



MASSEY-VANIER HIGH SCHOOL

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VICE-PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

Term 3, the longest term worth 60% of your mark, has just begun. Now is the time to take a look at your progress and reflect on it. Are you where you expected to be? Whether you are or not, you can set new goals for yourself. There is always room and time for improvement.

Term 3 will determine if you achieve the competencies necessary to move on to the next level. The key to success is hard work. Don't forget that every member of the Massey-Vanier High School team is here to help you, support you and wants nothing more than to see you be successful in reaching your goals.

We wish every one of you all the best this term. Face your challenges head-on and they won't be as daunting as you first thought. Don't hesitate to ask for help and believe in yourself.

Best Regards,

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COME FIND US ON THE WEB

Are you wondering what's happening at Massey-Vanier, take a moment and visit our Daily Announcements as well as other relevant information at <http://masseyvanier.etsb.qc.ca> everything you need to know is there.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S AWARD 2013

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Kristen Lalla was the recipient of the Governor General's Award. This medal is presented to the graduating student with the highest overall academic average.

Congratulations Kristen!



Photo: Tom Hamer (Principal); Kristen Lalla (recipient); Pierre Jacob (Member of Parliament- Brome Missisquoi)



PRINCIPAL'S LIST TERM 2 90%+



Choinière, Abigail
Escande, Anne-Laure
Frendo, Jared
Frendo, Kelly
Fukushima, Takeshi
Lagüe-Lauzon, Dave
Lalla, Allison
Lukacs, Alexander
Vermeulen, Marc

MASSEY-VANIER TERM 2 HONOUR ROLL 80%+

Arias-Lamoureux, Anthony
Arnason, Kaitlin
Auger-Page, Matthieu
Barrelet, Charles
Barrelet, Coralie
Blanchette, Karoline
Blumenfeld, Rikki-Lee
Bouchard-Allan, Anthony-Charles
Bournival, Alexa
Bryson, Hilary
Buck, Jeremy
Carter-Bates, Michelle
Champigny-Rolfe, Erika
Chapman, Joshua
Charbonneau, Bryan
Charbonneau, Louis-Gabriel
Charbonneau-Poitras, Anaïs
Chesbro, Blake
Chesbro, Mitchell
Chevalier, Nicky
Cleary, Jordan
Corriveau, Marie-Eve
Coté-Bonneau, Nathalie
Croghan, Michael
Déry, Connor
Desloges, Marianne
Desormeaux, Dylan
Dohmen, Jeremy
Donovan, Elizabeth
Dorrington, Abbie
Dubé, Gregory
Dumont, Olivia
Dupuy, Lina
Fraser, Cameron
Gasser, Thomas

Gatien, Gabrielle
Grant, Melissa
Hadlock, Caroline
Hasham, Chemar-Ali
Hebert, Angel
Herda, Brentyn
Jariwala, Nimai
Jetté, Samuel
Jodoin, Mélissa
Kovacek, David
Labrecque, Danyka
Lachapelle-Verville, Christy-Amber
Lacroix, Katrina
Lafleur, Brenda
Lamothe, Shannon
Laplante, Amy
Laporte, Catherine
Larose, Zackary
Lavoie, Leah
Lechasseur, Kelly
Levoy, Erika
Lipowski, Kathlyn
Marcone, Xavier
Martel, Thomas
Mathieu, Kaleb
Mayo-Larose, Erika
McAuley, Adam
Michaud, Sara-Maud
Mikulis, Ariel
Miller, Keana Rose
Needham, Caitlyn-Emily
Newsham, Gabrielle
Noël, Jared
Osborne-O'Donnell, Hannah Lynn
Osborne-O'Donnell, Thomas

Ouellette-Couvrette, James
Paquin, Chloé
Paradis, Marianne
Parrott, Nicholas
Perreault, Elodie
Racine, Joshua
Ravenelle, Leila
Read, Samantha
Reynolds, Matthew
Robert, Marjolaine
Robert-Cherubini, Angelo
Robillard, Ezra
Robinson, Mahalia
Rocheleau, Veronica
Royer, Ashley
Royer, Dany
Schartner, Madelyn
Schartner, Shaylin
Shead, Madelaine
Skinner, Ryan
Smith, Steven
Smith, Wesley
St-Amour, O'Neil-Michael
St-Pierre Gauthier, Amélia
St-Pierre, Michele Renée Elizabeth
Tardif, Johnathan
Tardif, Myléna
Teolis, Owen
Thompson, Kohen
Vermeulen, Mathieu
Vesnaver, Kevin
Wanzer, Sarah-Maude
Westover, Wyatt
Whitcher, Abbigail
Young-Suniga, Elicieo

Congratulations!



THE FREAK SHOW-TALENT SHOW

The Freak Show is back! On the evening of April 4, 2014, all Massey-Vanier students are invited to take the stage and show off their talent. We would like to invite all friends and family of our students to come and enjoy an entertaining evening of musical performances (solo artists as well as groups), dancing, acting and stand-up comedy. Tickets will go on sale in mid-march and all of the money raised from this event will go towards safe rides home for graduates and their guests during their after prom. This is an evening not to be missed!!

KALEIDOSCOPE 2014; COLORS IN MOTION

It's that time of year again; Kaleidoscope Season is in the air! All year our MV dancers have been busy preparing for Massey-Vanier's grand spectacle. Kaleidoscope 2014 is approaching fast. Two evening shows will be showcased in the school auditorium at 6:30 on Thursday, May 1st and Friday, May 2nd, 2014. Tickets will be sold during lunch hours for 10\$ starting on Wednesday, April 23rd, 2014 in the 4th floor plaza. Dances, Costumes, Smiles & Colors will amaze you!

SECONDARY 3 & 4 TRIPS

Information/registration packages for your class trips are available in Central Office.

- ❖ Secondary 4 Toronto
- ❖ Secondary 3 Boston

Both these exciting trips are from May 16 through May 18, 2014.

Places still available on both these trips - join your classmates & make some amazing memories!

CUBA 2014

On June 23rd, 2014, Ms. Barr, Ms. Burcombe and the Massey-Vanier Dance Department will be traveling to beautiful and culturally enriching Cuba for the fourth time. Our first dance trip to Cuba was in 2004 with 22 individuals, our second journey was in 2008 with 35 individuals and our third trip was in 2010 with 13 individuals. This year we are very happy to have a group of 33 participants who will perform, participate in workshops and will explore current Cuban and Afro-Cuban musical traditions. In all, a great mix of dance, culture and fun in the sun while enjoying the turquoise Caribbean Sea.

This trip will be a life experience for all.

YUKON QUEST SLED DOG RACE 2014



Massey-Vanier High School has its own musher in this year's Yukon Quest Sled Dog Race! Yes, Normand Casavant has agreed to be adopted as the Secondary I students' Honorary Musher in the 1,600 km sled dog race, which started on February 1 in Fairbanks, Alaska and ended February 14 in Whitehorse, Yukon.

Unfortunately, Mr. Casavant had to withdraw from this year's race as two of his dogs were injured and two others picked up a virus.

Mr. Casavant has been running dogs for 27 years, and five years ago moved to the Yukon to run the Yukon Quest. He finished in 10th position in 2009 and 2010 and finished 7th last year.

The Yukon Quest has been part of a long-lived Secondary I cross-curricular project. Each year, as part of the LA portion of the project, students write letters to the mushers. Last year Mr. Casavant communicated with the students a number of times.

Mr. Casavant will be coming to Quebec at the end of March and he and his dogs will spend a day at Massey-Vanier with the Secondary 1 students.



Musher Norman Casavant and his team at the Musher Banquet in Whitehorse, Feb. 14, 2014

SECONDARY 1 GOES TO THE DOGS!

Every year Secondary I students participate in a cross-curricular project based on the Yukon Quest, a 1000-mile sled dog race from Whitehorse, YT, to Fairbanks, AK. During the course of the project, students learn about the Klondike Gold Rush, northern geography and Klondike literature, and follow the mushers as they make their way across the isolated northland.



The students also participate in a number of dog and northern-related activities, including an outdoor day that features a contest to build a fire and boil melted snow (think *To Build a Fire* by Jack London) and human sled races. By far, though, the most-enjoyed activity is dogsledding, which gives students a taste of what the mushers experience during the nine to fourteen race days of the Yukon Quest.

The sledding facility that we went to for seven years no longer takes large groups, and last year we went on the hunt for a new outfitter – and lucked into an amazing sledding facility in Eden Mills, Vermont, called Eden Dog Sledding. The owner and head musher is Jim Blair, an international championship sled dog sprint racer. The facility offers a simply astounding experience, and is the home of the “Un-chained Gang” – 35 dogs that are literally unchained and live more-or-less freely together.

Imagine opening the door and walking into the educational centre only to be greeted by any number of dogs – with more dogs snoozing on couches, or stretched out on dog beds. And each and every one of them is more than willing to be endlessly patted, scratched and hugged. Oh yes, it’s a dog-lover’s dream!

Students learn a little bit about working-dog nutrition and conditioning before they help harness up the dogs and get them on the gangline – and then it’s off for a ride around the 140 acres of pristine wilderness.



The ride is an incredible experience. While waiting to leave, the dogs on the gangline bark and sing and dance in anticipation. They just can’t wait to get going! As soon as they start moving, though, silence falls, and from then on all you hear is the snuffling of the dogs’ breathing and the sled’s runners and the wind whistling through the trees. There’s nothing like it, and we’re pretty sure students would agree that Dogsledding Day is one of the best days of the entire school year! Thanks, Jim and Chris and Debi!

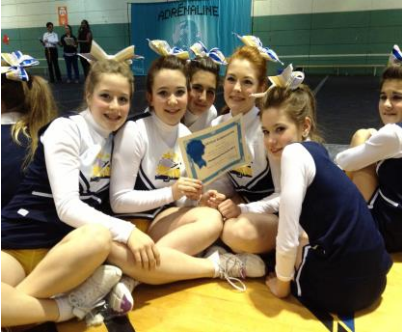
Interested in learning more about **Eden Dog Sledding**, or perhaps having your own family sledding experience?

Visit www.edendogsledding.com or call them at 802-635-9070.

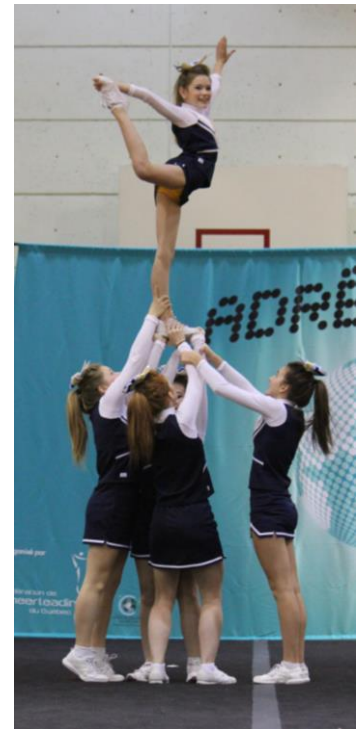
GO VIKINGS!

Our Cheerleading squad should be proud of their performances. Adrenaline was the first competition on December 15, 2013, at Cegep du Vieux- Montréal. Massey-Vanier finished 3rd.

A partner stunt group (composed of Sydney Mason, Makayla Foster, Natasha Greenwood and from Val-des-cerfs, Jazmine Barr and Sara Girard) won first place!



As the team continued to practice for Regionals on February 2, 2014, many injuries increased the level of stress. Although worried about their performance, the team was happily surprised to come back with a gold medal.



Congratulations!

THE SUBTERRANEAN

We have been extremely busy in the Drama and Music departments over the last couple of months. We currently have 4 original productions created for the students and staff here at Massey-Vanier. There are two Western themed plays by the two Sec. 2 groups: The Showdown and The Ballad of Sam Tucker. One Sec. 4 play 'The Clinic' and our Sec. 5 play '3 Wishes' which will debut after March break. These amazing students have created all the sets, props, costumes, scripts, music, lighting and sound. The acting is superb and our live audiences have been fantastic! In other classes, the Sec. 3 groups have recorded 'cover songs' and directed and produced incredible music videos and the Sec. 1 group has used their mini-Ipads to perform a digital 'Ho Hey!' by The Lumineers. On with the show!



STUDENT COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Student council is a team of members who are dedicated to making Massey Vanier a high school enjoyed by all students and to encouraging new students to take part in school. The team works extremely hard every term and every year to create new activities and bring back old ones for the student body. Not only is student council involved in the preparation and creation of activities, but they are also the voice of the student body. With multiple new ideas brought forward by students and teachers the team is able to promote these ideas and try to make them happen.

WORK ORIENTED TRAINING PATH

Students from the Work Oriented Training Path (WOTP) continued their hard work Term 2 with our new partner: Owl's Head Resort. Students performed the different jobs offered at the ski hill in addition to many other tasks. Lift operations, cafeteria services and general maintenance are all components of this educational program. As always, students are rewarded for their work. Students have already received their first free ski day and there are many more to come!



(Left to right) *Chris Proulx, Kimmika McKenney, Herick Wilson, Alex Mullin, James Ouellette-Couvrette, Kyle Home-Viau*



(Left to right) *Jacob Dryburgh-Cadorette, Dale Caluori, Steven Cooke, Kimmika McKenney*



(Left to right) *Dale Caluori, Brandon Bordo, Jean-Maxime Desmarais, Jason Julius-Cloutier*

MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY

By: *Mélanie Pollender*

Do you know what **dystopian fiction** is?

I would like to give you the definition and a list of books available at the library.

Dystopia :

Dystopia is defined as a society characterized by a focus on mass poverty, squalor, suffering, or oppression, that society has most often brought upon itself. Most authors of dystopian fiction explore at least one reason why things are that way, often as an analogy for similar issues in the real world. In the words of Keith M. Booker, dystopian literature is used to "provide fresh perspectives on problematic social and political practices that might otherwise be taken for granted or considered natural and inevitable".

Examples of young adult dystopian fiction include **Hunger Games** by Suzanne Collins, **Divergent** by Veronica Roth, **The Maze Runner** by James Dashner, and **Delirium** by Lauren Oliver.

Other books titles :

Mortal Engines (2001, first in Hungry City Chronicles) by Philip Reeve

Among the Betrayed (2002, third in the Shadow Children series) by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Feed (2002) by M. T. Anderson

The City of Ember (2003) by Jeanne DuPrau

Among the Brave (2004, fifth in the Shadow Children series) by Margaret Peterson Haddix

The People of Sparks (2004) by Jeanne DuPrau

Never Let Me Go (2005) by Kazuo Ishiguro

Among the Enemy (2005, sixth in the Shadow Children series) by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Uglies (2005) by Scott Westerfeld

Pretties (2005) by Scott Westerfeld

Among the Free (2006, seventh in the Shadow Children series) by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Specials (2006) by Scott Westerfeld

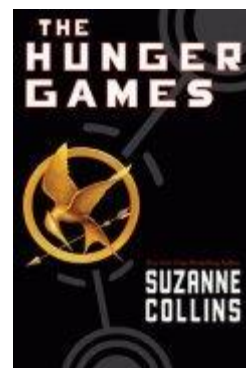
Armageddon's Children (2006) by Terry Brooks

The Road (2006) by Cormac McCarthy

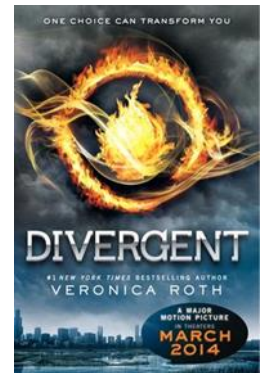
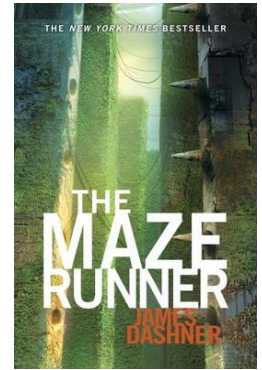
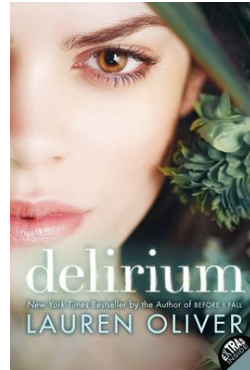
Genesis (2006) by Bernard Beckett

Unwind (2007) by Neal Shusterman

Extras (2007) by Scott Westerfeld



Gone (2008) by Michael Grant
The Host (2008) by Stephenie Meyer
The Hunger Games (2008) by Suzanne Collins
The Maze Runner (2009) by James Dashner
Catching Fire (2009) by Suzanne Collins
Matched (2010) by Ally Condie
Mockingjay (2010) by Suzanne Collins
Delirium (2010) by Lauren Oliver
The Scorch Trials (2010) by James Dashner
Across The Universe (2011) by Beth Revis
Divergent (2011) by Veronica Roth
Crossed (2011) by Ally Condie
The Death Cure (2011) by James Dashner
Insurgent (2012) by Veronica Roth
Under the Never Sky (2012) by Veronica Rossi
Reached (2012) by Ally Condie
Allegiant (2013) by Veronica Roth



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 1) February 26, 2014 | Carnival |
| 2) February 27 & 28, 2013 | School Play / Provincial Hockey & Provincial Basketball Tournaments |
| 3) March 1, 2014 | Cegep applications deadline |
| 4) March 3 to 8, 2014 | Spring break |
| 5) March 10, 2014 | PED Day |
| 6) March 26, 2014 | Annual Open House (6:00 p.m.) |
| 7) March 31, 2014 | Course selection week commences |
| 8) April 8, 2014 | Fitness Option McGill |
| 9) April 10 & 11, 2014 | Science Fair |
| 10) April 10 & 15, 2014 | Public Speaking |
| 11) April 16, 2014 | Easter Activities |
| 12) April 17, 2014 | PED Day |
| 13) April 18 & 21, 2014 | Good Friday & Easter Monday |
| 14) April 22, 2014 | PED Day |
| 15) April 23, 2014 | Earth Day, Campus Clean Up |
| 16) April 23 – May 9, 2014 | Art Exhibit |
| 17) April 30, 2014 | Fitness Day, Kaleidoscope rehearsal |
| 18) May 1 & 2, 2014 | Kaleidoscope Dance Show |
| 19) May 19, 2014 | Victoria Day |
| 20) May 20, 2014 | Exams start |
| 21) May 29, 2014 | Junior Awards |
| 22) May 30, 2014 | Athletic Awards |
| 23) June 13, 2014 | Graduation |
| 24) June 21, 2014 | Prom |

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