



Principal's Message



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Principal's Update

Where has the time gone? It has been a whirlwind year since September with Moratorium May and June Final Examinations just around the corner!

The focus on academic success is a priority at Agincourt. Literacy and Numeracy skills are essential for students to earn their Ontario Secondary School Diploma and we have created supports to help our students achieve success in the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test and the Grade 9 EQAO Math Test. The OSSLT was written Thursday March 30th. Students have been provided supports including a year-long lunch and learn program, workbooks, Saturday programs, diagnostic testing and purposeful literacy integration into the Grade 9 and 10 curriculums. We make the OSSLT a priority and we are proud of our students' efforts.

This year, we are part of the Renewed Math Strategy with the goal of supporting our Grade 9 Applied math program. We have created student workbooks, implemented a "Lunch and Learn" program, introduced diagnostic technology and will be providing direct one on one intensive support for our Grade 9 students in April and May. If your child's Grade 9 marks are less than 70%, I urge you to contact their math teacher so they can take advantage of these opportunities.

In addition to providing a fulsome academic program, our school is committed to the character development of our students. We have embarked on a journey that focusses on creating individuals who are respectful and mindful of the wellness of themselves and others.

As you may have seen on the news, Agincourt was the headquarters for both the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Police Service for the *International Day of Pink*. Agincourt Collegiate was selected for the outstanding work that was done in creating an inclusive and welcoming environment. We have come a long way from painting our lockers in rainbow colours just 4 years ago. Deputy Chief James Ramer, Director of Education for the TDSB, Dr. John Malloy and Mayor John Tory were all on hand to speak to our students. Evidence of our commitment and pledges is reflected on banners posted on our walls.

Student wellness is another key factor in our students' social and academic well-being. We are pleased to have implemented the weekly DREAM sessions which provide an opportunity for all students to meditate or to be involved in activities that support student well-being and social connections. In addition, we have been working with our feeder schools to develop Feeder Leadership programs so that there is an ongoing connection between our school and that of our feeder schools.

As we turn our attention to our school athletic program, we are running a full spectrum of sports programs and have enjoyed tremendous success in volleyball, basketball, swimming, and hockey. In addition, the spring drama production of *The Snow White Variety Show* will be running from April 27th to 29th and is sure to appeal to all ages. Students in our music program will be attending the Banff festival and we will be showcasing our amazing students in our Spring Concert on May 9th and 10th. Lastly, congratulations to our Agincourt Robotics team which made it to the quarter finals round over the March break competition. This club just started last year.

As we move to the Information age, it is my vision to improve communication leveraging technology. One goal is to make greater use of parent emails to support the current phone call system. In this respect, the school will be sending a mass email to all parent emails on file. Once this is complete, our goal is to integrate our email system with the phone system so that ultimately, every call can be followed up with an email. We will be working with the School Council and TDSB IT department to bring this plan to fruition. Thank you, it is a privilege to be at your service.

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