



Nelson McIntyre Collegiate

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Message From Administration

The month of December has arrived quickly, and with it, the anticipation of the holiday season. The month of December is a very eventful time with the many activities that the festive season brings. Students and staff have been working very hard throughout the last three months and we congratulate everyone on their hard work and dedication. Special congratulations go out to all of our music students, and especially Ms. MacCorby, who have been very active with performing at two Remembrance Day events, mentoring music students at Archwood and Marion, our very recent Winter Concert and a number of workshops with noted musicians such as Ron Carter.

Our "Pennies from LRSD" campaign and collection of food for Christmas hampers and the Cheer Board has been embraced by students and staff. We thank you for your generosity and continued support for both our penny and hamper drives. Every gift, big or small, makes a difference. Our student leadership group has also been selling Rafiki bracelets. The money made from the sales of these bracelets goes towards a number of Free the Children projects. Students have raised well over \$200 for this.

The basketball teams are now in full swing. Prior to the break, each team will have started their regular season with a very full slate of games immediately after the winter break. We invite you to come by and watch any of the games and see some very exciting basketball.

The 19th of December is the last day of school before holidays. School will end at 2:45 pm that afternoon and we ask that parents make the necessary arrangements for this early dismissal.

On behalf of the entire staff at Nelson McIntyre Collegiate, we wish everyone the very best during this holiday season and a healthy, happy new year.

*Merry
Christmas*



Important Dates

- Dec.22-Jan.2– Winter Break
- Jan.5– Classes Resume
- Jan.7– PAPA Meeting 6:30 PM
- Jan.16– SWAG Meeting 10:30 AM
- Jan.19-21– Grad Photos
- Jan.27– Early Dismissal
PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
- Jan. 29 Semester 2 Starts
- Feb.2– PD Day– No Classes
- Feb.4– PAPA Meeting 6:30 PM
- Feb.9– Semester 1 Reports Mailed
- Feb.10-12– NMC Registration Meetings
- Feb.13– Blood Drive Shuttle
- Feb.13-14– Mac Attack Basketball Tourney
- Feb. 16– Louis Riel Day– No School
- Feb.18-19– U of M Info Days
- Feb. 18– SWAG Meeting 10:30 AM
- Feb.19– NMC Showcase 6:30-8:00 PM
- Feb.23-27– NMC Course Registration Week
2015-2016
- Feb.24– Early Dismissal 2:45 PM
PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
- Feb.25– Pink Shirt Day
- Feb.27– Optimist Concert Band Festival
- Mar.4– PAPA Meeting 6:30 PM
- Mar.5– Grade 9 Immunizations
- Mar.6– Interim Report Cards Mailed
Optimist Concert Band Festival
- Mar.13– PD Day– No Classes
- Mar.16-20– NMC Spirit Week
- Mar.17– SWAG Meeting
- Mar.23-25– LRSD Band Celebration
- Mar.24– Early Dismissal 2:45 PM
PAC Meeting 6:00 PM
- Mar.30-Apr. 3– SPRING BREAK

Exam Schedule



January 6-9	Grade 12 Provincial English Exam
January 21	Grade 12 Essential Math Exam
January 22	Grade 12 Pre-Cal Math Exam

January 22-28 NMC School Based Exams

January Exam Prep Sessions will be held every Tuesday and Thursday @ 3:45-4:45 PM from January 6th-20th.

Student Services



It is hard to believe we are nearing the end of first semester already. Things will move quickly as students are finishing off assignments and getting ready for Exams. To help with all of this, we will be offering Exam Prep sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:45 – 4:45 in the school library starting on January 6th and going until January 20th.

The Grade 12 Provincial English Exam will begin on January 6th and will wrap up on January 9th. The Grade 12 Provincial Math Essentials Exam will be on January 21st, followed up by the Grade 12 Provincial Pre-calculus Exam on January 22nd.

The Nelson McIntyre Collegiate School Based Exams will begin on January 22nd and run until January 28th. Students are reminded to check the Exam Schedule so they know when they write. If there are any conflicts, please let us know as soon as possible. Second semester begins on January 29th.

Graduation Photos will take place from January 19th to January 22nd!

During the months of February/March, all grade 9, 10, and 11 students will be registering for classes. This is an important time. Families are encouraged to investigate the requirements for Post-secondary Education options that your son/daughter may be interested in.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Jason McKechnie and Lori Miller

The Jacob Krueger Library @ NELSON MCINTYRE COLLEGIATE

The Nelson McIntyre Library has enjoyed a very busy fall. We have added a large number of new fiction and non-fiction books and we are very pleased with the number of avid readers using the Mac Advantage. Thanks to our small size, we are able to receive recommendations from students and quickly purchase those books and add them to our shelves, with the student making the recommendation getting first priority. Please keep your suggestions coming! You can come and talk with us or leave a suggestion on the NMC library website.

NMC Library Website

HEY! Did you know that we have access to an e-Library at NMC? On any computer or e-reader (except the Kindle), you can borrow digital materials from a wide-variety of genres.

To access our e-Library;

1. Visit the NMC Library website; under "Programs and Services" select "eLibrary Services".
2. First click on the e-Library Link to find your patron number and password.
3. Then, click on the Divisional e-Library Link ([HTTP://media.lrsd.net](http://media.lrsd.net)) to access the log in page and begin your digital browsing.

K. Osachuk and K. Tabas



HOME OF THE WOLVERINES



Flipped Classrooms at NMC

I have the privilege of teaching Grade 12 Pre-Calculus this school year. I wanted to let you know about an approach to teaching that I will be using this year. It is called the “flipped” classroom. The basic concept behind a flipped classroom is that what was traditionally done in the classroom becomes homework and what was traditionally done at home (homework) is done in the classroom.

So what does this look like?

At home: Students watch a YouTube video that I create. While they watch, they take notes and may be asked to answer a couple of quick questions that help me assess that they understand the basic concepts.

At school: When students come to class the next day we will briefly discuss what they heard in the videos and answer any questions they may have. We may explore a topic by doing an activity intended to enrich their understanding. The rest of the class time will be used for practicing the concepts from the video (homework in the traditional setting).

I certainly didn't invent this style of instruction.

Another teacher explains flipped learning: http://youtu.be/4a7NbUlr_iQ

Here are some of the benefits to flipped instruction:

1. Students can watch a video on their own. They can pause and rewind whenever they need to review what they heard.
2. Parents/guardians do not have to worry that they can't help their child with the math homework.
3. It helps busy students. Many of our students are involved in activities outside of school and often have a hard time getting all their homework done. Students will be able to watch videos ahead of time from their home computer, smart phone, laptops, iPad or school computers at their convenience.
4. In a traditional model, if a student had questions about problems they were doing at home, they had to go in for tutorials the next day. With this method, students are doing the work in the classroom and are able to get their questions answered immediately.
5. Flipping the instruction helps struggling students. By doing the work in the classroom, I will be able to monitor students more closely. I will be able to identify students quicker that have some misunderstandings or need more individualized instruction.
6. Learning is student-centered, not teacher-centered. Focus is not on the teacher teaching the content but on the student practicing and producing quality work.
7. There is more interaction between teacher-student and student-student. Since I won't be spending the class time in instruction, there is more time for me to answer student questions, work with small groups, and guide the learning of each student individually. There will also be more emphasis on students working collaboratively with other students to facilitate the learning. They will be able to have more relevant math conversations and tutor each other.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact me.

Thanks,

Greg Speiser
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MTYP



On Thursday, October 16, 2014, 100 students and some staff members were invited to see the play, “Jabber”, performed at Manitoba Theatre for Young People. A brief description of the play follows:

Fatima's strict parents move her to another school because of anti-Muslim graffiti. Socially disconnected, she finds an unlikely friend in Jorah, a young man with a reputation for anger issues. Their friendship blossoms into a romance which forces them to confront issues of boundaries, stereotypes, domestic abuse, and the dangers of online sharing on social media.

Staff and students enjoyed the play very much as it opened discussions on assumptions and expectations.

Mrs. S. Hirschak-Shuster

SHOW/Leadership



October, November and December have been busy months for students and staff at Nelson Mac. We collected loose change for PENNIES FROM LRSD. We had a two-fold campaign this year. First, we asked students to consider giving up "Just One Thing" during our drive. A Venti Mocha from Starbucks, an order of Poutine from Red Top or a Large Double-Double from Tim's were some of the things that students gave up in order to donate. The second part of our efforts were for students to play "Would You Rather" and vote for the best answer with their change. One of our questions was, "Would you rather live in the Harry Potter Universe or the Lord of the Rings Universe". We thank everyone who donated so generously. The collection ended in December and all the money went to support Winnipeg Harvest.

Our KOATS FOR KIDS campaign was a success. Gently-used outerwear was collected, delivered to Perth's, and then onto the United Way. Students took part in a Pumpkin Carving Contest just before Hallowe'en. Both students and staff dressed up for Halloween on October 31st.

In November we sold Rafiki Chains in support of Free the Children. Students sold the bracelets for \$10.00 during lunch hours over the course of two weeks and were able to raise over \$200.00 for Free the Children!

In December, we held our annual "Candy Cane Express", Volleyball between varsity teams and staff as well as a week of fun dress-up days; Joy Day (Red, White, Green), Ugly Sweater, Winter Wonderland, (Outerwear), Holiday Character, and Wolverine Days. We are now planning activities for the New Year.

Mrs. Hirschak-Shuster, Ms. Harms, Ms. Woodyard and Mr. Osachuk

Co-operative Education



Christmas Cheer!

The Co-op Ed. class spent part of an afternoon making nearly 80 holiday cards with holiday well wishes for our people in our community. In mid-December, we spent part of an afternoon delivering the cards to houses in the neighbourhood around the school. We had a great time as a group talking about our own holiday traditions and brainstorming other random acts of kindness that we could do. We have already received a few phone calls expressing thanks for the holiday cards!

Lindsay Harms and Jen Rempel

Blood Drive @ NMC—The Wolverine Way: We Donate!

We had shuttles booked for our Halloween Donation this year, so we took 16 students and staff to the William Ave. centre (9:00 and 11:00). We usually take advantage of this trip to go in costume, and we did so again! We are very proud of our first-time donors. It was a terrific day.

Our next opportunity will be Valentine's Day. Encourage your donors and potential donors to be real "sweet hearts," and to sign up early. Remember: each donation can save up to three lives, and you only need to be 17 and have picture ID to donate. The whole community can look forward to our clinic in 2014 (Date TBA). We are hosting a full clinic here in the gym. Once our date is confirmed, you can book your appointment by calling 1-888-2 Donate (1-888-236-6283) to ensure you don't have to wait unnecessarily. Also, if you haven't yet done so, please tell CBS that you'd like to join Partners for Life as part of the NMC group.

Canadian Blood Services also has an app. Click [HERE FOR THE IOS APP](#). Click [HERE FOR THE ANDROID APP](#).

Many of our students graduate and become lifetime donors, so join in and help us break our own goals. Nationally, half the population is eligible to donate, but only one person in 60 does. Our students are donating at many times the national average, and we are proud of them. You should be, too.

Kevin Osachuk



Visual Art



I.P.S.A. Brings Sunshine into the Classroom

This fall the students in the I.P.S.A. art program worked diligently to create 3D sunflowers. They worked with a variety of art media and explored a range of art tools. Everyone enjoyed success and felt pride with their final product.

Karen Geist-McNeill



NMC Students Meet the Premier

On Dec. 4th, 2014 five students along with Ms. Cook were given the opportunity to attend the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, State of the Province luncheon. We enjoyed a wonderful meal, spoke with Manitoba entrepreneurs and had a question and answer period with the Honourable Greg Selinger. The Premier was forthcoming and answered all of the questions students had for him. It was a fantastic learning experience for all of the students who were able to attend.

Brandy Cook

Human Ecology



NMC's Wolverine Cook-Off was a huge success! Students in grade 9 and 10 did an outstanding job creating unique and delicious dishes. Amanda and Sydney created lovely sushi rolls; Payton, Katrina and Morgan made an awesome Mac and Cheese Casserole; Emily, Kierra and Jo Ann were the runners-up with their amazing gourmet "Wild Pile"; Sean, Evan, Dylan and Brandon wowed the judges and ended up winning with their "Grilled Cheese Cheeseburger". Great job, everyone!



Kierra and Jo Ann with their "Wild Pile".



Evan, Sean, Dylan and Brandon with their "Grilled Cheese Cheeseburger".

Kaitlyn Hubble

Green Team



The Wolverine Green Team hosted NMC's first, "Find the Pumpkin and Learn an Environmental Tip" activity at Halloween. Students from the whole school were invited to find pumpkins that were hidden in the school and write down the green tip attached to the pumpkin. The Green team thought this would be a fun way to further the education of sustainability. All students who completed the game sheet were awarded small, yummy prizes! Now, we would like to share some holiday environmental tips. Have you considered using LED lights as a festive addition your tree or home as they are exceptionally energy efficient? For example, 140 LEDs can be powered by the same amount of electricity needed by just ONE 7-watt incandescent bulb. At the end of the season, please recycle your tree at one of the many city "Chip In" locations. Also, the Green Team encourages you to use your own reusable bag when shopping for the holidays. This will significantly reduce the amount of plastic in our landfills. Many thanks for thinking of the environment during this festive season. Happy holidays to all from the Green Team.

Kirsten Morris

Graphics and Foods Collaborative Effort

Annual Preschool Wellness Fair

This event was hosted by the Louis Riel School Division on the 16th of October.

The Fair ran from 1 PM till 6 PM at the LRSD Board Office (Legacy Room).

Our Contribution was a healthy snack kiosk which provided snacks and supporting recipes.

The snacks were prepared by NMC Grade 9's and the recipes were published by Grade 10 Graphics students.



Nutritional information (good health) was the message for the parents of our preschoolers.

Students at NMC demonstrated Numeracy, Literacy and Citizenship skills in this effort as 150 participants were expected.

NMC students had to plan, prepare and deliver with these numbers in mind.

Nutritional guidelines were followed as well as proper food handling.

The event was well received and the healthy snacks were a hit. All the recipes were handed out with our Wolverine logo.



Notes from the MUSIC ROOM

from Music Director Mrs. MacCorby



JAZZ WORKSHOP with PROMINENT U.S. JAZZ MUSICIANS Ronald & Bryan Carter

The NMC Music Program was extremely fortunate to have the opportunity of inviting guest artists Mr. Ronald Carter (Chicago) and his son Bryan Carter (New York) to our school on December 3rd to work with our Jazz Band students!

Ron Carter is highly respected as a jazz educator from Chicago, who travels the world sharing his expertise, and authoring numerous books related to jazz education. His son, Bryan (bryancartermusic.com) is equally successful in his career as a much-sought-after drummer for numerous jazz groups and famous pop music celebrities.



2015 Concert Band Trip
Kamloops. British Columbia
April 30 to May 4th

Next PAPA Fundraiser:

MOM'S PANTRY FOOD PRODUCTS



February 2015



**2015
INTERNATIONAL
OPTIMIST
BAND FESTIVAL
CONCERT BAND**

**Nelson McIntyre Collegiate
Presents:**



**I was A
TEENAGE
ZOMBIE**

An original musical by Angus Kohm

**Auditions in
December**

See Mr. Eagles for details

NELSON MCINTYRE COLLEGIATE
EXAM SCHEDULE
January 2015 - SEMESTER 1

	Thursday, Jan 22	Friday, Jan 23	Monday, Jan 26	Tuesday, Jan 27	Wednesday, Jan 28
9:00 - 11:00 A.M.	MA40SP Speiser MA20SE Bird MA30SE Schmidtk (Venton/Pacheco/Rem pel)	P30S Speiser CCW10F Bird/Eagles E20F Cook (Geist-McNeill/Everette)	BIO30 Woodyard GEO20G Cook (Venton/Pacheco)	Sci10F Schmidtke (Everette)	Exam – Make up
1:00 - 3:00 P.M.	HIS30F MacCorby E10F Morris (Day/Orten)	Chem 40 Speiser ELA30SC Shuster Sci20F Woodyard Lfewks10F Morris (Orten/Sabourin/Har ms)	Psych40 Eagles MA10F Bird/Wood (Day/Sabourin)	Exam – Make up	Exam – Make up

1. Scheduled exams are a compulsory part of the respective course. Any absence must be cleared with Administration before January 9th.
2. In the case of an exam conflict, it is the responsibility of the STUDENT to see Mr. Wagner before January 14th.
3. Name in brackets is the additional supervisor. Additional supervisors will be assigned to classrooms. Students - please be at school 20 minutes prior to the exam. Thanks to all in advance for your efforts.