

Principal's Message



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AGINCOURT AWESOME

As the 2015-16 school year draws to a close, I reflect on the many successes that we have had at Agincourt Collegiate. With the leadership of staff and students, ACI is an awesome place. We set high expectations for academic excellence, character development and student involvement. Our school has dedicated staff that provides many wonderful curricular and co-curricular activities that engage students and provide leadership experiences throughout our community.

This year we have made great strides in improving access to technology throughout the building. We continue to engage students by providing numerous experiential learning opportunities such as the Rube Goldberg competitions, camping in the wilderness, First Robotics, Model United Nations, the Business Luncheon, and the Quebec trip, just to mention a few. Our Music program is recognized at the board, provincial and national level, and our Drama productions continue to draw large audiences of theatre lovers from our community and feeder schools.

We are very proud of our students who participate in athletics and we celebrate their individual and team success. Congratulations to the Boys' Hockey team and Co-Ed Curling team for winning the East Region Championships! Our athletes achieved unprecedented success in Swimming and Boys' Volleyball, winning individual Gold medals and team championships at the OFSAA level. This would not have been possible without the dedication of our student athletes and coaches.

Educating and preparing students for life long success does not end with academics. With the support of our School Councils, staff, students and parents, ACI is leading the way in character development. Staff and students continue to build a place that is safe, inclusive and equitable. New traditions in putting this all together were seen on the International Day of Pink, which featured powerful guest speakers and workshops for our students regarding anti-bullying, in all forms. This year, we also introduced Wellness Week, a week aimed at educating our community on ways to de-stress and cope with the challenges facing teens. We are also pleased to inform the ACI community that in our first attempt, Agincourt C.I. received Silver Certification for our environmental efforts. Moving forward, it is our vision to weave character development through equity and inclusiveness, student wellness and environmental stewardship. Stay tuned for more details!

To the members of our School Councils, thank you for your on-going support of our school's Mental Wellness initiatives. In addition, with their assistance, we purchased the Agincourt App for our community use. This will leverage our WiFi capabilities and improve communications between the school, students, parents and the community. Soon, at a tap, students and parents will receive updated information from teachers, guidance, administration, and school councils. Communications, and any information related to the school, will be just a touch away.

Thank you all for making Agincourt Collegiate such a great community. I feel fortunate to be the Principal of a school with such wonderful staff and students. I am proud to share your accomplishments with friends and colleagues everywhere I go. Your combined efforts and commitment work in concert to make ACI a very special place indeed.

To the class of 2016, as you move towards the future, I know that you are well prepared and that the skills you have acquired here at Agincourt Collegiate will assist you in achieving success in your future endeavours. Commencement is Friday, October 28th. We are looking forward to seeing you then.

To our returning students, congratulations on completing another successful school year. We look forward to your continued success in 2016-2017. Registration information is provided below and please be reminded that our school is closed to optional attendance.

To everyone, have a safe and enjoyable summer.

R. Hu, Principal

Important Information

Agincourt C. I. is closed to optional attendance and is at maximum capacity; please ensure your son/daughter is registered during the times listed.

Please visit us online at:

<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/agincourt/>

Registration Day Schedule – Wed. August 31st, 2016

- Grade 10 – 9:00 am – 10:00 am
- Grade 11 – 10:00 am – 11:00 am
- Grade 12 – 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Grade 9 – 10:30 am - 3:00 pm-Moving On Up Day

MATHEMATICS

As the assumption of upgrading technology and its use in the math department continued this year, teachers and students had easy access to advanced calculators, websites, and presentation hardware that allowed for flexibility of use in the classroom.

As for advanced math programming, the math department delivered both the AP Calculus course, and the AP Statistics course. Many students wrote the respective exams back in May and are waiting for their results. Last year, ACI AP math students had an incredible 90% of students pass with distinction.

Once again, outside the classroom, several math students participated in a plethora of math contests offered by various universities and math institutions, and without fail, in every contest entered, there were numerous students who earned accolades and honourable mentions, and every contest result was accompanied with at least one medal winner.



LITERACY

All Grade 10 students across the province wrote the OSSLT on March 31, 2016. At Agincourt, teachers provided students with a diversity of supports within and outside of class time. From the very start of the school year, English and History teachers provided students with explicit activities to foster confidence and success on the Literacy Test. In December, students wrote a Practice Test and throughout the winter months Lunch N' Learns, and extra-help workshops were provided for students who needed more support. We had a great turn out to our Saturday School Literacy Prep as well. While the OSSLT results have not been released by EQAO, we are confident our school's score will continue to impress parents and our community.

MODERNS

Quelle année formidable! 2015-2016 has been a wonderful year in French and French Immersion at Agincourt! In February, 35 students embarked on a fun filled trip to Carnaval Québec with Mme Rakita, M. Dharamshi and Mme Morrison. They spent the week snow-tubing, ice skating, visiting the ice hotel and taking in French Canadian culture. The annual *Concours d'art oratoire*, French speech arts contest, also took place in February. Thirty students presented on every topic imaginable from fashion and environmentalism to the potential of virtual reality. In March, all of our French classes participated in the *Francofolies* festival. Students took part in an Amazing Race, watched a French movie, and participated in French Cooking classes at PC Cooking School. The week culminated in an exciting People's Choice Award video contest in which every class competed for French Class supremacy! In our classrooms, we continued to implement the new curriculum, focusing on oral communication and cross cultural understanding. It is indeed an exciting time to be in the ACI French department.

SCIENCE

This was another awesome year of Science at Agincourt. We continued to develop our program as a STEM (Science, Technology, Mathematics and Engineering) focus school for the TDSB. Our Grade 10 students participated in a virtual town hall where we presented our ideas on how to achieve a low-Carbon Ontario to students from across Ontario and MPP Glenn Thibeault. The "Animal Lady" thrilled our senior Biology students with her collection of critters. Other popular activities were the Rube Goldberg machines, pig dissections, open-inquiry labs on rates of reactions, solar cooker construction and balloon-propelled rocket contests.



BUSINESS STUDIES

The Specialist High Skill Major in Business program's second year was a great success. The province wide initiative provides opportunities for students of all pathways to enrich their high school career through experiential learning, additional certifications and reach-ahead programs. Students enrolled in the program will graduate with a special **Red Seal** on their OSSD in addition to work experience and specialised training. The goal of the program is to have students "work ready" in their area of interest and to give them a competitive advantage upon entering university, college and the workforce. This year we had 13 graduates from the program.

As for our ACI traditions the Business Breakfast expanded into multiple community partnerships and helped raise funds for a variety of charities. The 20th annual Business Leadership Luncheon was bigger and better than ever hosting over 250 guests including students, dignitaries, community leaders and TDSB administrators, providing great food, entertainment and fun. We were also very successful in various competitions such as the Coin Contest, and the OBEA Accounting/Marketing contest having multiple students place in the top 10 in the province in their respective categories.

Lastly, we are excited for what the future holds as we progress further into a digital age, the business department is happy to announce that we have revamped our computer labs with new computers and projectors to enhance student learning.



TECHNOLOGY

Another great year for Technological Education students at ACI. Connecting their hands to brain and creating some innovative project designs. The picture show; Megan leading the way in her group's boat design.

First Robotics 2016-Stronghold

Team 1246-Agincourt Lancers enjoyed another successful Robotics season. The Kickoff event Jan 9th at the Ontario Science Center was the beginning of an intense 6 week build period where the team spent every night after school and one Saturday building the Robot to compete at the UOIT Regional in Oshawa Ontario. Team 1246 competed at a high level and after the second day was placed 22nd out of 52 teams. The third day of competition was filled with minor problems with our Robot which ultimately cost us. The Team should be proud as they fought hard to overcome the glitches although we weren't able to recover and finished towards the bottom. We are now looking forward to the offseason events held in the fall which we will compete at with our new and Improved Robot Design.



CHARACTER

DAY OF PINK

Agincourt's Green, White and... PINK!

On Wednesday, April 13th, the Agincourt G.S.A. (Gender and Sexuality Alliance) ran Agincourt's third annual **International Day of Pink**: a day to stand up against discrimination, homophobia and transphobia. The vast majority of the school's students, and staff donned pink to show their support for equity and inclusion at Agincourt.

This year's festivities began with two incredible assemblies by **D'bi Young Anitafrika**. Through storytelling, **D'bi** explored the value of embracing our differences and the importance of treating others, as you would like to be treated. The cafeteria hallway was bustling with activity at lunch with the Pink Marketplace, hosted by Agincourt's clubs and councils. After lunch, all grade 9 students attended workshops presented by outstanding ACI teachers, members of the G.S.A. Leadership Team and the Get Real Movement, which discussed subjects such as homophobia in sports, exploring identity and social justice in today's media.

It is through initiatives like the Day of Pink and introducing two all-gender washrooms this coming September that the G.S.A. hopes to continue to raise the importance of acceptance and inclusivity at Agincourt. We are proud of how each year, Agincourt continues to gain awareness and take further steps create a positive and safe environment for all its staff and students.



STUDENT WELLNESS

What a week of positive energy! ACI hosted lunch time events from clubs & councils sharing stress relieving ideas, a wellness walk & SnapHunt photo event to a road show of community volunteer ideas & opportunities from SYLE. We continued with bubble making, an encouragement tree and even a limbo scooter contest in our gym! Agincourt students, staff and parents are **100% mindful of positive mental well-being** and support **the importance of a healthy mind, body and spirit**.

In addition, what started off as class projects, ACI senior students went above and beyond to highlight positive mental well-being through creative videos. Videos ranged from depression and anxiety to active listening, open mindedness and encouragement for one another.

An overarching theme of not judging by the exterior but let's open up and talk. **Thank you ACI for making a difference!**



ENVIRONMENT

This school year, 2015-2016, the Agincourt Environmental Club continued with numerous projects and initiatives. Starting with the EcoSchools Fall Kickoff PD, the club continued on with tulip planting and gave Agincourt Veterans an opportunity to plant their own tulips. Recycle-Cycle Wednesday time was changed to after lunch to make it more meaningful.

A water taste test was conducted to determine the number of students who could tell the difference between tap water in school and bottled water. The taste test revealed the majority of students preferred the taste of tap water, and encouraged students to use refillable water bottles in place of plastic ones.

AEC applied for and has been selected by EcoSchools to receive a Water Refill Station that will be installed in Fall of 2016. Waste audits were conducted with the general members, to bring awareness and cut down waste. The school's front yard was upgraded with perennials and flowering plants. General members were assigned a watering schedule to help establish the new plants. During the week of Earth Day, daily announcements regarding the environment were done to promote awareness in the school. Club members joined other participating TDSB schools on Earth Day with the Toronto Schools Community Cleanup on April 22. The club completed all requirements for the EcoSchools audit and achieved a silver certification award.



ATHLETICS

GO LANCERS!!!

Agincourt Athletics had another incredible and successful year! This year saw the participation of over 455 student athletes competing in 32 different teams, over three seasons. ACI Athletes won 30 medals in the EAST region and 7 at the CITY Championships. Bronze medals in the East Region were won by the Co-ed Curling team, while Silver medals were won by the Jr & Sr Ultimate teams. Gold medals were won by SR Boys Volleyball, Ice Hockey, Girls Varsity Soccer, Girls Slo-Pitch, Swimming – Open Boys, Open Girls as well as the Midget boys Track and Field Team. ACI also dominated at the **TDSSAA City Championships**, by representing and winning GOLD medals in the following sports Flag Football, Swimming, Track & Field and the Sr Boys Volleyball winning back to back Championships!!

In addition to those successes, we had our SR Boys Volleyball team as well as 13 individual students, in Swimming, and Track & Field represent ACI and the TDSB at the **OFSAA Provincial championships and win GOLD MEDAL**. An AMAZING accomplishment!!!

Our outstanding achievements this year is the result of the incredible dedication and commitment from our students, parents, coaches/teachers and administration that have put in 100% of their time and effort into supporting Agincourt Athletics. **CONGRATS LANCERS!!**



DRAMA

A.C.I Drama Presents Robin Hood: Naught In Nottingham

With a quiver full of gags, slapstick humour and hilarious antics the A.C.I. Drama Company presented its spring production April 21st to 23rd. Over 1400 elementary school students, family and friends enjoyed the six performances of this warm-hearted spoof of The Adventures of Robin Hood. A merry time was had by all.

#The Donnelly Project

On May 14th the A.C.I Drama Company performed the #The Donnelly Project a co-production with The Tarragon Theatre, The Scarborough Arts Council, R.H. King Academy and the University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus. The production was a revival of James Reaney's famous 1970's play, *Sticks And Stones*. Performed outdoors at a natural amphitheatre at Scarborough Arts Park on Kingston Road, the performance was a memorable re-telling of a classic Canadian story.



MUSIC

Once again it has been a busy and successful year for the Music Department. An Agincourt Christmas, two nights of Accent on Agincourt in May, performances at Commencement, the Awards Assembly, our Junior Music Retreat, Remembrance Day ceremonies, the annual Guitar Slam, as well as a full festival season, have kept students and teachers alike on their toes and energized all year. The Ontario Vocal Festival, Ontario Strings Festival, Ontario Band Association Festival, OMEA Conference, local Kiwanis Music Festival and GTA Jr. and Sr. Invitational Band Festivals, and the York University Jazz Festival provided exciting learning opportunities for our students. ACI ensembles won many first and second place awards as well as Platinum, Gold and Silver ratings at these festivals, and were awarded many scholarships. As a result of our success at Kiwanis, three of our ensembles were invited to send recordings to the Ontario Provincial Music Festival, where our Madrigal Singers won second place in the province, and the Wind Symphony received an Honorable Mention recognition. In early May, The Madrigals Singers and the Chamber Orchestra were the featured performers for the Music Mondays Series at the Holy Trinity Church, in downtown Toronto.



SAC



The 2015-2016 Student Administrative Council successfully organized numerous school-wide events, including YLCC Leadership Retreat, Haunted House, Semi-Formal, and Carnival. We were also able to initiate the first in-school dance in the past five years. Every council member has contributed a tremendous amount of time and efforts into all of the events.

Their dedication and enthusiasm have made our achievements possible. Special thanks and congratulations to the Class of 2016 graduating executives: Howard Yu-President, Tiffany Yeung-Vice President, Kaeshan Elamurugan-Secretary, Olivia Hoolans-Assistant Secretary, Amanda Yu-Treasurer, Anna Li-Assistant Treasurer, Ashley Zhai-Publicity Chairperson, Leeah George-Events Chairperson, Umme Patel-Formal Chair, Adia Hemmings-Grade 12 Representative.