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June 2009 Newsletter

A Message from the Principal

Our first graduating class walked across the stage on June 24 to receive their secondary school diplomas. The graduates leaving us have done very well and received many awards and scholarships. The pathways that they have chosen all reflect the wide range of programs and areas of success for these students. I am looking back at the past three years in these students' lives and thinking about how they have changed, as well as how we at Stephen Lewis Secondary School have grown and changed.

I am very proud of what the staff and students have accomplished here in a very short period of time. We have a caring and supportive staff, focused on student achievement in all curriculum areas. Our secretaries, educational assistants and caretaking staff all work hard to ensure student success. Our co-curricular activities, events, athletics, arts, and technology programs all contribute to ensuring that students are engaged, involved and develop many interests and skills.

Our school will expand as new families move in this summer, and we will continue to offer a wide range of courses and opportunities for all students. We will focus on our high academic standards and a safe and respectful learning environment at Stephen Lewis Secondary School. As we finish off this school year and plan for the next, we wish you and your family a restful and happy summer holiday. We look forward to working with you in September to ensure student success.

Weather in our community

On May 28th, Michael Kuss, the meteorologist from CityTV, visited SLSS Grade 10 science classes and Ms. Kent's community class. He began his talk discussing his education in journalism and meteorology, and his work history throughout Canada.

He showed us satellite images of North America, and discussed the local weather and how he interprets the satellite imagery. He also explored some of the new technology in the weather industry including Doppler radar.

The weather of Southern Ontario is greatly impacted by the lake effect, and he talked about this and other factors affecting local weather.

He answered questions about "extreme"

weather, and talked about Hurricane Katrina and why New Orleans was so vulnerable to this storm. He addressed climate change and the global impact it will have. He cited examples such as melting polar ice caps and rising sea levels. He also mentioned that increased water evaporation and increased cloud cover could ultimately lower the temperature of the globe.

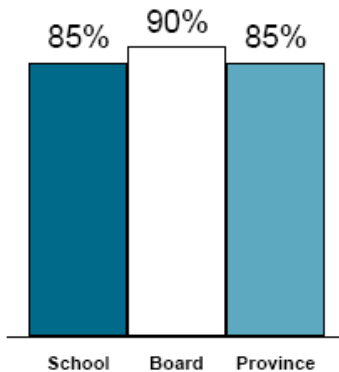
Students and staff alike greatly enjoyed meeting this CityTV personality and learning a bit more about weather and the weather industry. Michael, thank you for coming!



CityTV meteorologist Michael Kuss explains the weather patterns in Southern Ontario.

Literacy Test Results

Percentage of Fully Participating Students Who Were Successful



This graph shows the percentage of students who successfully wrote the literacy test for the first time in April 2009. The full school report from the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) is available on their website www.eqao.com, the board website www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca and the school website, www.stephenlewis.ss.yrdsb.edu.on.ca Congratulations to our students and our staff!

School Council

Our next meeting and elections will be held on September 21, 2009.

2008-2009 Executive

Co-Chairs: Riza Axelrod, Alison Williams

Secretary: Linda Behr

Treasurer: Nicola McDonald

Parent Members: Myrna Benderoff, Debra Derlick, Lily Lukic, Lynn Avidan, Paul Fitzerman, Natalia Shibko, Nora Lipfeld, Terry Liu, Clare Chen, Marva Hinds

Teacher Representative: Mark Serapiglia

Support Staff Representative: Sam Spataro

Parent e-mail and Student Records

To keep our records up to date, please let us know if there are any changes to your address, phone numbers, emergency contacts or email addresses. Call the school or e-mail us at: stephen.lewis.ss@yrdsb.edu.on.ca

If we do not have your e-mail address on file please forward it with the student's name.

Specialist High Skills Major Programs continue at SLSS

We have our first graduate who has received the "red seal" of qualification on their secondary school diploma! Students who participate in a SHSM enrol in a specific bundle of courses, workplace experiences and sector certifications and receive the special "red seal" designation on their diploma to show that they have met these specifications.

Students can customize their high school experience to fit with career interests. Key program features:

- Open to any interested Grade 11 or 12 student
- Earn sector recognized special certifications and training
- Co-operative education credits
- Connections to employers and post-secondary programs. Students have an opportunity to network and develop knowledge, skills, plus access resources, equipment, and expertise.

What's the best part?

- Gain confidence and skills
- Make informed career decisions
- Special designation on diploma
- Recognized by industry

Hospitality & Tourism

- Many reach ahead opportunities with colleges and companies
- Potential for jobs/apprenticeships on completion of program

Manufacturing

Range of manufacturing processes including: blueprint reading, Autocad, engineering, robotics, moulding and plastics, pneumatics, hydraulics

- Range of manufacturing processes with a focus on engineering and robotic systems
- Program opportunities include our VEX and FIRST robotics teams
- Build capacity in team leadership and apply problem solving skills in a range of design, manufacturing, physics and programming based challenges

Want to learn more?

More information is available from Ms. Revzen-Ellis, Mr. Press, Mr. Walter, or Mr. Nemeth

Important Dates 2009-2010

Aug. 31, 1 -	Timetable pick-up
Sept. 2, 3 -	P.A. Days (no classes)
Sept. 4 -	YRDSB holiday
Sept. 7 -	Labour Day holiday
Sept. 8 -	First day of school Grade 9 only
Sept. 9 -	Classes for all grades 9-12
Sept. 10 -	Retake day for photo ID cards
Sept. 21 -	Grade 9 at Camp Robin Hood
Sept. 21 -	School Council
Sept. 24 -	Curriculum Night
Sept. 25 -	P.A. Day (no classes)
Oct. 5 -	Interim reports week
Oct. 12 -	Thanksgiving Day holiday
Oct. 13 -	Picture Retake day
Nov. 5 -	Parent Teacher Interviews
Nov. 9 -	P.A. Day (no classes)
Nov. 10 -	Mid-Semester 1 Report Cards
Nov. 30-Dec. 8	Graduates Photo days
Dec. 4 -	P.A. Day (no classes)
Dec. 21-Jan. 1-	Winter Holiday

2010

Jan. 18-20 -	Gr. 9 EQAO Mathematics Test
Jan. 22-28 -	Examinations all grades
Jan. 29 -	Examination return day
Feb. 1 -	P. A. Day (no classes)
Feb. 2 -	Semester 2 begins
Feb. 4 -	Semester 1 report cards
Feb. 15 -	Family Day holiday
Mar. 15-19 -	March Break holiday
Mar. 22 -	Interim report week
Apr. 2 -	Good Friday holiday
Apr. 5 -	Easter Monday holiday
Apr. 8 -	EQAO Literacy Test
Apr. 19 -	Mid Semester 2 Report Cards
Apr. 22 -	Parent-Teacher Interviews
May 24 -	Victoria Day holiday
June 14-16 -	Gr. 9 EQAO Mathematics Test
June 21-25-	Final Examinations
June 28 -	Examination return day
June 28 -	Graduation
June 29, 30 -	P.A. Days (no classes)

Guidance Services

The final stretch of the year was eventful at SLSS, particularly for students whose high school experience is coming to a close. College and university bound students received and accepted offers of acceptance! Apprenticeship contracts were signed! Employment bound students stepped up their job search with many receiving offers of employment. Graduation from high school became a reality and on June

24th was culminated with our first Graduation Ceremony! Congratulations and best wishes to all who are embarking on this new stage in their lives.

Graduates who did not yet receive an offer of admission can inquire about possible openings in other programs at Ontario universities through OUAC's University Admission Information Service at www.ouac.on.ca or 1-519-823-1940 extension 10, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm and Thursday from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. Available college programs are listed on www.ontariocolleges.ca. It is not too late to find the right program for you!

We are thrilled to share the news that several of our students are taking part in the University of Toronto mentoring program and will have the opportunity to participate in classes at the campus this summer! What an impact this experience can have on their lives and educational aspirations!

Many students have been working diligently to complete the community involvement requirement of their graduation diploma by taking advantage of the opportunities made available through the Guidance Department. New possibilities will continually be announced and posted in the next school year.

The Guidance Department would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students a healthy and stress free summer and look forward to seeing all returning students in September.

Community Involvement Hours

Completion of forty hours of community involvement is a graduation requirement. The credit summary page of the final report cards indicates the number of completed community involvement hours. All students are encouraged to complete their community involvement requirement before their final year of high school. For volunteer opportunities in York Region check the following websites: <http://york.cioc.ca/volunteer> Helpmate Community Information and Volunteer Bureau www.civc.ca Community Information and Volunteer Centre –York Region www.charityvillage.com Charity Village – Non Profit Volunteer Opportunities site

Co-Operative Education

Our second semester of Coop 2009 has come to a successful end. The students participated in a



wide variety of placements which included hospitals, pharmacies, schools, automotive sales and service, business

banking and accounting, law, a bakery and a hair salon. Congratulations to four of our Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) students who were signed as apprentices – two as Automotive Technicians, one Hair Stylist and one Baker. In addition, and in spite of the economic conditions, we are happy to report that three of the students have been hired by



Co-op student signed on as an apprentice.

their supervisors and will be continuing their apprenticeships with pay! Our other automotive student will be returning to SLSS to build on his skills by completing a 4-credit accelerated OYAP program in semester 2 next year.

While there were some tearful good-byes with promises of return visits, a few of our students were also offered positions for the summer; which is a testament to the hard work and dedication that they had put into their coop experience. Whether they are going out into the workplace or returning to school in September, all of the students agreed that Coop was an amazing learning experience and one which they will not soon forget.

Science

Congratulations to our first graduating class of science students! We wish you the best of luck and have truly enjoyed supporting you as you pursued your interests.

On Monday, April 27th, 15 students from Stephen Lewis competed at the York Region Science Olympics hosted by Bill Crothers S.S. Students were involved in completing tasks related to Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. Our Junior team finished 10th overall out of 36 teams with a 6th place finish in the Chemistry event. The Senior teams finished 10th and 12th in the Biology event. To cap off the day the Stephen Lewis team placed 2nd in the School Spirit award. Thanks to all of the students for participating. We look forward to entering again next year.

In March, students from the classes of Ms. Foster and Mrs. Ferrari took a field trip to a manufacturing plant in Toronto called Celplast Metallized Products. At the plant, students were able to participate in three different learning centres. In the boardroom, students were guided through an activity that explored some issues surrounding Canadian business, including the decline of the manufacturing sector. The students learned about different roles within a company and the educational requirements of each role. Students were then allowed to look at different examples of packaging, and had to group the products based on whether they were metallized film—the product that Celplast makes. or aluminum film.

Students were then led onto the plant floor, where they donned steel toe boots and watched the manufacturing process. Students were able to go inside a metallizer. They learned about the physics behind the metallizing process, and discussed the need for a vacuum chamber to ensure proper metal adhesion. Finally, students were led through a lab activity with the Chief Engineer at Celplast. They did some quality tests on metallized film, and used a variety of lab equipment. What a great learning experience for all!

Students in the classes of Mr. Alijanpour, Ms. Li and Mrs. Ferrari spent much of the Grade 10 ecology unit outside studying the ecosystems found around SLSS. Students walked to the clear-cut area just north of the school on the east side of Dufferin. They were able to witness

the impacts of housing developments on the local ecosystems. They explored different forestry techniques and discussed groundwater and the importance of topsoil.

At the pond in the community of Dufferin Hill, students collected water samples. Back at the lab, they studied their samples and did



biological drawings of some of the organisms that they found.

At the forest just to the west of the school, students completed a

variety of experiments. They timed bird calls to examine the biodiversity of the forest and they looked for nesting behaviour in the birds. They gathered soil samples for further analysis back at the lab. They created quadrants where they calculated the percentage of deciduous and coniferous trees, and they looked closely at insects, moss, fungi and lichens found on decaying wood on the forest floor. What a variety of ecosystems within walking distance of our school!

During the month of May our Grade 11 university biology students went on safari to the Toronto Zoo. The zoo setting provided a great opportunity for the students to work on a research project looking at the diversity of living things. During the same month the Grade 10 applied science students received an exciting presentation from weatherman Michael Kuss from City TV. Earlier in the second semester the Grade 12 university biology students went to the Ontario Science Centre to participate in the DNA Fingerprinting investigation.

As another year closes we would like to wish science teachers Ms. Brosseau, Ms. Macdonald and Ms. Li all the best as each one embarks on their first maternity leave. We would also like to welcome Mr. Alijanpour, Ms. Grimes and Ms. Tate to the department for next year.

And finally, we would like to wish all of our students an enjoyable and restful summer holiday. We look forward to seeing many of them back in a science classroom next year.



Ms. Kent's class with CityTV meteorologist Michael Kuss after asking him some tough questions about the weather.

Mathematics

From the decimals of the Math Halls at Stephen Lewis Secondary School

The Mathematics department of SLSS is proud to recognize this year's Excellence in Mathematics award winners and the University of Waterloo Mathematics Contest winners and participants.

On June 2nd, 2009, Mathematics educators, students, administrators and families gathered to recognize the achievements of students in mathematics in the York Region District School Board. Stephen Lewis Secondary School had award recipients in all the grades. The following students were recognized for Excellence in Mathematics that evening:

- Grade 9 Mathematics Award: Aaron C., Alyssa M., and Katie P.
- Grade 10 Mathematics Award: Patrick L., Dan L., Litharshan L. and Kevin P.
- Grade 11 Mathematics Award: Liora B., Limor K., Sergio R., and Tali S.
- Grade 12 Mathematics Award: Carmen B., Maggi C., Jamie D., Liat K., Yael R. and Michael W.

Stephen Lewis Secondary School had sixty-three students (an increase of 66% in the participation rate from last year) compete in the



international mathematics contests hosted by the University of Waterloo. In a recent ceremony, we recently celebrated the achievements of the

following students who received the top scores in our school:

- Katie P. – Top Score of SLSS and certificate for the top 25% for the grade 9 Pascal contest
- David B. – Top Score of SLSS and certificate for the top 25% for the grade 10 Cayley contest
- Andy L. – Top Score of SLSS and certificate for the top 25% for the grade 11 Fermat contest
- Rosa L.– Top Score of SLSS and certificate for the top 25% for the grade 12 Euclid contest
- Rosa L., Inhyuk P., Liat K., Andy L., Peter Y.– Top Score of SLSS and certificate for the top 25% for the 2008 Sun Life Financial Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge

Parents and students are reminded that more information on these contests can be found at www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca. You will find information related to next year's contests, previous contest questions with solutions as well as practice topics that can be investigated

We would like to wish congratulations to these students and to all our students who continue to strive for excellence in mathematics! Pi on!

Yes I Can Awards!

On Wednesday, May 20 two Stephen Lewis S.S. students, Tina K. and Litharshan L., were each awarded the *Yes I Can Award* founded by the Council for Exceptional Children. Bill Hogarth, York Region's Director of Education, opened the awards with a celebratory speech and

recipients of awards on this special night. Tina was recognized for outstanding achievement in community work experience. Litharshan was recognized for outstanding achievement in independent life skills. Congratulations to Tina and Litharshan on their hard work and exemplary achievements!

Business Studies

The second semester was busy for the Business Department. The Grade 9 Business Technology students were learning how to produce business quality letters, Excel spreadsheets, PowerPoint Presentations and working with other applications. The semester finished with students creating their own websites in Dreamweaver, which is a software tool licensed by the Ministry of Education.

Grade 10 Introduction to Business students learned a little about all aspects of business: personal finance, Entrepreneurship, Accounting, International Business and Marketing. Their presentations of their business plans to market a new flavour of popcorn were a success.

Grade 11 Accounting students learned how to perform the entire accounting cycle for a small business, and taught their peers about major recent accounting scandals. On their field trip to George Brown College, Grade 11 Marketing and Accounting students experienced first-hand lessons from business professors as they caught a glimpse of post-secondary life.



Examples of display panels for the Grade 10 Introduction to Business popcorn project.

personally congratulated each of the over 60

Grade 12 Accounting students took on the role of financial advisor by researching and reporting on the investment worthiness of major Canadian companies. The International Business students were researching profiles on countries of their choice and they were quite creative in their presentations.

The newly founded Entrepreneurship Club got off to a roaring start, as its Freezie Fundraiser raised over \$100 for the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

Next year will be even more exciting as we add two new Grade 12 courses; Financial Investment and Business Leadership. As well, we will be launching our first DECA team.

Technological Studies

On June 16th, Mr. Rob Ellis from Ontario Youth at Work (OYAW) came to Stephen Lewis Secondary School to meet the award winners of the inaugural Dave Ellis Technological Education Award. The award recognizes graduating students who are strong academically, possess high ethics and morals, and have overcome obstacles in their lives. Andres R., Shahmeerakhan A and Kamy M. are the recipients and each received \$500 which will go towards their post secondary school education. Special thanks to Powerstream Inc, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and OYAW for their generous donation and being true "champions".

Grade 11 Construction students have completed their ISUs. Some students built shelving units, tables and Adirondack chairs. Congratulations to all students for their hard work and dedication.



robotics and SHSM programs.

Our newest piece of equipment, the Uprint 3-dimensional printer will enable students to 'print' ABS plastic models from their designs. This design model and building process is part of our engineering,

Student Council

We would like to welcome our new Student Council for 2009-2010:

Co-Prime Ministers - Keziah G., Yuri Y.

Minister of Records - Alona M.

Minister of Finance - Tony T.

Minister of Entertainment: Nicole Z.

Deputy Minister of Finance - Dan L.

Minister of Public Affairs - Shayla K.

Grade 11 Spirit Rep - Andrew B.

Grade 12 Spirit Rep - Christopher C.

Student Advisor: Ami X.



Some students are challenged on the ropes at the carnival organized by the Student council in June.

Visual Arts

The art department has been very busy over the past semester. There were field trips to the Ontario College of Art Graduate Show and Open House for the Grade 11 and 12 classes, and to the McMichael Art Gallery for the Grade 9s. Rochelle Derlick completed the mural in the main hallway, and the Banner Event team made another beautiful cloth banner for the third year, which is currently on display as part of an exhibition hosted by Artslink at the Richmond Green Library. We also had our combined trip to Italy with the music department over March Break and welcomed Ms. Bates, an art teacher new to our school, in second semester. The 2008-2009 yearbook is the best one yet, and will allow students some enjoyable summer reading! Thank you to all art students who did some really spectacular work this year and have a great summer!



Health, Physical Education and Athletics

This was a great year in Health and Physical Education. The students were very active and enjoyed the variety of courses offered that met their individual needs. We were able to offer intramurals every day for the entire year. The students had a great time playing volleyball, badminton, indoor soccer, archery and basketball over the lunch hour.

Our students in Grade 9 and 10 had an opportunity to experience a week long self defence session and our Grade 11 and 12 students had a great time experiencing golf, a life-long leisure sport.

We are very proud of all our student-athletes this year. All 26 teams were very competitive and showed great sportsmanship throughout their seasons. We had two outstanding individual performances this year: Alina R. who won the Gold Medal-B Flight in Golf at the Ontario Championships, and Angelica S. won the York Region Championships in Girls Singles Tennis and medaled with a 4th place at the Ontario Championships.

The Student Athletic Association did a wonderful job scoring, setting up, and cleaning up after every home game in all the sports this year. They ended the year with our Annual Athletic Banquet that took place at a banquet hall. It was a wonderful evening with dinner, awards, a slide show and dancing. Next year's athletic council members are:

President–Alexandra L.

V.P. Terry Fox–Jimmy W.

V.P. Merchandise–Michelle P.

V.P. Fundraising–June D., Abbi S.

V.P. Scorekeeping–Nethu S.

V.P. Finance–Kishan D.

V.P. Athletic Banquet–Carmen L.

V.P. Yearbook–Jet B. and Jillian P.

Grade 12 Reps–Marina K., Anna A., Shindthura U., Anne B.

Grade 11 Reps–Diana P., Lisa D.

Grade 10 Reps–Chanel M., Jacob C.

Once again, we are proud of our students at SLSS. We wish everyone a safe and fun summer. Eat healthy and stay active!

Geography

A highlight of the Grade 9 Canadian Geography program includes the very popular “Multicultural Festival” that showcased the many cultures that have contributed to Canada’s human and physical landscape. The students also studied sustainability, intensification, land use and the impact of their ecological footprint. These are real-life challenges facing York Region in the next twenty-five years. Urban planners from the City of Vaughan came to SLSS to discuss their vision and answer our students’ questions to better understand the concepts and apply them in a 3-dimensional model of a community in Vaughan.

The students in the Grade 11 Natural Disasters course focused on volcanoes, earthquakes, landslides, hurricanes, tornadoes, asteroids, floods and how humans manage these disasters.



Together with the Intensive class, they had lots of fun conducting a river study and its surrounding floodplains, wetlands, and wildlife.

The Geography Department is proud of our students’ achievements and hope everyone has a wonderful, restful summer!



History

This has been an exciting year at SLSS, culminating with the first graduating class of students. The History department would like to wish all graduates well in their future endeavours. Within the department, we were proud to introduce the Grade 12 courses in World History, Law and Philosophy, as well as to introduce the Grade 11 World Religions course. We were pleased with the interest these courses generated and are looking forward to continuing to offer these and other courses in the future.

Outside of the classroom, Ms. Plunkett ran the mock trial team, spending many hours preparing students for competition with other students across the province. Our team performed exceptionally well and the students were recognized as one of the top teams in Ontario. Congratulations!

We look forward to next year, when the department has planned a trip for students to study the history of Italy and Greece first hand, bringing what they learn in the classroom to a new level of understanding. We will also be welcoming back Mrs. White from her maternity leave. Many thanks to Mr. Kent for filling in for her this year—we will miss you and wish you well in the future.

The History Department wishes all students a safe and happy summer!

Moderns

The Grade 10 Spanish class had the opportunity to experience a little bit of Latin culture on their field trip to Plaza Flamingo, a Latin American restaurant located at College and Bathurst. Their day started off with an up-beat salsa lesson taught by a professional salsa instructor followed by a buffet lunch complete with a variety of Latin American dishes. The students had the chance to use some of the concepts they had learned and were also immersed into the culture they had been reading and learning about throughout the semester.

In French, two students, Nikola L. and Lisa R., both recently returned from their three month exchange in France where they had the opportunity to experience the daily life routines of the French people. It was apparent that they had learned quite an extensive amount of

French as they are now quite fluent, if not bilingual, in French. As stated by Lisa, “My trip to France was an experience of a lifetime. I saw many sites. Luckily, I was matched with a wonderful family who not only made my trip a pleasant one, but helped my French improve dramatically.”

Family Studies

The Family Studies Department ended off on a high note. We doubled our sections from the previous year and added a new teacher, Ms. Achong. We had many exciting events throughout the year. The Grade 12 (HHS4M1) Individuals and Families class not only learned how to write a Research Paper, they also had an historical Greek wedding and held the Montreal Massacre Assembly. The Grade 12 (HHG4M1) Human Growth and Development class developed story books for Grade 1 classes in the area. They also worked for six weeks with students in Ms. Kent’s community class.



Our Grade 11 Living and Working with Children class ran a very successful daycare for 2 days. The students planned all the activities for the 18 month-4 year old children. The little children had a wonderful time playing, making crafts and playing with bubbles and chalk outdoors.

Our Grade 9 classes baked, cooked, sewed and learned about many important social issues, such as homelessness, bullying, and dating violence.

We look forward to introducing the “new” Grade 12 Food and Nutrition class (HFA4M1) next year. We have many exciting lessons planned for next year. Have a safe and happy summer!

English

The English Department wishes all SLSS students a wonderful summer, particularly after all the diverse, artistic and challenging work completed this year! Our Grade 12 students spent time using literature and literary theory to examine their place on the hierarchy of needs and develop an educated imagination. Our first Writer's Craft class students critically examined the world around them and experienced, through the writing of others and through their own creative writing opportunities, positive ways to reflect on, and express change in, their communities.

In the Literacy Course, students combined an analysis of the journalistic form with practice doing their own reporting. After learning how newspaper articles are written, the class created its own newspaper about SLSS, with each student contributing original reporting as well as editing others' work. The practical experience, in turn, helped us to appreciate the effort and process that go into newspaper production each day.

The Grade 11 courses enjoyed visioning activities for post-secondary options with trips to the Toronto Reference Library to conduct research and working on analytical assignments which explored the tragic mode.

In Grade 10 our students successfully built skills to prepare for the OSSLT this year. We used embedded literacy practice in all of our work as we studied several pieces of literature that held strong relevance to our diverse student body.

Our Grade 9 students began their secondary school journey by beginning the process of critical and literary thinking through activities and excursions that challenged their ideas about choice and focused on developing the decision making process.

We look forward to next year when we add Media Studies to our Grade 11 program and we encourage students to **keep reading** during the well deserved summer break!

Library Resource Centre

SLSS Library created a Reading Mentor Program two years ago. Since then the program



has changed in scope and expanded to encompass technology.

Stephen Lewis Library Radio Airwaves, a podcast initiative by Ms. Marinelli, has brought together Grade 11 and 12 volunteers and the students from Ms. Kent's class to create podcasts about a fiction book they read. The collaborative partnership of both teachers set the foundation for this example of digital learning at the school.

The library would like to acknowledge the commitment of the following Reading Mentors: Valery F., Inna G., Valerie K., Archana S., Celina R., Tali S., Gabriella S. and Hanna U.

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES 2009-2010
Grade 9 students only – Tuesday, Sept. 8
All Grades in school – Wednesday, Sept. 9

Drama—Three One-act Plays



The Dramatic Arts department held a night of one act plays on June 3rd. The shows consisted of Bridal Terrorism; a dark comedy, Hot Cakes; SLSS' first student written—directed—acted play by Daniel Z.; and the Sears drama festival award-winning play Hedges. The actors did an incredible job and all three plays were well received.