When the leaves started changing colour, our grade 11 graduating class began to become excited as one of the highlights of their final year approached: Classe Rouge. The annual overnight trip is a great bonding experience for the grads as they get to escape the city and enjoy the changing of the season up at Mont Tremblant. This year's group disembarked from their bus and dived right into activities such as canoeing, sheltermaking, geo-cache, archery and rock climbing. There was an activity to suit every student as well as activities that pushed students to try things they never thought they could do. At night, before the traditional bonfire and roasting of marshmallows, students played Capture the Flag where they had to rely on their teammates in order to survive. The next day, they boarded the bus home exhausted from their adventures, activities, chatting with their friends late into the night and even playing a good-spirited prank or two! Special thanks to the chaperones Mr. Jankowski, Mr. Cairns, Mr. Chung, Ms. Derby and Ms. Campbell for supervising what they have called the BEST Classe Rouge ever!
HOME ROLL
Students

The list below credits those who have achieved an overall average of 85% or more. We are proud of their hard work and success in achieving academic excellence. Keep up the outstanding work!

GRADE 7:
BENJAMIN FISHER
OMAR ALAWS

GRADE 8:
SUNG BUM (SIMON) AHN
MALAK HAMMOUNDA

GRADE 9:
KHALIL RIFAI
ZEIN TRABELSI

GRADE 10:
YASMIN DABBOUS
YASMEEN DAJANI
DUC HUY HOANG
WAEL JAMAL ALHASHEMI

GRADE 11:
CAROLINE ABI AZAR
EUN JI CHO
JUANITA GIRALDO BUENO
YUAN (Amanda) ZHANG
SOUFIA TRABELSI
SOPHIA YUAN PUI QUACH
SUPRIYA GADIGONE
Kells High School has is revamping the entire high school library! My name is Elaina Della Porta, I am a librarian and I am happy to be a part of this project. I am a graduate of the McGill School of Information Studies Masters Program and I also have a bachelor’s degree in Psychology from McGill and a bachelor’s degree in History from Concordia. I have a background in public, museum, and school libraries. As a librarian, I am passionate about literacy and “information literacy” (a fancy term for being able to find the exact information you are looking for) and I hope to share this passion with the students and staff of Kells Academy.

I have many ideas and plans for this library, but, for me, the main goal is to teach students how to execute effective research for their homework assignments. Children live in an age where information overload is a daily reality. I hope to teach them research skills to be able to quickly and easily find the exact information they need in their high school classes, their future academic careers, and their day-to-day lives. Another goal for the library will be to foster the love of reading; the more kids read, the better they do in school! The new library will be a comfortable and inviting study space that will house both print and electronic materials. To supplement the Kells Library collection, the students have all signed up to be members of the Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec, where they will have access to a wealth of online databases and educational materials. There will also be a Library webpage where I will provide the students with information and links to the resources they need. Outside the library, I give workshops to students to teach information literacy (ex: citation, database searching, etc.)

I am very much looking forward to working with Kells Academy to provide the students with not only a library, but an information center.
Where are they now .... Alumni news

Here is news about some past students – where they are and what they are doing.
Thank you for sharing!

Class of 2006

Ralph Haddad: Studied Commerce at Vanier College before completing his Bachelor of Commerce at McGill University specializing in operations management and information technology while doing a certificate in project management. Ralph is presently working at CAE Inc. in project management.

Zaid Dagamesh: Received his Engineering Iron Ring on the 23rd of November, and is graduating from Civil and Environmental Engineering at Concordia University. He has been involved with a student chapter of Engineers Without Borders at Concordia and has learned a great deal about international development, foreign politics in Canada, and world economics.

Class of 2007

Junghyun, Seo: Graduated from Marianapolis in the Pure & Applied Sciences. Currently studying Electrical Engineering at Concordia University but wants to transfer credits to the University of Toronto and relocate to where his family lives.

Majdalani, Eric: Is in his final year at the University of Ottawa in General Social Sciences, with a minor in Sociology. He has been able to keep in touch with some of his Kells teachers via social media and school visits.

Babushkin Stenge, Natalie: After living for a few months in a settlement in Samaria with her husband’s family, she has settled in a beautiful neighbourhood outside of Tel Aviv. She is expecting her second baby in the next month! While she has yet to get started on a degree, the past couple of years have been pretty action-packed—marriage, motherhood, coming back to the country of her dreams—and she is excited for what the next few years have in store. She fondly thinks of her former Kells classmates, and hopes that they have been, and always will be, blessed with health, happiness and success.

Mahdi, Yasmine: Attended Kells from grade 9 until 11 and will always remember it as her comfort zone. She is currently studying at the Lebanese American University of Beirut. She completed her BA in English Literature and is currently finishing off her Teaching Diploma and getting ready to go back to Concordia in hopes of starting her MBA. Yasmine remembers Kells fondly and says, “Thank you for raising us as your own.”

Class of 2010

Bonsaint Alexandra: Currently studying at McGill University in the Faculty of Management in the Boom program. Before McGill she attended Vanier College (studying Social Science with Math) and had a hard time deciding where she wanted to go in the future, but is very happy that she is now at McGill in Management. “Ever since I was very little, my dream was to go to McGill and now that I have realized this, I can thank everyone that helped me, Kells Academy included. My two years at Kells Academy were really fun. I had the opportunity to meet wonderful friends and teachers that I will always remember. I believe that Kells Academy really shaped my path towards the realization of my dream.”

Aziz, Haya: Graduated from Marianapolis in Health Sciences in May 2012 and is currently attending McGill University in Medicine.

Falet, Jean-Pierre: Graduated from Marianapolis in Health Sciences in May 2012 and is currently attending McGill University in Medicine.

Azzi, Michelle: Graduated from Marianapolis in Health Sciences in May 2012 and is currently attending McGill University in Physiology. She is also planning to write a book!

Zain, Nour: Graduated from Marianapolis in Health Sciences in May 2012 and is currently attending McGill University in Biology.

Tran, Ngoc Ahn Minh: Will be joining the Bachelor of Engineering Program at McGill University after finishing at Marianapolis. Wants to specialize in Electrical Engineering.

Class of 2011

Diaz, Angela: Is currently attending Marianapolis College and is working in the Student Services Department. Angela plans to visit Kells on a regular basis and encourages all her classmates to do the same.

Class of 2012

Koketso, Tshepi: Is currently attending Marianapolis College Social Sciences - Psychology Program.

Nguyen, Amy: Is currently attending Marianapolis College Social Sciences - Psychology Program.

To all past graduates: Please send us news about your personal and professional accomplishments with your email address and phone numbers (optional) so that we can stay connected. It is a great networking opportunity!

Jean-Pierre Falet
and Haya Aziz

Alexandra Bonsaint
Michelle Azzi
Nour Zain