowledge, students then set to work in a matching exercise where the components of each industry were broken into 33(!) different components. This was no easy task, but with a little of a teamwork and some friendly debate, each team succeeded in flying colours!

---Mr. Clark

Model UN Update

Our Model UN team has returned from Montreal where they participated in the SSUNS conference hosted by McGill University. Among the committees, our delegates found themselves debating the safe uses of outer space, preventing future crisis in Hong Kong, and exploring electoral corruption. Our team is looking forward to our next conference here in Toronto!

---Ms. Champagne



Coles Notes

Can we stay grounded as our adult self, even when we feel down or threatened? What self do we inhabit and allow to come forward in different situations?

This morning I spoke with a student who was feeling, as she described it, "anxious and overwhelmed". It's not an easy time to be a teenager, but what I saw and heard in this particular teen, felt like something we could all strive for. She spoke about her own efforts to communicate; that she wasn't feeling heard or understood by an adult in her life, but she did so calmly, respectfully, and clearly comfortable in what attempts she had already made and how she had carried herself. She was looking for a second opinion on how she could bring about solution. I was struck by how much trust she seemed to have in her own choices and communication, and for good reason. It feels like a pretty worthy goal: making the choices and saying the things that we can feel secure in.

One of the joys of education is the two-way transfer of knowledge and goodness. Our students have a lot to teach us!

What you never knew about...Sarah Black!



....I had a short-lived acting career, and almost ended up on Oprah. When I was younger, my biggest dream was to be an actress. I auditioned for the regional arts high school in my district and was accepted into the drama program.

It was here, surrounded by peers who were, in my eyes, on their way to being famous, that I decided that I needed to get into a talent agency. My parents were, understandably, apprehensive since a lot of the time these agencies ended up being scams. They at first said no, convinced that I would eventually move onto my next obsession. Much to their chagrin, and after months and months of persistent begging, I convinced them to let me get an agent and started going on auditions. I went and had professional headshots done, and was ready for my big break. After several auditions, I landed a YTV & an ING Banking commercial and was an extra on a Disney Channel movie called Cadet Kelly.

My love of the arts also coincided with a time where I would rush home from school each day to watch Oprah. After years of dedicated viewership, I wrote in to the show and made up an anecdote about why I would be the right candidate to be featured on a segment about graduating high school and the stress that comes along with that. I didn't think anything of it when I wrote my letter and dropped it into the mail, but a few weeks later the studio called and was interested in having me on. I was thrilled but failed to mention to my mother that she was a crucial element of the story for why I should be on the show. The producers called my mother, who I had kept in the dark about the charade, but she didn't go along with the story. Needless to say, that was the end of my stint on Oprah.

I eventually came to the conclusion that the world of acting wasn't for me, but still have an appreciation for the arts and love going to the theatre. Studying drama intensively throughout high school also gave me the confidence to speak my mind and the ability to adapt to any situation. While I am happy that I changed my career path, I am grateful for all of the skills that I developed through drama.

---Ms. Black