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# Seneca Hill Newsletter

NEWS UPDATES FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to all our families and friends! We hope that you had a restful and memorable winter break! We are looking forward to a successful year ahead as we continue our mission to provide the highest quality educational experience to our students in 2017!

## SPECIAL REMINDERS

**CASUAL DAYS:** The upcoming casual day for the month is: January 27th. Apart from this day, students are reminded to come to school in their uniforms each day, including appropriate footwear and sweaters.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** This month wraps up the first term for our high school students, who will be writing their exams January 23 - 27. Be sure to leave plenty of time to review your work, speak with your teachers about any questions you may have prior to your exams.

## WELCOMING MR. HART

Starting February 6th, we will have new teachers join our faculty. Mr. David Hart, B.A., M.A., U of T, comes to us with two decades of teaching experience. He will be teaching mathematics, marketing and introduction to business courses in the high school. We are very excited for him to join our team!

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Jan 23 - 27:** High School Exam Week

**Jan 27:** Casual Day

**Jan 30 - Feb 3:** High School Reading Week

**Feb 6:** Start of High School Second Term

It is with mixed emotions that we announce that Mr. Tony and Ms. Melissa will be leaving us. They have each taken teaching assignments with public school boards starting February 2017. Although we are sad to see them go, we thank them for their hard work and dedication at Seneca Hill and wish them all the best!

## LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP REVIEW:



On December 21st, grades 5-11 students participated in a workshop that promotes leadership, team building and communication skills. Students took part in activities that exercised self-awareness, reflection, empathy and compassion for others.

We would like to thank workshop leader, Jack, his volunteer Maryam and our student leaders who helped put this together.

*"I learned how important it is to talk to others."*

-Yonis, Grade 6

*"This workshop taught me how people have different ideas by thinking about it and I promise to make friends with everyone."*

- Kaiz, Grade 5

*"I discovered how important it is to make other people comfortable so that they don't feel alone."*

- Thiveya, Grade 6

# A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOMS...

## Math:

The Grade 6 mathematicians are exploring ratios and learning how to find equivalent ratios. They are preparing for their upcoming projects with angles where students will use their understanding to measure, create and construct their own shapes. The mathematicians will then be investigating sets of 3D objects.



## Biology:

The budding scientists in our Grade 11 Biology class were in the labs mid-December exploring the digestive system. In a first for Seneca Hill, our students undertook their first dissection of the *rattus norvegicus* specimen. Despite fallen appetites, it was a huge success and the students have a greater understanding of how internal organs function. Ask Mr. Esper for some more pictures. (Caution: you may lose your lunch!)



## WINTER CONCERT & CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our 2016 winter concert was a huge success and we would like to thank all of the students who lent a helping hand to organize the dances and set up the stage during the weeks building up to the concert. We would also like to thank the teachers who were involved with practice and concert night! A special thank you goes out to Aliya Kimani for taking on the lead role of concert director as well as her assistants, Aliya Jiwani, Amira Kassam, Roland Guci, Eiliyah Esmail and many others.



We had a special guest visit our school on the last day before the winter break! Santa, after hearing about all the students we have on his Good List, paid our Seneca Hill Community a visit before he began his journey across the world to deliver presents! Santa was welcomed with cheers, delicious treats and caroling upon entering the gym! He can't wait to see you all next year!



## THANK YOU FROM SENECA HILL STUDENT COUNCIL!

The SHSC members would like to say a big THANK YOU to all of those that participated in the 2nd Annual Spirit Week! It could not have been as successful as it was without all of your creativity and effort!

We can't wait to see what's in store for 2017!!!

