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## AP Exams

By: Kimberly Dominais

Daniel McIntyre's AP courses have finally wrapped up, with the last exam just written this past Monday.

Daniel McIntyre offers three AP courses that run roughly the whole year: AP Calculus, AP Chemistry and AP Biology. These courses belong to an internationally administered program whose academic timeline is slightly different from the regular high school calendar.

While most high school exams occur in the month of June, AP exams took place during the first two weeks of May.

The first of the three exams was AP Chemistry, which was held on the morning of Monday, May 5. It was then followed by the AP Calculus exam, which occurred on the morning of Wednesday, May 7. The AP Biology exam was written last, which occurred on the morning of Monday, May 12.

"AP" is the shortened term for "Advanced Placement", which accurately describes the program's setting. AP courses expose qualified high school students to university-level material and trains them to acquire the required behaviour for success in the post-secondary field.

It offers its students an insight as to what post-secondary courses will be like. However, the term "Advanced Placement" actually comes from a unique opportunity exclusive only to AP students

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## AP Exams

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Pending to exam results, AP credits are accredited by select universities and colleges worldwide. Upon this credit recognition, students are able to skip the introductory level university course of their AP course. They are allowed \*advanced placement. More than 4000 universities around the world recognize AP in their admissions process.

Contrary to popular belief, students do not exclusively take AP courses to earn themselves a post-secondary undergraduate credit in high school. Many take these courses to become familiarized with the

material and retake them again in post-secondary.

“Some will get to a point where they wouldn’t need to take the course in university”, Ms. Ingram explains about the AP Calculus course, “For others, it is to expose them now so that when they go to university they’ll understand the concept better and can become more successful”.

To become an AP student, one must first complete the Grade 11 and Grade 12 level of their chosen courses. Upon completion, they must see their respective guidance counsellors to enroll in the program. Because AP courses occur throughout

the year, it is vital that prospective students complete their required courses before Grade 12. Daniel McIntyre has offered AP Calculus, AP Chemistry and AP Biology to its students for about ten years now. However, although only three are offered in Daniel Mac, the international AP program actually consists of more than ten university-level courses. Other AP courses include: AP Psychology, AP English, AP Physics and AP Music Theory.

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## Medical Course

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*By: Fatimah Al-Mafrachi*

The Medical and Health Professions Program (MHPP) will be offered as a three year program beginning in September 2014. MHPP will be taught by Ms. Melnyk and Mr. Hegel, and will integrate academic and career related portions that will prepare students for study and careers related to the medical field/ biomedical industry.

In the first year of the program, students will be introduced to basic anatomy and physiology involving the cardiovascular and musculoskeletal systems.

The students in the course will receive training in CPR and First Aid and will receive a certificate for both trainings. Students will also be

exposed to various medical professionals and will get to visit different medical facilities in their first year.

The second year of the course will allow students to continue learning about the human body including the nervous system, immunology and dental medicine.

Students will have the opportunity to do research projects about human health, disease prevention, and treatment options. They will participate in internships with medical professionals/students.

The third and last year of MHPP will encourage the students to explore an area they are interested in and will be further integrate them into

internships in those areas.

Students will present a project to their peers and mentor earlier levels of the course.

“The course is intended to prepare students for studies after high school, so they have an advantage over other students who didn’t take the course.” Ms. Melnyk said.

The MHPP is a great course to offer at DMCI. Students should take it and get the skills and the learning experiences it has to offer.

## Music Mentorship

By: JC Cruz

The in class portion of the Musical Mentors Program has officially concluded!

Students in the program, along with their mentor, Ms. Grobb will be attending the Winnipeg Folk Festival in July.

The recording day was wild, yet fun for everyone. The day started at around 10:30 AM, an hour and a half before recording, so that we were able to run through the song a number of times.

As we arrived at the studio, excitement was in the air. The producer explained the whole process

for us, how the recording and the editing will work, giving us insight on what studio life is about.

Multiple tracks were recorded throughout the day, involving most of the students that were present.

The tracks included drums (played by EJ Panlilio), bass (played by JC Cruz), piano (played by Meldrick Agravante), guitars (played by JC Cruz), background vocals (sung by Ms. Grobb, Jessie Espinosa, and Hera Nalam), and last, but not least, the lead voice (sung by Mitzi Genzola).

A three piece horn part was also recorded by Meldrick, Jessie, and

Marc Ibalio but unfortunately was not put on the recording because of time constraints and editing issues.

As the day ended, a rough copy of the recording was shown to us so that we know how it sounded like.

Further editing is needed for the final copy, meaning that the final product will not be available for the time being.

More information will be given on when the editing will be done and when the festival album will be released.

## DMCI and Sisler Jazz It Up!

By: JC Cruz

On Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the DMCI Jazz Band and the Sisler Jazz Band got together to hangout and share their music.

The night was filled with food, laughter, and music. The DMCI Jazz Band gave a very warm greeting to the students of Sisler's jazz band, showing the students around and interacting with them.

Pizza was delivered and was shared among the students. Interactions among the two groups kept going as dinner concluded.

A couple ice breaker games were played after the pizza dinner so that each person got to know each other a little bit better.

Afterwards, the groups got into instrument specific sectionals to learn a song. When each group

performed, the other group would cheer them on.

The Sisler Jazz Band played four songs that included Watermelon Man and Vehicle.

Multiple soloists were showcased, giving DMCI a glimpse on the individual talent each person has.

A round of applause and cheers concluded their performance.

The DMCI Jazz Band performed four songs as well. The first song was written by Trombone Shorty, who performed in the halftime show of the NBA All Star game, titled Hurricane Season.

The second song was a samba tune, titled Just Friends. The last two songs were very well known and featured two amazing vocalists.

The first of the two was Happy

by Pharrell, which featured Mitzi Genzola on vocals.

The last song performed, titled Valerie that was sung by Bruno Mars as a tribute to Amy Winehouse, featured Hera Nalam on vocals.

The night ended with the two groups getting together and playing Oye Como Va by Santana that included an epic guitar duel.

After the song, everyone was congratulating and thanking each other.

At the end of the day, the get together strengthened the relationship of the two jazz bands and, more importantly, friendships were made, proving that music is an important aspect of the community.

## Long Live The Queen!

By: Marc Ibalio

Time to set up the fireworks! This coming long weekend marks Victoria Day, a day where Canadians take the time to honour Queen Victoria's birthday.

Some wonder how Victoria Day came to be. In 1901, after the death of Queen Victoria, the Parliament of Canada passed forward an Act declaring the Monday before her birthday would be established as a holiday to allow celebration to Victoria's life.

So what made Queen Victoria so special to dedicate a day to her lifetime?

First of all, Queen Victoria was born in Kensington Palace on May 24, 1819, and was the United Kingdom's longest reigning monarch, ruling for 63 years and 7 months, from 1837 to 1871.

During her childhood, Victoria was very quiet. She had an unhappy time as a child, as she was always bullied and taken control of by Sir John Conroy.

Overtime, she ascended to the throne. She was only 18 when her coronation took place on June 28, 1837 and became Britain's next ruler.

As ruler, Victoria accomplished many things. During her reign, the Britain Empire expanded greatly and huge progress was made in the country's political, social, industrial and military businesses.

At the time, Victoria had the most power in the world, as Britain ruled over one-quarter of the world's

population.

Victoria married to Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha in 1840. When he died in 1861, Victoria moped over his death for a long time by wearing a black everyday, laying her deceased husband's clothes on his bed until she died herself. She rarely appeared in public.

Queen Elizabeth, who is the current ruler of England, is Queen Victoria's direct descendant, being her great-great-granddaughter. Victoria's son, Edward VII, started the many generations leading up to Queen Elizabeth's era.

Victoria Day is not only celebrated in Canada, but it is also a public holiday within Scotland, particularly in Edinburgh and Dundee.

So take the time out of the weekend to honour Queen Victoria for her accomplishments in history and allowing us Canadians an extra day of rest.

Head out of town and spend time with family, fire up the barbeque, or even join festivities such as fireworks displays guaranteed to happen during the holiday.

Long live the queen!

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**“Dear Mac,**

**Why are people prejudice?”**

Because people are mean.

**“Dear Mac,**

**Do hips lie?”**

Scientist Shakira once said they do not. So, no.

## Grad Date Woes!

By: Daniel Igne-Jajalla

The grad dinner and dance is coming up soon! It's the time where we celebrate all our hard work throughout the years in one night. It's the time we scramble to find a date, so we can impress our mothers. It's also a time where we buy really expensive suits or dresses that we probably will never wear again.

It's all worth it though, because it's one of our last memories that will make before we leave high school.

Right now you're probably feeling angst with everything going on: trying to pass every class so you can graduate, pondering if you should ask that girl in Law to grad, and what place sells a cheap tuxedo.

I think for some people the most important thing about grad is asking someone to be your date for the evening.

No one wants to be that person alone on the night of grad.

People think the ultimate goal of the grad dinner and dance is to go

with someone. Don't freak out if you haven't found anyone to go with.

If you haven't found that special someone yet, don't crumble under the peer pressure to find someone.

The purpose of Grad isn't about celebrating with one special person, but with all your friends you made over the years.

Don't make finding the one your main focus.

Don't go with a date just because all your friends are going with their special someone. It makes no sense. Would you feel complete if you went with a date? No, you wouldn't.

The reason you should go with someone is if you're in "love" or feel a strong connection with the person.

We can always fill the empty void of needing someone with great friends.

The person you go to grad with isn't the person you're going to spend your whole life with.

Even though your friends may

have someone to go with, be patient.

There's no rush in finding the love of your life. Everybody finds their special someone eventually.

As people, we all grow differently. Some people grow up fast, others take time.

Just because we are graduating, it doesn't mean we have to have it all together.

We can't all find the person of our dreams at the same time.

Although we might feel lonely, this feeling won't last forever.

If you're really desperate, go with a really close friend that you can trust so it doesn't have to be a romantic thing.

I am not saying to give up on finding that someone, just don't feel obligated to bring another person because your friends have brought dates.

**"Dear Mac,  
Which fruit can you sit  
on?"**

A chair-y! Ba dum tss.

**"Dear Mac,  
If you can do it but you  
won't, will it?"**

True.

**"Dear Mac,  
What is better,  
dancing while you  
walk or whistling while  
you walk?"**

Both, reach for the stars.



## Nigerian Kidnapping: 300 Girls Missing

By: Mercedes Guillet

Three weeks ago 300 girls in Lagos, Nigeria were kidnapped by Boko Haram, meaning "Western education is sinful." Boko Haram is an Islamic extremist group and terrorist organization whose purpose is to put an end something the group calls "Westernization". The group is notorious for kidnapping western tourists and attacking schools.

The group of men invaded a girls dorm acting as rescuers to 300 girls, claiming they were government soldiers. The group of men began yelling *Allahu Akhbar*, Arabic for "God is Great".

There has been little progress on the case. Today, over 200 girls still have not been found and leader of Boko Haram, Abubakar Shekau,

threatened that he would sell the girls the group is holding hostage on the "market for selling humans".

International governments are doing what they can to assist Nigeria in locating the remaining 276 missing girls. Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird made the decision to assist Nigeria by supplying them with surveillance equipment. Baird also explicitly stated that equipment given to Nigeria would be operated by Canadian military only.

President of the United States, Barack Obama, has also decided to do everything in his power to help the girls, speaking out about the matter in an interview on *Today*, "In the short term our goal is to obviously ... recover these young ladies, but we're also

going to have to deal with the broader organizations like this that ... can cause such havoc in people's day to day lives," referring to the Boko Haram.

A 16-year-old girl who managed to escape had this to say of her friends' fate and her own fortune, "I am really lucky and I can thank God for that, but God must help all of them... Their parents are worrying. Every day, everyone is crying."

The controversy is sparking an uproar all across the world, and many Nigerian families await the return of their girls.

(Sources: Winnipeg Free Press, Wikipedia, CNN)

## The Case of the Missing Books

By: Fatimah Al-Mafrachi

Borrowing something means you should always return it.

The English department at DMCI got new books of great quality. Every English class has a new collection of great books for students to take advantage of.

Lately, English teachers have been noticing a number of students borrowing books and not returning them. There are a lot of missing books that other students want to read but are not



able to. If you borrow a book and do not return it, then other students won't get the opportunity to read it.

Always sign in and sign out books you borrow from any class

because that would help the teachers find you and retrieve the book in question.

The only books you should really keep are the ones you bought with your own money.

If you borrowed a book from school and lost it, the school is stuck spending money replacing those books instead of using their funds for other things.

Good students never keep what is not theirs, so be a good citizen and return borrowed books to their respective English classes.

### Gowns For Grad!

By: Kimberly Dominais

“Gowns for Grad” is a unique opportunity offered to all graduating female students of Daniel McIntyre.

It occurs once every year, this year’s was held Tuesday, April 29th, at the Winnipeg Convention Centre.

During this event, graduating female students from a city-wide scope are gathered to select a dress of their choice, at absolutely no cost.

While most dresses have been gently used, a handful of students have been lucky enough to acquire dresses with their tags still left on.

The options are endless, with dresses varying from colours, shapes and sizes. However, the opportunity does not end there.

Along with their dresses, the girls are also allowed to select between complementary purses and accessories. Because these dresses have been gently used, they are also provided with a dry cleaning voucher, courtesy of Perth’s.

The girls are also given a make-up kit. And once again, everything comes free of charge.

This year, 15 girls from Daniel McIntyre participated in this function. Although individual school participants are not limited, there is a certain time period for girls to sign up.

Daniel Mac has participated in “Gowns for Grad” four out of the six years it has been running. Within the past three years, the program has accommodated an astounding 1000 participants. With such incredible opportunities, one may wonder how exactly this program thrives.

The gently used dresses come from a collection of donations from past graduates and even bridesmaids. The program was formed at St. John’s High School and was initially exclusive to their students. However, once its success was recognized by the school division, it started to cater to girls from other high schools.

Currently, it is headed by a foundation and accommodates a very large number of girls. Participating schools involve: Windsor Park, Vincent Massey and of course, Daniel McIntyre.

This volunteer initiative gathers graduation gown donations prior to the spring of the graduation year. For this year, dresses were accepted until the 31st of October, 2013 at participating boutiques.

This program is a definite must for all female graduating students. With one beautiful dress and a complimentary accessory, you’ll be sure to look enchanting on your unforgettable night.

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**“Dear Mac,  
What is plasma osmolarity?”**

Ask Google.

**“Dear Mac,  
Are they opening the quad?”**

That is a good question. We’ll get back to you when we find out.

**“Dear Mac,  
Why is it called “The Hunger Games”?”**

Read the book.

**“Dear Mac,  
What is life?”**

Life’s what you make it, so let’s make it rock!

## Look Out Your Window

By: Asham Cooke

Is it really fair to say that it's all about us? That it's all about you, or that it's all about him or them?

Is it all about Earth? It's difficult to sit back and believe that we're really the only beings in the universe and that Earth is the only planet out of all of our galaxies that can hold life.

Especially when there are approximately one billion galaxies different from our own according to NASA.

We're all entitled to our own beliefs, however we can't necessarily dispute the research, only ignore it.

The fact is, the universe has and is expanding constantly growing larger and larger. Evolving. Some call it dark matter and energy which the entire

universe is apparently comprised of.

Some call baloney. NASA calls it something that has been taking place for an estimated (note estimated) 14 billion years.

So if that's the case and the universe is expanding and all, does that mean that even more galaxies along with planets are being and have been created, and is there a likelihood that those planets aren't just there for show?

NASA tells us 1700 planets, the Science Times tell us 3500 detected by NASA using their Kepler telescopes... And RiseEarth tells us their are more than 50 billion.

We don't even have to look to other galaxies because there are stars

right here in our home the Milky Way.

All we've got to do is look out our windows and decide for ourselves?

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## Lunch Program Menu

By: Fatimah Al-Mafrachi

Daniel McIntyre began its lunch program for students for approximately 5 years ago. The lunch program offers lunch for free to students who either forgot their lunch at home or simply can not afford to buy lunch from the cafeteria or near by restaurants.

The lunch program serves all kind of healthy food to students like soup, rice, chicken burgers, vegetables

and more. The food they serve is very good and any student would enjoy trying it.

The lunch room is open four days a week besides Wednesdays. The chef, Mr. Carmichael and the supervisor of the lunch program take the time to do the grocery shopping on this day. There are only two teachers that help with the program, which is unfortunate.

For any students who are free and interested in helping out, talk to the lunch program supervisor or Mrs. Guzzi who looks after the program.

The lunch program is an excellent program to have at DMCI because it continually helps students who can't buy or bring a lunch every day.

## Cloudy Vision

By: Asham Cooke

All of us had a vision at one point. We had aspirations, things we wanted to do, things we wanted to be. But then Bobo the bully came and stole your lunch money.

That kid who seemed to have it all figured out told you that you'd never reach your dream and they even told you why. Even though you knew in your heart you could do it, you just took that.

Someone stole that vision from you and now it's cloudy. You can't fly anymore.

You're not hungry anymore, Bobo took your lunch too and now you don't want to eat.

Here's a secret. Whenever we've decided to do something that we really wanted to do, people showed up that made us want to quit.

Things happened that made us want to give up.

Somebody outdid you, and then those kids laughed at you, and then you looked at yourself and other people and realized they were taller than you.

Your picture got thrown in the garbage – you didn't follow the "proper" artistic concepts.

You started thinking too far outside boxes, so somebody hit you with scientific facts. You fought the good fight but you were outnumbered.

Maybe that's the problem with us. Maybe we're afraid to cut, when in reality we've got to be willing to be cut and make cuts and then cut back through our actions that will have ours.

We're responsible for our dreams like our mother is a newborn child. There is no escaping or way to scapegoat because we can only reach our dreams by moving toward us.

We've been slapped on the hand over and over again, nobody's going to hand our dreams to us.

How else could most of the people we probably look up to in the world have reached theirs?

We also have that potential, but then people like Bobo the bum stroll around every corner kicking that negative crap.

Bobo probably told us we couldn't do something while referring to someone who did because it's really.

Bobo the biased hypocrite. If one person could do something so can you.

The question is, even if nobody's done it, why can't you?

Mercedes made it clear in her editorial in our last issue. We've got to be individuals.

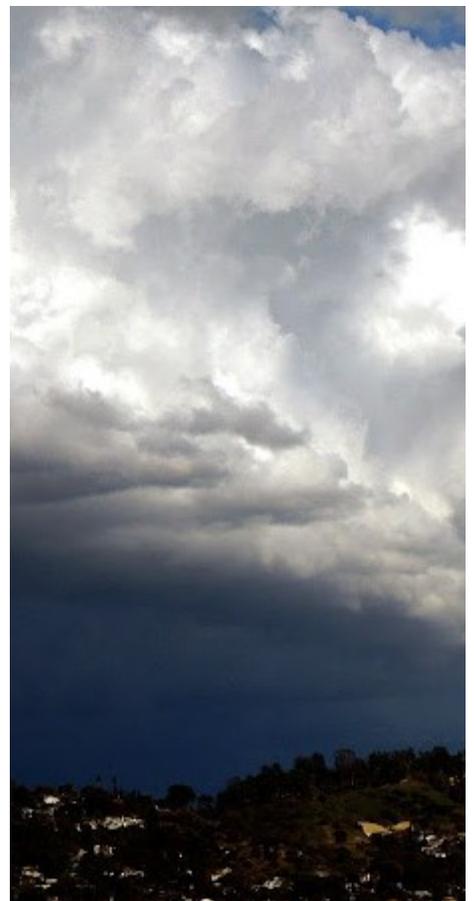
So I want us to ask ourselves if we've got a dream. Ignore anyone who tells us we can't accomplish it and/or why we can't accomplish it.

Then show them that we did ten years from now.

**“Dear Mac,  
What is your ultimate question?”**

Your ultimate answer.

**“Dear Mac,  
Who is the first teacher?”  
Who is the first student?”**



## Competitive Chess

By: Daniel Igne-Jajalla

“A game of chess is like a sword fight. You must think first, before you move. “-Shaolin vs the Wu -Tang

Chess is a game for the mind. It forces you to think intellectually and strategize against your opponent.

Every 4<sup>th</sup> period in room 53, Chess Club is run by Mr. Baseley. The chess club has been at DMCI for over five years now.

Mr. Baseley’s love of chess first started when his friends taught him how to play in 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

During the 18 years he has been playing chess, Mr. Baseley has

never played in any tournaments, something he really regrets.

Even though it’s the beginning of May, it’s not too late to start going to Chess Club. It is a chance to learn something different and make new friends in the process.

“Chess is a teaching tool; teaches patience, perseverance and how to learn from mistakes,” Mr. Baseley said, “It also helps you concentrate your mind and build mental endurance.”

Essential life skills are learned from playing chess. The game is very inexpensive and all you need is two

people to play.

Chess is a game easy to learn but hard to master.

Lessons I learned from playing is Chess is that is like life, you can’t tackle every challenge you have the same way. You must think differently in order to overcome the challenge. As much as you want to give up you can’t, but in the end you’ll always be learning something.

Come down to Room 53 during your lunch or spare and play some chess!

## DMCI Football: 2014 Spring Camp

By: Fatimah Al-Mafrachi

The DMCI football team has officially begun their 2014 spring camp. The team has started their practices all throughout April and they are still continuing for the month of May. The practices during those months are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. On Tuesdays the practice runs from 4:00 PM until 5:00 PM in the DMCI track area. The training on Tuesdays focuses on speed, strength and agility training.

On Wednesdays the practice runs from 4:00 PM until 5:30 PM in the DMCI gym and it is a team practice with no equipment involved. And on Fridays from 7:45 AM until 8:45 runs the offensive practice in the DMCI gym. From May 12<sup>th</sup> until the 22<sup>nd</sup>

there will be outdoor practices every school day from 4:00 until 5:30 PM.

The football team have been training and practicing and pushing themselves to stay fit and get more skills to become even better players. The first exhibition scrimmage will be on May 15<sup>th</sup> at the East side stadium at 3:00 PM and with the exhibition game at the Grant Park Field on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 PM.

Mr. Gustave and the rest of the coaches have been doing a really good job with coaching the players and getting the players ready for every game they have to play. Mr. Gustave’s words of encouragement to the players are “Go home and eat EVERYTHING in the

fridge! You are too thin!” So dear DMCI football players, you must follow those words of encouragement because you’ve got no other choice but to listen to the head coach.

Our job is support our football team during their practices and games because they work hard to represent DMCI in the best way possible.



## A Look Back: Banff 2013

By: Marc Ibalio

More than a year ago, the music program at DMCI travelled all the way to Banff, Alberta to participate in the Canadian Rocky Mountain Festival, where they forged unforgettable memories. I was lucky enough to be a part of the trip and to be given a chance to enjoy those wonderful times that I reminisce about almost everyday.

During the months prior to our Banff trip, DMCI's music groups— Concert Band, Jazz Band, Concert Choir, DMChill, DMCIce and Chamber Choir—devoted as much time and effort as possible to practising their repertoire. There were times when things didn't work out in rehearsals, but my colleagues and I managed to overcome those obstacles.

We encouraged ourselves to perform the best we could. The devotion we had to music helped create the strong bond we *still* have between us to this day. Because of our commitment to the music and each other, we excelled in our performances.

Not only was DMCI lucky enough to share their music with others, but our ears were serenaded with the sounds of other talented groups.

The University of Manitoba Singers pulled off an amazing performance with their beautiful vocals.

The Count Basie Orchestra energized the audience with their jaw-dropping jazz tunes.

Last but not least, DMCI were guests for Kokopelli, a very vibrant

and talented choir group. The DMCI Chamber Choir had the honour to perform with Kokopelli and sing together songs that touched the heart.

I'll be honest, some tears were shed during that night. Manly tears, that is!

You ever get this warm feeling that tingles at your heart whenever you make someone cry? It feels good, right? This was exactly how I felt after our performances.

Knowing that you put all the time and effort into something and receiving these heartfelt reactions is an inspiring achievement. Music is more than playing the right notes and knowing you performed well. Evoking emotion from others that reaches out to their feelings is a greater accomplishment. You not only make yourself feel good, but others as well.

And that is when you realize, music is not about the performance itself. It is sharing these messages and connecting with the audience. It is about growing these unbreakable bonds between the people who enjoy sharing music as much as you do.

Music is *the* universal language of the world that helps create unity between everyone on an emotional level.



My

Souvenir Pictures



“Dear Mac,

What is Daniel Igne-  
Jajalla’s favourite  
colour?”

If my sources are correct,  
Daniel Igne-Jajalla’s  
favourite colour is blue.

**FIND ASHAM!****AFRICA NIGHT 2014****COMING SOON!**

Africa night is an annual event that allows individuals of the community to celebrate African cultures. It is a lively evening consisting of music, dancing, a fashion show, food and other entertainment. This event will take place in the gymnasium of Daniel McIntyre Collegiate on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth; children under five are free! Africa Night t-shirts are \$15. The proceeds will go towards Kismayo General Hospital (Somalia), Human kind International (Kenya) and Resource Assistance for Youth -RaY (Winnipeg). ALL ARE WELCOME!

Hi! I'm Asham.  
Come and find me!



## What's Your Sign?

By: Asham J. Cooke

A wise man in a YouTube video once said the astrological sign you were born under embodied the qualities you mastered in your past life if you're the type of person who chooses to subscribe to the idea of reincarnation.

With that being said, that provoked thought in me. You're not a Cancer. You're not a Gemini, you're not a Leo; if the astrological signs embody the qualities then you cannot logically confine yourself to the characteristics of only one of the signs.

That's limiting and misleading, and this is where astrology can become a lie, because nobody can predict how your day is going to be BUT YOU.

This is the part of astrology that is garbage. For example, Google horoscopes cannot determine what the day for every single Capricorn is going to be like.

When we look at astrology this way we're missing the point.

Maybe, just maybe we're on this planet to work on ourselves. That

same wise man had said that you've got to master all of the astrological signs.

You've got to master the Leo and learn how to have courage, you've got to learn how to become a disciplined and hard worker like the Capricorn, and this can apply to you regardless of whether you're a Gemini or a Libra, and vice versa, AND vice-versa.

Now it's fair to say not everybody believes in Astrology but ignore the mainstream lies of the trickstrology and look at the bigger picture.

We're all born with unique characteristics, talents and personalities. Each of us has our own world inside, and we see the outside world in our own way as well.

We experience different things and experience things differently. We meet different people.

This is how we learn. For example, you might be a Taurus who keeps attracting people whom are your polar opposite, the Scorpio.

Which in reality and on a more "realistic" perspective is a perfect

combination because if you're attracting people in your lives whose characteristics are opposite from yours, you're bound to learn some serious life lessons in diplomacy and tolerance.

You're bound to learn how to adapt and interact with people different from yourself. This is just an example, don't take it at face value, look at the bigger picture, and don't look at the signs name, look at the characteristics.

My view on your sign or our signs is as follows. They help us learn ourselves and other people. Astrology can be disputed but the fact that we're all different can't be.

That's just a little something to think about it.



## LoL is Love, LoL is Life

By: Daniel Igne-Jajalla

At every school there's an afterschool activity that the majority of school partakes in.

When I first came to DMCI last year, I was trying to find out what was "cool" and "hip".

For months and months, I couldn't find anything. Until one day, I found the game League of Legends.

League of Legends is a multi-player driven game. The game is centered around an online community which keeps the whole thing alive.

Players control a champion which can possess a number of different skills, abilities and aesthetic qualities. The main objective of the game is to destroy an item of the opposing team, called the Nexus. IF the enemy team destroys your team's Nexus,

you lose the match.

Players can attain different rankings: bronze, silver, gold, platinum, diamond and challenger, depending on the skill level and ranked matches they won.

You can play LoL with friends or strangers, or you can watch other players' matches. What make this game so popular and successful?

An avid player of LoL, Oth Phithaksirisap said, "The game is easy to play because all you need is a computer and it's cheaper than owning a console."

League of Legends is a free to play game, so all you need is a computer. League of Legends main revenue is made by micro transactions. According to Wikipedia, micro trans-

actions are payments that are usually very small amounts of money made to games for various added features that you can't get for free.

In LoL, you can buy various items such as different characters, alternate skins and boosts for the game.

Other free to play games like Candy Crush, Tapped Out and Dota 2 prove that businesses can strive through micro transactions.

Making games free and making them accessible on computers or mobile devices creates a much wider audience than on gaming consoles.

Consoles and the games made for them are really pricey, while games on PCs and phones can be downloaded for free by anyone.



## Do You Know What Lurks In The Dark?

By: Asham J.Cooke

Do you know what lurks in the dark? The answer is obvious. It's darkness. However it may also be your friendly neighbourhood shadow person that hides in you guessed it - the shadows.

These "Shadow" beings are similar to the ghost phenomena, but there are a few things about them that are different.

For one, these beings don't have cloud like appearances and they're probably not your ancestors.

Shadow people are characterized as having dark features with a human outline, and red eyes that should and would probably scare the crap out of you to wake up and meet standing over you after waking from sleep.

The crazy part about this is, it doesn't even matter how afraid you are because that's what these entities feed off of - your fear. Due to the fact they're said to provoke fear out of people, it is thought by researchers that they could be demonic in nature.

Now I know what you're

thinking, "you're crazy man, there's no such thing as shadduh peepel bruh! It's all in your imagination".

Well hey sir, imagination involves thoughts, thoughts make up the whole universe and have made and are making your reality, our realities.

How's that for imagination? Science has actually suggested that there are other dimensions besides our own, besides that of this third density, and that everything in the universe actually has a vibration or frequency.

Therefore whether or not we're in tune with the vibration of these shadow entities which may reside in a different dimension altogether will determine whether or not you and I will ever see one.

However there are cases of people encountering unexplainable phenomena, and if we could take slender man at face value, who's to say Shadow people aren't also a possibility?

These sexless beings have also been linked to the psychological

state of sleep paralysis (may need to verify that) whereby it becomes difficult to breathe and move due to an intense pressure which may last for varying periods of time.

However don't let that trick you into thinking it's absolutely impossible to see shadow people in broad daylight because they're not limited to the night life.

For all we know a Shadow being and his homies could be plotting who they're going to frighten next, hiding under the shadow of a big building downtown.

With that being said, next time you see a mysterious shadow appear out of nowhere at the corner of your eye, you just might think about it.

However, don't take my word for it. Do your own research. Maybe it's a myth but I leave you with this. Prove it.

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### The DMCEye needs you!

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Send them to [DMCEye@live.ca](mailto:DMCEye@live.ca) and we'll do the rest!

**POEMS****By: F.L.****Lovers**

Let us be in pursuit of sweet romance,  
 Enticing our souls with feelings indescribable.  
 Break free from fears of shortcomings,  
 Let us in youthful joy succumb.

Isolated, alone in the world we've created.  
 The aching world is forgotten;  
 Shed tears, unremembered.  
 Nothing else matters, but you and I.

**The Beauty of My Existence**

Yours is the face I've longed to see,  
 In the shadows blinded by hatred.  
 Yours is the sweet melody of a tune unsung,  
 Amidst the chaos and grievances about.

From an abyss of doubts I rise,  
 My soul, free of this world.  
 I conquer my demons with a face of courage;  
 I am not alone.

You remain still while all else falter.  
 You are the comfort a thousand words cannot give.  
 The sweet harmony to my lone melody,  
 You are the beauty of my existence.

**Student Poll**

Question: What do you think of the grad theme *Magical*?

"It seems girly, but it's actually a pretty cool theme."

"No comment."

"It's great for the girls because they got a chance to go all out and buy fancy dresses, and a chance to socialize and connect on Facebook, you know?"

"I think it works well, because all the girls are getting dressed up like they're mermaids."

If it was Jurassic Park, it would be cool."

"IT'S WONDERFUL – IT'S MAGICAL!"

**Teacher Talk**

Question: If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

"I wanna be able to be invisible, so I can see what my kids are doing when I'm not there."

-Mrs. Robinson

"The ability to fly anywhere that I want to."

-Mr. Ottenbreit

"I want to never get tired, and have unlimited stamina so that I can keep working all the time, and I also want to be able to teleport anywhere anytime!"

-Melissa, secretary

"I'd probably want to be the invisible woman because nobody would see me and I could do awesome things!"

-Heather, secretary

DMCEye Presents: "Birthday Girl"

A Short Story by Marc Ibalio

Chapter 2: Crush

"Has anything interesting happened while I was gone?" Kyle asked.

He and Lexi strolled through their old neighbourhood as they reminisced of the times they shared together when they were younger.

"Hmm, well, there was a kid who almost got run over a few months back." Lexi explained. She gracefully walked in front of her brother with a bounce in her step while holding her arms out to her side as if she was keeping balance. Kyle watched from behind and smiled.

*She's already 16, yet still acts like a kid. When is she ever going to grow up?*

"Uggh, my head suddenly hurts. I wonder if it's the candy you bought me earlier at Kelly's." Lexi complained. She held a hand to her forehead and began rubbing it to soothe the pain.

"That seems weird. The candy would upset your stomach, not your head." Kyle corrected her. "Trust me, I'm a doctor."

"No you aren't! Not yet at least." Lexi argued. She sighed. "Maybe it isn't the candy. You know, the past few weeks my head has been feeling like this. I don't remember hitting it hard into anything at all."

"I should check that out later when we get to dad's." Kyle offered. His mind still focused on his father.

Throughout his years in university, Kyle never bothered to contact his dad. He spent all his time studying at his auntie's home, which was located close to his university, a city away from Kyle's hometown.

*What is dad going to say to me? Will he even want to talk to me again? If he never took interest in me since childhood, what would have changed now?*

The two continued walking until they reached Kyle's old high school, which was also where Lexi currently attended.

The building consisted of three floors and a basement. A large fence surrounded the area. Basketball nets placed on a concrete space provided students opportunities to play games.

At the moment, there was a lone boy shooting hoops. He wore white sneakers, gray-faded jeans and a blue baseball shirt. The boy

himself was Caucasian with short, jet black hair styled into a faux hawk.

"Hmm, he's really into it." Kyle commented as he and Lexi watched from behind the school's fences.

The boy dribbled the basketball around the court at a rapid pace. Every time he shot the ball, he did it with a flawless shooting form.

Sweat flowed from the boy's skin, but exhaustion did not seem to overcome him. "I'm no expert, but this guy possesses NBA material, am I right, Lexi?"



Kyle turned to his sister to see her staring adoringly at the boy on the court. Her cheeks were flushed in bright red. Kyle waved a hand in front of her face, but she didn't react. The boy had caught her in a trance.

*Lexi? Does she have a crush on this guy?*

"AUGH! Hey! Don't do that!" Lexi yelped as Kyle poked her on the side. She gave him a stern look. "What's your problem?"

"I was going to ask you the same thing." Kyle responded. He motioned his head towards the boy. "So what's the deal? You like him?"

Kyle's question caught Lexi off-guard. She felt her tongue twisting in her mouth, unable to answer the question. She covered her face with both hands, feeling herself turning hot. "I... well.. it's complicated.."

"Are you shy? Hey, don't worry! That's what your big brother is for!" Kyle grinned as

he gave her a thumbs-up. He headed into the court. Lexi tried to stop him, but knew she couldn't without catching the boy's attention.

Kyle walked from behind the boy and waved. "Hey! What's your name?"

The boy ignored Kyle and continued shooting the ball.

"Hey, uhm, excuse me, but I'm talking to you."

The boy took another shot before turning to Kyle. A closer look showed the boy had a look of anger covering his face. His eyebrows pointed downwards, while his mouth pouted. The boy talked.

"The name's Brody. What do you want?"

"I was wondering if you knew a girl named Lexi. Lexi Miller?" Kyle asked. The reaction he received was nothing he expected.

Brody's eyes widened as he took a step back in surprise. He started breathing heavily and began to roll the ball around in his hands anxiously.

"Hey, what's wrong? Did I say something wrong or-"

"IT WASN'T MY FAULT! LEAVE ME ALONE!" Brody screamed. He chucked the basketball at Kyle, almost knocking him over.

Brody sprinted away from the basketball court and was out of sight in the blink of an eye. Kyle stood there, dumbfounded. He looked back to see how Lexi reacted, only to realize she was running away as well. A faint sobbing was heard coming from her.

"Lexi? Lexi! Wait!"

*To be continued..*

**\$LASHAM ADVICE**

There are many things that affect happiness. It can be a cute puppy playing at the park or that cute checkout girl you saw at the local supermarket.

Happiness is something that can come out of anything in life but what happens when you can't seem to find happiness?

You go find it. You look for the things that give you peace. The things that help you get through the day. The people that make you smile, that make you feel special.

Happiness is all around us, manifested as your best friend or the stranger that opened the door for you when your hands were full.

Happiness is not a material thing. Happiness isn't even a person.

Happiness is always changing, always manifesting itself as something different each time you feel it.

Today it might be your dog and tomorrow it might be a funny picture you see.

Happiness isn't just one single thing, it's everything yet nothing. Happiness is based on you, on how you see it and how you feel it.

Happiness isn't physical, happiness isn't something that you see, and it's not something you touch or hear.

So when you feel down, just know that happiness is always around.

You might not be able to see it, but it's there just waiting for you to realize that it is present and that you should go get it.

Realize that not only is happiness there for the taking, but that it's also there for you to share with others.

Sometimes we get so caught up in our own happiness and lives that we forget we all deserve a little piece of the happiness pie.

Pay it forward.

Once you've figured out what happiness is to you, give and you shall receive. Be the one to hold the door, or open it for that lady whose hands are full. Compliment somebody, spread the joy that you yourself experience or want to experience. This will open up the gate to attracting even more of it in your own life.

Happiness is a choice and there are actions that relate to that.

However, don't just think that because you're attracting

happiness you'll be immune to the curveballs life throws your way. Yeah, one of them might hit you in the face, but when it does how will you choose

to react?

Always remember that an unexpected road block might just push you in the direction that you wanted to go in, deep down. Your attitude will determine whether or not you have the chance... You're the deciding factor.

With that being said, embrace those moments of happiness, share them with others and be open minded in spite of what comes your way.

**“Dear Mac,  
Why are potatoes,  
potatoes?”**

Because. Potato.

**“Dear Mac,  
Why is the answer  
42?”**

Why is your question  
your question?

**“Dear Mac,  
What is love?”**

Baby don't hurt me  
Don't hurt me  
No more

# Horoscopes

## Aries

When the going gets tough, do you get going or do you keep going? It's good to give it your all, but don't expect the whole world in one night. So fight through it and stay focussed over the long term.

## Taurus

Other people tend to find the routine things a life a little bit boring and unbearable, but you know how to handle it. If you're repeating patterns in your life that aren't serving you positively don't be afraid to break them.

## Gemini

You've got a double nature and this aspect of yourself might catch people off guard. Work on your consistency. Don't be afraid to be a little diplomatic every now and then.

## Cancer

It's alright to stay in your comfort zone so long as it does not conflict with your potential. You've got the ability to tap into the moods of others and you can feel the vibes in a variety of situations whether conscious or subconscious. Don't be afraid to share your thoughts and opinions because they're probably more valuable than you think.

## Leo

Take charge of your life, and only your life. You've got a lot of dominant characteristics but remember that it's not your job to dominate other people. Focus on yourself and let others do the same, there's nothing wrong with investing that energy into others, but how are you doing?

## Virgo

There are flaws in the world and there are flaws in you. Nothing and nobody is perfect so don't try to make it that way. You've got a tendency to criticize others in order to make them better, you just want them to be the best that they can be, but just make sure you're being the best you can be and approaching others with a realistic perspective and mind set. Nobody has to be perfect and neither do you.

## Libra

There's nothing wrong with keeping the peace but have you got piece of mind? There isn't anything wrong with being the one who does their best to keep things in harmony, but don't make somebody else's problems your problems as well. That's not keeping the peace, that's called letting other people take advantage of your skills.

## Scorpio

Just because you can pierce the veil, doesn't mean you know everything. As a Scorpio you're seriously intuitive and you can probably see the deep roots of another person that most would miss, but do you fully comprehend your innermost feelings and the roots of yourself?

## Sagittarius

There isn't anything wrong with personal freedom, but with great power comes great responsibility. You can't always just do whatever you want, you can't always just dodge a task because it's boring or run away from a situation that's binding. Just like there isn't anything wrong with freedom, there's also nothing wrong with having a little bit of discipline from time to time.

## Capricorn

You want to climb the ladder in order to reach success, and you embrace life's challenges without hesitance. The question is, what is success? Where is the end, when do you get to that point of happiness? Goals are necessary, it's a good thing to have an aim in life, but when you finally hit the target what will you do?

Continued.....

**Aquarius**

You're entitled to your individuality and your opinions. You like weird, and you like different, but how do you view the people who aren't different like you, how do you view the people who you might perceive as those who follow the crowd? Do you see them as mindless drones stuck in a system or do you see them as people who haven't learned how to embrace their individuality like you might have? It's a little something to share about. Embrace your unique characteristics and bring them out of other people. Those "mindless drones" might surprise you.

**Pisces**

Do you take hold of creative outlets around you and fully utilize your abilities, or have been allowing other people to take advantage of your sensitivity and get in the way of you living your dream? Learn the characteristics of your Aquarian cousin. Don't let other peoples opinion hold you back, the last thing you want is to take all those ideas you had to the grave. So be creative and brave.

# Sudoku

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The objective is to fill a 9x9 grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3x3 boxes contains the digits from 1 to 9.

## M.A.S.H.

### Girls

<b>Boys:</b>	<b>Vehicle:</b>	<b>Colour:</b>
Harry Potter	BMX	Aquamarine
Damon Salvator	Yacht	Auburn
Stefan Salvator	Shoes	Salmon
SpongeBob	Broomstick	Black
<b>Occupation:</b>	<b># of Kids:</b>	<b>Country/Village:</b>
Bodybuilder	1	Godric's Hollow
Vampire	12	Beverly Hills
Wizard	0	Bora Bora
Cook	55	New York City

### Boys

<b>Girls:</b>	<b>Vehicle:</b>	<b>Colour:</b>
Gwen Stacy	Push cart	White
Sandy	Bus	Yellow
Elena Gilber	Cab	Black
Black Widow	Transporter	Orange
<b>Occupation:</b>	<b># of Kids:</b>	<b>Country/Village:</b>
Singer	-6	Hawaii
Professional Boxer	9	London
Tattoo Artist	3	Paris
Teacher	89	Your basement

### Magic Numbers:

Jan. 4: Feb.12: Mar.6: Apr.2: May. 10 : Jun 4: Jul. 13 : Aug. 5: Sep. 8 : Oct. 3 : Nov. 9: Dec. 6

**THE EYE SEES YOU!!**



**CRANK DAT**



**I don't always play Frisbee, but  
when I do...**

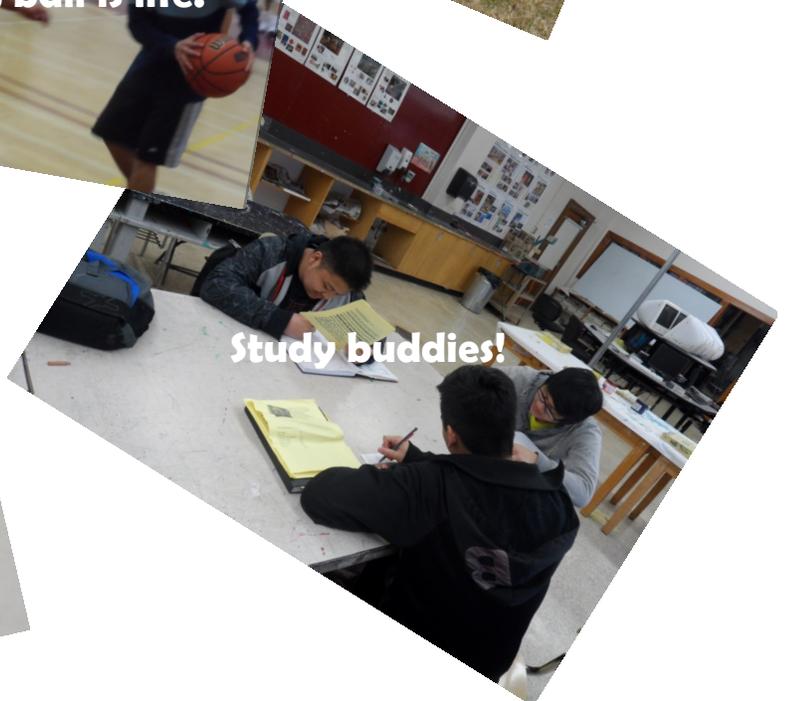
**IT'S ULTIMATE FRISBEE**



**Ball is love, ball is life.**



**Who's that Pokemon?**



**Study buddies!**

**Upcoming Events in the month of May:**

- **19th, Monday, Victoria Day (No School)**
- **21st, Wednesday, Grad Blitz**
- **23rd, Friday, Talent Show Per. 3**
- **23rd, Friday, Election Speeches**
- **29th, Thursday, Spring Concert**
- **30th, Friday, African Night**



**In the next issue ...**

- **Athletic Banquet**
- **Talent Show coverage**
- **Chapter three of Marc Ibalio's "Birthday Girl"**
- **Relationship advice?!**
- **New English department program(s)**
- **School Wi-Fi: "Wi" is it so bad?**

**Please recycle after reading.**

