

MAPLE CONNECT

MAPLE LEAF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

A CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME

PTA CHRISTMAS SUNDAY BUNCH



The PTA Christmas Sunday Brunch held on Sunday December 4th was full of fun and great food! The school was transformed into a Christmas Wonderland that provided a festive atmosphere to the event. A fabulous buffet of pork, turkey, chicken and fish, not forgetting the garlic mashed potatoes, saffron rice, pasta salad, green salad, lentils and pastelles was served to the enjoyment of all those gathered for the occasion. Both the PTA representatives and students seeking community service hours worked very hard setting up and preparing to make the day a success. Activities and games such as face painting and cup cake making entertained the children while they waited for Santa Claus' arrival. Gift baskets that included car care products, spa products, baked goods and wine were won by those who bought raffle tickets. A big thank you goes to all the people who helped to prepare food, sell tickets, make decorations and donated prizes.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec. 12th** -Christmas Concert
- Dec. 13th**—Last day of school
- Dec. 14—Jan 3rd**—Christmas Holidays
- Jan 4th**—First day of school
- Jan. 5th** -Academic Assembly
- Jan. 28th** -SAT Tests
- Mar. 29th** -OSSLT
- May 5th** -SAT Tests

SPECIAL POINTS

- Please remember to bring clothes and toys for the Charity Club by putting the items in the blue charity bin in the main hall.
- *Cause For A Cure* is on December 18th, giving people the opportunity to cut their hair for locks of love. All hair donations will go to children under the age of 18 suffering from alopecia, cancer or any other permanent hair-loss illness.

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Thank you to all the students and their families for contributing to our brown paper bag drive in aid of supporting a number of charities. Each year, Maple Leaf supports numerous charities during the Christmas season, including the St. James Police Youth Service, the Mt. Hope Children's Oncology Centre, St. Dominic's Children's Home, and KIND. These organizations depend on us to provide them with the food and other items they use in Christmas hampers and throughout the year. Thank you once again for your generosity!

VOLLEY BALL



The Under 16 team finished the league with six wins and one loss placing them second out of eight teams and a place in the National School Championship playoffs at the end of January 2012. The Under 19 team finished with 4 wins and 3 losses, placing them fourth out of eight teams which is an improvement from last year's results. Unfortunately, they did not qualify for the playoffs at the end of January 2012.

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Mission

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STUDENTS IN ART

The grade 9 visual art students of MLIS worked on the theme of "Our Environment" as part of this semester's Visual Art's course. Under the guidance of Donna Clarke, the topic dealt with making students aware of the need to protect our natural and historical environment. They designed posters and



Gr. 9 –Beaches with no plastic bag litter
by James Ferreira

created two installation art sculptures which were displayed around the school to educate the school community on the fragility of our environment. The theme highlighted four areas of concern which were; the wastage of water, the need to recycle, protecting the natural and

historical heritage and lastly protecting the atmosphere. The posters dealt with informing the students about the effects on the environment. One installation piece dealt with saving a particular landscape e.g. the rain forest, and the other installation piece was interactive e.g. sorting items to be recycled. This unit was particularly relevant to the students in light of the recent flooding in the west which affected many of them.

The grade 12 visual art students of MLIS are currently preparing their art portfolios to be submitted as part of their university application. They are developing their observational skills in this project and they also are using a common object and drawing it from two different viewpoints. For their third drawing they turn the object into a sculpture by adding something to it. This project was inspired by the works of artist's like Christo and Jeanne Claude who created the Berlin Wall using a common object like an oil barrel. These objects are depicted in a monochromatic scheme with dry media such as pencil,

charcoal, oil pastels and ink.

This semester, the grade 10 visual art students of Maple Leaf International School examined the Renaissance period in art history. They studied the works of Leonardo Da Vinci, Masaccio, Fra Angelico and Raphael. Their culminating painting was one based on the golden section, a compositional theory commonly used by artists of the Renaissance period. They studied and drew the human figure in movement, then painted them in acrylic paint using either complementary or harmonious colour schemes.



Gr. 9 sculpture—Preserving Forests by
Rory Legge

VOLLEY BALL Coach Jonathan Chin Lee

The Maple Leaf teams played against St. Francois Girls High School at the Chinese Association to finish off their North Zone Secondary School League matches. Both the Under 16 and 19 teams were dominant in their matches taking the early lead in each set and keeping it all the way until the last point of the match. Bianca Peake's serves gave the Under 16 Maple Leaf team the largest run in points in the first set. Passes from Shannon Church kept the ball in play and forced their opponents to earn their points. Kirstyn Church, Tonya Maharajh and Olivia Bressler each made big contributions in consistent serves which kept the Maple Leaf Under 19 teams far ahead of their opponents with Brittni Charles making a number of killer serves at the end of the match. Kirstyn Church had a number of kills from the outside to add to the team's points. The Under 16 and 19 teams both won their matches in two sets, 25:9; 25:13 and 25:19; 25:12 respectively.

Congratulations to both teams and their great results. The teams now prepare for the upcoming One Day Tournaments early next year, and Florida tournaments in March 2012.

The PTA Christmas Brunch included cupcakes made by the students and eaten by them too!!



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