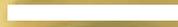




LET'S STAY CONNECTED!



SUMMIT SCHOOL

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A word from our Director General, Herman Erdogmus.

I am pleased to announce the launch of our newsletter, which will be published quarterly. It will include all of our new programs and exciting events that are happening throughout the year at Summit School. We want to reconnect with our community at large and what better way than a newsletter to keep you up to date!

The 2016-2017 school year will be an exciting one!

We will be launching our Capital Campaign to build a new state-of-the-art sports centre. This expansion will create much needed space for our students and will include a full size gym, yoga & dance room, cafeteria and six spacious classrooms.

We are thrilled for this new journey and are looking forward to having YOU on board! Stay tuned.



FUNDRAISING EVENTS

2015-2016

In the past year we have partnered with some amazing foundations to broaden our reach and raise some valuable funds. Below is a small sample of our accomplishments.

AHEPA BALL

In the fall of 2015, AHEPA (*the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association*) and Summit joined forces to plan and raise funds for their Valentine's Day Ball. We raised a total of \$54,000 for our capital campaign.

ELS FOR AUTISM GOLF TOURNAMENT

For the 4th year in a row, Summit partnered with the EIs for Autism Foundation on their annual golf tournament at the Royal Montreal Golf Tournament. On a beautiful day in May, we raised over \$100,000!

OUTTA HERE GALA PERFORMANCE

Before we premiered Outta Here to a sold out crowd, we held an exclusive cocktail to raise funds for our Creative Arts Program.

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OUTTA HERE

This past May, Summit students performed "Outta Here" to rave reviews. A "Ferris Bueller's Day Off meets The Breakfast Club" story, with thrills, laughs and a lot of heart, this play is not to be missed. However if you did, do not despair, you will have the opportunity to see it in January. Click here for tickets and more information

2

BEING RACHEL

On October 25, we hosted a private screening of Being Rachel. This project follows the lives of four Summit School students who courageously mounted an off-Broadway style play. It is touching, powerful and humorous. Above all, the film focuses on the capabilities of youth with developmental disabilities.

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PROJECT WORTHY

Project Worthy is an anti-bullying campaign founded by Summit School students. Their campaign caught the eye of the PK Subban Foundation and local news outlets. They raise awareness on bullying towards kids with mental disabilities. Check out the campaign facebook.com/projectworthy

There are exciting things happening this year with the Performing Arts Program. Read on for more.

Q&A: JESSE HEFFRING

Jesse lets us in on some behind the scenes secrets from Outta Here & Rachel at Risk

ON WHAT INSPIRES YOU

Without a doubt, it is the students that inspire me as well the whole creative arts team.

ARE REHEARSALS IN FULL SWING FOR THE CENTAUR SHOWS?

Yes! Staging it a second time allows us to go deeper artistically into the play. It's shorter, funnier and has more of an impact.

BEING RACHEL...BEST SCENE?

For all of us, the film brings back so many memories of that fantastic and intense experience. I can't choose just one!

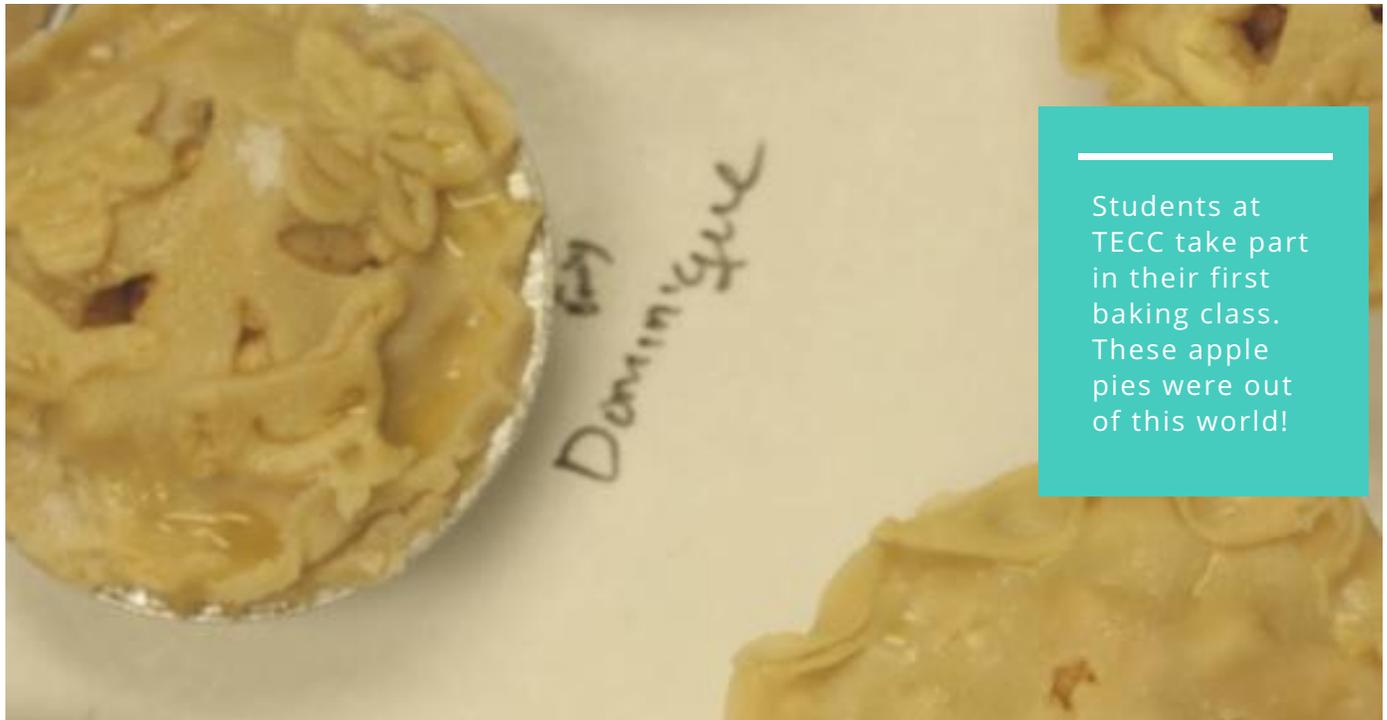
WHAT'S NEXT?

Oh boy! We hope to be part of this year's Montreal Fringe Theatre Festival with a short, fun new play.



NEW & IMPROVED AT TECC

TECC expands cooking & circus programs.



Students at TECC take part in their first baking class. These apple pies were out of this world!

Over the Summer TECC has doubled in size.

- Two new classrooms
- Expanded Copy centre
- New Copy Equipment
- Office space
- New board room
- More Common areas

The students are having fun, and learning new techniques every day!

Cooking Program

We are pleased to announce that we have hired a new Chef Instructor, J.J. Heffring. The last name may sound familiar, as her husband, Jesse Heffring, is a part of the Creative Arts Department! J.J. has trained and taught at the St.Pius Culinary Institute, and has worked for five years at L'Hotel St. James in Old Montreal.

The Program will have two main components: a Learn- How-To-Cook Program, that teaches students basic skills to be independent in their home kitchens. The second program is the launching of the TECC Restaurant, where students learn industry standard cooking techniques that are transferable into commercial kitchens. We provide meals made from good quality, healthy and fresh ingredients for our students and staff to enjoy.



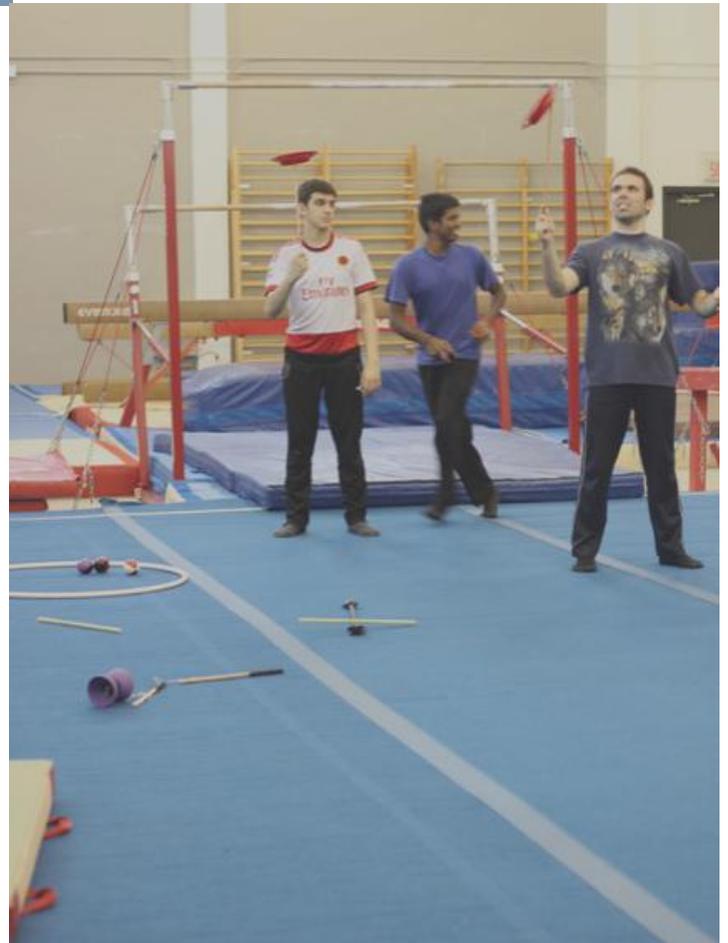
SUMMIT SCHOOL TECC CIRCUS PROGRAM

In 2015, Summit took a leap of faith and started the Circus Program. We hired 3 nationally trained circus teachers and began a year long trial that ended up being an amazing experience for the students at TECC.

Now in its 2nd year, we have expanded the program to two groups a week. These classes will teach the students many very important skills. It will contribute to the physical and mental well being of our students while promoting autonomy, inclusion and empowerment.

The program promotes the use of team work, balancing, juggling and communication skills . Throughout the year the students will work within different circus disciplines allowing everyone to find their favourite.

The program will culminate in a circus show within the next couple of years so stay tuned!





Our new store at the St Laurent Campus

PBIS: MOTIVATING AND EMPOWERING OUR STUDENTS

Positive Behavioral Intervention and Strategies (PBIS) is a systemic approach to proactive, school wide discipline.

PBIS is an incentive rewards program that gently motivates and empowers students to take responsibility for their own behaviour and to strive to improve throughout the school year.

By giving attention to positive behaviour and academic achievements, students are encouraged to repeat the behaviour that has brought him or her praise, positive attention, and rewards.

The underlying theme is teaching behavioural expectations in the same manner as any core curriculum subject.

Over the summer we built a store on the main campus in order to have a place for students to trade in their points for rewards and have introduced a new mascot Migou which the students have taking a very big liking to!

We can't wait to see all the positive results, as well as how this new program will create a much more positive school environment!



"deliver positive results and also create a more positive school environment."

HOW TO HELP

HERE ARE A FEW WAYS YOU CAN HELP
US
& JOIN IN ON OUR FUNDRAISING EVENTS



▼ Sponsorship

There are many ways to sponsor the construction of our new sports centre including various naming opportunities and multi-year pledges. Please contact the school for more information.



▼ To Buy Tickets

To buy tickets to "Outta Here" which will be held at the Centaur Theatre during the Wildside Festival from January 5-7 please contact Katie Morton at 514.944.7619. Don't miss it!

▼ A very special message from *Susan Kasner*, Chair of the Board of Directors & Summit School parent.

We are so proud of the innovative programs that we offer our students! A happy child who is satisfied with his accomplishments brings happiness into the house and as a result the whole family benefits from the support of Summit.

We currently serve 600 intellectually-disabled students between the ages of 4 and 21. We provide a supported and individually tailored environment, where students can learn the skills they need for everyday living. As a private school in the public interest, we do not charge tuition to our students, and funding all our special programs becomes more challenging every year.

We appreciate your interest and support in Summit School and look forward to sharing our challenges and achievements with you. I hope to see you at one of our events. Please come and say hello – we'd love to meet you!

