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From our Principal's Desk

Spring is on its way! This has been a very smooth opening to semester 2 and I would like to thank all of the students and parents for their patience in dealing with Timetable changes.

Mid Semester Report Cards were given to students on **April 16th** to take home and one set of Improvement reports has already been mailed out for semester 2, a second set of I-

reports will be sent out within the next two weeks. Please take the time to sit with your child and review the Teacher Comments.

One of our initiatives at Vaughan this year is to expand our communication with our community. Unfortunately the conversion to a different information system has caused difficulties in putting out a regular E-bulletin. If you are having problems receiving

the E-bulletin or if you know of someone who is not receiving it, please call the Main Office – 905-660-1397 – to update your personal information and be added to our E-Bulletin distribution list.

Please email or call if you have any questions.

Chris Sarellas
Principal

Upcoming Events May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 AP Exams	5 AP Exams	6 AP Exams	7 AP Exams	8 AP Exams	9
10	11 AP Exams	12 AP Exams	13 AP Exams	14 AP Exams	15 AP Exams Grad Gown \$ due	16
17	18 Victoria Day	19	20 Senior Assembly	21 Spring-time Music Concert	22	23
24	25	26	27 Grad Dinner Dance	28	29	30
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Upcoming Events June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Math EQAO Athletic Banquet	5 Math EQAO	6
7	8 Math EQAO Vaughan-alon-aloo	9 Math EQAO	10 Math EQAO	11 Math EQAO	12 Math EQAO	13
14	15 Math EQAO	16 Math EQAO	17 Math EQAO Exams	18 Math EQAO Exams	19 Math EQAO Exams	20
21	22 Exams	23 Exams	24 Exam Review Day	25 Leaving Ceremony PA Day	26 PA Day	27
28	29	30				



A Note From Guidance

Course Request Verification forms will be given out to homeroom classes by Friday April 24th, with all 2009/2010 course requests. Please check

all courses carefully and **if any changes need to be made**, return signed forms by May 1st. AP Examinations will be written

from May 4th - 15th.

A reminder to submit all **Community Involvement** hours to Guidance by May 30th!

ESL Cafe

On Thursday December 18th, 2008, three former students of the ESL program along with Ms. Nicolaou of the ESL Department held an ESL Café after school for all students enrolled in ESL classes.

Former ESL program students

Aviv Barak, Modestas Dargis and Igor Efimov facilitated the ESL Café activities. The Café, which was promoted through posters and word of mouth, had an excellent turnout of 28 students. Students were provided with snacks and hot chocolate and had the oppor-

tunity to socialize with other students from various cultures and while participating in a number of collaborative games.

The winter ESL Café was a great success and we hope to hold another one for the students this spring.

Photos clockwise from top left ESL Café poster, Students listening to instructions & Students participating in the "Broken Telephone" game



Grade 09 EQAO Mathematics Assessment

Please be advised that students taking Grade 9 Academic or Applied mathematics in semester 2 will write the EQAO assessment between Tuesday June 9th and Thursday June 11th, 2009.

It will comprise 5% of the students' final mark for the mathematics course. Specifically, Vaughan S.S. will be using work from all multiple choice components and one part of the short answer component to

count towards the students' 30% summative evaluation.

Teachers are preparing students on an ongoing basis. Home study is also required.

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Final Exams

As per board policy all students must write Final Examinations during the examination period. Please do not schedule vacations, camps, employment or volunteer work, etc. There will be no accommodations made for



any of the aforementioned reasons except for exceptional circumstances. Final examinations will be scheduled between June 17th and 23rd, 2009.

Character Matters e-Newsbrief Vaughan Bulletin Board

We welcome all parents to view past and current issues of a brand new e-brief published by Character Matters of the YRDSB on behalf of character educators across Ontario. At the site <http://yrlc.on.ca/charactermatters/attribute/>, you will also be able to subscribe to this bi-weekly publication. We encourage you to make a contributory story if you so wish. Please feel free to share this website with others.

Please refer to the VSS Website “Bulletin Board” by clicking [here](#) for the following items:

- ◆ Students with Severe Allergic Reactions
- ◆ Assessment and Evaluation Policy
- ◆ Internet Safety – Social Networking Sites
- ◆ Bus Information for VSS Students

We are working on reporting Student attendance and community hours in an E-Bulletin to come

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Leaving Ceremony Invites will be
distributed during homeroom
April 28th. RSVP online at...
www.vaughan.ss.yrdsb.edu.on.ca

Student Transportation Services of York Region

For all school bus information and a daily "Late Bus Report", visit www.schoolbuscity.com

For further information, visit our school website www.vaughan.ss.yrdsb.edu.on.ca

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