



Maple Leaf International School Newsletter

JANUARY 20, 2014



IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE

- Secondary School Exams Jan 20 to 24th.
- Art Exhibition runs until Jan 23rd.
- Secondary Textbook Distribution Days: 27th and 28th January!!!
- Secondary School PA Day - No School for Secondary Students ONLY—Jan 28th.
- Semester 2 starts Jan 29th!
- High School Orientation—Jan 30th @ 6pm
- Internet Safety Session - Feb 2 @ 6 pm
- Elementary Teacher Interview—Feb 11th
- Curriculum Night—Feb 13th

Maple Leaf International School is a private co-educational, independent day school offering classes from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Established in 1994, and located in Alyce Heights, Petit Valley, Maple Leaf is registered with both the Ministry of Education in Trinidad & Tobago and Ontario Canada. Graduates earn an Ontario High School Diploma, in compliance with the curriculum requirements of the Ontario Ministry of Education in Toronto. The school places a balanced emphasis on academics, service achievements, leadership opportunities, as well as athletics and the arts. Maple Leaf offers a seamless transition from elementary to high school with a supportive and close-knit community of students, parents, staff and alumni.

Happy New Year !
We would like to extend our best wishes to all of our students and families, as the New Year commences. “Beginnings”, offer opportunities, and we hope that 2014 will provide pleasure and blessing to all of our families. At this time, we would like to extend a special welcome to those families who have joined the Maple Leaf Community. Maple Leaf is your school. We invite you to become involved in all that Maple Leaf has to offer within and outside of the classroom. We hope that you find Maple Leaf to be your stepping stone to further your education and personal growth.

On Thursday, January 16th, our grade 12 Art Students, under the direction of Ms. Inglis, hosted this year’s Art Exhibition – “Palette – Colour is an Individual Expression”. It was evident, in not only viewing the art work itself, but also the care taken to display the various works, that these students harbour a love and passion for their undertaking. The school prides itself on being, “Committed to Excellence”. This standard was clearly evident in all aspect of the Exhibit. Maple Leaf is proud of you all.

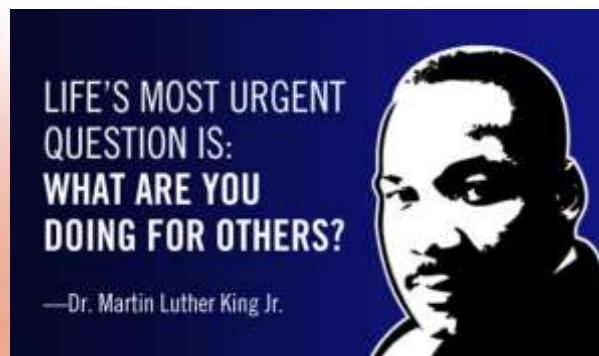
We would like to thank the members of the PTA and school community who came to participate in the exhibition. Attendance in activities such as this acts to valid and acknowledge the efforts that our students and staff exhibited. It is your support for our student’s initiatives that makes their experiences so much more memorable. Today’s Guardian (Jan.20th), gave a full 2 page coverage on the exhibition. This is certainly a testament to the “excellence” and talent that our art students showcased.

Our parents and community are encouraged to continue to support the various events that occur at Maple Leaf. Attending the Grade 12 Art Exhibition, for example, encouraged student achievement, and the pursuit of excellence. Shortly our PTA will be hosting an Internet Safety Session. This event is slated for Tuesday, February 2nd at 6:00PM. This session will address the latest technologies of our modern society, on how parents can assist in keeping our children and families safe as we engage in this, the “Information Age”. Watch for more information on this valuable session.

In January, we will also be hosting, “High School Orientation Night”. Sessions, designed to help our grade 8 students transition into the exciting world of secondary education will be presented by Ms. Schuler. This event enables our families to learn about the Ontario High School Curriculum, and the requirements which are necessary to achieve the Ontario Secondary School Graduation Diploma.

Once again, more information will be provided as the event draws closer.

We encouraged our parents to get involved in the education of their children. Attending school functions such as curriculum night, PTA events, open houses etc. is the most effective way to show interest. Parent interest in their children’s activities, is often sighted as the prime fact in student achievement.



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SECONDARY TEXTBOOK DISTRIBUTION DAYS!!



Secondary Textbook Distribution Days

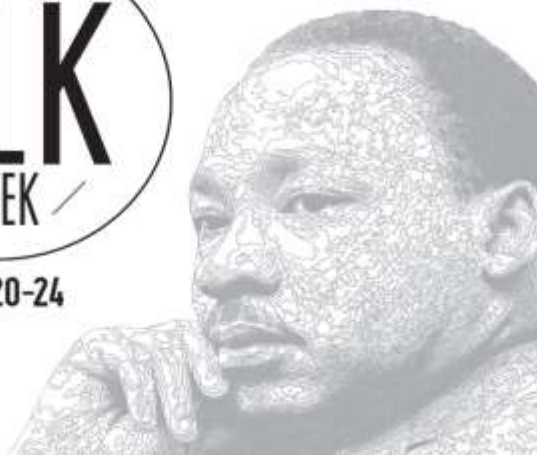
In an effort to streamline the Secondary Textbook Distribution process at Maple Leaf, the library will be having Textbook Distribution Days on Monday 27th & Tuesday the 28th of January 2014.

We are asking that students of Grades 9-12 come in during the hours of 7am to 3pm on these days to collect their textbooks for the new semester, which starts on Wednesday 29th January, 2014. Students are kindly asked to walk with their semester schedules.



This
Week

- Junior Book Club Mondays 2:15, meeting every other week
- Senior Book Club Mondays 2:15, meeting every other week
- Lunchtime Poetry Thursdays Elementary 11:40am to 11:55am & Secondary 12:20pm to 12:40pm
- Maple Express Student Newspaper Monthly Meetings on Thursdays 2:15pm



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Professional Development this term, and for the rest of the school year, will continue to focus on Mathematics. During January and February, our math teacher-consultant will be visiting all the elementary classrooms to observe and share feedback with teachers on their math programs. Additionally, the upcoming Professional Activity Day on February 28, will build on further improving our math program across the whole school, both elementary and secondary.



As part of this PA Day Maple Leaf will be having a consultant from the University of Waterloo Math program visit the school to deliver further Professional Development in math, as well as visit some of our classes to work with teachers and students.

We are looking forward to this exciting visit!

Reminder: PA DAY
February 28th 2014
NO SCHOOL



Exam Schedule Semester 1



Monday January 20th:	Grade 9 English midterm only. 9:30-11:00 All other grades regular classes
Tuesday January 21st:	All period 1 classes
Wednesday January 22nd:	All period 2 classes (Grade 9 Math- midterm)
Thursday January 23rd:	All period 3 classes
Friday January 24th:	All period 4 classes

Exams start promptly at 8:00. All students should be in their classes by 7:40.

Once the exam is over, students are to leave Building B immediately as other students may still be writing.

Transportation should be arranged. Please ensure to have your child picked up after their exam finishes.



HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION

ready?
high set?
school!

**MAPLE LEAF COMMUNITY &
GRADE 8 PARENTS!!!**

Maple Leaf will be hosting it's

**GRADE 8 ORIENTATION to
HIGH SCHOOL**

on

Thursday January 30, 2014

**Maple Leaf Great Hall at
6:00 pm**

Maple Leaf is pleased to invite you to our Grade 8 Orientation to High School.

Hosted by Guidance & Success Coordinator Marie Schuler, this session will remove the mystery of high school and give you important information regarding the Ontario Secondary School Diploma, credits, volunteer hours, supports and course selections, all to facilitate an easy transition for your child from Elementary to Secondary School.

Marie Schuler comes to us from Cornwall, Ontario, near Ottawa. She is a graduate of the University of Toronto with a BSc. in Biology/Psychology, and obtained her BEd. from Queen's University. Marie has worked first as a science teacher and more recently as the head of Student Services at Cornwall Collegiate. She brings with her 31 years of secondary school experience.



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January 20, 2014



January 16, 2014

6:00 to 7:00 pm

Maple Leaf International School

Alyce Heights Drive, Petit Valley

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palette

colour is an individual expression



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Stories
in Art

palette

colour is an individual expression



The Grade 12 Art Class hosted their Annual Grade 12 Exhibition on Thursday Jan 16th at 6:00 pm. Attendees were treated to a delightful evening of fine art and installations in an exhibit titled Palette: Colour is an Individual Expression. Exhibiting were Bianca Peake, Zoe McKenzie, Elizabeth Paul, Brandon Hilton-Clarke and Ariel Borde. The exhibit runs until Wednesday January 23rd, so please feel free to drop by.



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Maple Leaf Brown Bag Program 2014



For a number of years, Maple Leaf has been incredibly fortunate in having Ms. Pechlof spearhead the Brown Bag Project. The Brown Bags are made up of a variety of items including food and toiletries that were brought in by Maple Leaf students. Once all the donations were received, Staff and students spent many man hours with the task of sorting and bagging hundreds and hundreds of bags - All for great causes.

Some of charities that Brown Bags were donated to were: KIND, St. James Police Youth Club, Shaping Her For Excellence (S.H.E. Foundation), Sisters and Friends of Bagatelle Road Diego Martin as well as the SERVOL Parent Outreach Program.

Ms. Pechlof also spearheaded through the SERVOL Parent Outreach Program (POP) a gift program for underprivileged kids. As a result, 45 children who would otherwise not get a Christmas present and are very much in need, were provided gifts.



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From the CEO of S.H.E.

Happy New Year to you!!

The S.H.E.(Shaping Her for Excellence) Foundation of T&T wishes to thank you for your generosity and patronage towards our "Charity with Beauty" Project. The project indeed was successful and we would be continuing throughout the year as we tour the schools of Trinidad and Tobago and other impoverished communities.

As CEO & Founder, I encourage each and every one of you to appreciate all that you have and help those you can. There are people with real issues out there who make our situations seem so trivial; it's a harsh reality. Find your purpose; live in it, live for it and live through it. That feeling you get when purpose is being fulfilled, could never be compared to any kind of money in the world. Priceless! Count your blessings!

'Every female counts'



Forward from St. James Youth Club:

Compliments of the season Ms Pechlof, The Management Board, Parent Council, Organizing Committee, Youth Executive Body, Members of the St. James Police Youth Club wish to sincerely thank the Organizing Committee of the Maple Leaf International School for the generous donations of food items which will be used to outfit many needy cases at our centre. Please also convey thanks to all the students who contributed to this worthwhile venture and we trust that your project can grow from strength to strength.

Merry Christmas to you and yours and a Crime Free 2014



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Maple Leaf International School Parents Teachers Association

presents

? IS YOUR CHILD A "FACEBOOK FRIEND"
WITH AN INTERNET PREDATOR?

? IS THE INTERNET A GOOD PLACE FOR
YOUR CHILD TO SOCIALIZE WITH FRIENDS?

? DO YOU KNOW ABOUT "SEXTING?"

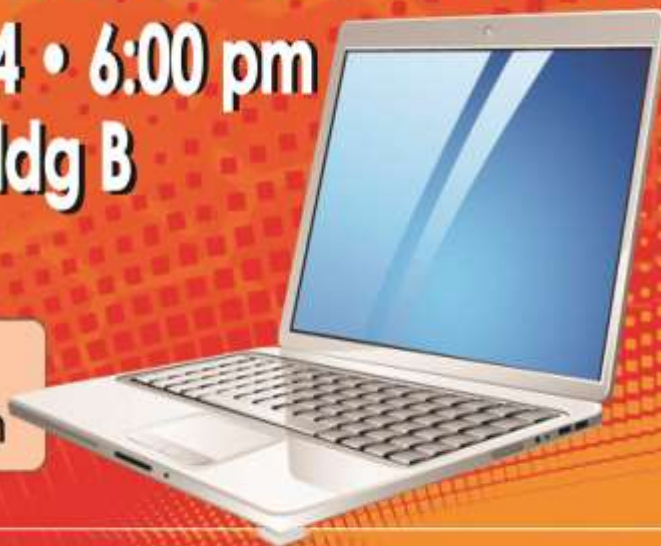
INTERNET SAFETY 101

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT
PROTECTING YOUR CHILD IN CYBERSPACE

Tuesday February 4, 2014 • 6:00 pm
Maple Leaf Great Hall, Bldg B

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

To secure your spot, email us
at pta@mapleleaf-school.com



PARENTS! This class is designed to educate and bring you up to speed on the latest technologies, and to teach you the rules of protection and usage. For more information please visit our website at www.mapleleaf-school.com for more details on this event. Hope we see you there!



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Mon January 20th to Friday January 31st 2014

Week 1

Mon 20th: - Chicken Pelau

Tues 21st : - Pasta with Meat Sauce

Wed 22nd : - Dumplings with Lentil
peas & Stewed Chicken

Thurs 23rd: - Chicken Wraps

Fri 24th : - Chicken or Fish & Chips



Week 2

Mon 27th : – Pigeon Peas, Rice & Stewed Chicken

Tues 28th : – Dhal, Rice & Curried Chicken

Wed 29th : – Bake & Shark

Thurs 30th : – Fried Rice, Stewed Beef & Salad

Fri 31st: - Soup

Maple Café is open from 7:00 am and offers a variety of staple breakfast items including baked goods, fruits and cereals and there is always a wide variety of snack options. Lunches are available daily and the cafeteria allows students the opportunity to make healthier lunch choices by substituting salad for their side for a nominal fee.



January 20, 2014

Secondary School TEXTBOOK DISTRIBUTION



MAPLE LEAF SECONDARY STUDENTS

The Library will be
distributing textbooks on

**JANUARY 27TH & 28TH
7:00 AM TO 3:00 PM**

Visit the library during any of the above days and times to get an early jump on your new semester. You will receive your timetables and the required textbooks for all of your courses.

Please note that if you are unable to come on the above days, you will have to collect your textbooks before or after the school day in the new semester.

Secondary School Curriculum Night



Maple Leaf International School will be hosting Secondary School "Curriculum Night" on Thursday February 13, 2014 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Secondary **CURRICULUM** Night

**Thursday February 13, 2014
6:00 pm - 8:00 PM**

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MAPLE LEAF COMMUNITY

CRICKET LESSONS

Will now be available at Maple Leaf as an extra-curricular activity for ages 6 to 10 years.

**Mondays at 2:15 to 3:15 pm
Cost: \$325.00 per child per term**

Coach David Asgarali is a Level 2, WIBC Certified Cricket Coach and will begin coaching kids Ages 6 - 10, on Mondays from 2:15 - 3:15 pm. Classes will begin on **Monday January 13th**. Registration forms are available at Maple Leaf's Reception Desk. For more information, please contact Coach David at 785-4854.

Elementary School Parent Teacher Interviews



Maple Leaf International School will be hosting Elementary School "Parent-Teacher Interviews" on Tuesday February 11, 2014. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Elementary **PARENT TEACHER** INTERVIEWS

Tuesday February 11, 2014



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