# **NEWSLETTER** Fall 2019





# Merrick Preparatory School Enrolls Grade 9 and Local DAY Students!

We are very excited and proud to be offering grade 9 for the first time this year AND enrolling local Day students from the Merrickville community into our school. Our first grade 9 class has seven students coming from six different countries, and we have a total of 17 different countries represented in our student body! This remarkable diversity makes us Distinctly Canadian and Uniquely Global!







# Headmaster's Greeting

It is hard to believe we are already well into November and snow is on the ground! It is beautiful this time of year here in Merrickville, which is no surprise as we have been voted the prettiest town in Canada! And Merrick Preparatory School is so proud to be part of the small, safe, caring community that embraces our students from around the world, making us **Distinctly Canadian and Uniquely Global**.

This year, as is true with every year since our founding in 2012, we are proud to celebrate our diversity, with 17 different nationalities represented in our student population of 33 students. This diversity provides countless learning opportunities both in and beyond the classroom and students form bonds of friendship that span the globe and last a lifetime. And this year is our first year offering grade 9. We are honoured to have seven bright, talented and articulated young men and women as part of our first grade 9 class! And as this is our first year welcoming local 'day' students into the school, it is a delight to have students join our school from the surrounding community, further diversifying our student population.

Although it is still very early in the year, we have already had two university acceptances; a hallmark of our school is maintaining our 100% university acceptance rate and 100% acceptance rate into our students' first choice program to world ranked universities.

#### Come join us, we guarantee your success!

Sincerely,

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Kevin Farrell **Headmaster** kevinf@merrickprep.com

### **Student Life – Creating Memories!**

Adjusting to a new home can be challenging, especially for students coming from a diverse mix of cultures. During the first few months our academic and residential staff have organized different activities to introduce our amazing students to the Canadian culture and to make them feel at home. From nature escapes, visits to historical landmarks, live sporting events and other scholar and cultural activities, our students are taking advantage of our strong academic program in a multicultural and safe environment.



#### Celebrations

From National Days to cultural celebrations our students share their traditions, and that brings great value to our multicultural environment. Building global relationships and learning from different cultures creates great opportunities for our students learn about global affairs and increase their understanding of international relations.



#### **House Cup Challenge**

As per Merrick Preparatory School tradition, students are divided into three Houses. They engage in academic and non-academic challenges throughout the year to build comradery, school pride and teamwork skills while earning points for their Houses. There are three Houses, each honouring a key contributor to the founding of Merrick Preparatory School: Barnard House (blue); Clarke House (red); and Rickers House (orange).

An outdoor treasure hunt in our beautiful town of Merrickville and carving pumpkins were the first two challenges, where our students and academic staff created fun memories.

Who's going to win the next challenge?



#### **Merrick's Got Talent!**



Each year our Residential Life Team hosts "Merrick's Got Talent", and the school was a buzz with planning, rehearsals and tryouts throughout the month of October. Students and staff members were treated to a variety of performances including singing, playing musical instruments, performing comedy, dancing and painting. This is an amazing opportunity for our students to showcase their talents and work on their presentation skills. **Congratulations to our Merrick's Got Talent Winner: Miyuki Morishige!** 



#### **University Acceptance**

WE HAVE TWO EARLY UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES!

- **Da Hyun** was accepted to the International University of Applied Sciences in Bad Honnef, Germany for International Marketing Management.
- **Oscar** was accepted to Bishop's University for a Bachelor of Science with a Major in Physics.



We are so proud of our students and we know there are many more to come!



















# **Important dates**

Winter Break: 4pm Friday December 20, 2019 to 1pm Sunday January 5, 2020

**First day of classes after Winter Break:** January 6, 2020

Final Exams for Semester One: January 23 – 28, 2020

First day of Semester Two: January 29, 2020

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# Join Merrick Preparatory School

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We would love to hear from you! Your Success Starts Here!