Council Corner
Peter Li and Jeffrey Zhou

Welcome to Council Corner, the place to get info about stuff around the school! We are now in November, the time of the year when masculinity dominate the schoolyard with the unruly display of facial hair on every guy you come across. If you’re a guy and can grow hair, do it on your face and don’t shave for a month! Do it for the Cancer Awareness!

- The Coffee House is fast approaching, and it’s on the 21st! Don’t miss out on this exciting chance to see your fellow students perform their exceptional talents while munching on some free treats. Did I say free? Yes FREE!
- According to a reliable source, SWC is named after Sir Winston Churchill. Weird eh? This big guy’s birthday is coming up fast, in fact, it’s on the 30th of November! Stay tuned for some cake brought to you in part by student council. Did I say it’s free? Because it will be!
- December is coming which calls for the annual Junior Prom for all Grade 9 and 10 students! Buy your tickets at lunch in front of the cafeteria for $30 starting on November 9th. Junior Prom will be held at Club Roma on December 11th from 6:30 to 10:00pm, remember that the dress code is semi-formal!
- New stock has arrived at the Dog House! We now carry yoga pants, Roots-styled sweatpants, and winter knit hats for the upcoming winter season! Feel free to drop by the Dog House for prices on our new apparel on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch right by guidance! You can also find student-friendly SPC (Student Price Cards) on sale for $9 that give you a 10-15% discount on every purchase in various stores at the Pen Centre. That’s all for this month, stay classy SWC!

MOVEMBER

Madison Grant

“Your loves of your Mo each day as you grow;
The feel of the tickle, the itch or the prickle;
Your lovers’ repose to the hair near your nose;
The smile or the wink at another man’s mink;
The healthy mens issues, Mo products or tissues;
The Razor that rests, the Mo on your chest;
Bejazzle your Mo, not down below!
Let all the world see your smile running free.
Whatever the angle, the word or the rhyme
Honour your MO by jotting a line.”

It is that time of year again. Yes its Movember!!! No shave November is an annual, month-long event involving the growing of moustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of prostate cancer and other male cancers and associated charities. By encouraging men to get involved, Movember aims to increase early cancer detection, diagnosis and effective treatments, and ultimately reduce the number of preventable deaths.

Our Sir Winston men are proud of their moustaches, whether it’s the natural moustache, the toothbrush moustache, or the pencil moustache. The majority of SWC men participate, even the male faculty joins in on the fun as well, trying to see who can grow the biggest or coolest moustaches. To become part of Movember and be one of the Mo Bros, start with a clean shave on the first of November and don’t shave until the end of the month. It is that simple, unless you can’t grow a moustache yet. To spread awareness of Movember here is a poem that we will all remember.

“Whether you stopping or going,
Just you remember,
To keep that Mo growing,
Whilst in November.”

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DID WE REALLY FORGET?

Brandy Fulton

The clock strikes 12 and halloween is over, all of a sudden the radio stations and TV commercials all change to have something to do with Christmas. But what about the days in between?

In World War I there were over 16 million deaths. Those people died so that we could have freedom. So we could dress how we want, do mostly what we want and say what we want. The least we could do is remember them for one day of the year.

You walk around and hear people saying "lest we forget", but what are they doing on november 11th? Probably already starting their Christmas shopping. In schools, how many kids actually understand what Remembrance Day is all about? All they know is that they get two periods out of class to hear some guys (veterans) tell stories and stand in silence while a trumpet plays.

We realize that the first generation of soldiers are slowly dwindling, but they still fought for our freedom. What about this generation of soldiers in other countries, fighting for other peoples freedom? Are we going to forget them? Or will we remember ALL of those who have fallen saving us and others?

CATCHING FIRE CRAZE

Komal Usman and Fiona M.

The most anticipated movie of the year 2013 as voted by millions of fans all around the globe is Catching Fire, which comes out on November 22nd. One of The world’s most popular book series in the recent years; The Hunger Games, written by American TV screenplay writer and author Suzanne Collins, has sold between 20-30 million copies, making her the twenty-fifth richest author in the world with a net worth of $50 million. The Hunger Games was published in 2008, but became more popular when the movie was going to be filmed in 2010 - 2011.

In Catching Fire, the movie begins as heroine Katniss Everdeen returns home safe after winning the 74th Annual Hunger Games along with fellow tribute Peeta Mellark. Winning means that they must turn around and leave their family and close friends, embarking on a ‘Victor's Tour’ of the districts. Along the way Katniss senses that a rebellion is simmering, but the Capitol is still very much in control as President Snow prepares the 75th Annual Hunger Games, a competition that could change Panem forever. Catching Fire is already up to business fifty days before the release, the day the tickets went on sale ,October 1, 2013, made up seventy percent of ticket sales! Imagine how much it will make on the day of the release! If you want to hear more about Catching Fire, the reviews, thoughts, the critiques, our opinions, the grossing of the film after the release, and much more check us out next month for part two.
It is often heard from lamenting voices that the stress of the teenage years is overwhelming and hardly bearable. An often suggested strategy to cope with this stress is the idea of qualifying stressful things with the question “will this even matter in five years”? This mantra seems innocent enough, but in my opinion it is a horrible philosophy. For you see, it is indeed true that many of our concerns now, such as relationships, marks and results of school sports won’t matter in five years. However, this is no reason to trivialize these events or their emotional significance.

Consider if we did truly live by this saying. Any friendships we made or things we accomplished would be insignificant, save their ability to get us into good universities. And what would happen when we got to those universities? Well, then we would set our sights on getting a job, since we would have to continue thinking five years down the road. This mantra would seemingly produce excellent results in the future due to it’s incessant focus on it, but we would never have a chance to enjoy that future, because by the time it was the present we would be looking further still down the road.

My point is here that living in and for the moment should not be deemed simply irresponsible. The currency of an experience should not be defined primarily by it’s longevity or the longevity of it’s meaning in one’s life. Just because of an event’s potential overall significance in life is small does not change the intensity of emotion or how much it means to you in the moment. So push aside the ones who lavishly discard your experiences as insignificant, for when feeling the strongest emotions and living life in vivid, intense technicolour, there’s no time like the present.

“Y.O.L.O”?

Did you Know?

- In 1980, a Las Vegas hospital suspended workers for betting on when patients would die
- In the great fire of London in 1666 half of London was burnt down but only 6 people were injured
- The word "Checkmate" in chess comes from the Persian phrase, "Shah Mat," which means "the king is dead"
- Shakespeare wrote the first knock-knock joke
- A third of all divorce filings in 2011 contained the word “Facebook”
- High heels were originally made for men. Butchers wore them so they wouldn't step in blood
- BMW had to recall their GPS system because male German drivers were refusing to take directions from a female voice
- On the planets Uranus and Neptune, it regularly rains diamonds
- If done perfectly, any Rubik’s Cube combination can be solved in 17 turns
- All US Presidents have worn glasses. Some just didn’t like being seen wearing them in public
- Since February 10th, more than 4,000 "Harlem Shake" videos have been uploaded to YouTube each and every day

Monthly life hacks

- When reheating pizza or other moist food in the microwave, place a cup of water on the plate; the water will stop the pizza from drying out
- Instead of putting used bread clips in the trash, label them and attach them to your computer cords to make them easier to tell apart
- Do you like pancakes, but have no time to make them before school? Make some pancake mix and pour it in a ketchup bottle, ready to be used whenever you want
The Seven Unwritten Rules of Dictatorship

Zak Haj-Ahmad

Rule 1: Dream the dream; envision the ideal! Every successful dictatorship starts with the vision.
Try to avoid petty matters like “strengthening the pillars of society” or “bringing people together in the establishment of a stronger future”. That’s just the buy-in! That’s what you tell people to get them listening. You’ll know you’re doing it right if your ulterior vision is rooted in self-interest. Yes, to quench that insatiable thirst for power; to reap in the goodies that money can buy.

Rule 2: It’s imperative that your personal appearance is polished. Bonus points if you’re able to grow a moustache.
Nobody likes a smelly dictator; try to take a shower every now and then. Does this really need an explanation? Oh, and it’s a well known fact that moustaches command respect and supremacy - nothing says “I’m better than you” quite like a well-groomed ‘stache.

Rule 3: Build an inner circle of supporters. After all, what’s a good dictator without his submissive cronies?
Finding them won’t be too difficult; just look for some audacious, prominent, and carnivorous chums - preferably those who share your ‘vision’. Delegate all bothersome tasks. Learn to get the most from your disciples with the least effort. Oh, and reward their loyalties handsomely - they’ve all got a price! Anyone who rebels, questions your authority, or looks at you the wrong way should be thrown into the gutter as promptly and indiscreetly as possible.

Rule 4: Remember, you can’t spell dictatorship without “you”!
Anybody who tells you otherwise should -- hang on, who do they think they are, questioning you like that? Heresy of that magnitude warrants a punishment no less than imprisonment.

Rule 5: Broaden your horizons by sharing the vision; create a sense of nationhood and unity. Seal the deal with Jell-O™.
You’ve already spread your vision to the disciples - now it’s time for the big leagues. Propagate notions about the betterment of society that draw people in; rally their support! Let the masses know that you care for them, for their futures, for their families, and for their cats. Note that you don’t actually care for them, or their cats for that matter. Oh, and speaking of support: few things can create a sense of community stronger than Jell-O™, which is always comforting. Stock up on it. Distribute en masse. Rinse, repeat.

Rule 6: Anything remotely associated with independence - harmless felines or otherwise - has no place in your domain.
Cats? Nature’s lovable libertarians; furry little beacons of individual liberty and independence? As a dictator, individual liberty just isn’t a part of your vocabulary. Unfortunately, this means there’s no room for cats - or other such symbols - in your reign.

~See ‘Dictator’ on page 5
--From ‘Dictator’ on page 4

**Rule 7: Breathe propaganda.**

Preferably through the mass media, glorify your accomplishments and exult in victories! Similarly, cover up and rationalize your errors - remember, no successful dictator accepts responsibility for their failures! Oh, and it might not be a bad idea to vilify those revolutionaries. Indeed, such defiance can catalyze the uprising of an entire nation if left untreated. They aren’t freedom fighters - they’re anarchists who compromise the integrity of your vicegrip! By the time revolution sweeps the nation, Jell-O™ won’t be enough to appease them. Play your words right, however, and that won’t be a problem.

Note from the writer: In spite of the article's lighthearted take on the matter, the alarming implications of a dictator's rule are by no means a laughing matter. In the present day, you need not look further than the millions of individuals affected in the Syrian crisis; even as someone with deep ties to Syria, I have a great deal of difficulty in understanding the scope of such oppression. While these incidents are certainly heartbreaking, it gives us a chance to reflect on how lucky we really are to be living here; to revel in the liberties we so often take for granted.

(Note: The Ruff Times is not liable for the creation of any dictators or the damage that they might cause.)

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**The 2014 Winter Olympic Games**  
*Varsha Jayasankar*

The 2014 Winter Olympic Games are less than a 100 days away. Despite the controversy surrounding the games (specifically, the host country), I personally am looking forward to what our Canadian athletes will bring to the table this winter. Can they top the 14 gold medals they won four years ago in Vancouver? To give you a preview of what you’ll see on TV in February, I’ll write about a sport or two each month in the Ruff Times. For the month of November, I’ll give you a preview of the skiing events, including freestyle, alpine and ski-jumping.

Freestyle skiing includes the events of aerals, moguls, skicross, half-pipe and slopestyle. Canada is known for doing particularly well in the moguls event. Our first gold on home-soil came in the moguls event, thanks to Alexandre Bilodeau, who will look to defend his Olympic title in Sochi. Also representing Canada in the moguls events are sisters Justine and Chloe Dufour-Lapointe, ranked 2nd and 5th in the world. In aerals, look out for Travis Gerrits, who won a silver medal at the 2013 Freestyle Skiing World Championships. Marielle Thompson in ski cross has seen a substantial increase in world ranking since her debut, moving for 50th to 3rd in a year.

For the first time since its debut, ski jumping will allow women to compete at the Olympics. Japanese-Canadian Atsuko Tanaka will be Canada’s top entry in women’s ski jumping heading into Sochi. Alex Pretorius is also looking to make a full comeback into ski jumping after an ACL injury in early fall.

In alpine skiing, the top Canadian man is Erik Guay, the 2011 world champion in the downhill event. On the women’s side look out for Erin Mielzynski and Marie-Michelle Gagnon, two World Cup podium finishers in the past season.

That is all for this month! Next month look out for Bobsled, Skeleton and Luge!
Standing on the sidelines, bottles in hand. The whistle is blown and the words “managers out” are bellowed into the air.

Some of you may know us as the “beverage distributors” and some of you may not know us at all. We like to think of ourselves as an exclusive group of students who have banded together for various reasons to supply assistance to the members of Sir Winston’s football team. Even though we might seem like an insignificant part of the sport, we always felt respected and valued by everyone in the program, and we learned what it really means to be a team.

Both teams had an amazing season; one of the best we’ve had in a while. This year of change brought many new elements to the teams, and not only did it show on the scoreboard, it also showed in their unity. Just standing with the team on the sidelines and listening to them cheer on the bus made me realize that it’s more than just a team—it really is a family. Of course in families there are ups and there are downs, but what matters is how everyone comes together and gets over the obstacles. So much encouragement and positivity radiated from player to player, even when they were down, and their attitudes alone deserve recognition.

A huge thanks goes out to the coaches, alumni, players, and everyone who came out to the games. Through triumphant wins to devastating defeats—you didn’t give up and demonstrated not only school pride but integrity. To all returning players: you’ve got a big comeback to make, and to the graduating bulldogs: you’ve made your school proud, and we hope to see you under the lights next season!
The day was November 11th. If you write it out in numerical terms you get something like this: 11/11/13. Notice how many ones there are. Now tell the person in a relationship with you that you see a lot of ones. If you realize that you don’t have a girlfriend/boyfriend and are in fact very single, you are one of us, one of the millions around the world who fought the other war on Monday, November 11th 2013. You may know that day as Remembrance Day. It is. You may not know that it’s Singles Day. It is.

Singles Day, just from the looks of it you can tell that it isn’t your typical happy holiday. It is in fact a serious and solemn occasion, a matching counterpart for the equally as solemn Remembrance Day on the same date. A day filled with grief, disappointment and indeed desolate despair, Singles Day is one of the many occasions in a year when people like the author of this article realize just how pathetically lonely they are. And it’s not a good feeling. I won’t get into details here, but just know that lips are bit and cries are stifled whenever something happy and romantic is seen.

This day, originated from China, has taken the world by storm. Common people are united for a common goal on this day: to fight the loneliness deep in their souls and tell the world defiantly “I’m single and I’m lonely and I am most definitely not proud”. It also makes for a great chance to confess to someone you like and hopefully escape this impending dark lonely doom. If you happen to take a chance and fail, well, you can always come back with your single buddies and have fun knowing that another year’s passed and you’re still alone. So remember this day, and mourn not only for those who have fought and gave their lives for their countries, but also those who bravely went out pursuing their love and died as just another guy, or friend, or really good friend. Those who fight the other war.
Lessons from 1999
Paul Martens

On October 30, 2012, The Walt Disney Company acquired Lucasfilm Ltd. and in turn, the rights to the Star Wars Franchise. Simultaneously, Disney announced that they would begin working on a sequel trilogy, beginning with Star Wars Episode VII. This announcement has effectively ushered in a new era of anticipation for films that has not been seen since, as a point of fact, the first time. By this I’m of course referring to the wave of fan speculation, media hype and marketing campaigns that followed the announcement of Star Wars Episode 1: The Phantom Menace.

But if there is anything to learn from the somewhat substandard experience that was The Phantom Menace, it’s that the anticipation and speculation preceding the release was arguably better than the film itself. And to really understand this you must consider the circumstances: it had been roughly 16 years since Return of the Jedi was released and George Lucas had only been involved in a handful of projects since then. Aside from the special editions and the repudiated Star Wars Holiday Special, there had been no new Star Wars content. So when the prequel trilogy was finally announced, the fans’ imaginations went rampant. And almost like looking into a mirror, more than ten years later, we find ourselves in a very similar predicament.

Just as with The Phantom Menace, many people will love and hate the idea of more Star Wars films and to them the only thing that can be said is to enjoy this time. Fans everywhere are able to look to the future with optimism and wonder at the prospect of Star Wars Episode VII. And when it is finally released, go and see it, because it just might be the best movie in the series yet, or the worst...

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 Dates to Remember

**November 9th**
Jr. Prom tickets begin sale

**November 11th**
Remembrance Day (Ba-dum, tss, refer to title)

**November 15th**
Professional Activity Day

**November 19th**
Midterm reports are mailed home

**November 21st**
Coffee House after school

**November 30th**
Sir Winston Churchill’s Birthday

Editors’ Note

**PETER LI:**

Thank you for reading this month’s issue of The Ruff Times. If you’re reading this, it means that you took the time to read or at least flip through this whole paper, and on behalf of the editors and all of the writers who wrote, we would like to express our great appreciation.

If you’re interested in joining the Ruff Times, we strongly encourage you to do so! Just send us an e-mail at swc.rufftimes@gmail.com or track me or Salmaan down and you could write for us! As you can see, we’re in great need of articles because I’m clearly ranting just to fill space. So please, come out and write for us.

**SALMAAN FAROOQUI:**

I didn’t choose the thug life, the thug life chose me.