

Principal's Report:

1. The Pillars in Brief:

- a. We are just starting a major transformation in education, beginning with the new Ministry prescribed curriculum and ending with the way we report student progress to parents. This is an exciting time to be in education, but it is exhausting and it is messy. We are firmly convinced that the initiatives we have implemented in response to the Ministry changes are moves in the right direction, but we are at times frustrated that the implementation is not going as well as we hoped. Communication has stood out as inordinately difficult and it we are finding success only when we meet in smaller groups and gather feedback at each stage. Student reaction so far has been mostly positive among senior students, but not as uniformly positive among younger students, and we continue to work on this.
- b. Our fall athletic program is in full swing, including boys soccer, girls field hockey, boys and girls volleyball, cross country running and aquatics. Most of our teams are highly competitive, and we expect both girls and boys volleyball will show up in the provincial rankings this month. Girls field hockey is off to a better start this year, and is making good use of the turf field. Isfeld will host the North Islands in girls volleyball and boys soccer.
- c. The band program is up and running under the direction of Linsay Duncan, our third band teacher in three years. Our grads got a good head start preparing for the Fashion Show November 7, and are enjoying Gary Aylward's help and coordination. Our Improv club meets every Friday and is looking forward to another strong year. Destination Imagination teams have already formed and are preparing for the Regionals in March.
- d. Under citizenship, we had another successful Terry Fox run, raising over \$4500. We have trips Europe in the works as well as our French Immersion and band trips. The Interact and Environment clubs are already in full swing. We will be participating in the Great Canadian Shake Out this Thursday, although the weather is expected to be inclement.

2. Important dates:

- a. October 21 – Provincial Pro-D day
- b. October 26-28 – Isfeld hosts boys soccer North Islands
- c. October 18 – our field hockey team hosts Brentwood
- d. October 19 - Mawhinney House Opening
- e. October 20 – Great Canadian Shake Out
- f. October 28 – Halloween Assembly
- g. November 7 – Grad Fashion Show
- h. November 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly