

Richview NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

“Spirit, pep, and enthusiasm are extremely high right now”, remarks Principal Kim Robinson. Her happiness can hardly be contained as she boasts about Richview’s many successes this year in sports and music. Ms. Robinson is extremely proud of the way Richview is running and she adds that “there is a certain feel, a rhythm to the school which can be felt in the hallways and classrooms this year.” The Richview community has a great deal to look forward to in the months to come. Some exciting upcoming events include the orchestra playing at an international Principal’s conference on November 21st., and a comedy night fundraiser complete with gala and silent auction scheduled for the last weekend in February. Parents should make note of parent-teacher interviews on November 27th and should arrive in the afternoon of that day if possible. Semestering the grade 12 program for next year is being contemplated, but many students are already optimistic and excited at the possibility. It is only November, and with the way things are going everyone can be excited about the enthusiastic, high-spirited year ahead. Go Saints!

STUDENT COUNCIL

OPERATION NIFTY

This year’s operation nifty was an incredible success. Thanks to this year’s event, grade nine students now feel an everlasting connection to the senior class.

CLOTHING

The much anticipated Richview fall clothing line has finally been completed with much effort from the student body. The line includes the much-loved hoodies, long-sleeved shirts, t-shirts, track pants and lanyards with the Richview name and logo, and will also include mesh hats. The new clothing line arrived the week of November 10th and students can look forward to their clothing orders arriving by Christmas break.

Volunteer Opportunities

BEST BUDDIES -Student Seeks New Friend

Woodrow Wilson once said, “Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together.” In the same way, Richview, in correlation with Best Buddies Canada, is taking on the world with an exciting new program! The Best Buddies organization is making a huge impact all across Canada by pairing up students from local high schools to intellectually disabled individuals in their area. Madame Haran and a few Richview students are matched with individuals from Burnhamthorpe Collegiate with intellectual disabilities who share similar interests. For more information on this exciting organization, go to www.bestbuddies.ca.

CHARITY

Students can look forward to the **World Wildlife Stair Climb**, which is expected to happen sometime during the spring. Mrs. Hudek and Mr. Johnstone are organizing this charity event, and are hoping for many participants. Parents can help with the event by making pledges to help raise money for the World Wildlife Fund. Students should listen to announcements for details regarding this worthwhile event.

The **CN Tower Stair Climb** has already taken place this past fall. This year’s event saw a very large turnout of Richview students who are very proud of \$1,027 raised. All money will go towards the United Way Foundation.

Another charity event that the charity committee has planned for the students of Richview is the **Braeburn Christmas Party**, which, this year, will be held at Richview. The Charity Committee welcomes all students at Richview who would like to volunteer at this annual charity event. This fun and joyous day will be full of arts and crafts, games and other fun activities for the Braeburn children. The day will culminate with an early visit from Jolly Old Saint Nick. Students who are interested in being a part of the Braeburn Christmas Party should speak with the Student Council Charity Convenor.

The next big charity event taking place at Richview will be **Unicef Week**. This year’s theme is “children helping children.” During this week there will be a friend auction, a talent show, a fun lunch, and much much more. Students should keep an ear open for details about specific events on the morning announcements.

Clubs



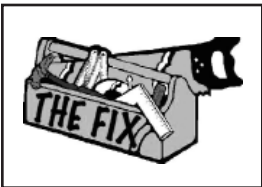
We can thank our clean atmosphere here at Richview to this year's environment club. This hard working club is run by none other than Mrs. Hudek. The environment club has started the year off with two completed missions; the clean up of all the garbage from our school bleachers,

and the clean up of our courtyard. When asked what future plans the environment club had in mind, Mrs. Hudek responded that "from now until the end of the year it is our mission, and goal to keep our school clean, and we will keep coming up with ideas to do so."



Preparation is one of the worst things that can happen when it comes time for Improv. In other words, Richview's entry in the Canadian Improv Games just make it up as they go along. Originally created in Ottawa, the Games supports the development

of improvisational skills in a fun, family friendly environment for high school students. Richview has entered a team in the Games for the past four years. Through practices, exhibition nights and playoffs, the Improv team strives to live in the moment, and create original scenes for an audience and judges. Practicing two or three times a week, at lunch or after school, our Improv team is looking to improve on its thirteenth place finish last year in the Toronto Region. Of course, that's thirteen out of eighty. The team, a mix of raw talent and seasoned veterans has started to bond in a way that only Improv can do. The actors at Richview are ready for action, wherever that may be. Hopefully, the Improv gods will smile kindly on them this year.



The Richview students' newspaper, **The Fix**, continues this year as a forum for articles, editorials, and drawings of all kinds. **The Fix**, with teacher adviser Mr. Johnstone, along with a creative and enthusiastic team

of student staff and writers, has already put out one outstanding issue, with a second on the way. Students who are interested in submitting articles, fiction, or artwork to **The Fix** should keep an ear open for announcements.



A relatively new club at Richview, the Film Forum, has been gaining members and attention. This club, with teacher leader Mr. Johnstone, is anxious to host a Film Festival at the end of the year. For now, they are in the process of making movies,

and investigating different aspects of film, such as scriptwriting and editing.



This year Richview will be once again having the In the Driver's Seat club, which is a city wide contest that promotes safe driving. It is sponsored by M.A.D.D.

(Mother's Against Drunk Driving)

and Toronto Health. This club is run by Mme. Muchnik along with six student executives. In the Driver's Seat has weekly meetings, where students discuss methods to promote safe driving and the consequences of drunk driving. There are several events that In the Driver's Seat has planned such as Drug Awareness Week. This event takes place the week of November 17-21. It informs RCI students about safe driving and gives them a chance to participate in exciting activities. There will be one activity per day, such as "Virgin Cocktails" and "Bring your own banana". Students can look forward to a poetry contest (due November 21st), and a mural contest.



The Richview Athletic Council, known for organizing numerous fun and memorable events, from clothes sales at football games, to pie eating contests in the cafeteria, has been

extremely active this year, hosting barbeques and other fundraisers in an effort to raise money for sports. Of all the events, the official annual "Pie-eating Contest", which was won by Mr. Guliani (aka "Huge Midget"), was particularly a big hit and was much appreciated. There are plans in the works for a major fundraiser; a joint-effort combining both the R.A.C and the music counsel, which Mr. Craigie says: "will be similar to the "Gala" held last year". Mr. Craigie is proud to announce that the R.A.C has raised over \$1000 so far this year and he sends out his thanks and appreciation to the students, staff, and parents of Richview.



Although only a few meetings have been held so far this year for this new club, twenty-three kids have shown support and joined in this unique camaraderie, the only religious club in Richview. In the fellowship the

members support each other, pray, and have bible studies on a regular basis.

Class Events

BUSINESS

The big annual trip is the Women in Business trip where female students in accounting class attend a seminar where they learn how to get ahead in the accounting world. The students can look forward to female business leaders as some of the keynote speakers.

Français Pour L'Avenir

This springtime event is a chance for high school French immersion students all over Canada to communicate about French and what it does for you. Mme Muchnik is looking forward to having many more Richview students come out this year.

FOODS

The grade ten students of Ms. Miller's food and nutrition class will be going on an excursion to the food bank some time in May. The objective of this trip is to inform students of the food situation of the poor and homeless in Toronto. "This will be a good experience for the students," says Ms. Miller.

MUSIC

Our marching band, one of the two that exist in Toronto, will be marching in the Santa Claus parade this year. Some of the other bands, including beginner and senior band will also compete in the Kiwanis Music Competition; Richview usually finishes in first or second place. Music students are also looking forward to a trip to New York State in February for a jazz band competition. It's clear that the musical spirit is alive and well in Richview.

RELIGION CLASS

This year, Richview is offering a World Religions class for French immersion students. Through the in depth studies of various religions and visits to Hindu, Buddhist, Ukrainian, and Jewish reform temples, as well as a mosque, Mr. Nunes hopes to broaden the minds of his students. The exposure and exploration of the cultures studied is aimed at promoting tolerance. This will allow his students to realize that we all start and end at the same place, but that there are just different ways of getting from one to the other.

ART

Sculptures, paintings, prints and photography will all be found at this year's Arts Night and Arts Day on May 20 and May 21. Ms. Toogood and Ms. Cherry are collaborating, and trying to make this year's event a memorable one. There will be displays showcasing the many artistic talents we have in our student body. There will be samples showing the various styles used by the art students, such as clay sculptures, acrylic and watercolour paintings, linoblock prints and photography, along with the grade twelve ISUs.

FRENCH

Some plans which are in the works for the French Immersion class include a trip to the Étienne-Brûlé Secondary school to see the play *Le Medecin Malgré* put on by the students, as well as the annual Concours d'Art Oratoire, which is the French Immersion speech competition. This competition offers the chance for some French students to go on and speak at the provincial level, and even more fortunate students to speak at the national level.

MATH CONTEST

This is for all you math lovers out there who are interested in taking part in a math contest...

The dates are as follow:

Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge
November 26, 2003

Pascal Contest (grade 9)
February 18, 2004

Cayley Contest (grade 10)
February 18, 2004

Fermat Contest (grade 11)
February 18, 2004

Canadian Computing Competition
February 24, 2004

Euclid Contest (grade 12)
April 14, 2004

Fryer Contest (grade 9)
April 15, 2004

Galois Contest (grade 10)
April 15, 2004

Hypatia Contest (grade 11)

PHYSICS

Physics students are able to get more involved with the opportunity to participate in the Physics contest, taking place later on this school year (April/May 2004).

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

This year, Mrs. Zampieri organized the visits of students from France, as well as Switzerland for a grade 11 exchange program. These students came from their respective countries approximately 3 months ago and left just recently. Mrs. Zampieri is now busy at work in organizing the stay of some Richview students in France or Switzerland. Because of Mrs. Zampieri's effort and adamant support of multiculturalism, students both from Richview and abroad have had an experience worthy of being remembered for the rest of their lives.

Class Events cont'd

HISTORY

This year the grade 10 history classes will be participating in group mock United Nations meeting. As it has been in past years, students will be divided into countries and given topics to be debated. Taking place in late April, this Richview tradition is used to educate the students about problems and issues that are discussed and hopefully solved on a global basis.

THEATRE

This year, the school will be putting on a production of the popular *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams. The play, which is entirely student-run with the support of English teacher Mr. Retter, is well underway. Currently, auditions are being held and rehearsals are to follow soon. As for backstage preparations, they will be done at a later time. So far, a specific date has not yet been chosen, but the play will likely take place in the last few months of school.

SEARS

Mr. Retter's Grade 12 Drama class will be putting on a production of *Departures and Arrivals*, a short story by Carol Shields for the Sears Ontario Drama Festival, where they will be competing against other high schools from Ontario. Their first performance, which will be of fifteen to fifty minutes, will take place at P.E. Trudeau in Markham on March 9, 2004. This performance will determine whether they will move on to compete at the higher provincial level. Good luck to the participants!

FUNDRAISER FOR SCHOOL

The Parent Council is organizing an evening of entertainment for parents, which will include professional stand-up comedians, a display of students' artwork and a silent auction. The event, which is student-run, will be a fundraiser for the Richview Athletic Council and the Visual Arts program. Its location is not yet known, however it will take place in February. The athletes and artists of Richview are hoping for a successful outcome!

FASHION SHOW

As previously, this year's fashion show is highly anticipated. Completely student-run, preparations for the grand event have already begun with full force. Currently dancers are rehearsing for the big night while auditions for modeling will be held sometime in the weeks to come. There are an increasing number of student designers involved in this year's show. With clothing styles ranging from preppy to gothic, the energetic and flashy show is guaranteed to be a hit. Richview should also expect a few unique twists to the big Delirium 2004 performance, which is scheduled to take place in early May.

HISTORY...Again

The History department has just introduced Philosophy as one of their grade twelve courses. By presenting thought provoking questions, Mr. MacKenzie is able to open the students' minds to the world they live in. The Philosophy course has been a great addition to the Richview curriculum. Mr. Mackenzie is very pleased with the interest the students have shown so far.

GUIDANCE

The Guidance Department would like to remind all graduating students to get their university applications (OUAC) in before January 14th and/or college applications (OCAS) in before February 2nd, in order for applications to be given equal consideration. Students will be completing their applications online. This process will be demonstrated to the students beforehand. Also, if any students want to drop a course, they are reminded to do so before December 5th, which is the full disclosure date. If any students have questions concerning university/college or anything else for that matter, they shouldn't hesitate to go down to guidance and ask a counsellor.

Ms. Turner, along with the other counsellors have arranged events that will enhance and strengthen the school spirit of both students and teachers at Richview.

The week of November 13th-17th was Gambling Awareness Week. Representatives were at Richview from the YMCA to inform students on how to avoid gambling, the dangers of gambling as well as how to gamble wisely.

On November 20th all the grade 9 Tap students attended an assembly called "Showdown" which addressed the serious issue of bullying.

In December, grade 12 students will be able to go behind the scenes and learn a thing or two about Sports Administration. This will allow them to listen to inspirational speeches from various sports authorities, and in return, students will receive a free ticket to the Hockey Hall of Fame. Another ticket will be provided that grants the student permission to attend the Raptor's game later on that evening. The approximate retail value of this venue is \$26.

Students are also reminded of the Guidance Department's annual Bagel Breakfast on December 4th in the cafeteria. There will be free fresh bagels and juice for all students.

Crime Stopper's Awareness Week will take place sometime in the new year. An assembly led by the Crime Stopper representatives will inform the students about crime and its serious consequences.

SPORTS

This year there will be a playing fee charged to each athlete in the school wishing to play on a school team. This year the cost to students will be \$10 for each team. Athletic Banquet tickets will be sold separately this year sometime in the spring. Please note, this fee is essential to the continuation of extra-curricular sports teams due to the drastic budget cuts in the school system.



Plenty of splashes expected this winter, when the birds take to the pond. Teamed up with her partner-in-crime, Ms. "Flip Turn" Pereira, Ms. "Whip Kick" Waller expects to "take the other schools to school." In fact, the

passion for splashin' is so prevalent that this season marks the first time in RCI history that the Swim Team will be forced to hold team tryouts. Good luck Saints! Early one morning, minutes after the first sun rays spread over the crisp blades of grass, many Richview students broke the still waters of the Elms swimming pool. They swam and swam until they could swim no more, and like true Saints, they dove back in for another set. "We have high hopes for a great team." Ms. Pereira, one of the team's coaches reflects. "hopefully we'll be able to take a large number of them to OFSSA." The swim season extends from November to the first week in March. May the currents be with you.

SKI TEAM

This year, Richview has both a Ski Team and Snowboarding Team, led by Mr. Nunes. The Ski Team will be participating in five races, the Metro championship at Blue Mountain, and ultimately, OFSAA, this season. There will be slope practice every Monday at Horseshoe, beginning the first Monday back in January. Racing begins the second week of January. The OFSAA qualifier will be held on February 12th and OFSAA itself will take place February 22nd through the 24th. OFSAA for the snowboarding team will be held on February 26th. Good luck team!



This fall, the Bantam Girls' Basketball Team faced some very tough competition. With hard work and the expertise from their coach, Ms. Fairgrieve, the team managed to

advance to the regional quarter finals. They also had the opportunity to participate in a tournament at Martingrove C.I., where the girls proved victorious in two very important games.

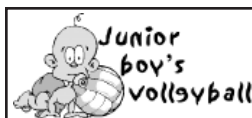


Presently, the new Curling Teams have been put together. They will be starting practice this week, which they will continue twice a week in preparation

for their competitive tournaments. In the past, Richview has seen the teams do extremely well. However, this year, a surprisingly great number of beginners have joined the teams. This will pose a challenge, but with dedicated players and a loyal coach, the Richview curlers will hopefully once again succeed by making it to provincials.



It has been a long road for Coach Craigie and Richview's Senior Football Team this year. For returning players on the team, it was about redemption after a devastating loss in the semi-finals last year against arch-rivals Etobicoke C.I. For new players, this year was about finding a niche on a team packed with all-stars. One of the biggest challenges the team has had to face this season is showing all the rookies the ropes of playing football. This year there are 10 new players who have never played football. That is more than ever before. Obviously this team was doing something right because they dominated during regular season with 5 wins and 1 tie. In post-season, after a challenging game, the Saints came out victorious against the Northern Red Knights and won the TDSSAA regional championship. At the Metro Bowl semi-finals which took place on Thursday, November 13 our Saints made a valient effort to bring home a victory, but alas they were defeated. We hope next year's season will continue to bring us championship pride.



Spike! Block! Six pack! Richview's Junior Boys Volleyball Team had a great season this year. Their season began in September, and with the coaching of Mr. Giuliani and Mrs., Haden-Reeves the team did well. They boys made the playoffs but unfortunately lost to the first place team. Both coaches are hopeful for the boys return next year and to keep playing in the future. Mrs. Haden-Reeves would especially like to thank all the parents and school supporters that came out to see the boys play.

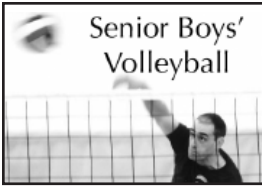
GIRLS HOCKEY

The Senior Girls Hockey team have hit the ice and are anxiously waiting the season ahead. The girls gunned off the season this year with a tournament on November 10th at York University. Mr. Dingwall has great hopes for the team becoming this year's district champs. Hopefully these Saints will qualify for OFSAA near the end of the season, showing their opponents what being a Saint is all about. We wish them the best of luck in the coming winter and are greatly anticipating future battles on the ice.



The Golf Team, coached by Mr. Johnstone, just finished their season with an unfortunate disqualification. Now that cold weather is setting in, hockey is starting up, and although the team lost some players to the world for university last year, they have high hopes for this season. The team is

expected to contend for regional titles and to be OFSAA qualifiers as in past years.



Senior Boys' Volleyball

Known for their all-black uniform, the Senior Boys' Volleyball Team has been training hard since the first week of September with one goal in mind - to return to champion form as in years past. With early morning practices, weekend tournaments and league play, the team has put themselves on track to do just that. With their hopes high they entered the season and promptly went 5-2 on their way to a second place finish in TDSSAA West League play. They were declared Silverarm tournament champions after showing the east end of Toronto what Richview ball is all about. They moved on to playoffs where the Saints would not disappoint, easily capturing the West Championship. They moved on to the OFSAA qualifiers, where they were unfortunately eliminated. The team has succeeded on the strength of the from Mrs. Pyke. The rest of the city has been warned - here come the Men in Black



This year's cross country team demonstrated an extremely high level of athletic excellence. With our Midget Girls, Junior Girls and Midget

Boys teams advancing to the Metro Finals, everyone at Richview is extremely proud of them. Our senior girls and senior boys teams definitely closed out their last season with a big BANG. This outstanding achievement could not have been made possible without the hard work and dedication that was shown by the two coaches, Mr. Grady and Mr. Nunes.

COMING SOON TO A FIELD NEAR YOU...

Some upcoming teams to look forward to here at Richview are

- Junior Girls' Volleyball team
- Boys' Basketball headed up by Mr. Mehic
- Boys Soccer headed up by Mr. Johnstone
- Girls Soccer headed up by Mrs. Hewitt

Students should listen to the morning announcements for try-out dates and requirements.

While most of Richview's courses offer very traditional classroom teaching methods, the Cooperative Education program offers something new and exciting to the students of Richview. Ms. Calabria is very enthusiastic about the Coop program, which integrates academic study with practical working experience. Students are placed in positions in various industries such as Bell Mobility, The Sick Kids Hospital, Rocco's Plum Tomato, Z 103.5, and The Mike Bullard Show. The goal of the program is to help the students develop many new skills such as personal management and teamwork skills.

The Coop fair, being held on January 29th, will give parents and students an idea of what the program is about based on presentations made by the students showing the valuable personal and career experience gained from working in their respective placements.

NEW TEACHERS

MR. STRAND

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Vice-Principal Mr. R. Strand, who has come to us from West Humber Collegiate Institute. While Mr. Strand is new to our school, it hasn't stopped him from keeping our school running smoothly. You probably won't find his name in many of the articles, but Mr. Strand is certainly responsible for keeping many of our events and activities enjoyable and well planned. Mr. Strand, welcome to Richview, and thank you for your hard work.

MRS. BROZYNA

There is a new face gracing the halls of Richview. Mrs Brozyna joins us as a brand new saint, pursuing her love for teaching. Previously she worked as a professor at the University of Toronto and Queens, Mrs. Brozyna and will now be teaching History and English.

MM. COUVREUX

Mme. Couvreur, the new French teacher in the Modern Languages Department, joined the Richview teaching staff earlier this fall. She has come to us from her former school, Lycée Français de Toronto, and is very happy to be here.

TRIPS

NEW YORK

Start Spreading the News. This year's New York experience is an opportunity that will allow graduating students to discover one of the most culturally diverse cities in the world. New York City is known globally for its artistic character and superior entertainment. The trip will have an English and Media focus, but is based on choices made by the students. They will be able to choose from a large variety of fun and exciting activities including; museum and art gallery visits, tapings of TV shows and discovering Broadway. Students will be able to be part of an actual media taping inside a studio. They may also be able to watch the works of great American authors on stage. The trip will take place between May 27 and 30, 2004. Any graduating student without academic or attendance concerns will be eligible to take part in this cultural exploration of this world famous city.

BIOLOGY

Mrs. Hudek is taking all of her grade eleven students on a field trip to see two educational movies, on the same afternoon. The theatre is located in the heart of downtown at Ontario place, however, the date for this trip has yet to be announced. Two documentaries will be featured, both filled with a ton of action, and information about the biological world. Permission forms along with up-to-date information related to this field trip will be distributed to students shortly.

LAW

This year Ms. Placido has already taken the Grade 12 law classes on a trip to Metro Hall prior to the provincial election where they met in the council chambers. Richview students will also have the opportunity to attend Osgoode Hall, Old City Hall Court House and the New City Hall Court House

ART

Ms. Cherry's grade 9 art class and/or grade 10 French Immersion class are hoping to go see the Egyptian Exhibition (Eternal Egypt: Masterpieces of Ancient Art from the British Museum) at the Royal Ontario Museum in the spring (the exhibit runs from February 28, 2004 to June 6, 2004). The exhibit illustrates the development and achievements of the ancient Egyptian art over more than three thousand years concentrating on mummy masks, coffins and other funerary items, sculptures, jewelry and cosmetic items. She is also hoping to have parent volunteers on this excursion. If you are interested, please wait for a form from the school that will be going home with your child when the date of the visit is confirmed. Prices TBA.

PHYSICS

Another event for Physics students to look forward to is the Grade 12 Wonderland Trip also taking place later on in the school year.

MUSKOKA WOODS

The Richview Leadership group is very excited as they are currently in the early stages of preparing for the upcoming "Grade 9 Leadership Week", which will take place in March at Muskoka Woods. This leadership week has become a highlight in the lives of all the students who attend. Among other preparations, the Richview Leadership groups participated in a training weekend from November 8th-10th, where ten Richview students met with students from four other high schools to advance their leadership skills for the March event. Mr Craigie, who is responsible for this group is particularly thrilled and optimistic; "Richview has excellent potential for student leaders. The purpose of all of this is to keep on developing leadership within our school." We at Richview look forward to these events with great interest.

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