



"April is a promise that May is bound to keep."
- Hal Borland

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Macdonell Admin Bulletin

IMPORTANT DATES FOR GRADS:

Grad Breakfast: Friday, May 22nd

Grade 12 Scholarship Evening: Thursday,
June 25th Miles Macdonell Collegiate
7:00 p.m.

Convocation: Friday, June 26th
Centennial Concert Hall 9:00 a.m.

Graduation Dinner & Dance: Monday,
June 29th Fairmont Hotel 6:00 p.m.

Please note that the last day of regular classes for the 2008-2009 school year will be Monday June 15th. The last day of school will be on Tuesday, June 30th, 2009 with dismissal at 2:15 p.m.

If at anytime you have questions or concerns, I would invite you to contact your son/daughter's Teacher Advisor, the Vice Principals or myself.

V. Laurie

DRESS CODE REMINDER

With summer around the corner and warmer weather on its way, students are to be reminded of the Miles Macdonell Collegiate 'Dress Code'. We ask students to keep appropriate dress in mind when preparing for their day at school.

DRESS CODE

Clothing should reflect our code of good taste and respect and not be a source of distraction to the academic atmosphere of our school. This means that shoulders, chests and abdomens must be fully covered and under wear not exposed. Jackets, hats or headwear are not to be worn in school with the exception of cultural requirements. Short shorts and short skirts are not reflective of this work environment.

APRIL 2009 Concours D'Art Oratoire

On April 17, MMC hosted the divisional Concours d'Art Oratoire (Public Speaking Contest). The quality of the language and the variety of topics students chose provided an impressive program which was also entertaining. Congratulations to all participants.

Basic French 9/10

1. Michael Szelemej
2. Carly Vanderhooft
3. Matthew Giesbrecht

Late French Immersion 9/10

2. Nuru Abhazim

Late French Immersion 11/12

1. Michelle Wiezbinski

Early French Immersion 9/10

2. Melissa Smith

Early French Immersion 11/12

1. Anne-Marie Schollenberg
2. Jasmine Heesaker

Basic French 11/12

1. Carolina Crescenzi
2. Bryn Pepler
3. Jane Samaroo
4. David Syntik

We invite everyone to support the first place winners at the provincial competition on May 2 at Collège Universitaire de Saint Boniface.

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Our next PAC will take place on:

Tuesday, April 28
in the school library
7:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Mr. Jim Smith
Topic: History of Miles Macdonell Collegiate
All parents are invited to attend.

Greetings from Administration

We hope that everyone enjoyed a relaxing March break. We now are moving into the final push of the school year, with a little over two months of classes remaining prior to our school June exams. School exams will begin on Tuesday, June 16th.

You are receiving the mid term report card today. You will note that all academic indicators of student performance are reported as a percentage grade. You will also see two comments for each subject area of study, one speaking to the student's engagement in class and the second to the student's academic performance.

On Friday, April 24, we will have no regularly scheduled classes for our students. The staff will be involved in the review and evaluation of the 2008-2009 MMC school plan and will be working on the new plan for our coming school year.

Our IB grade 12 examinations will run through the month of May. Our students will be writing their examinations at the Melrose Community Club. Please check our web site for the specific dates of these exams.

Our grade 12 students are preparing for their close of year and graduation ceremonies. All families of our grade 12 students will be receiving a package of information that will detail the Convocation and Dinner and Dance events at the beginning of May.

Skills Canada Manitoba

Skills Canada Manitoba is a not-for-profit, charitable, organization that works with employers, educators, and governments to educate Manitoba youth on the benefits of working in the skilled trades and technology sectors.

The Olympic-style Skills Manitoba Competition was held on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at Red River College. It was an amazing display of hands-on expertise, talent and determination that showcased the diversity of skilled trades and technology and the many promising futures to be found in these occupations. Students competed in over 40 different contests and the gold medal winners will form Team Manitoba and compete against their peers at the 15th Canadian Skills Competition in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, May 20 – 23, 2009.

In 2009, over 500 students from across Manitoba participated in the one day competition supported by over 300 volunteers representing education, industry and labour. Miles Macdonell Collegiate was represented by 9 students in 7 contest areas:

Aesthetics (Nail Tech) – Van Dieng, Silver Medal
Hairstyling (Secondary) – Sarah Minarik, Bronze Medal
Hairstyling (Beginner) – Alyssa O'Brien
IT and Network Support – Brett Corby, Gold Medal
Graphic Design – Scott Normand
2D Animation – Jordan Duchnycz, Andrew Yablonski (team of 2) Gold Medal
3D Animation – Matthew Poetker, Clayton Swiston (team of 2)

Congratulations to these students for achieving the high level of skill necessary to compete provincially in their contest area. Brett Corby (IT and Network Support), Jordan Duchnycz and Andrew Yablonski (2D Animation) will be travelling to Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island to compete for the Canadian title.

“Fast and Fabulous” as MMC Wins the Inaugural F1 Championships

Tuesday April 14th saw the University of Manitoba Engineering Atrium packed solid with school students Formula 1 racing teams. Sixteen teams, two from Miles Mac, were entered in the first annual Formula 1 Racing Regional Competition. Miles Mac was well represented by two great teams, the “Black Mambas” and “Team Burnout”. Student representation included a great support team as well. All the students are from our Drafting & Design 30S class. The Black Mambas, with team members Crawford Boyce, Stephanie Hiebert and Ben Kuilman, won the overall competition with the fastest car and an excellent Design Display. Team Burnout, with team members Sam Boyce, Sean Desrosiers, Michael Rebizant and Steven Repa, contributed to Miles Mac success with a 3rd place overall trophy win.

Along with their First Place Victory the Black Mambas team qualified for competition at the Canadian Nationals Formula 1 Championships in Toronto Ontario April 28th. They have also been invited to the World Championships in London England scheduled for September 2009.

Each school team was required to design and build a Formula 1 race car (1/20th scale). The teams were all required to use the new Catia 3D computer program and design a race car according to very strict design requirements. The students researched aerodynamics, flight design, weight and size restrictions for all aspects of their race cars. Such precision came down to the weight of the paint and thickness of the body parts in their designs. Failure to meet these requirements did result in some

teams being disqualified. This exercise proved to be a great learning experience where two factors determined the margin of victory. These two factors included the speed of the car and the judging panels interviews of team members for their knowledge of Catia and aerodynamics down force design application. Our two teams proved their skills were “Top Gear” as the results showed them winning three of the six categories, First Place Overall, Fastest Car Overall and Third Place Overall. Congratulations!

I BELIEVE

On Thursday, May 21st our MMC choir along with invited guests, will be performing with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra in “I BELIEVE” at the Centennial Concert Hall.

This is a major work that was written and composed by Mr. Z. Zalis, music teacher of MMC. We are very much looking forward to the premier performance of “I BELIEVE”.

LAUNCH OF MMC LIT MAGAZINE “PULSE”

All parents and students are invited to our launch of our second student literature magazine, “PULSE” to be on:

THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH
8:00 P.M.
MCNALLY ROBINSON
(GRANT AVENUE STORE)

Many of our students have contributed their works and effort to this anthology and we are looking forward to a wonderful celebration of student writing. Copies of the text will be available for purchase. We hope to see you there.

**Check Out
The Miles Macdonell Website!
www.mmc.retsd.mb.ca**