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Principal's Message

Ricky Goldenberg

As we approach the end of an extraordinary year, I am amazed at the resiliency shown by students, staff and the Earl Haig community during these challenging times. We set off in September with hopes and aspirations with continuing our learning in an in-person school environment, with a schedule unlike any before. We adapted, showed great resolve and endured some bumps along the way. We finally made it to the end of another school year with a bright light shining at the end of the tunnel. We never wavered from our commitment to achievement, student well being and overall excellence.

I am extremely proud of our staff and students for all their hard work and tireless efforts. They started in March 2020 as pioneers and have now become experts at this "virtually thing". I would like to take this moment to say goodbye to five of our amazing staff members that are retiring: Ms. Diane Cabral, Mr. Brian Clarke, Mr. Cuong Ha, Ms. Janet Jundler and Mr. Robert Kettle. They will be missed. A number of our staff are also leaving to go to other schools. I wish all of them the best of health and happiness in all their future endeavours.

I would like to thank our amazing school council, its executive and co-chairs, Susan Kenny and Susan Lee, for all the advice and the commitment to our wonderful students and staff. I want to further acknowledge and thank Susan Kenny for all her contributions, over the years, to the School Council, students and the Earl Haig community.

To our 2021 graduates, you have shown great determination and resolve during this past year and I know that you will use that same determination and resolve in the future to be successful and productive members of society. Carpe Diem!

School Council by Susan Kenny and Susan Lee

Our Council's purpose is to represent the school's parents & guardians at the Toronto District School Board, the Ministry of Education and the Earl Haig Safe and Caring Schools Committee and to act as an advisor to the Earl Haig School Administration.

Our executive council of 18, was formed in September at the Annual General meeting. The council then commenced monthly meetings, usually the 2nd Tuesday of each month with adjustments for holidays and special events, to discuss important issues related to our school's student population. In addition to the Executive meeting, we also hosted a general meeting immediately after, that was open to all parents and guardians of Earl Haig Secondary School.

During the general meetings we invite our staff and students to speak to our parents on topics we feel are relevant and important for our students' success. Some of these topics included: Parents Tips for Success and Understanding Academic and Elective course selection. In November, we hosted a University and College night, at the school, with many of the local Ontario Post Secondary institutions in attendance. In February we invited our Superintendent Louie Papathanasakis to come and speak with us about the budget cuts and impacts to our Specialized Programs.

Due to Covid-19 and the suspension of the school year, we were unable to hold our regular April and May meetings, so we hosted a virtual online meeting with over 150 parents in attendance. The meeting covered questions ranging from online learning, summer school and plans for the Commencement and Prom.

On October 5th, we once again commemorated World Teacher Appreciation day by decorating the office and providing snacks and treats for all our staff members. This year we stepped up our decorations with the addition of a balloon arc way.

Last but not least, we are very pleased to report the long-awaited traffic light at Doris and Princess is now installed and operational. This light will provide a safe cross for our students as they travel to and from school.

We would like to extend a warm thank you to the wonderful and supportive administration team, office staff, the guidance department, teachers, caretaking staff and parents and guardians for allowing us to serve our students this past year. We wish the graduating class of 2020-2021 every success in their future endeavours, whatever they may be. We look forward to seeing our returning students and staff in September at the AGM and BBQ. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Student Nutrition Program by A. Colavita

Many thanks to the **Toronto Foundation for Student Success and President's Choice Children's Charity** for their generous financial support. The Nutrition program provided a daily grab and go breakfast which was available to our entire school population.



English Department by M. Webster

2020/2021 was a challenging year maintaining important departmental traditions, all of which celebrated student voice.

Congratulations to our 2021 *Poetry-in-Voice* in-class champions. We were hoping for our eighth-annual school-wide recital competition to happen outdoors this spring, but since our students were not allowed to return to EHSS will announce our in-class cohort champions:

In grade-nine Enriched English: **Teagan Stewart, Al-Junaidi** and **Anita Du**.

In grade-ten Academic English: **Ariya Chib** and **Amy Choi**,

In grade-ten Enriched English: **Neferty Amooyan, Charlotte Bruce**, and **Alyssa Grant**

In grade-eleven Enriched English: **Lia Ashkenas, Sreyan Jahangir**, and **Kathryn Scott**.

On June 2nd, the English Department celebrated its best writers at the 37th annual *Pierre Berton Writing Contest*. The outbreak of Covid-19 made us settle for a late-spring Google-Meet-recorded ceremony.

Kathryn Scott was crowned as the Senior Writer of the Year, and **Selena Li** as the Junior Writer of the Year. The ceremony lauded the efforts of twenty-six other winners and finalists, all of whom will receive a beautiful **Zoe Wang** anthology.

Radiohaig served the entire school community with a top-notch crew of student-voice announcers, and morning-show producers. Thanks to **Vicky Li, Jessica Um, Eugene Zhang, Rebecca Lanre-Ojo, Valerie Tsoi, Jaime Gurr, and Elana Park** for making our mornings smoother, and enriching our school environment.



Math Department by C. Scholler

Making a Difference!

In the fall, the Math Department was delighted to present the following students with the Math subject awards for the 2019/2020 school year.

Congratulations to:

Grade 9 – Lily Cheng, Steven Luo and Shahin Shahbazi;

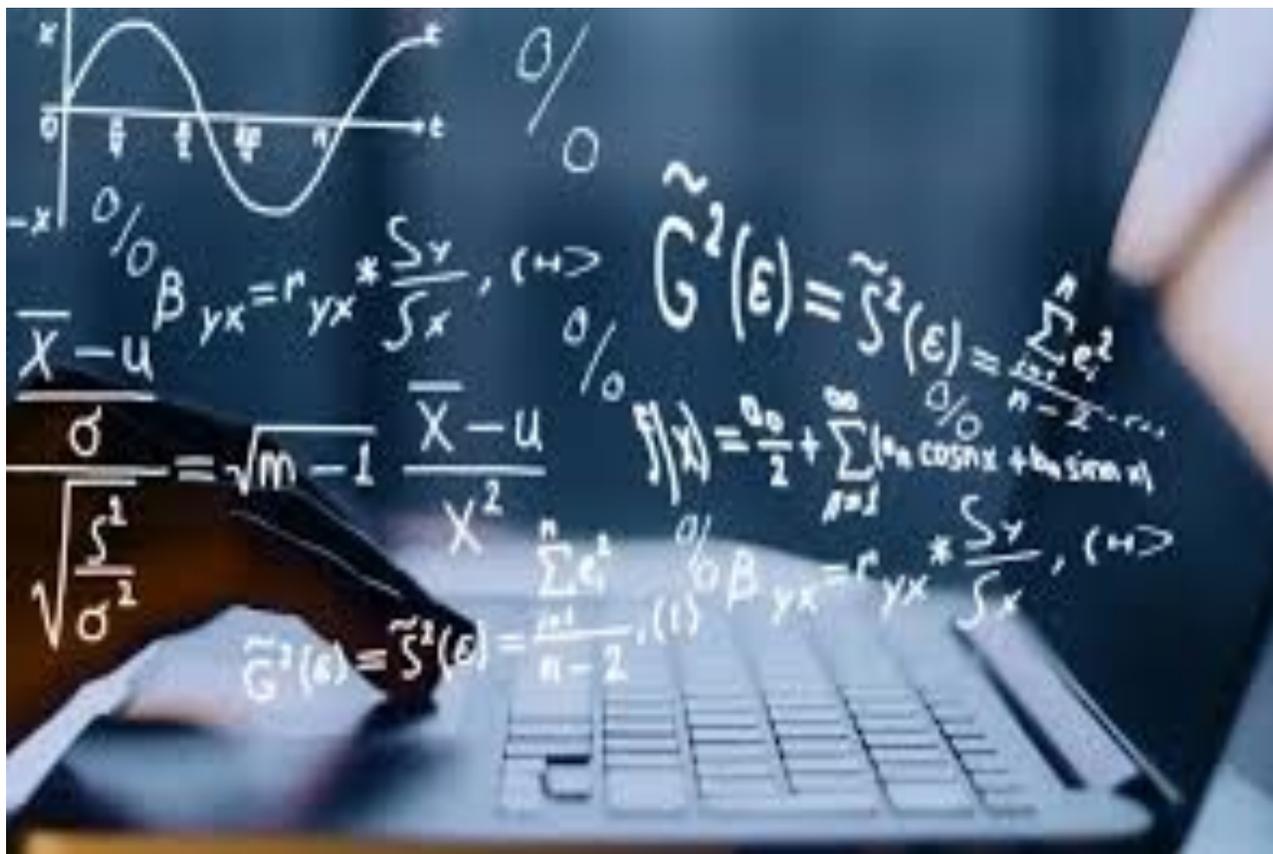
Grade 10 – Andrew Son, Alexis Kim, Joy-Rachel Mpoi, Anna Mockovciak and Jrose Lumines;

Grade 11 – Sara Reesor, Valarie Wong, Eugene Zhang and Egan Li.

Unfortunately, this year we were not able to run any of the Math Contests we usually offer at Earl Haig. Next year, we hope to offer numerous contests throughout the school year. Please check your agenda or the bulletin board outside the Math office for dates and information on how to register.

Every year in June the Mathematics Department has the honour of presenting the Mathematics awards of excellence to 3 of our graduating students. This award is presented to 3 grade 12 students who exemplify the spirit of mathematical inquiry and have, throughout their years at Earl Haig, been involved in extra-curricular and co-curricular mathematics such as Math contests and the Mathematics Infinity club, along with maintaining high academic standings.

The Mathematics Department would like to recognize this year's winners.



Science Department by J. Chew

The school year looked much different than in other years during the pandemic. We were not able to run the variety of programs and contests as in other years. Lab activities were also limited. However, we were able to do a few things this year as outlined below.

Grade 9 classes had virtual presenters by Pitch Black and built electrical circuits with breadboards. Pitch Black is an organization run by Ryerson University to try to answer questions about careers in engineering, while running an interesting activity with electrical circuits. Grade 9s also had a presenter from the Canadian Space Resource Center to talk about space and space exploration.

Chemistry classes were able to do both simulation and/or in-class labs (with cleaning protocols). In particular Grade 12's classes were able to do in class labs to give them lab skills they may not have received last year when the pandemic first hit, but also they did grade 12 labs too!

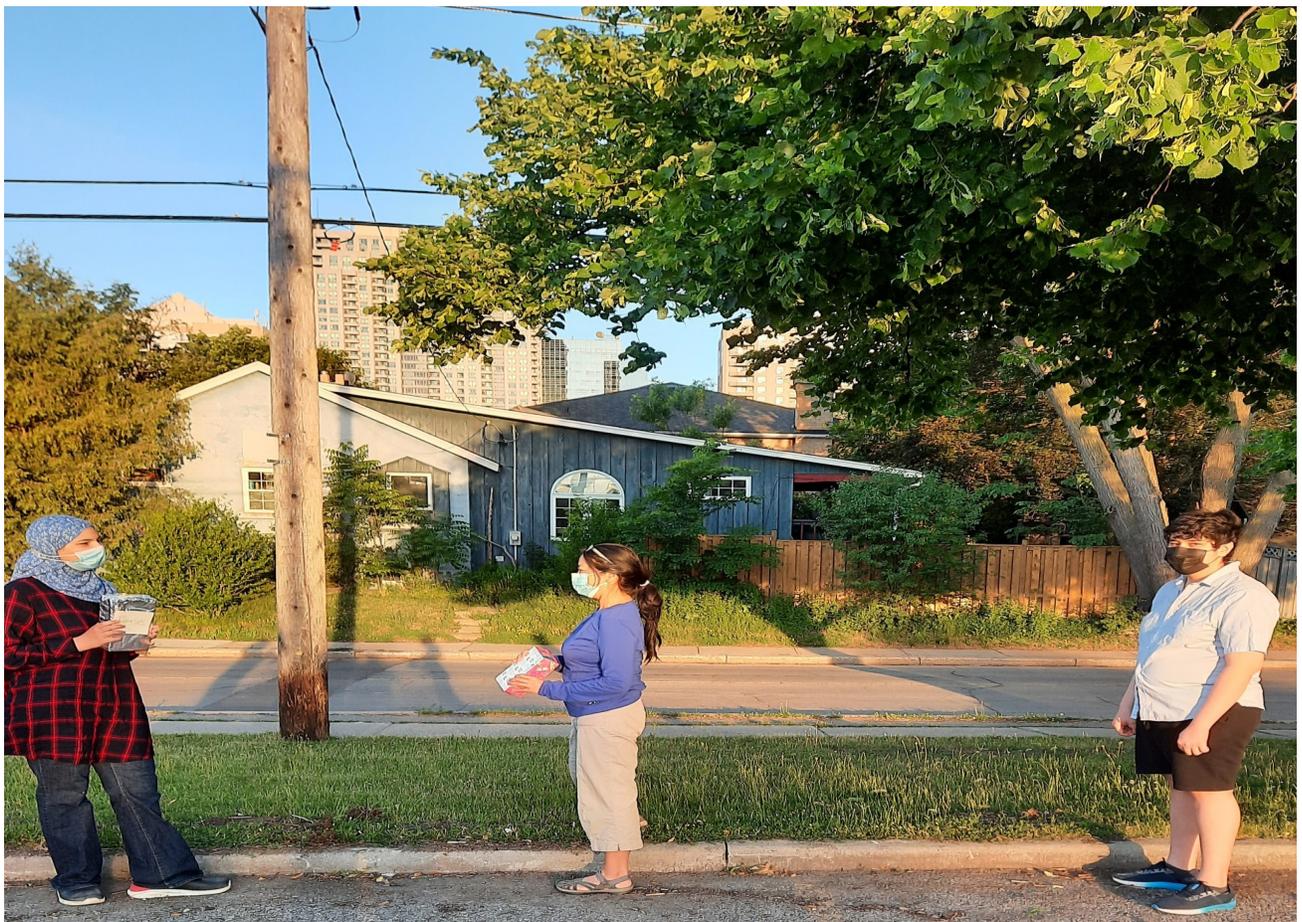
Students were also offered the opportunity to write the University of Waterloo Chemistry Contest. We are happy to report that Ryan Wu won first at Earl Haig and in the Top 100 in North America for the Chem 13 contest (grade 12 chemistry). Also Linda Lin placed 1st in Toronto and in the top 100 in North America for the Avogadro contest (grade 11 chemistry). Vincent Xia and Steven Luo also scored in the top 100 in North America. An excellent achievement! This is an example of tiles the school and student receives.



Science Department continued.....



Looking for the annular solar eclipse



Technological Studies and Computer Science by M. Parisella

Hands-on, from a distance. This year Technological Studies and Computer Science Departments had to reinvent themselves as the world transformed into computer-screened classrooms. Teaching tech remotely – from a distance, is a challenge, but the teachers and students stepped-up to it and managed to produce some exciting work. Through teacher-led online demonstrations and parent/guardian supervised home activities, students managed to gain transferrable skills in Tech Design, Culinary, Digital Media Art, Computer Sciences and Hair Styling. During in-person lessons, students managed to learn and to execute projects. Skills were developed in forging metal, creating gourmet meals, learning the newest hair trends, designing your dream home, coding and graphic design work. Students learned useful transferrable skills that may lead to everyday use, the workplace and/or post-secondary education.

A big congratulations to Mr. Noukhovitch who was awarded the **Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence in STEM!** Mr. Noukhovitch was one of two teachers across Canada to win in the STEM category. Amazing! Mr. Noukhovitch's leadership was also instrumental in **Earl Haig winning 3rd place for the CyberTitan IV National: 6ixside.** Congratulations to the students for their amazing placement: Harshith Duba, Cristian Bogdan, Nathan Pfeffer and Daniel Lee. Also, three Earl Haig teams have advanced in the finals of the **National Big Data Challenge for High School Students** that takes place under the patronage of Canadian Commission for UNESCO and this year's focus was on SDG4 - Equity in Education. Congratulations to: Aneya Kazmi, Wendy Chen, Alice Du, Kelly Zhao with research on "How geographical factors influence student test scores."; Andrew Mao, Binder Nie, Nicholas Dong with research on "Application of Multivariate Analysis in Identifying Factors Influencing Education Equity."; and Cristian Bogdan, Harshith Duba, Nathan Pfeffer, and Nada Salem with research on "The Impact of the Student Nutrition Program on Academic Achievement in Ontario."



Students learning how to shape metal

Technological Studies and Computer Sciencecontinued



Students learning to apply the latest hair styling



Digital Media Art students illustrating using leading creative software

Business Department by Michael Canzi

The Business and Cooperative Learning Department has had another successful year providing our students with opportunities to learn about business and to develop career-related skills both within the classroom as well as through experiential activities outside of the school.

In keeping with providing varied learning opportunities, we offered our students (depending on the course taken) varied opportunities this year to apply and expand their knowledge in enriched activities, including:

- Our Grade 11 Accounting students had presentations on the accounting profession, accounting careers, and pursuing accounting studies at the post-secondary level from the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario.
- Students competed in a virtual stock market challenge.
- Integration of YouTube into Grade 11 Marketing classes using videos from a Professor from the University of Illinois – Champagne for enhanced content.
- Senior students had the opportunity to participate in the “1st Year @ Ryerson Fit for Business Program” offered virtually by Ryerson University.
- Financial Securities and Accounting students had the chance to attend an “Exploration and Insights into the Field of Wealth Management” webinar hosted by the TDSB Virtual School and CIBC Wood Gundy – Wealth Management.
- Some students participated in on-line resume writing sessions through the Junior Achievement program.
- Grade 12 Sports Marketing students completed projects investigating the use of Indigenous team names in professional and university sports, learning about their impact on Indigenous cultures and coming up with solutions and designs to rebrand those teams to something more inclusive.
- About 100 students participated in the DECA Business club this year, while many students took advantage of the opportunity to learn about starting a business by joining the Junior Achievement Virtual Company Program outside of school.

The DECA Business club had another successful year learning about business and taking part in business-focused case study and/or business plan competitions. At the GTA Regional competition in November, our kids gave outstanding performances in various categories and 60 students qualified to compete at Provincials. At the provincial competition in February, the club did equally well, winning 34 Top 15 medals and 6 Top 3 plaques. Those 6 plaque winners qualified to compete with the DECA Ontario team at the international DECA ICDC competition in the US, a competition bringing together over 18,000 students from all over the U.S plus our Ontario team. This year the competition was fully virtual, and one of our students brought home a Top 10 medal in her competition category. Congratulations to all club members on a challenging, but fantastic year!

In our Cooperative Learning program, we worked diligently in providing experiential work opportunities in numerous industries, within the community, for approximately 100 students this year. In quadmester 1, our kids worked at businesses varying from schools, hospitals and construction to retail, restaurants, law offices and more. For the remaining three quadmesters of the school year, we had to pivot and our students pursued online employment opportunities. Students gained valuable work experience, learned or enhanced new skills, got an immersion into working remotely, and appreciated the guidance and feedback provided to them by their workplace mentors. We celebrate the success of our student-community relationships and thank our workplace professionals for their time and their continued support of our students’ academic and personal growth and achievement.

Dance Department by T. Lee-Blight

Greetings from the Dance Department!

Wow! This year has been anything but easy, but together we have been able to create and dance our way through this unusual school year. Even though our students danced in a 6x6 box with their masks on they still came to class ready to move.

Thanks to technology we were able to zoom in our guests artists into our dance studio. Our students experienced a variety of dance styles; Bhangra, break dancing, jazz, contemporary, African, old school hip hop, ballet, modern and lyrical.

Our student producers Rony Lee and Julia Philip created an exciting online Dance Collective event in May. Our students not only choreographed their own pieces but also became creative filmmakers of dance. This was a beautiful evening of inspiring works by our dance majors and dance elective classes. Outstanding!

Congratulations to our Grade 12 Dance Majors: Julia Philip and Brianna Samuda-Walker and to our Grade 12 Dance Electives: Fiona Gu and Gloria Nam

It has been a truly unique year and everyone had to make sacrifices and alternative plans for us to successfully complete this school year! Best wishes to all our dance graduates and their next exciting adventures into future studies, pathways and explorations in the years ahead.



Film Arts Department by M. Parisella

Resilience. The Film Arts Majors have truly showcased their creative ability to produce short films during this unprecedented year of COVID restrictions. As they say, *the proof is in the pudding*, and this year, the three film festivals produced and run by the students is proof enough that student voice and original content is alive and well in the Film Arts Program even during a pandemic!

February 2021 marked the first annual "**Short and Sweet 1-Minute Film Festival**" that ran over ZOOM and YouTube. The festival's purpose was to put a smile on people's faces with fun, light-hearted and feel-good stories; something that was needed in the community at a time of uncertainty and the 250+ audience members watching live responded positively! April 22nd marked the "**25th Anniversary of The Zoom International Student Film Festival.**" A record number of international film submissions representing over 30 countries worldwide! Congratulations to Chris Thomas, a grade 12 Film Arts Major, who won "Most Promising Senior Filmmaker" and "Audience Choice Award" for his short film, "*Seeing Again*". Also, Amber Stuffers, a grade 10 Film Arts Major and Renny Goldshmidt, a grade 12 Film Arts Major, were finalists for their short films, "*The Bookshelf*" and "*Freak*" respectively. A big shout-out to the ZOOM Film Festival student coordinators for their significant help in bringing this meaningful festival to life: Arvin Aryanpour, Elio Cao, Evangeline Cui, Daniel Diaconescu, Renny Goldshmidt, Ashley Kim, Jessica Liu, Owen Miller, Tooba Rahim, Andrea Tabini, Ruchi Srivastava, Jo Su and Hanlin Zhang and to this year's leading industry film and television judges: Aizick Grimman, Joe Frankel, Kara Harun, Jeff Ridout and Shanais Williams. Finally, "**The Film Arts Gala – The Quarantine Edition**" capped off this year's work of all grade levels, celebrating their achievements within the program during such a challenging time. The program also welcomed three guest artists who hosted workshops with the students over a number of weeks. These afterschool workshops helped enhance the Film Arts Majors' knowledge in both the technical aspects and the building of story in film. Students gained valuable perspectives and skills from industry leaders in editing, scriptwriting/storytelling in film and sound design. The sheer number of students that attended these workshops is again proof that students want to learn and to create relevant stories! Many thanks to our artist guests: Jeff Ridout, Joe Frankel and Michael Carlucci.

Praise must be given to this year's Film Arts Council who have consistently made the program better. Through your hard work and integrity, you helped further bridge the gap between junior and senior students within the program, introducing numerous initiatives such as, "Instagram Takeovers" with Film Arts Alumni and monthly film screenings celebrating significant films, to name a few. To the graduating Film Arts Class of 2021, your determination and rigor over the last 4 years is exceptional. Your work will inspire future Film Arts filmmakers! All the best for an amazing future!

The department looks forward to an exciting, new curriculum which will now introduce animation to its curriculum. On behalf of the Film Arts Department, we wish you all a safe and wonderful summer and we can't wait to see you all in September to kick off some new, student-driven stories!



Grade 12 students filming for this year's Artifact

Film Arts Department... continued



Grade 9 students learning the basics of filming



Grade 11 students filming the product shots for their commercials

A movie poster for the film "SEEING AGAIN" directed by Chris Thomas. The poster features a photograph of a young man sitting at an easel, looking down at his hands. The title "SEEING AGAIN" is written in large white letters, with "dir. Chris Thomas" and "Canada" below it. Two laurel wreath awards are displayed at the bottom, one for "WINNER MOST PROMISING SENIOR FILMMAKER" and another for "WINNER AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARD", both from the "25th Zoom International Student Film Festival".

Zoom Award winner Chris Thomas

Music Department by D. Pady

This has been a memorable year for all of us to say the least. Nothing could have quite prepared us for the way our music classes would evolve in a quadmester system where most of our time together ended up online, but we made it to the finish line with many wonderful experiences and memories to show for it.

In short 9-week spurts, our music classes experimented with new ideas, invited a variety of guests, and continued to collaborate with classes in a distanced format. Claude Watson students put together beautiful collaborations with other classes: we began with the grade 11 music majors who created music using found objects that the Grade 11 dance majors choreographed to in their version of the annual [Gift project](#). The grade 9 majors had an exceptional time writing compositions that were inspired by works from their Gr. 9 counterparts in the Visual Art program, and the Grade 10 music majors worked closely with the drama majors on a joint project. Community collaborations are also a big part of the Claude Watson Music Program. Our students embraced the chance to write for The Bedford Trio, The Amici Ensemble, Oriana Singers and Esprit Orchestra and took the time to write thoughtful and expressive pieces throughout the year. In all of our music department classes, numerous community guests supported our students in their performance pursuits through online sectional rehearsals, masterclasses and workshops on music from different cultures and styles.

While Cringan Hall remained darkened and our traditional concert plans continued to be paused, the students in the music department busied themselves with online presentations of their class work and the work put together by extra-curricular bands, [choirs](#) and [string ensembles](#). Throughout the year, our students led and participated in three different online concerts - Winter Arts Collaboration, Chamber Night and Jazz Night. Each of these concerts featured work put together by students for various class projects. Our final concert was presented on Monday, June 21st and featured the fine work that our students put together in their extra-curricular ensembles, which ran online weekly from October to May. Our student-led Music Council was really an integral part of our online presentations. They facilitated the behind-the-scenes workings of each concert and also independently ran highly popular social events that provided our music students with an opportunity to relax and unwind together.

Sometimes when the world gives you lemons, you make lemonade. Thanks to the enthusiasm and positive attitude of our students and staff in the music department, it often felt like that lemonade cup was overflowing, which is a wonderful thing to be able to say after a year of pandemic education. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the hard work of our graduating class and our award winners for their extreme dedication and contribution to Earl Haig Music during their four years at our school:

Elective Musician of the Year: Joy Cho

Claude Watson Musicians of the Year: Eugene Zhang

Leadership Award Winner: Rachel Chang

Congratulations once again to all of our music students. Your teachers are so very proud of you.

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Visual Arts Department by N. Sakhavaraz

Another challenging year for everyone, yet the Visual Arts Department was once again able to come together and make exciting works of art to share with our school and the broader community. This year, we as a department proudly displayed everything from murals to sculptures, hosted fabulous guests, collaborated with other departments and even created virtual exhibits and events.

This year has also marked the beginning of new partnerships. Claude Watson visual arts majors took part in two public art initiatives, lending their commissioned pieces to be displayed later this year, along two of the city's major roads.

Once again, we say farewell to our wonderful graduating class who have grown so much as artists in the past four years, but more importantly as a team of connected individuals. They have been inspired by one another, creating challenging art and demonstrating the importance of kindness and empathy towards their fellow peers.

We hope everyone will take the opportunity to visit:



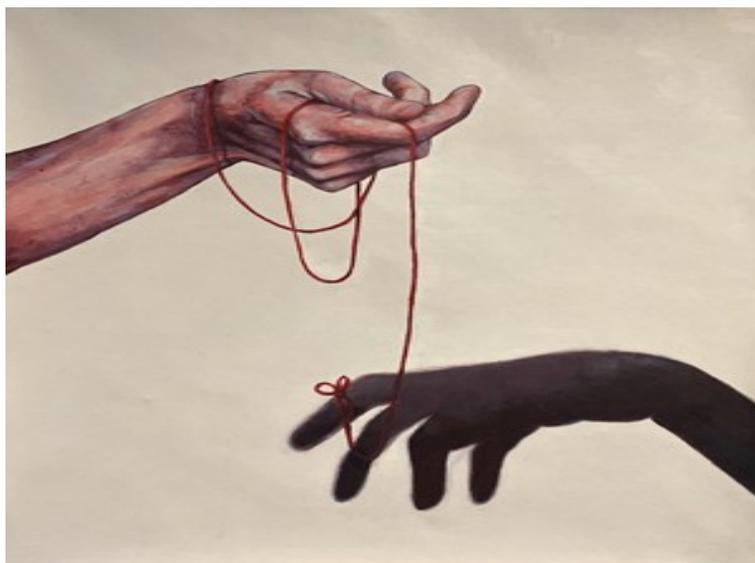
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Our students continue to actively curate and update this account with incredible works by all grades.

Have a wonderful summer everyone. Take care and stay well.



The Visual Arts
Department



Library Commons by M. Kopyto

The Earl Haig Library Commons would like to thank all staff and students who have helped to keep the library program up running during this challenging year, before and during remote learning. Throughout the year, Ms. Lo Re and Mr. Kopyto continue to work collaboratively with classroom teachers to develop projects and activities which emphasize critical thinking and research related skills. Our virtual spaces continue to be updated regularly to support student success and well being. We continue to integrate the latest technology and pedagogy to support literacy, research and inquiry and higher order thinking for all Earl Haig students.

Throughout the summer, students continue to have access to their **TDSB Google Drive and our school digital subscription resources**. Students can access quality, reliable information from our growing list of subscriptions. To access these resources visit our school library website: www.earlhaig.ca/library.

Lastly, the teacher-librarians would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all of our dedicated student volunteers, especially our fantastic group of library executives—without their dedication and hard work, maintaining the library as a centre of learning and research would not be possible.

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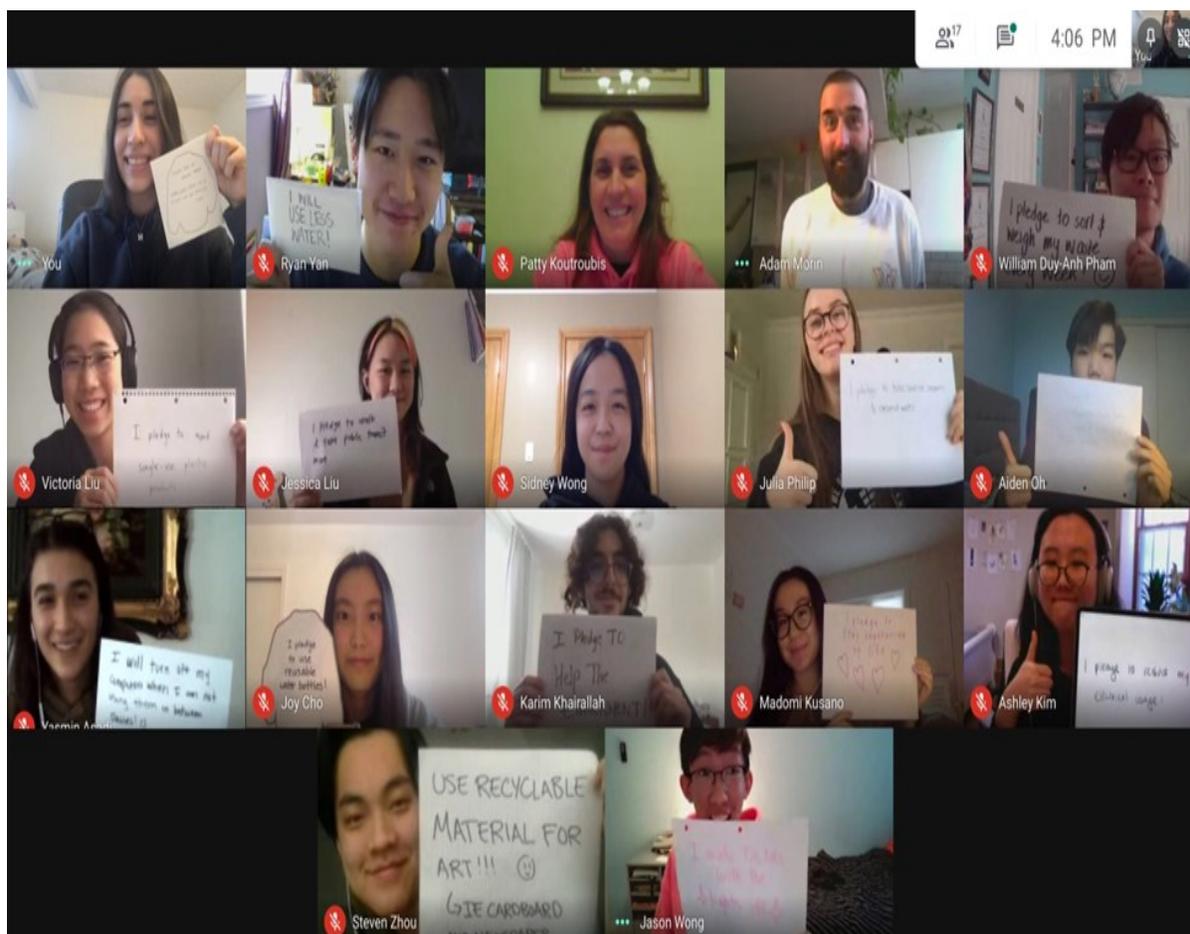
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Student Activity Council (SAC) & Clubs and Councils by Jason Wong

(SAC President) and Yasmin Asadi (Clubs and Councils Rep)

To say it was a rough year is an understatement. But despite the masks and the on-again-off-again provincial lockdowns, Earl Haig was able to maintain a sense of normalcy by continuing to deliver clubs and activities to students virtually. Although clubs were undecided in September, SAC and Clubs Council pulled through to maintain the high school allure and support the student body. DECA continued to produce international success and HeForShe advocated for gender and ethnic equality by organizing the Black History Month assembly and promoting events such as eating disorder awareness week. SAC also made an appearance at the Toronto budget deputation to challenge our government officials on issues that put students at a disadvantage. In addition, SAC jump started an Earl Haig COVID Vaccination portal to help students and families in the Earl Haig community get vaccinated. Even when airports were closed, Multicultural Council sent us all over the world through their cultural dishes, music and simulated tours. And SOPSS and Junior Council continued to deliver school spirit by adapting to the time and bringing everyone our beloved assemblies! And despite our own challenges at home, Earl Haig students still kept others in mind and donated to charities like UNICEF and Canadian Cancer society through school cash online. We all had to make sacrifices this year, but despite all our losses and unexpected outcomes, we stayed connected and continued to advocate for what was right. We will nonetheless continue to push our own boundaries and be grateful. Like Katy Perry once said, "After a hurricane comes a rainbow".



Guidance Department by C. Zaghikian

2020-2021 was a year like no other. As the world faced a pandemic caused by COVID-19, schools had to act quickly to make the best of a very challenging situation. The Earl Haig Guidance Department had unprecedented challenges to solve, with timetabling for a Quadmestered system, coordinating with the Virtual School, supporting students with their academic and personal needs, supporting mental wellness throughout the school, and working to stay ahead of frequently changing rules and procedures. A big thank you to our Administration led by Ms. Goldenberg, our Office Staff, our Guidance OA, all our guidance counsellors and support workers, and our classroom teachers who worked tirelessly to support our students throughout this very difficult year. A big thank you also to our Caretaking team who worked around the clock to keep our school safe for all of us.

Grads:

While we were not able to celebrate the achievements and accomplishments of our graduates in the same way this year, we did manage to honour both this year's and last year's graduates with a virtual graduation celebration. It was wonderful to see the pictures of our students and acknowledge their success. We congratulate all our graduates, recognizing the individuality of each student, and wishing them every success in their future endeavors as they follow their own unique pathways to success. Managing to finish high school in the middle of a pandemic was a far from ideal scenario for our students, but it taught them resilience, perseverance and flexibility, qualities which will strengthen their resolve and prepare them well for the next step in their journey.

Thank you, Mr. Matsumoto!

We would like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to MR. MATSUMOTO for his tireless dedication to supporting students out of the guidance department during Quads 1 and 2. What a way to start off in Guidance!

Mental Health and Wellness:

At Earl Haig, we continue to place great importance on mental wellness, as we strive to promote self-care, balance and reflection in all aspects of school life. We want to thank Mr. Lawrence and COPE for continuing to promote mental wellness. They worked hard on encouraging their peers, as well as creating opportunities for students to learn how to manage stress and balance their needs. They accomplished all this through many fun and informative events, even with the challenges of online learning and social distancing.

Peer Tutoring:

A big thank you to Ms. Leo and her group of dedicated Peer Tutors who were able to offer their peers academic support, despite the challenges of online schooling and social distancing. Their efforts have become a big asset to EHSS and we look forward to next year when we can expand the program and reach out to even more students!

Summer School:

For TDSB summer school information, please go to www.creditprograms.ca. Students completing TDSB summer school courses will have their transcripts automatically updated. Students taking courses with all other boards/ programs outside of TDSB (i.e. TCDSB, YRDSB, private schools, overseas programs) must bring in report cards in September so transcripts can be updated .

Timetable Changes:

Guidance counsellors will be available in late August to make any necessary timetable changes. Students are asked to follow the Earl Haig Guidance Department Instagram page [@earlhaigguidance](https://www.instagram.com/earlhaigguidance) for information on timetable change dates. **Please note that timetable changes will be made at this point only if a change is warranted.**

Guidance Department continued.....

University/College Applications:

Graduating students moving on to post-secondary pathways will be getting all the information they need for their next steps, beginning in September. We will be hosting two Post-Secondary Pathways Fairs for our graduating students: the GTA Post-Secondary Pathways Fair in October and the non-GTA Post-Secondary Pathways Fair in November. A lot more information is to come on the application processes, but if students want to look ahead, they can visit www.electronicinfo.ca for university programs and scholarships, www.ouac.on.ca for university applications, and www.ontariocolleges.ca for college applications.

Guidance Information:

- Guidance News posted weekly on the Guidance Page at www.earlhaig.ca/guidance
- EHSS Guidance Account on Instagram @earlhaigguidance

Thank You Mr. Lawrence!

We want to thank Mr. Lawrence for his dedication and hard work and wish him a safe and happy year off. We look forward to having him back again in September of 2023!

Happy Summer:

We would like to wish all our students and their families a safe and enjoyable summer holiday. It has been a long and difficult year and we may not have the summer we wish for, but we urge everyone to take some time to decompress and re-energize. Make sure you get out there, enjoy the outdoors, stay active, and try something new. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Best Regards: Ms. Leo, Ms. Leung, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Low, Mr. Matsumoto, Mr. Panagopoulos, and Ms. Zaghikian!

Drama Department by L. Kurtz

This year, in the midst of Covid 19, our Drama Department Students worked diligently in their Major and Elective classes, harnessing their theatrical skill sets on many fronts.

Some highlights from this year include our Grade 12 Drama Showcase, The One Act Play Festival, Grade 11 Major's Hotel California and our Grade Nine Drama Showcase.

All our very best to our graduating class of Grade 12 Drama Majors who participated in multiple theatre workshops this year with guest artists Colin Mercer (Claude Watson Drama Alumni) on Film Technique for Audition Self Tapes, Autumn Smith TDSB Creates on Rudolf Laban work, Verbatim Theatre with Claude Watson Drama Alumni Daniel Chapman-Smith from Project Humanity. The Grade 12's final show this year was called, Help Desk by Don Zolidis which was performed on Zoom and shared with a large audience of family, friends, faculty and alumni of The Claude Watson Program. Well done Graduates.

Our Grade Eleven Majors worked tirelessly to create a newly devised collective piece, Hotel California. This new work was created out of multiple workshops with Dora Award Winning Actor/Director Ryan Kelly, (George Brown Faculty, Genie Award Nominee). Students also participated in workshops led by guest artist Al Bernstein on Method Acting Approaches. Our Grade 10 Drama Majors also enjoyed working with Colin Mercer this year, focussing on Acting For Camera workshops, while our Grade Nine Major Students workshopped Monologue Acting Approaches with Saccha Dennis (Come from Away, Shaw Festival, We will Rock You-U.S Nat'l Tour), and participated in an Audition Masterclass with Jeigh Madjus (Moulin Rouge-Broadway, La Cage- Nat'l Tour). Their work also culminated in a public performance for family and friends. Congratulations to all of our Drama Major Students on your commitment to craft and process.

Our One Act Play Festival this year produced new play works Apartment 13, Til Death Do Us Part and The Rupert Effect. Congratulations to our talented team of writers, directors, actors and crew on their successful work. Thank you to our One Act Production Team.

A big thank you to our Drama Council this year, led by Jaime Gurr and Evan Weissberger, for organizing and leading workshops for all students interested in developing theatre skills. This year we held two Drama Game Nights, designed Drama Sweaters, hosted a Holiday Cookie Baking Night, held a Movie Night, and two improv nights. Thank you for keeping us connected to our community.

This year, the Drama Department welcomed [Danielle Mailloux](#) to our team, leading our Grade Nine and Ten Drama Elective students through an exciting and flourishing journey in Drama. On behalf of the Drama Department, a big thank you to Ms. Mailloux for being such a positive role model and impressive pedagogue for our department. You have played a large role in the success of our program this year.

To our returning faculty [Wendy Krekeler](#) and James Harkenss, we look forward to your return in September. On behalf of the Drama Department, we wish you a healthy and happy summer. Ms.Lizzie Kurtz, Ms.Laura Nienhuis, Ms.Danielle Mailloux and Mr. Corey Singer.

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Wishing our Grade 12 Drama Majors the very best!

Important Dates for 2021-2022

Aug 31 - 10:00-11:30 am Gr. 12 Timetable pick up
 Aug 31 - 1:30-3:00 pm Gr. 11 Timetable pick up
 Sep 2- 9:00-11:00 am Gr. 9 Links Assembly
 Sep 2- 1:30-3:00 pm Gr. 10 Timetable pick up
 (Timetable pick up in cafeteria)

Sept. 9/21 First Day of School
 Oct. 11/21 Thanksgiving Day
 Nov. 19/21 PA Day
 Dec. 20 -Jan. 2 Holiday Break
 Feb 1/21 Semester 2 Courses Begin
 Feb 18/22 PA Day
 Feb. 21/22 Family Day
 Mar. 14-18/22 March Break
 Apr. 15/22 Good Friday
 Apr. 18/22 Easter Monday
 May 23/22 Victoria Day
 June 29/22 End of Academic Year
 June 30/22 Professional Activity Days

Exam Dates:

TBD

Report Card Distributions:

Nov.
 Feb. TBD
 Apr.
 June

Parent Teacher Interviews:

Nov. 18/21 10am-12pm, 1-4pm, 6-8pm
 Mar. 24/22 10am-12pm, 1-4pm, 6-8pm

School Council:

Sept. 16/21 AGM 7:30 pm in Cafeteria
 Sept. 20/21 Parent Info Evening
 5:30-6:30 pm Social
 6:30 pm - Curriculum
 7:00-8:00 pm CW/ESL

Student Activity Council 2021-2022**President:** Jason Wong**Vice President:** Elisa Penha**Clubs and Councils:** Yasmin Asadi**Arts:** Michelle Chow**Athletics:** Karim Khairallah**ECO:** Erica Chu**SOPSS:** Dorsa Mansouri**Junior Mayor:** Elly Peng**Social Promoter:** Chevin Jeon**Safe Space Advocate:** Michelle Li**Media Masters Senior:** Ashley Kim**Media Masters Senior:** Jessica Liu**Media Masters Junior:** To be Selected in Sep/21**Multicultural Rep:** Anna He**Leaders Collective 2021-2022****Director:** Iris Lako**Assistant Director:** Valerie Lin**Administrative Coordinator:** Saniya Niyoocha**Administrative Assistants:** James Sunwoo/
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