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This Pride month, we take a look at Canada's past involvement with the LGBTQ+ community - while taking a step towards the present.

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# Royal Pride.

# Dear readers,

It is with immense pride that we publish our final edition of *The Royal Gazette* for the 2017–2018 school year. This was our first time producing a monthly school newspaper and we are proud to say it was a success! It has been a long but very fun journey bringing *The Royal Gazette* from an idea to a legitimate monthly publication. The newspaper staff have all worked incredibly hard over the course of the school year brainstorming, writing, editing, designing, and publishing *The Royal Gazette*. We are so proud of the growth of the paper and would like to thank the amazing people who were able to bring *The Royal Gazette* to you.

To begin, we'd like to thank all club members for their outstanding contributions towards the production of *The Royal Gazette* – from their writing, photography, and designing, to their enthusiasm and commitment. We recognize the amount of effort that everyone put into each issue, and *The Royal Gazette* would not be possible without the tireless efforts of our fantastic club members. It also would not be possible to produce this paper without the outstanding skills of Anne Fu, who designs the newspaper each month, showcasing her amazing skills in graphic design and formatting. Perhaps the most important thank you goes to the person who is responsible for the establishment of *The Royal Gazette* at Ancaster High. Mrs. Bentham, we are so grateful for your unwavering support, advocacy, trust, encouragement, and dedication. Thank you for giving up your lunches to host our meetings and publish our papers. Our last thank you is to all of our subscribers.

To the students, staff, parents, and community members who take the time to read *The Royal Gazette*, we thank you for supporting Ancaster High's student journalism.

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By Ashley Barry



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By Larissa Kouroukis & Ava Stechey



## By the Numbers

**O**n May 11th, 2018 Ancaster High, along with countless other schools, joined forces at Tim Hortons Field to raise money for cancer research. This huge event is called "Climb for Cancer."

The money was raised for the Juravinski Cancer Centre and cancer research in South-Western Ontario. This event was very successful; there were over 6,000 climbers who raised more than \$650,000.

Many Hamiltonians participated in this event. Over the course of Friday and Saturday, everyone's steps added up to 2,674,395 stairs, which is equivalent to climbing Mount Everest more than 46 times!

A special congratulations Dillon Prosje, who came 1st out of 141 participants in the wave. Dillion completed 5.5 laps (2832.5 stairs) in 52 minutes. What a way to represent Ancaster High! We hope that everyone comes out next year to support this amazing cause!

**2007**

The year the climb was founded

**6,000**

The number of total climbers

**\$650,000**

The amount of money raised

tions are set up. There, the participants can either stick around to see the next round of runners, relax, or continue on with their day. Fundraising is done through either online or manual pledge sheets, which either teams or individuals can support.

The event is high energy, with volunteers both at the top and bottom of the steps in order to encourage the climbers, music, an MC, and a Jumbotron where the climbers can watch themselves and their fellow participants run the course. Throughout the day, various teams and companies come to sponsor the event and hold activities of our own, including our very own Hamilton Tigercats team. The Climb also includes a school climb day, where participants from secondary schools around Hamilton can run the course, fundraise and get fit as well.

The 2019 Climb for Cancer is on May 11th, at the Tim Hortons Field. We hope to see you there!

### How It Works

The Climb was founded by fitness consultant Brian Humphery in 2007, as a way to raise money for the Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Center. Originally formed as both a fundraising activity and a way to get exercise, the Climb has since grown from just 300 participants in its first year to over 2,000 in 2018 alone. Participants register for timeframes to climb the steps of Tim Hortons arena throughout the day, challenging themselves to climb as many steps as possible within a 1 hour time slot.

At the end of their climb, the climbers can run down to the field, where cool-down sta-

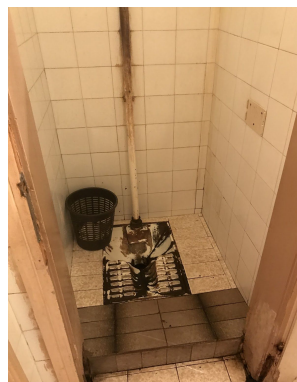
# Mission Trip to

# Serbia



by Ilijana Popovic

## The state of Serbia's orphanages



When I was first told about how some people in Serbia lived, I thought it was bad, but I

truly had no idea how bad it was until I saw it with my own eyes.

### Lifeline

This humanitarian organization's mission trip to Serbia was four days long and went from 6:30 a.m. to 1:30 in the morning the next day. We went to orphanages, old age homes, schools, hospitals and more. I was amazed not only to see how much Lifeline has done, and yet how much they still have to do!

First of all, what is Lifeline? Lifeline is a nonprofit humanitarian organization founded by Crown Princess Katherine of Serbia. They raise money to fix problems and help make a better life for Serbia's people. A lot has been done, especially back in 2014 when the floods hit.

On this trip, the very first place we went was to an old age home, where there were 10 beds per room, and more in the halls. There is no place for these people to move, unl-

ess you count their backyard, which has many rotting tables and is unable to be used during the winter. These people have only one washroom per floor. Even so, the saddest thing is that around 100 people live on each floor.

One of the last places we went was an orphanage. These children are the same age as many students here at AHS, and have a quarter of the clothes we do in their closet.

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They have ripped furniture, damaged doors and rotting floors. Although this may seem bad, Lifeline has already repaired it a lot. We have replaced the windows, painted the walls, gave the children the clothing they have, new bed

sheets, and more.

Another example is when I was at a different orphanage, there were 12 baby beds per room and one caregiver for about every 14 kids. The elevator barely worked and all but one staircase was moldy. The kids ate what looked like slop you would see in a movie, yet they were happy; happy to have our help and happy to have each other. One child, who had every limb facing a different direction, talked to us while wearing a crown. When she was told she looked like a princess, her face lit up like a Christmas tree.

Although I have many stories to tell, like how we saw the children play on their brand new playground for the first time, or what it was like to be at the royal palace for a day, I can't say it all. But this trip was an amazing experience and I will never forget it. Now I've seen how bad things are, yet I have also seen how much better they've gotten. Lifeline has done so much, yet has lots to do. But now I will help them further and try my best to get these people what they need to make their lives even half as healthy and happy as ours.

# The Provincial Elections

by **Ayaet Rakem**

Having taken place on **June 7 2018**, the provincial elections determined who governs Ontario and is the premier for the next four years (until 2022). Voters also elected the 124 MPPs to serve in the Ontario legislature.

## Meet the Candidates



### Kathleen Wynne Liberal Party

Kathleen Wynne is the leader of the Ontario Liberal Party and has been the premier of Ontario since 2013. Wynne's impact on Ontario included creating new opportunities for people, such as improving OSAP and raising the minimum wage salary from \$11.60 an hour to \$14 a hour. She also provided free pharmacare to Canadian citizens under the age of 25. Polls have shown that even though many people like her policies, they don't approve of her. Liberals are in danger of losing party status after the election on June 7. Political parties need to hold eight seats in the Ontario legislature to be recognized as an official party. According to CBC polls, Liberals are only expected to gain less than three seats. On June 2, Kathleen Wynne admitted that she is going to lose the provincial elections, but encouraged voters to elect Liberal MPPs to "ensure NDP or PC minority" (cbc.com)

### Doug Ford Conservative Party

Douglas Robert Ford Jr., or Doug Ford for short, is the leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario and a former Toronto city councillor. His brother, Rob Ford, was the mayor of Toronto from 2010 - 2014. Some of his positive promises include introducing an income tax credit so that workers earning less than \$28,000 a year would pay no income tax, cut gasoline tax prices by 10%, cut hydro bills by 12%, invest 1.9 billion dollars over the next decade on mental health and addiction support and increase autism funding by an additional 38 million dollars (bringing the total to 100 million). A negative plan of his includes ending Ontario's Green Energy Act, which is in place to expand renewable energy production and encourage energy conservation. Ending the Green Energy Act could have a poor effect on Ontario's environment. CBC polls state that the PCs are only 0.1% ahead of the NDP party, with a poll average of 37.2%. The party was expected to win a range of 52 - 84 seats and has an 85.4% chance of winning a majority government.



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### Andrea Horwath NDP Party

Andrea Horwath is the leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party. She also served as an MPP for the Hamilton East riding from 2004 - 2007 and was also the MPP of the Hamilton Centre riding. She is the first woman to lead the Ontario New Democratic Party, and has been in charge since 2009. Some of Horwath's positive promises include changing labour laws to guarantee three weeks of paid vacation to all full time workers, cut hydro bills by 30%, invest 475 million dollars over ten years in a universal pharmacare plan covering 125 commonly prescribed drugs, implement a full dental contract to all full and part time workers, low income children and retired seniors living without a pension plan, fund more hospital staff to ensure less waiting times, convert all new student debt into grants and forgive anyone with provincial student loan debts and end standardized testing. Horwath's plan to pay for all of this involves putting Ontario at a deficit of 3.3 billion dollars in 2018 - 2019, 5 billion dollars in 2020 - 2021 then a 1.9 billion dollar deficit by 2022 - 2023. These deficits will likely lead to more taxes and products on the market are expected to rise up. The NDP party's poll average (37.1%) is only 0.1% behind the PCs, making this a very tight race. They were expected to win a range of 40 - 63 seats and were deemed unlikely to win a majority government (with only a 6.3% probability of doing so).

Many Ancaster High students will be legally able to vote soon (whether that be in one, two or three years' time). It is important that voters are well informed about an election and its candidates so that they can make a good decision about who is most effective in solving their problems and providing them with what they need.

## Future Elections



- **Hamilton Municipal Elections: October 22, 2018**
- **Canada Federal Elections: October 21, 2019**



The Winner:

## Doug Ford Conservative Party

# Ancaster High's

## Triathlon Tradition



by **Ashley Barry**

**O**n May 25th Ancaster High held its annual triathlon! This year, many participants challenged themselves by competing in running, swimming and biking events, putting in amazing effort and determination despite the immense heat. Overall, the triathlon was a fun, well-organized day that housed many victories for its participants! For a further inside look on the Triathlon, here are some questions that Royals asked, answered by Mr. Schurer, who organizes the event every year.

**Cassidy Ferguson**

**Do you see this event growing more than it has, or has it reached its peak?**

"I always want it to grow each year, but in reality, the triathlon fills every year with 325 starts in the pool. We cannot add another wave. This is an upper limit that takes up the entire day. The only expansion happens in the duathlon. Last year we had 500 people do the duathlon because the pool was closed for renovations. I had hoped we could attract a solid number in the duathlon this year, but it remained the same size as in previous years (around 100 participants). People love the triathlon!"

**What are the most rewarding feelings on the day of the triathlon (in your position as head organiser)?**

"I stand back and look at the

spectacle that is the triathlon. I remember back to the first few triathlons in 2000, 2001 and feel quite nostalgic knowing that an idea that I had 20 years ago is flourishing today and has grown so immensely over the years. When I look at all those people believing in us and wanting to come to Ancaster High School to do the triathlon every year, it makes me feel very proud of the process to get to this level of sophistication in event planning. When I watch PLF4M1 students problem-solving, learning about themselves and utilizing their skills and passing the test, I feel like I have given them an opportunity to showcase themselves, PLF4M1 and their school. Being in the centre of an athletic event that brings together close to 1000 people to share in this wonderful sport called triathlon makes me proud to be involved in Physical Education and Sport Planning. Knowing we have inspired first-timers, challenge seasoned veterans and everything in between is rewarding beyond belief!"



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**Kaitlyn Moffat**

**What made you want to start the triathlon?**

"I was teaching at Orchard Park (the High School I attended) and they had a course PE Course called Spartacus. It was built around running swimming and some cycling. It seemed pretty cool and the students loved it. When I started teaching at Ancaster High School, we had a pool, great running trails and an excellent PE program. So when the Recreation and Fitness Leadership Class became available for me to teach, I took the chance to start a small-scale event for my class and the PE Dept and a few staff members. It was initially a way to get some experience for my class, and a new activity for our Fitness class and our active staff members. The triathlon was a new concept...but it was not something any high school students would compete at as a group/club. It was fresh, cool and challenging and then it took off!"

**Sydney Wolanski**

**When was the triathlon created and who was responsible for bringing it together initially?**

"The triathlon was founded in 2000. It was small and fantastic. I started the triathlon with my PLF class because the course needed something fun, exciting and filled with real life situations for the students to encounter. It was a thought I had and wondered if I

could pull it off. I think I pulled it off!”

### What inspired the idea to bring the triathlon to Ancaster High?

“That was completely a small idea to get my class out of the classroom and into the real world. I wanted to provide an activity that our athletic staff would participate in and also

let my active PLF students enjoy this amazing event called triathlon. I am not sure I thought it would have the staying power that it did. Never would I have thought it would be a huge annual event that over 850 people would complete every May.”

### What made it become such a popular event?

“I think the event itself brought the

numbers to the triathlon every year. I mean, the triathlon is a real triathlon with all the charm of what we see on TV...only a smaller scale. Everyone finishes...everyone feels the satisfaction of making it across the finish line. People love it because it has a special vibe...a uniqueness because it is run by students...for students and donating funds to students.”



# Exam

# Preparation Tips

by **Adrienne Jonathan**

**I**t's almost Summer Break which means exams are coming up! Your first instinct might be to panic, but do not fret! Whether you're in grade nine and this is your first time taking exams, or you're in grade twelve and you need a little refresher, these 5 tips will certainly help you through this semester's exam season.

### Don't stress!

Stress is NOT your friend. You may be swamped with work, but a nap or some self-love will do much more good than freaking out. Take some time to watch your favourite TV show, hang out with friends or family, maybe play a sport. Panicking about your average, or how the exam will affect your grade isn't going to help you study.

### Take your time.

Don't try to pull an all-nighter. Cramming a whole course worth of information into your head over one night is one foolproof way to flunk your exams. Try to break your study sessions into 30 minute intervals, or one hour intervals. Remember to take breaks in between to relax.

### Grab a study buddy.

For some people, working with friends is extremely effective. Make plans with a friend (or several friends) taking the same courses as you and do a group study session. Try testing each



other on each subject, or sharing study tactics. This strategy may not be for everyone though; friends can be a distraction.

### Get a planner

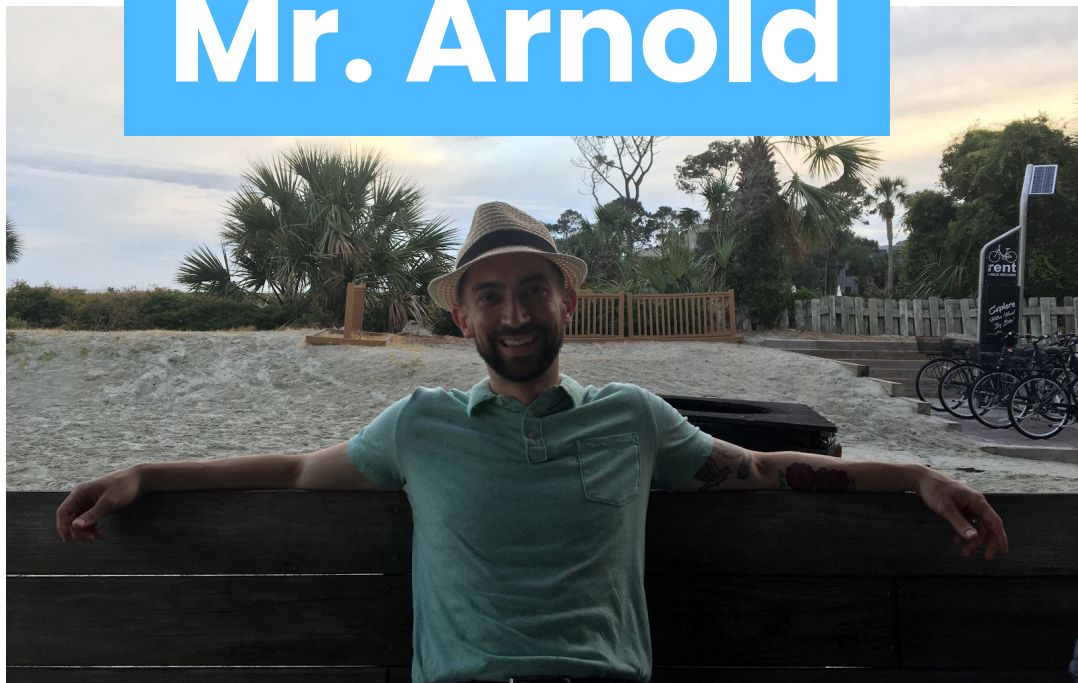
Time-management is essential when studying for exams. Filling in a day planner can help you keep track of your daily tasks. Writing down times along with these tasks can help you juggle work, chores, social life, and school work.

### Eat well, drink water, exercise, REPEAT

Taking care of your body is hands down the most important takeaway from these tips. It would be unrealistic to ask high school students to drink 8 cups of water, and eat 5-9 servings of fruits and vegetables a day, but at least try. A few carrots and a glass of water won't kill you.

# Teacher Insider

## Mr. Arnold



**We promise you your teachers are cooler than you think. Really.**

### Classes Taught

- **CGCIP1**  
Issues in Canadian Geography
- **GLC203**  
Career Studies

by **Emily Outerbridge**

**Q: How long have you been a teacher at Ancaster High?**

A: Off and on for 5 years now.

**Q: How many other schools have you taught at?**

A: Five other than Ancaster (Sherwood, Delta, Westdale, Churchill, and a semester as an expulsion program teacher).

**Q: Which school has been your favourite?**

A: I think the answer to that is obvious by the amount of purple and gold in my closet.

**Q: What was your dream job?**

A: Pro athlete (before reality set in), gym teacher (after my reality check)

**Q: What are your hobbies and interests?**

A: (1) Sports - Oskee Wee Wee, Go Raps Go!, (2) Fitness - Shoutout to Mr. Russell, Mr. P, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Vallance, and Mr. Bower - the after school workout crew, and (3) Hanging with my family. I do my best to bring them all together whenever I can. (ex. taking my youngest daughter on runs in the stroller, practicing soccer and gymnastics with my oldest in our backyard outside of her team practices, etc.)

**Q: Favourite TV show?**

A: Criminal Minds.

**Q: What were you like in high school?**

A: I'd call me a shy/quiet jock. I hung out with all my sports teammates both in and out of school but wasn't the most vocal or outgoing of the group. I did well in school, but I would have rather been elsewhere.

**Q: Favourite thing about Ancaster High?**

A: All the school spirit and opportunities you as students have. Both the teachers and students here have created so many great opportunities for people to get involved in from clubs, committees, intramurals, and even a super well-written newspaper! I feel it gives every staff member and student a strong sense of community and school pride when you know there is somewhere for you to fit in and find your way while being extremely supported.

**Q: Favourite sport?**

A: To watch, basketball; to play, volleyball.

**Q: Favourite sports teams?**

A: Raptors, Tiger Cats, Leafs and the Ancaster Royals Co-Ed Volleyball teams

**Q: What classes do you teach?**

A: Geography and careers and civics.

**Q: What is your favourite class to teach?**

A: I love them all, but if I had to pick one I'd go with careers. It is so authentic and meaningful to students at a key age where they have to start thinking about some major life decisions.

**Q: Favourite food?**

A: Fettuccine alfredo with chicken

**Q: Favourite thing about being a teacher?**

A: When you see a student demonstrate or show they have truly learned something - makes you feel like you've made a difference.

**Q: Would you ever consider growing a mustache?**

A: Without a doubt, if my wife wouldn't kill me.

**Q: Memorable students?**

A: One from early in my career who I taught and coached at Sherwood and is now in teachers college. He said I was an early influence when it came to him making a career choice.

**Q: What do you think is the most important trait in a teacher?**

A: Being open and fair. If my students know I truly care about them and their success then I find that quality is reciprocated in the effort and work they put forth in class.

**Q: Why did you become a teacher?**

A: I was always great with younger cousins, etc. growing up and I knew I didn't want a job where I was stuck sitting still in an office all day. But the summers off may have had a good influence on my decision as well...

**Q: What is your biggest pet peeve as a teacher?**

A: When everyone lines up at the door like herded cattle with three minutes left as if the bell will ring earlier because they are waiting there.

**Q: Favourite types of music?**

A: Country

**Q: What university did you go to?**

A: Brock for Undergrad and Teachers College

**Q: What were your favourite subjects in school?**

A: Phys Ed, Geography, Science

# Climate Change

## Presenter



Image: Vice News

by **Ashley Barry**

**W**e're the first generation to feel the impact of climate change and the last generation that can do something about it," states the Governor of Washington, Jay Inslee.

Science has proven climate change to be rapidly evolving in our world; whether you choose to acknowledge its presence or not, it is in fact happening and will continue, unless we as a society can change our values towards the environment and cease our current actions that are harmful to it.

We are the last generation that can prevent climate change, and there is something we can do about it. Grant Linney, an environmentalist and retired teacher, has been advocating for a voice in climate change. On June 8th, Ancaster High students studying a Climate Change unit in Grade 10 science had the opportunity to listen Grant's powerful presentation showing students how deeply climate change has already impacted our Earth, what the changing climate will hold for our future, as well as encouraging students to speak up about this issue, because their voice can make a difference.

Grant Linney has been a lifelong environmentalist; in 2010 he received training from Al Gore in Nashville, Tennessee. Since then, he has delivered over 350 presentations on climate change. He strives to

make a difference and motivate his audiences to do the same!

To do this, the Grade 10s learned about what needs to be done within our society to prevent climate change. Grant states in order to prevent climate change, "we must make a complete transition from fossil fuels to the use of renewables, we must stop massive deforestation ... and we probably also need to adopt vegan lifestyles (no meat or dairy products)." He warns that "scientists say that, if we continue to burn fossil fuels and cut down trees at current rates, we are in for a 6 degree C increase in temperature by as early as 2080. Translate this into the impact humans would feel if they were subjected to a permanent increase of 6 degrees C in one's own body temperature ... it would prove to be fatal." However, through his presentation, despite the horrible impact climate change could have on our world, Grant constantly reminded the students that they have the power to change the future of our climate. When asked about if he really believed students like the ones sitting in his audience on June 8th could really make an effective difference in climate change, he responded with this determined answer; "The stellar example of the 5 Parkland high school students who decided to speak up after the shooting at their school is an inspiring example to me. Yes, I do believe that youth can make a difference! I believe that young

teens really do have the power to make a difference. They can activate our guilty conscience... they can remind us about what really matters in terms of a healthy and sustainable future." He encourages this generation to start now! When asked about opportunities or organizations for students to join, Grant responded

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saying, "It would be great if the Eco-Ninjas environmental club remained active at your school ...it is a great opportunity for kindred spirits to get together and act." Grant hopes that his presentation was impactful on the Grade 10 students at Ancaster High and he continues his advocacy to prevent climate change, and hopes that young students know that they have every right to have a voice for their future in this world.



## 02. Feature

### An Exploration of LGBTQ+ Issues Nationally and Globally

by **Farrah Sharrard and Sabrina Cagampan**

**I**t is a privilege to live in a democratic country where we have marriage equality, freedom of speech and a plethora of civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination, but Canada hasn't always been this way. The world as a whole, though changing, is not in a place that we should be satisfied and content with. We have come a long way in the last few years; however, we also have a long way to go before people are able to coexist peacefully and equally.

The history of LGBTQ+ rights in Canada isn't all rainbows and blue skies as we are naively lead to believe. Many people have a hard time dealing and competing with other people for political power, and it took Canada, land of the free, 142 years before legalizing gay marriage, and it was an ugly 142 at that.

In 1890, homosexuality and sexual activity between people of the same sex was illegal in Canada, and was considered a "gross indecency" in

the eyes of the law. This prejudice continued decades later in 1946 and 1961, when further changes to the Criminal Code of Canada were made and homosexuality was categorized under "criminal sexual psychopath" and "dangerous sexual offender". 79 years later, after the prosecution of hundreds, if not thousands of people, Canada decriminalized homosexuality in 1969.

Despite the progress being made, the discrimination against the

LGBTQ+ community was still far from eradicated in Canada. Throughout the 1950s to the 1990s thousands of people lost their jobs in the military, federal police and government due to their sexually and gender identity. It was during the Cold War when people were convinced that LGBTQ+ individuals were more susceptible to blackmail from the Soviet Union and were fired from their jobs as a result. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has since formally apologized in November of 2017, and the Canadian government is providing \$100 million dollars in compensation for those who lost their jobs because of this “gay purge”. Though the money is a victory, it is a small one at that.

## Support Lines

### Egale Youth Outreach

Call: 1-844-443-4253

### Kids Help Phone

Call: 1-800-668-6868

Website/Chat:  
www.kidshelpphone.ca

### LGBT Youthline

Call: 1-800-268-9688

Text: 647-694-4275

Website:  
www.youthline.ca

### Trans Lifeline

Call: 877-330-6366

**R**epresentation in media is an ever growing issue in Hollywood, but as inclusivity in media is becoming a bigger part of the conversation, we thought we'd highlight some of our favourite podcasts, TV shows and movies leading the way with their LGBTQ+ representation (with many of them also having equally as groundbreaking female and people of colour representation).

### Podcasts

*The Bright Sessions* by Lauren

Money will never change the fact that thousands of lives were disrupted because of this act of discrimination. Today, although gay marriage is legal and discrimination is illegal, the LGBTQ+ community still faces harassment and abuse. Canada is getting better, but we can not forget the missteps that plague our past, for it is the only way we can improve as a country.

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It is hard to put yourself in other people's shoes, especially when those shoes have never touched North American soil. Stepping out into the rest of the world we can see that Canada, despite our faults, is by far one of the most progressive countries in the world right now. Though it fe-

els like the world is more accepting than ever, in reality there are only 26 countries where same-sex marriage is legal. That is about three times less than the 74 countries where homosexuality is considered a federal offence, a “crime” punishable by imprisonment, but in extreme cases is punishable by death. This isn't even accounting for the dozens of other countries where the LGBTQ+ community is not recognized at all. It is important that Canada, as one of the leaders of human rights, not only supports the LGBTQ+ community within its borders, but also around the world.

Canada needs to step up and lead the way for other countries and we, as Canadian citizens, must start with making a change in our own country. It can be as simple as not believing in stereotypes, being respectful and educating yourself as much as possible. Your opinions are your opinions, but be open to discussion and other people's point of view. However, regardless of what you believe, the world is moving forward. Homosexuality is no longer a taboo topic and times are changing. Ask yourself this: would you rather be part of the change for a better world, or be part of the dark, hateful smear of history?

## LGBTQ+ Media Recommendations



**Shippen** - an 56 episode audio drama written by 30 Under 30 Media Award Lauren Shippen, who depicts a therapist who works with atypicals with supernatural abilities. This podcast has a rich cast, talented voice actors and many great LGBTQ+ characters. There are scenes that show mental illness, and have many relationships both homosexual and not.

**The Penumbra Podcast** directed by Sophie Kaner and written by Kevin Vibert - an ongoing audio drama about private detective Juno Steel in this crime fighting, mystery set on Mars. This podcast has some of the

best writing with a plethora of witty poetic banter courtesy of the queer main character.

**Conversations with People Who Hate Me** - an interview series hosted and produced by Dylan Marron who reaches out to people that have sent him hateful messages online in order to help them both understand each other's perspectives through civil discussion.

**EOS10** by Justin McLachlan - an incredibly vulgar audio drama following two human doctors on an intergalactic trade hub. Easily one of, if not the funniest comedies, and

with an audio drama that makes its fair share of sex jokes, having it set in a world of aliens pushes it just that much further. Having it set in a intergalactic hub set in some alternate future, it does not leave much room for heteronormativity.

TV shows

*Yuri on Ice* directed by Sayo Yamamoto and written by Mitsuru Kubo - a 12 episode anime that follows Yuri Katsuki, a Japanese figure skater who wants to give up his career in professional figure skating, however, when his idol and Russian figure skater Victor Nikiforov sees Yuri’s capabilities he becomes his coach. There are many wonderful and complex characters of different ethnic backgrounds and this show does a fantastic job at depicting a homosexual romance between two men.

*Shadowhunters* developed by Ed Decter - Based on Cassandra Clare’s *The Mortal Instruments* series, *Shadowhunters* follows Clary Fray, a teenager that discovers she is a descendant of a line of Shadowhunters; humans born with angelic blood whose job is to protect the world from demons. It’s an action-packed series with a strong plot and even stronger character development, but when it’s not kicking butt and taking names it’s dealing with racism and homophobia with grace and maturity.

*The Legend of Korra* created by Michael Dante DiMartino and Bryan Konietzko - the spin-off to the acclaimed *Avatar: The Last Airbender* series, *The Legend of Korra* follows Korra, who is the only one who can control, or ‘bend’ all four elements (water, earth, fire and air) and must use her abilities to bring balance between the physical world and spirit world. Much more mature compared to its predecessor, Korra’s story takes on themes of social unrest, mental health and segregation just to name a few. This show also made history with its bisexual woman of colour lead character and other LGBTQ+ and POC characters.

*Steven Universe* created by Rebecca Sugar - a cartoon where the main character is half gem half human who is named Steven living with four other gems. Follow them as they go on an adventures, sing songs, and learn about Steven’s mother, Rose Quartz, and her mysterious past. Although it is a kids show, the show does not shy away from grief and emotional trauma and naturally gives ways of dealing with problems that children may face.

Books

*Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe* by Benjamin Alire Sáenz - A coming-of-age story about Aristotle Mendoza and Dante Quintana, two Mexican-American teenagers living in El Paso, Texas

during the 80s. The story follows their friendship and struggles with racial, ethnic and sexual identity, masculinity and relationships between family. All themes are tackled with sincerity, honesty and a deep understanding from the author’s own life. Sáenz’s work has been awarded with both the Lambda Literary Award and the Stonewall Book Award for the novel’s LGBTQ+ representation, various other accolades and near-universal acclaim.

*The Gentleman’s Guide to Vice and Virtue* by Mackenzie Lee - Set during the 1800’s, Henry “Monty” Montague embarks on a trip (turned manhunt) across Europe with his best friend and crush, Percy, and his sister and thorn in his side, Felicity. With an exciting plot and engaging characters, amongst the antics and banter Lee’s novel highlights themes of homophobia, racism and sexism that plague each of the characters.



NEWS

FLASH.

Girls

Varsity

Soccer

by Ashley Barry

Ancaster High’s Girls Varsity Soccer team has had an extraordinary season! The girls won their first tournament, and came in second place at their second tournament at Redeemer. They eventually moved on to SOSSA, facing schools such as Waterdown, Saltfleet, Sherwood, Westdale, HDCH and DVSS. Finally, the team advanced to City Championships and pulled off a great win! Great season, girls!



# #summer2018

by **Erika Ehrenberg**

**Y**ou're almost there! Just a few more days, and then it's two months of freedom! Sadly, September will be here sooner than you'll think, and the last thing you want is to look back and realize you wasted your whole summer doing nothing but sleep and binge watch Netflix (I'm not saying there's anything wrong with both of those things, but 70 days of that is a bit excessive and slightly concerning). With all that time on your hands, be sure to get out and make this summer count! In case you need some inspiration, here's a bunch of ways to beat summer boredom and make #summer2018 the best one yet!

## Check 'em off.

- ☐ Go to a summer camp
- ☐ Join a sports team
- ☐ Travel
- ☐ Volunteer
- ☐ Get a job
- ☐ Have a picnic
- ☐ Go to a drive in movie
- ☐ Go for a hike
- ☐ Go for a bike ride
- ☐ Listen to music
- ☐ Binge watch Netflix
- ☐ Do a craft
- ☐ Have a water balloon fight
- ☐ Do a colour run

- ☐ Go swimming at outdoor pool
- ☐ Go to beaches
- ☐ Go shopping
- ☐ Go to outlet malls
- ☐ See the waterfalls of Hamilton
- ☐ Go to festivals\*
- ☐ Get ice cream
- ☐ Have a bonfire
- ☐ Go camping (or glamping)
- ☐ Go tree top trekking
- ☐ Go strawberry picking
- ☐ Go bowling
- ☐ Go mini golfing
- ☐ Go kart racing
- ☐ Go to an arcade
- ☐ Play laser tag
- ☐ Go paintballing
- ☐ Do gardening

**\* Dundas Cactus Festival**  
August 17-19

**\* Winona Peach Festival**  
August 24-29

**\* Hamilton Festival of Friends**  
August 3-5

**Make this summer the best summer yet.**

- ☐ Go rollerblading
- ☐ Go to a water park
- ☐ Watch fireworks
- ☐ Go fishing
- ☐ Go to the African Lion Safari
- ☐ Go to Ripley's Aquarium
- ☐ Take a day trip to Toronto
- ☐ Visit a university
- ☐ Go to a museum
- ☐ Visit the Royal Botanical Gardens
- ☐ Go to a trampoline park
- ☐ Go shopping at a farmers' market
- ☐ Visit a farm
- ☐ Go to Canada's Wonderland
- ☐ See a concert
- ☐ Get a makeover
- ☐ Ride a rollercoaster
- ☐ Make lemonade from scratch

**Total:**

**/50**

# CLASS OF 2018.

We say goodbye to our graduating grade 12s – and welcome our newest class of Royals.



Illustration: Anne Fu

by **Ashley Barry**

**A**s the end to another school year is quickly approaching, the Royal Gazette would like to take the time to recognize the graduating class of the 2017- 2018 school year here at Ancaster High. To do so, we have asked some of the graduates to come forward with their favourite or best memories from their four years attending school at Ancaster High.

## **Nadele Andrego**

“My favorite memory was being a part of the Ancaster High rowing team for three years of high school. Being a part of an amazing team was a lot of fun and I made great friends and memories that I will remember forever!”

## **Amber Hancock**

“My favourite memory was Grade 9 night for sure! You are brought together and seperated into random

groups which forces you to meet new people. I met a ton of people that night. I had fun getting to know them while doing various activities. My favourite part of that night was the dance. Everyone gets in there and gets loose!”

## **Karys Oldenburg**

“All of my favourite memories are pretty much stuff my friends and I did. For example, we did an intramural together and went to school dances together.”

# The Class of 2018 Reflects on their Best Memories

cont.

## Akshay Maharaj

"I've got to say one of my favourite memories has to be a mixture of Hoco, heading down to Cali for DECA, and Semi. Homecoming was amazing because of the amazing school spirit and every student seemed to have an amazing time! Cali was an unreal experience and I got to meet so many young

entrepreneurs. Semi, although it wasn't the most amazing music... it still was a great night with great people."

## Brigit Kaila

"My favourite memory in high school was being taught by the man, the myth, the legend: Mr. Sheeler.

You can tell he truly has a passion for educating and his lessons were always very stimulating, motivating and life-changing."

**Good luck to the AHS class of 2018 on their future adventures!**

In Focus: Class of 2018

# Grade 9s Reflect on Their First Year as a Royal

by **Ashley Barry**

## Lauren Sneath

Overall, how would you say your first year of high school was?

"This year was certainly enjoyable, but it did have its ups and downs. The balance of being focused in a work environment and still having fun and giving myself a break outside of my education allowed me to appreciate Ancaster High's positive environment, and great people; from staff to students. Surrounding myself with influential people helped me maintain a positive attitude within the school environment. In result, my confidence has really improved at Ancaster High because I feel safe, have amazing friends, and have reached my academic expectations with the help of the incredible teachers that I have."

Any great memories?

"Throughout the year, I have exp-

perienced some unforgettable events that I will never forget, but on the other hand, any positive conversations that I had or compliments that I have received really impacted me as a person, making smaller moments equally as important. On a larger scale though, Grade 9 Night was a great opportunity for us grade 9's to really get to know each other and get to understand our school environment a little bit more. Although I wasn't able to be a part of the play this year, Beauty and the Beast was really well done and as a theatre kid, I was happy to be in the audience. In addition, I tend to appreciate the work that goes into school assemblies that make them very memorable."

In your opinion, how were exams and culminatings?

"I know not everyone will agree, but I found exams and our culminating tasks a lot more enjoya-

ble and easier than I thought. I assumed that I would be studying over two month periods for exams, but I soon came to realize that it's really not that hard and stressful unless you are unprepared and/or stress yourself out. I made sure that I gave myself time to study and complete tasks over a longer period of time, so that I could take breaks in between. I don't like procrastinating, so I would do my culminating tasks directly after the task was assigned to avoid stress. During exams, teachers made sure that the classrooms were organized and comfortable for students who would be writing their first high school exams, so that was great. Also, they helped me and other students understand how much to study and what you need to study with specific explanations of exam procedures."

Is there anything you wish went differently for you?

"I have very high expectations for

myself and have trouble accepting my mistakes. Occasionally throughout the year, I was so hard on myself that I wouldn't accept incredibly minimal mistakes, making me feel like I wasn't good enough to reach my academic expectations. As the year went on, I realized that all I could possibly do was stay focused and try my best, and if I made a mistake, move on and learn from it. If I were to go back to these times, I would inform myself that all you can do is your best and let go of your mistakes, especially in your Grade 9 year. Also, if you don't agree with something, make sure you speak up. There was so many times where I wish I stood up for my opinions or stated my perspective on a topic within the classroom, but I didn't, so I would certainly do that differently."

**Ben Broadbent**

Overall, how would you say your first year of high school was?  
"I extremely enjoyed my first year of

high school! I met lots of people and had awesome teachers, and loved the hockey program."  
**Any great memories?**  
"Grade 9 night was awesome! I also enjoyed playing on the Jr. Hockey team."  
**In your opinion, how were exams and culminatings?**  
"Exams and culminatings are not as stressful as they seem. Teachers give you a lot of prep and time to work on them. I put in the effort and did well!"  
**Is there anything you wish went differently for you?**

"I have no complaints from Grade 9!"  
**Betty Oman**  
Overall, how would you say your first year of high school was?

"It was decent because we didn't have anything fun such as football games and parties."  
**Any great memories?**  
"Grade 9 night was so fun! And meeting my best friend Caytlin."  
**In your opinion, how were exams and culminatings?**  
"I found exams and culminatings to be very very stressful. I think that teachers need to walk us through it more."  
**Is there anything you wish went differently for you?**  
"No, it's great!"

**Congratulations to the AHS ninth graders on an amazing first year!**



by **Adrienne Jonathan and Ayeza Tahir**

**Fiona H.**

**Path:** Sheridan College

**Most looking forward to:** making new friends, different school environment, school involvement (clubs etc.)  
**Advice for others:** be sure of your program and understand what it involves. "Make sure you know which program you're going into; understand the requirements for the program and what you'll be learning about. Also, don't be afraid of general studies! It gives you more time to make a decision about your future career."

**Job Prospect:** Paralegal

**Hannah D.**

**Path:** Mount Saint Vincent, Nova Scotia

**Most looking forward to:** sense of freedom, meet new people, going somewhere new (never been anywhere outside Ontario)  
**Advice for others:** "Make sure you know the school. Definitely check out an open house! Also be prepared for life alone; your mom won't be around to do your dishes."

**Esma K.**

**Path:** gap year

**Most looking forward to:** relaxing; taking a break, working, looking for uni or college courses potentially  
**Advice for others:**

**Kamala M.**

**Path:** Carleton University, Ottawa

**Most looking forward to:** making new friends, enjoying school, flexib-

ility of education  
**Advice for others:** "Make sure to focus on managing your time properly - don't get distracted! Also keep a open mind, what you think you want to do for the rest of your life now may change in the next few years."  
**Job Prospect:** Lawyer

**Best wishes to our graduating grade 12s on their paths!**

In Focus: Class of 2018

# Options After High School

by **Adrienne Jonathan and Ayeza Tahir**

**T**here is no shortage of options as to what to do after you or where you choose to go after you graduate high school, and many of your own classmates or friends may not be heading along the same path as you. No matter where you plan to go, there are always options available for what you want to do. Here are just a few of the pathways you may consider after secondary school.

## University

**Cost:** \$\$\$

**Description:** An institute of higher education and research, universities offer degrees in various academic disciplines.

## College

**Cost:** \$\$

**Description:** Offers diploma and certificate programs. Usually more career-focused and offers hands-on training in any field of choice.

## Internship

**Cost:** None! Some internships can even offer minimum wage.

**Description:** Work experience offered by your educational institution. These are usually offered by colleges.

## Gap Year

**Cost:** Varies; highly dependent on what an individual is planning to do.

**Description:** A year off school! Time to think about post-secondary education options as well as gain work experience.

## Student Artwork

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**Alexa Koukouris**



by **Nate Vanderheuvel**



by **Leanne Tran**



by **Alexa Koukouris**

# Reviews

The **Gazette** staff take on some of the biggest pop culture hits – and delivers our view on them.



## Stratford's *To Kill A Mockingbird*

Reviewed by **Jocelyn Mattka**

On May 17th, over 60 students at Ancaster High School went to Stratford to watch the dramatic representation of Harper Lee's iconic novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. After a morning of exploring the beautiful city, students watched the play at the Stratford Festival Theatre. The theatre itself was lovely, with seating for up to 1800 people, and the production managed to captivate the attention of all of them for its entire duration.

For those who are not familiar with the story, *To Kill a Mockingbird* follows the lives of three children, Jeremy Finch (Jem), Jean Louise Finch (Scout), and Charles Baker Harris (Dill), who are living in Maycomb County, Alabama, during the Great Depression. The novel is narrated by Scout who is the youngest of the three. The children are greatly impacted by Atticus, Jem and Scout's father, specifically by his actions in court. By the end of the book, they are very different characters, now with an understanding of courage, perspective and injustice in the world around them.

The production did a wonderful job of bringing this beloved novel to life. The actors were all very entertaining and a pleasure to watch. Some stand out performances included Jem (Jacob Skiba), Scout (Clara Poppy Kushnir) Atticus (Jonathan Goad) and Tom Robinson (Matthew G. Brown). Generally, the performances all felt very authentic and really allowed audience members to feel an emotional connection to the characters and the story. The use of

the narrator, a grown-up version of Scout, was very artistic and creative. The way that she interacted with the characters made it very easy to understand that they were her memories, and really helped to give clarity to those who were unfamiliar with the story. If a suggestion could be made here, it would be to only have Jean Louise on stage when she was needed, which would give her a much greater impact. This would not only remove some distraction from scenes that didn't include her, but would also allow the audience to enjoy the scenes without worrying about the fact that they were memories.

Costuming and set design was quite impressive. Although the set didn't appear to be overly complicated at first, they were able to use their space very effectively, allowing them to include more than what first met the eye. Set changes and transitions were done almost seamlessly, with very minimal disruption. In regards to costumes, the choices that were made really gave audiences the feel that they stepped back in time, without being too over the top. The two versions of Scout were also quite cleverly dressed. The two were in similar shades of green which helped as a visual connection between them. Scout as an adult was also quite clearly in a later time period than the rest of the characters on stage. Overall, the entire show was very visually appealing.

The final piece that brought the show together was the beautiful use of lighting and sound. They were able to use these technical elements in

aiding their introduction to the characters and their explanation of the difference between the time periods that the two Scouts were in. Although some of the effects were a little overdone, the idea behind them was wonderfully artistic. As far as sound went, the music pieces that were played under the scenes were quite lovely and really helped to connect the audiences to the play. There were also moments of silence that allowed time for the words of the actors to have a real impact on those watching the show. If that wasn't enough, the startling gunshot definitely woke up the entire theatre!

For those who are curious how much the play diverged from the book, don't worry, the two were very similar. For the most part, the play stayed very true to the novel it was based upon. Differences between the book and the play only included the removal of several minor characters, such as Scout's aunt and uncle, and the scenes of Scout in school. Some passages and dialogue were taken straight out of the book which would have made the play seem very familiar to anyone who knew the book well.

On the whole, the trip was extremely successful, very fun, and a great way to compliment our education. This trip should definitely be continued in upcoming years and I can personally recommend it as being a great experience for anyone who enjoys art, literature, or entertainment. Hope to see you there next year!

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★★★★★ 5/5 stars

## The Little Prince

**Based off of the 1943 French novel of loneliness, friendship and loss.**

Reviewed by **Madilyn Kearnes**

**A**re you looking for something a little different to watch? Well, look no further! *The Little Prince* is something out of the ordinary for most students at Ancaster High, and is irresistible for any child or adult.

*The Little Prince* is a movie within a movie; there are multiple storylines going on at once! On one level, it is about a young girl who rediscovers her youth after being forced by society and her mother

into being a “mini-adult”, while on the other hand, it is about a little prince, who travels from another planet to Earth. While here on Earth, he discovers that what is essential is invisible to the eye. This adorably animated movie is very light-hearted with a great message behind it! If you are the kind of person who favours books over movies, pick up a copy of *The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry to enjoy the story as well.

★★★★★ 5/5 stars

## Shawn Mendes



Reviewed by **Amilia Oliver**

**S**hawn Mendes is the latest release from the 19-year-old Canadian singer. This is his third huge release before the age of 20, and it’s definitely his best record to date. Mendes’ vocals have gotten quite smooth and he is able to hit high

falsettos throughout the album. The lead single, “In My Blood”, which contains raw and vulnerable lyrics, sets the stage for the next 13 songs. The more upbeat tracks include “Nervous”, “Queen” and “Lost in Japan”. If you’re looking for something a little quieter with (very) sad lyrics, you’ll find that in “Perfectly Wrong” and “Why”. The best song on this album in my opinion, is “Youth” which features Khalid, a song that promotes resilience in the wake of all the tragedies that have been going on. This album is available pretty much everywhere, so it is definitely worth checking out!



# HOROSCOPES

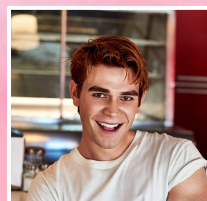
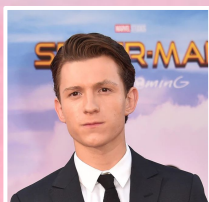
## GEMINI ♊

(May 21 - June 20)

*By Sophie Hughes and Olivia Pasian*

Gemini season is here at last! Geminis are said to be two-faced; however, they are actually just full of personality! Geminis easily adapt to their surroundings and are sociable, quick-witted, and thoughtful. **This month**, a new situation will be problematic, but with the help of a trusted friend, it will turn out to be just fine.

**Are you a Gemini? So are these celebrities:**



**Tom Holland Marilyn Monroe KJ Apa**

## ARIES ♈

Aries be warned, there are difficult times ahead. This month, surround yourself with friends and get to know someone new; it may help you turn your month around...

## TAURUS ♉

The position of Venus is a sign that Taurus' will have a pretty good month. It is foreseen that you will come across a large sum of cash, so keep both eyes open!

## LEO ♌

With so much work coming your way, it may be hard to take time for yourself. Reach out to friends, and take a break every now and then!

## CANCER ♋

Due to a stressful exam season, Cancers will be more moody than ever. You may feel the need to act aggressively, but keep your cool and try to stay positive.

## VIRGO ♍

Travel could be on your mind. You're probably excited about a forthcoming vacation. It may be hard to concentrate on school with summer coming so soon, but hang in there!

## PISCES ♓

Thanks to the position of Neptune, you will find the balance you've been seeking for a while. Take a breather!

## ♏ CAPRICORN

A project you've been dreading will soon require completion, and though it may be hard, focus! Get it done, and do it right. Other than that, it will be a fantastic month.

## ♎ LIBRA

Libra, minor setbacks in your plans will occur this month. Don't let it dull your enthusiasm! Later in the month, you'll succeed in something you struggled with.

## ♐ SAGITTARIUS

Sagittarius, this month a friend will feel the consequences of an action. You may want to shield them, but perhaps you should stand back. You won't always be there to help, and letting them learn a lesson will aid you in the future.

## ♏ SCORPIO

Try befriending some new people this month, Scorpio, as upcoming trials may need a few helping hands and new ideas.

## ♒ AQUARIUS

Hey Aquarius, you'll be feeling quite a bit of pressure to succeed this month. Keep in mind you're only one person, and you're doing your best. Also, trusting the wrong person may leave you stranded this month, so be careful and be prepared for anything.

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