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## Principal's Message

Ricky Goldenberg

As we approach the end of this academic school year, I want to take this opportunity to express how extremely proud I am of the amazing efforts put forth by our staff and students as we emerge out of the pandemic and leave it behind us. There have been challenging times, but you have shown strength, determination and resilience and you've persevered to successfully complete another school year. We never wavered from our commitment to achievement, student well being and overall excellence.

I would like to take this moment to say goodbye to our amazing staff members that have retired earlier in the school year or just about to retire: Mr. Noukhovitch, Ms. Bayne, Mr. Torok and Mr. Fair. A few of our staff are also leaving to go to other schools. I wish them all 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 Lee and Liesha Earle, for all the advice and the commitment to our wonderful students and staff.

To our 2022 graduates, you have shown great determination and commitment during this past year. You should be extremely proud of all your efforts and the resolve you have shown throughout your high school career, and I know that you will use that same determination and steadfastness in the future to be successful and productive members of society. Carpe Diem!



**School Council** by Susan Lee and Liesha Earle

Our Council’s purpose is to represent the school’s parents, caregivers and 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 22 was formed at the beginning of the school year. The council then commenced monthly meetings, usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month with adjustments for holidays and special events, to discuss important issues related to our school 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 student’s success. Some of these topics included: Parents tips for Success and Understanding Academic and Elective course selection. Guidance Curriculum Leader, Christine Zaghikian, gave a presentation on the University and College Application Process. Dr. Kay Shen spoke to us about Mental Health and we hosted a Q&A with MPP Stan Cho on Education. Parent Council also prepared gifts and treats to encourage our staff and show our appreciation for their hard work and perseverance during this year with online learning, schedule shifts and Covid restrictions.

Due to Covid-19 and restrictions on gatherings, all meetings were conducted via Zoom with very good participation from students, staff and parents.

On October 5<sup>th</sup> we commemorated World Teacher Appreciation Day with snacks and treats for all staff members. We were also able to host our first in person Staff Appreciation Breakfast on May 25<sup>th</sup>.



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 2022 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. 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

2022 has, thus far, been a rich year of building on departmental traditions, all of which celebrate student voice.

Congratulations to Lia Ashkenas our 2022 *Poetry-in-Voice* champion. She became Earl Haig's first post-pandemic winner on May 24<sup>th</sup> when poetic champs from nine different English classes duked it out in our eighth-annual recital competition.

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, the English Department celebrated its best writers at the 38<sup>th</sup> annual *Pierre Berton Writing Contest*. Our outside adjudicator, and former Earl Haig student Amita Parikh, the bestselling author of the 2022 novel *The Circus Train* was the adjudicator who selected Nada Salem as the Senior Writer of the Year and Czarina Reyes the Junior Writer of the Year. The ceremony lauded the efforts of thirty-one other winners and finalists, all of whom received a beautiful Amelia Hui anthology.

Finally, best wishes to all our graduating grade 12 English students who are going to college and university prepared and confident: *carpe diem!*



"Amita Parikh, adjudicator, Nada Salem, the Senior Writer of the Year and Czarina Reyes, the Junior Writer of the Year, at the Pierre Berton Writing Contest Awards Ceremony."

**English Department** continued.....



"Wendy Han charms the adjudicators at the Poetry-in-Voice school-wide competition."

## **Science Department** by J. Chew

This school year saw a slow comeback of the regular in person learning with modified quadmester in the first half and a regular semester in the second half.

Grade 9 classes had virtual presenters by Pitch Black and built electrical circuits with breadboards. Pitch Black is an organization run by Toronto Metropolitan University (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 switch to in-class labs, which were badly needed, to give students hands-on experience. In particular Grade 12 classes were able to do in class labs to give them lab skills they may not have received last year, to prepare for their university chemistry courses next year.

Students were also offered the opportunity to write the grade 11 University of Waterloo Avogadro Chemistry Contest. We are happy to report that Vincent Xia and Steven Luo tied for 1st at Earl Haig. They also achieved:

1. 26th in the world, out of 3691 participants
2. 1st in Earl Haig Secondary School, out of 23 participants
3. 7th in Canada, out of 2290 participants
4. 2nd in Toronto, out of 606 participants

Honorable mention goes to William He and Neferty Amooyan who were in the top 200 in North America. All four students received certificates and will receive tiles like the one below.

Students also wrote the grade 12 University of Waterloo Chem 13 Chemistry Contest.

Congratulations again to Steven Luo who is only in Grade 11 but achieved the following:

1. 17th in Canada, out of 885 participants
2. within the 80th percentile in Canada, out of 885 participants
3. 7th in Toronto, out of 236 participants
4. Top 135 in the World



## **Science Department continued.....**

Congratulations again to Steven Luo and Vincent Xia on their excellent results on the Canadian Chemistry Contest and Olympiad. Steven placed 8th in the contest in Canada (3rd in Ontario) with a 4th place finish in Part A of the contest. He won a cash award and a merit certificate. Vincent got a Bronze medal for the Olympiad and earned a merit certificate and a \$500 prize for his achievements. Congratulations to both future Chemists!

Two of our students, Julie Sieg and Andrew Mao continued to build on their success in the previous year's Toronto Science Fair with their independent projects. Julie's continuing studies into the effects of increased sea temperature on phytoplankton community composition by cell size was submitted to the International Science and Engineering Fair and garnered her 4th place in the highly competitive contest.

Andrew Mao received gold at the Toronto Science Fair and Bronze at the Canada Wide Science Fair. He also won the innovation Award at the Canada Wide Science Fair on his topic Concussion Detection. Andrew was also busy this year writing a paper on Metrics of Education Equity which he entered in the Big Data Challenge and received Silver. His work this year and in past years in research has given him a rich background that he will take with him to University next year. Congratulations Andrew!

While the majority of biology competitions are still on furlough, students in biology courses welcomed the return of laboratory classes to Earl Haig. The following dissections returned to our classes: Grade 10 - Frogs, Grade 11 Bio Fetal Pigs. Students were extremely excited to carry out these dissections which were on hold the past 2 years because of the pandemic. Along with the renewal of hands-on blood typing labs and microscopy, students continued using simulations and assignments, blending the mastery of online platforms with a returned focus to practical skills. Beyond the normal curriculum content, they investigated the science of innovations both new and historically relevant and studied the most recent developments in biotechnological advances.

In Physics news, several students wrote the Ontario Association of Physics Teachers (OAPT) contest. Congratulations to Paria Jahadi and Frederick Chen for their high scores in the OAPT Physics 11 Contest! They were in the top 9% and 10% respectively, out of 637 participants.

This year, the grade 12 science subject award winners were:

Course	Grade 12
<b>Biology (University)</b>	Julie Sieg
<b>Chemistry (University)</b>	Angela Xu
<b>Physics (University)</b>	Linda You
<b>Science Applications and Research Award</b>	Andrew Mao
<b>Earth and Space Science (University)</b>	Bill Chen
<b>OVERALL SCIENCE - TOP MARKS IN ALL THREE OF PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY, AND BIOLOGY</b>	Alexis Kim

Congratulations to all the winners and best wishes for their success in University and College!

Thanks to all our science students and science teachers for making the most of this year given the difficult pandemic situation. If anything, science is winning given the vaccine to fight against COVID.

Have a great summer and see you in September!

## **Technological Studies and Computer Science** by M. Parisella

This year Technological Studies and Computer Science Departments were back at full steam through in-person learning! Teachers managed to work alongside students showing and teaching them *hands-on, practical* transferrable skills in Tech Design, Culinary, Digital Media Art, Computer Sciences and Hair Styling. Skills were developed in forging metal, using wood, creating every day and gourmet meals from scratch using fresh ingredients, learning the newest hair trends and special effects makeup, designing homes, coding, graphic design and animation work. This year's highlights were Mr. Carayanis and Ms. Salvatore's "*Cupcake Wars*" and Ms. Salvatore highly successful "*Makeup-Special Effects*". Make sure to see the photos below...The unique transferrable skills students learn in Tech and Computers may lead to everyday use, the workplace and/or post-secondary education.

A big congratulations to this year's Cyber Security Team who won the Defender of the Year Award and took the 3rd place in the National High School Cybersecurity Competitions - CyberTitan V. Congratulations to - Harshith Duba, Cristian Bogdan, Daniel Lee and Nathan Pfeffer.

A big thank-you to all Tech and Computer teachers this year: Mr. Pesa, Ms. Salvatore, Mr. Carayanis, Mr. Davis, Mr. Williams, Ms. Coughlan, Mr. Noukhovitch, Ms. Cruceanu and Mr. Hossain. You can also view all of Tech and Computer course offerings at the following promotional video: <https://earlhaig.ca/departments/tech/index.php>. We look forward to seeing you all next September for an exciting new school year in Tech and Computers!



Congratulations to - Harshith Duba, Cristian Bogdan, Daniel Lee, and Nathan Pfeffer.

**Technological Studies and Computer Science** by M. Parisella



Grade 10's, Ms. Salvatore's *"Makeup-Special Effects"*



Grade 10, Mr. Carayanis and Ms. Salvatore's *"Cupcake Wars"*

## **Dance Department** by T. Lee-Blight

Greetings from the Dance Department.

After beginning another year with COVID restrictions we still managed to provide an exciting and enriching dance experience for all our students.

Thank you to our Dance Council and Performance class for organizing our Halloween and Holiday flash mobs. Our students learned some scary and festive choreography for the dance department to perform in our first semester.

After two years of not having any in person shows, we were ecstatic to be able to end our year with two wonderful dance events in front of a live audience. Our students worked hard to bring an eclectic mix of dances to our stage; ballet, jazz, Bhangra, modern and contemporary dance. Thank you to our dance teachers and guest artists; Mateo Galindo Torres, Lisa Auguste, Phil Nero, Kendra Epik, Jacques Monfiston, Valerie Stanois, Kalie Hunter, Stephanie Bergeron, and Ria Akat for helping to create a beautiful evening of dance.

Our final spring show, Dance Collective - Power of Resilience was an evening to showcase student choreography and our senior elective class! Thank you to our incredible student producers Abigail Dunbar and Sophie Eisberg Marshall for putting together an outstanding event.

We would like to congratulate our Grade 12 Award winners: Denise Igama, Trinity Tam, Jason Wong and Rachel Saarony. Best Wishes to all of our dance graduates and their next exciting adventures into future studies, pathways and explorations in the years ahead.



Dance Night 2022 - Grade 12



Dance Night 2022 - Grade 09

**Dance Department continued...**



Dance Night 2022 - Grade 10



Dance Night 2022 - Grade 11

## **Film Arts Department** by M. Parisella

It's been a long two years! But, we finally did it, **The Film Arts Gala 2022**, was held on June 8<sup>th</sup> in front of a live audience of close to 500 people! Both audience and films did not disappoint! The energy was positive, engaged, boisterous and generally all out fun! People were hungry for the collective power and experience of the movies! The Film Arts Gala 2022 showcased films that best represented the work produced this year in all the grade levels with a special send-off to our graduating class of 2022.

November 2021, we showcased over ZOOM and live premiered over YouTube the **Film Arts SUSPENSE Film Festival**. Students showed their creative abilities, both technically and storytelling, by creating films of thrilling anticipation. Key films of the event were "*Insides Out*" and "*My Vegetarian Zombie*."

April 2022 marked the "**26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Zoom International Student Film Festival.**" Film submissions representing over 25 countries worldwide were submitted and five Film/TV industry guest judges, including Film Arts alumni Britney Ngaw, deliberated over the films to select nine winners! Congratulations to Ashley Kim, a grade 12 Film Arts Major, who won "Best Sound Editing" for her short film, "*Kimjang*" and Daniel Diasconescu, a grade 12 Film Arts Major won "Best Cinematography" for "*Insides Out*." A big shout-out to the ZOOM Film Festival Student Council for their significant help in bringing this meaningful festival to life: Tabris Cao, Ashley Kim, Jessica Liu, Tooba Rahim, Andrea Tabini, Hanlin Zhang, Mimi Berman, Emma Meskes, Amber Stuffers, Vincent Zhou, Leticija Bingelite, Eirik Andersen, Ariya Chib and Emma Lamb

Praise must be given to this year's **Film Arts Council** who have elevated the program to another level. Through your hard work and integrity, you helped create a natural bridge between the junior and senior students within the program. Thank-you to Ashley Kim and Amber Stuffers, Co-Presidents, for leading such an enthusiastic group!

To the **Graduating Film Arts Class of 2022**, your growth over the last four years is phenomenal! From your wide-eyed curiosity starting grade 9 to your strong independent, critical thinking-classroom discussions on story and preproduction, your absence next school year will be noticed. It was a real pleasure being part of your growth as a teacher these past four years! Your work will inspire future Film Arts filmmakers for years to come! All the best for an amazing future!

A big thank-you to the Film Arts teachers Mr. Harkness and Mr. Hack for helping make this year a huge success. The department looks forward to an exciting, new curriculum next year. On behalf of the Film Arts Department and teachers, 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! Keep in touch: YouTube: Film Arts @ Earl Haig and INSTAGRAM: @EHSSFILM



Grade 12, behind the scenes for, "My Vegetarian Zombie"

**Film Arts Department... continued**



Grade 11's, behind the scenes for, "Can I Have Your Autograph?"



Grade 11's behind the scenes for, "School Secrets: The Wicked Washroom"



Grade 12's behind the scenes "Student Voice"

## **Music Department** by D. Pady

The music department has seen a tumultuous yet productive year as we continued to navigate performing and creating in a pandemic. We were thrilled to finally find ways to perform together, and for the first time in two years, plan an in-person concert!

Our music classes experimented with new ideas, invited a variety of guests, and continued to collaborate with other classes. Through the online world of Zoom and eventual in-person visits, we welcomed a huge variety of musical experiences for our students, ranging from Fiddling, Classical Persian Music and Ghanaian Drumming to workshops with the Canadian Opera Company, Oriana Women's Choir and Continuum. Highlights of our guest collaborations included seeing compositions of some of our grade 12 students performed by the renowned Gryphon Trio and Bedford Trio in concert. Following March Break, music classes were able to join forces with other arts department classes to expand their creativity to collaborate with the Visual Art, Dance and Drama departments - all projects providing a great opportunity to connect with new students and actively think about music and its connection to the other arts.

This year, an almost complete concert season was upon us again! The first semester saw amazing work put together by ensembles that worked together in a distanced format to culminate in our recorded Music Revue in December. The joy of being able to play together on stage again was felt by everyone, and we looked forward to the next step of including audiences. The start of our second semester included two online concerts: Piano Night in January and Café Carpe at the end of April. Both concerts featured beautiful and diverse performances from our Claude Watson and Elective students. In April we also welcomed the news that our final concert of the year, Music Showcase could be presented to an in-person audience. As I write this, we are preparing to perform in front of a sold out crowd and celebrating our extra-curricular ensembles and second semester classes on stage. This is a joyous time for all of our students!

Our student-led Music Council was really an integral part of our school year. They facilitated highly organized behind-the-scenes preparation for each concert, including incredible work on a silent auction, in support of the Toronto Arts Foundation that complimented our Café Carpe concert. Our first in-person Music Gala in two years occurred at the end of May. We celebrated the hard work of all of our students with music (of course), food and awards. 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:  
Alina He

Claude Watson Musician of the Year:  
Thomas Carli

Leadership Award Winner: Eun Gu Kang

Congratulations once again to all of our music students for your hard work and a return to so much beautiful music-making. Your teachers are so very proud of you.



**Music Department** by D. Pady



Indoor/Outdoor Band Rehearsals



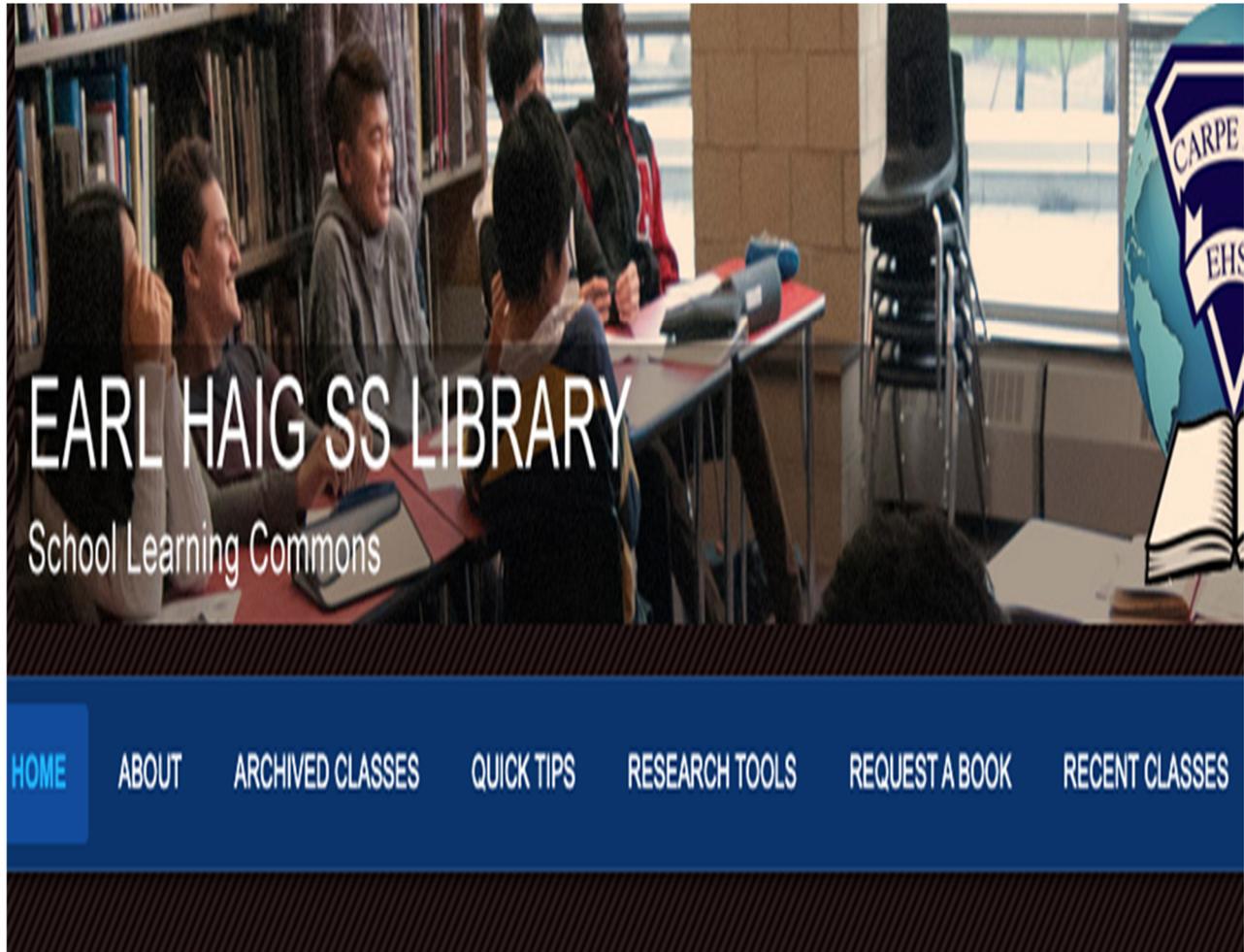
## **Library Commons** by M. Kopyto

The Earl Haig Library Commons would like to thank all staff and students who have helped keep the library program up and running. The school teacher/librarians, Ms. Lo Re and Mr. Kopyto, continued to work collaboratively with classroom teachers to develop rich inquiry projects and lessons which emphasize critical thinking and research related skills. We continued to integrate the latest technological pedagogy to support literacy, research and inquiry and higher order thinking for all students. Our physical and virtual spaces continue to be updated regularly to support student success and well being.

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](http://www.earlhaig.ca/library) and through the [TDSB Virtual Library](#).

Lastly, we 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 Earl Haig Library Commons as a center of learning and research would not be possible. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Have a safe and relaxing summer.



## **Student Activity Council & Clubs and Councils** by Jason Wong and Yasmin Asadi

As the year comes to an end, it is important to highlight the perseverance of the student body as they successfully navigated yet another year of the pandemic. Although the year started rough with plenty of restrictions on events, Clubs Council and SAC were able to deliver the same spirit by finding ways for clubs to fundraise and spread good cheer virtually.

The first major event of the year was EHAC's Terry Fox run which encouraged students to run or walk with their friends and family and donate through school cash online. With the help of the Earl Haig community, the council was able to raise over \$3000. SAC later followed in their footsteps as they raised over \$4000 for the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, highlighting the student body's contribution to community and international aid.

Clubs Council also kicked off this year's first food sale by bringing back the school's beloved beverage, bubble tea. Their event gave way to a wave of charity events for World Vision, WWF and Habitat for Humanity.

This year also marked a new chapter for student involvement and inclusivity. The school had 76 clubs, 11 more than the previous school year, which gave more students an outlet for their creativity. SAC and LC collaborated to bring back their annual volunteer fair, this time in person and better than ever. And the school cannot forget Orange Shirt Day and Pink Shirt Day, which had a record high participation rate and raised awareness for Truth and Reconciliation Day and bullying.

This article would not be complete without mentioning the arts at Earl Haig. Although lunchtime theatre's success was halted due to restrictions, Claude Watson drama majors delivered an excellent production of their play *Paper or Plastic?* The dance majors and electives also left the audience speechless with their respective performances. Music also sold out their annual music gala within days and delivered a beautiful performance to parents, staff and students. Not to forget, Film Arts delivered yet another successful zoom Film Festival and Film Gala to wrap up the year. Despite the TDSB's recent take on specialized programs, Earl Haig students as a collective thrived this year due to the powerful connection between art and collegiate students, and we hope the legacy continues.

Finally, the summer marks a new chapter for the graduating class, and a new page for Earl Haig SAC. As Jason and I graduate, we wish Earl Haig the best and hope to see the potential shine through when we come back to visit in the future.

Thank you Earl Haig for 4 wonderful years.



## **Guidance Department** by C. Zaghikian

Another year has come to an end, and what a year it was. Earl Haig staff and students worked tirelessly to adapt to the new rules and processes of schooling during the Pandemic. The challenges and frustrations were many. However, what was most impressive and worthy of note was the enthusiasm and hard work we saw our students display as we all tried to pivot back into normalcy and the "good old days" of Earl Haig. 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 challenging 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:**

It was with great joy that we were able to celebrate and honour our graduates with a live Awards Ceremony, Prom, as well as Commencement at the University of Toronto. 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 as he filled in for Mr. Lawrence this year.

### **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 our wonderful COPE group 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!

### **LC Connect:**

We also want to thank Mr. Low and Mr. Panagopoulos for the LC Connect Program. We look forward to making more connections within the school next year.

### **Summer School:**

For TDSB summer school information, please go to [www.creditprograms.ca](http://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 on August 23rd 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 form and 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](http://www.electronicinfo.ca) for university programs and scholarships, [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca) for university applications, and [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca) for college applications.

### **Guidance Information:**

- Guidance News is posted weekly on the Guidance Page at [www.earlhaig.ca/guidance](http://www.earlhaig.ca/guidance)
- EHSS Guidance Account on Instagram @earlhaigguidance

### **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. D. Lawrence, Mr. Low, Mr. Matsumoto, Mr. Panagopoulos, and Ms. Zaghikian!**

## **Business Department** by M. 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
- Integration of YouTube into Grade 11 Marketing classes using videos from a Professor from the University of Illinois – Champagne for enhanced content
- 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
- The two co-founders (including Earl Haig alumna, Jessica Miao) of **Apricotton**, a Toronto-based clothing company whose target demographic is 10 to 16 year old females, ran a “How to Start a Business” seminar for approximately 30 of our business students. (see below)



The DECA Business club had another interesting, but successful year. DECA Ontario as a whole did not run this year; however, rather than writing off the year, our club executives, with student leaders from two other Toronto schools, decided that they would create their own replacement competition for DECA students instead. Our combined student leaders completely redesigned, planned, rebranded, rewrote and re-established a new business case competition entity from the ground up, which we branded “ACED”. Due to COVID restrictions, the entire operation was planned and executed completely online, leveraging our students’ skills in entrepreneurship, collaboration and working in a digital environment. ACED attracted 14 schools and approximately 750 students for our late February GTA Regional competition. The top 350 students then moved on to compete in our GTA Finals in early May. Earl Haig

students claimed six Top-5 finishes at the Regional event. At the Finals, we had: six students finish Top-3 in their event; one student with the highest mark in their written exam portion; and one student, Mark Wang, finish in first place overall in his business category. This was an amazing experience for our DECA Club leaders and members as they truly stepped up to the plate and knocked it out of the park. 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. Our students worked at community businesses varying from schools, hospitals and construction to retail, restaurants, law offices and more. Due to COVID, we seamlessly pivoted to online for portions of the course, while some students chose to be virtual for the entire course. 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.

The department would like to applaud our students on another uniquely memorable year. Best of luck to our 2022 graduates, and we look forward to seeing our returning students in class again next year!

## **Drama Department** by L. Kurtz

This has been a busy and successful year in the Drama department. The students and studios were bustling with activity for rehearsals and performances.

The One Act play festival Oblivion was particularly entertaining this year as it featured some wonderful student writing, acting, directing, producing and more!

The Drama council led by Sophie Johnson created a greater sense of community and belonging with our drama breakfasts and drama games nights. Thank you to the entire Drama Council.

Guest artists welcomed into our classrooms and department this year were Michael Blake of The Stratford Festival, Film and Television Actor Joanne Latimer and The Toronto Alliance for the Performing Arts. We are grateful to all of our guest artists for the expertise they bring to our program.

### **Our Studies**

Grade Nine Drama students, dove deep into monologue and scene work in their studies of Classical Greek Theatre coupled with a great amount of team building and ensemble theatre work. We are proud of your growth and development.

The Grade Ten Drama students were engaged in deepened study of mask work, physical theatre storytelling, and approaches to Shakespeare, culminating in a public evening performance of Shakespeare and Love. This took a great amount of risk taking, diving into unfamiliar territory. Well done everyone on all of your hard work!

The Grade Eleven Drama Majors performed two successful rounds of LunchTime Theatre to large groups of students who got to see firsthand the diverse talent base and creativity of their peers in the Drama Program. Great work everyone!

And this year, our Grade 12 Drama Major's culminating show, Paper or Plastic and, All I Need to Know I Learned by Being in a Bad Play was a great success. Congratulations to the cast and crew! We wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavours.

Our Grade 12 department award winners are Emeline Edgett for the Drama Production Award, for the Grade 12 Drama Major, Sophie Johnston and for Drama Elective, Rebecca Karon. [Laura Dumitrache](#) won the John Hoare Memorial award and Emeline Edgett won the Rachel Kohm Memorial Award.

On behalf of the department, have a safe and restful summer.

Mr. Harkness, Ms. Krekeler, Ms. Kurtz, Ms. Nienhuis, Mr. Singer and Dr. Sullivan.



Grade 12's, Drama Majors Claude Watson Major Drama Program

**Visual Arts Department** by N. Sakhavarz

2022 has proved to be an exciting year for the Visual Arts department. Back in person has meant reconnecting with each other as artists, making new partnerships and taking part in a bevy of extra-curricular activities and initiative. This year, our artists have been extremely prolific, proudly displaying works throughout the building, across the city and even virtually at our much anticipated Fashion Event. The department has continued hosting a variety of guests, collaborated with other departments and continued adorning the walls and halls of EH with impressive and thought provoking works.

This year also marks some significant endings and new beginnings for our department. We celebrate the ending of high school for our incredible graduating class. They will be greatly missed but given how exceptional they have been for the past four years, we cannot wait to see what the future has in store for them.

We bid farewell to one of our most beloved and inspirational teachers, Mr. Alan Torok, who retired earlier in the year, after having left an indelible mark on our students, curriculum and program as a whole. He too will be missed, but will follow on his continued adventures as a renowned composer and an exhibiting artist.

As for beginnings, the department welcomes our newest staff and former Claude Watson-Earl Haig alumni, the fabulous Ms. Ju-Hye Ahn. We welcome her back home and look forward to seeing her open this new chapter in her professional life.



The Visual Arts department invites you all to visit: **c.w.art**

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

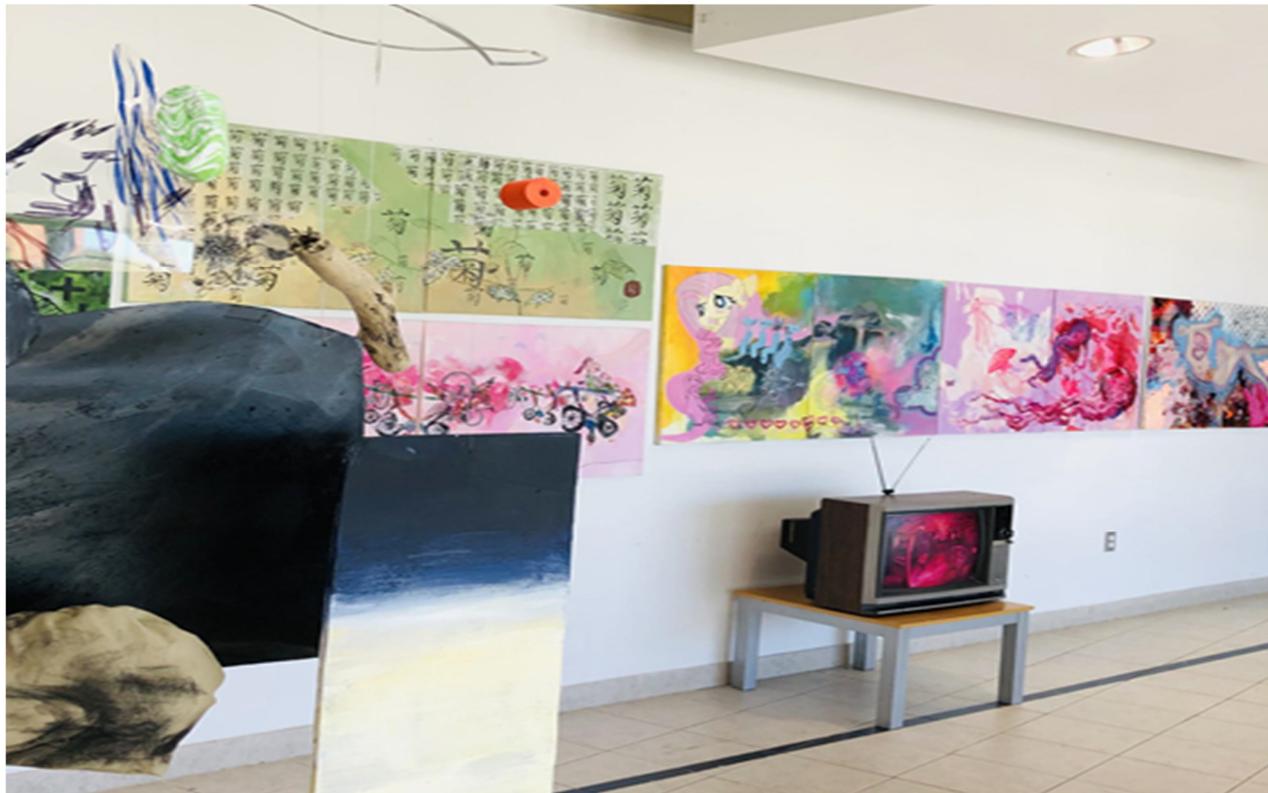


**Parsa Fard**, VAC President, Grade 12 CW award winner, with his piece displayed in the lobby of Westwood Gardens

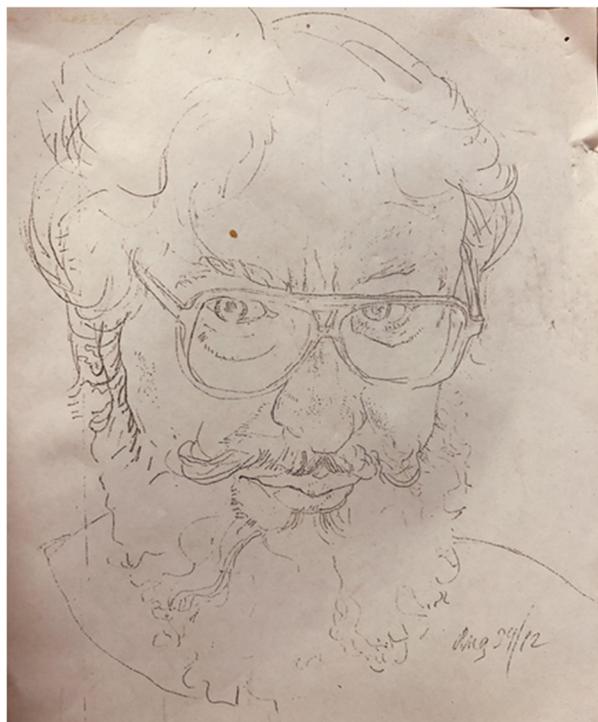


**Chevin Jeon**, VAC Vice President, Grade 12 CW Leadership award winner, hoarding piece displayed at Nordic on Wilson Ave.

**Visual Arts Department....continued**



The Wave Gallery



Farewell Mr. Torok



**Rashid Swan**, Grade 12 VA Major, public art piece displayed at Nordic on Wilson Ave.

**Holidays**

Sept. 7/22	First Day of School
Oct. 7/22	PA Day
Oct. 10/22	Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 18/22	PA Day
Dec. 26 - Jan. 9	Holiday Break
Feb. 2/23	PA Day
Feb. 3/23	Semester 2 Courses Begin
Feb. 17/23	PA Day
Feb. 20/23	Family Day
Mar. 13-17/23	March Break
Apr. 7/23	Good Friday
Apr. 10/23	Easter Monday
May 22/23	Victoria Day
June 28/23	End of Academic Year
June 29/23	Professional Activity Days
June 30/23	Professional Activity Days

**Exam Dates:**

Jan. 25-31  
June 21-27, 2023

**Report Card Distributions:**

Nov. 21/22  
Feb. 13/23  
Apr. 28/23  
June 30/23

**Parent Teacher Interviews:**

Nov. 17/22 10am-12pm, 1-4pm, 6-8pm  
Mar. 30/23 10am-12pm, 1-4pm, 6-8pm

**School Council:**

Sept. 22/22 Parent Info Evening  
5:30-6:30 pm Social  
6:30 pm - Curriculum  
7:00-8:00 pm CW/ESL

**Student Activity Council 2022-2023****President:** Elly Peng**Vice President:** Pearl Song**Clubs and Councils:** Emily Shoal**Arts:** Stella Cobb**Athletic Rep:** Abdel-Rahman Mobarak**Community Rep:** Rachael Chan**ECO:** Hana Imany**SOPSS:** Millicent Song/Ryann Steinberg**Junior Mayor:** Michelle Jeon**Social Promoter:** Irene Choi**Safe Space Advocate:** Michelle Li**Media Masters Senior:** James Knechtel**Media Masters Senior:** Milos Zderic**Media Masters Junior:** To be Selected in Sep/22**Multicultural Rep:** Diba Sadatdarbandi**Stage Crew Rep:** Gabi Gelfand**Leaders Collective 2022-2023****Director:** Hannah Park**Assistant Director:** Rameen Shaikh**Administrative Coordinator:** Zariya Shaikh**Administrative Assistant:** Nidhi Benoy**Administrative Assistant:** Phoenix Hsuen**Events Coordinator:** Steven Luo**Events Assistants:** Sophia Liu/Mia Xuan**Promotions Coordinator:** Eno Ma**Promotions Assistants:** Francesca Tsai/Hoon Dao**Promotions Assistant:** Anita Du**Programs Coordinator:** Ismail Hosny**Programs Coordinator:** Hannah Teicher**Programs Assistants:** Mark Wang/Fay Wang**Special Projects Coordinator:** Alyssa Grant**Special Projects Assistant:** Alice Quan**Special Projects Assistant:** Rana Mohammed**Volunteers Coordinator:** Safiya Sivjee**Volunteer Assistants:** Nadine Al-Junaidi/Sarah Pan