

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 15th Parent Teacher Meetings
 Half Day Schedule for Students
 Period 1: 9am - 10am
 Period 2: 10am - 11am
 Period 3: 11am - 12pm
 Jan. 16th Assembly

Being Brilliant in... MUN

This past Friday, our campus hosted our 3rd annual Model United Nations Conference. This one-day event had over 45 students from six different Blyth Academies meet to debate and present resolutions on both real and imagined issues, including the Climate Crisis, the impeachment of President Trump, and the rebuilding of the magical world of Harry Potter. This year our own Sebastian L was awarded Honourable Mention for his work in the Interpol room, while our Best Delegate award went to Simran P from our Mississauga campus. Congratulations to all of our delegates!



---Ms. Champagne

Athletics Update

Last week our Wolves were busy facing off against their Lawrence Avenue rivals, the Grizzlies of FKCS. Our boys U20 team faced off against them last Wednesday in a back and forth game that eventually headed to overtime. Despite a gritty effort, our Wolves came up short and lost 47-45. Congratulations go out to Owen Adington and Justin Spears who led the team in scoring with 21 and 13 points, respectively. The next game takes place this coming Wednesday with another road game against Bond Academy; tip-off is at 4:00pm.

Our girls U20 Volleyball team also had a tough first match last Thursday. Despite going up two games to none, the girls were unable to beat a tough, Fieldstone team and lost three games to two. A special shout out to Sophie S. for her ferocious digs to save some points and congratulations to all players on an exciting first game of the season. Finally, a reminder about indoor soccer, the team is practicing every Monday after school at Blythwood Baptist Church in preparation for their upcoming tournaments. The team will be traveling to Mississauga on February 4th and 6th to defend our HART Invitational Championship from last year as well as competing in the SSAF Indoor Championship on February 25th.

---Mr. Ebel

What you never knew about...Jacob Taylor!



I've been a dinosaur enthusiast all my life. I caught the bug early, as many children do, and memorized all the lovely big names: deinonychus, styracosaurus, iguanodon, compsognathus. As an 11 year old, I got to see my fantasies made beautifully and terrifyingly alive when *Jurassic Park* hit the big screens. But my paleontological ambitions flagged in my teens when the study of rocks began to seem both dull and difficult.

Recently my joy and wonder has been rekindled: a fascinating new theory is sweeping through the scientific community, and reading about it has been blowing my mind. It concerns the demise of the dinosaurs. As you probably know, the accepted cause of their extinction is the enormous asteroid that struck the Yucatan peninsula 65 million years ago. Scientists have speculated since the 1980s that this impact filled our atmosphere with dust and debris, plunging the earth into a sunless ice age. In this scenario, the dinosaurs slowly starved when they could not adapt to climate change.

However, a new theory imagines an even more spectacular and violent end. New geological evidence, combined with recent mock-asteroid collision tests in ballistics labs, suggest that the impact would have been the equivalent of more than a billion Hiroshima bombs. Everything within 1000 miles of the site would have been instantly on fire, and the debris would have then set light to the entire Indian subcontinent as the earth rotated. Massive tsunamis would have smashed across the world's seas, and, if any dinosaurs escaped this fallout, deadly glass rain would have done for the rest. New models show a giant plume of molten rock falling back to earth as glass, much of it burning up in the atmosphere, raising temperatures around the world to over 1000 °F. It's horrifying but also wonderful to imagine: the dinosaurs died together, all of them, in a giant, fiery inferno.

---Mr. Taylor