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Meet "Mr. Bevison"

We have all been a new student starting high school and we all know that it can be overwhelming. Being a new teacher starting a job at high school is the exact same .

Imagine walking into a new class; students crowd your desk, staring you down and asking millions of questions. Imagine walking through the halls knowing everyone has an expectation of what you have to accomplish. This experience is something Mr. Nevison and Mr. Bevis (We like to call this dynamic duo Mr. Bevison, ha ha ha...) have both tackled in the past year.

As students, we are always excited to see fresh faces in the faculty and these two are no exception. So, what is it really like to be a new teacher here at Sutherland? We thought we'd go and find out.

ST (Sabre Truth): How long had you been teaching before you came to Sutherland?

Mr. N (Mr. Nevison): Ooo actually , ten years ago I taught in California, then moved into the corporate world and Sutherland became full-time work.

ST: What was it like taking over for a teacher who left a legacy behind?



The new cool kid on the block

Mr. N: Ah, great question! It's difficult. Since the former teacher, Ms. Ireland, had been here for a while, I wanted to respect the legacy she left behind but also create my own program in my own classes. Also, I met Ms.

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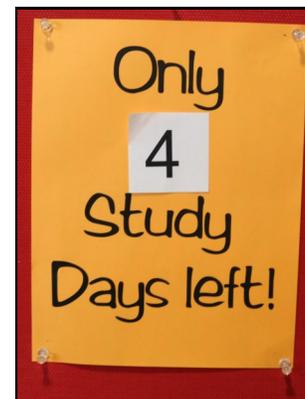
Exams: They're Not So Bad, We Promise!

It's time to buckle down. Exams are on their way and they're coming head-strong! It's exciting to think that in only two weeks we will all be sitting back, catching up on TV shows, hanging out with friends and enjoying the 5 day long weekend without a single academic worry in the back of our minds. But, we're not there yet.

As a Grade 12, you've been here, you know the drill.

Provincials? No biggy. Finals? Whatever. Grade 11s might be thinking the same but what about the rookie Grade 8's who have never been in an exam environment or the Grade 10s who will be writing their first Provincials?

This next week will be a trying one. Lots of blood, sweat and tears will be shed over long nights memorizing facts that you may never



It's time to cram.

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Roses are Red, Violets are Blue

Roses are red,
Violets are blue.
Feb 14th is right around the corner,
For those who think they will be a loner,
There are plenty of fish in the sea,
Patience is definitely the key
To finding a perfect fish
Just like a chef cooking a dish.

Organize a date with a friend
Don't just stay home and watch Dragon's Den.
Go see a movie or go out for dinner.
Don't just stay home and feel bitter.
Valentines only comes once a year,
So you might as well cry happy tears.

This day isn't about all those couples,
Or figure skating doubles
Wikipedia says its about affection and love.
So tell those who matter that you care even if you have a cough,
Cause they're someone special and you don't want them to leave.
Don't blow it like the Toronto Maple Leafs.



Don't be alone this Valentine's Day; spend time with friends.

- John Leung

Hot Diggity Dog!

Everyone knows about hotdogs on Thursdays, but do you know the story behind it? Selling hotdogs started over 25 years ago, back in the former school. Hotdog day was created to raise money for the Special Ed students, and was such a success that the tradition carries on today.

You've probably seen a tall guy with golden locks walking around the school and smiling at every passer-byer in the hall; that's Scott. He now works with the Special Ed students, but a long time ago he was a student at Sutherland, and even then he was volunteering with the Thursday hot dogs.

The money raised goes to the Special Ed department and is used for field trips and to buy any supplies they need. Scott, with the help of several students, continues to sell hotdogs every Thursday. They are out there rain or shine. One day they were even selling hotdogs when it was -15 degrees C and the wind was blowing their tent away.

Hotdogs are only three dollars with all the toppings included, and I promise that they will be the best hotdogs you ever eat. S, this Thursday head down to the cafeteria and go and buy a hotdog!



Scott selling hotdogs on Thursday with a past student

- Jessica Steward

Who is Justin Trudeau?

Many people have heard of Pierre Trudeau, Canada's suave, debonair, Prime Minister of the 70s and early 80s. A Liberal, in the great tradition of Laurier, King, and Pearson, he held power in Canada for nearly 15 years, and his administration spanned three separate decades. Canadians as a whole seem to have a love/hate relationship with our 15th Prime Minister. Some see him as a true patriot, who defeated Quebec Separatism, and brought our Constitution home. Others, far less flatteringly, view him as an arrogant, narcissist, with little interest in anything but power and its exercise. With such polarized opinions, its little surprise that his son has begun to ignite the same division among the populace.

Justin Trudeau is young for a politician, just 43, and even younger for a man seemingly poised to win the next General Election. To many among the Liberal Party, he is the long awaited political messi-

ah, who has taken the bruised and battered Liberal brand and given it new life. As if by prophesy, the eldest son of the arguably the greatest Liberal in history has appeared on stage to rescue the political dynasty that once dominated Canada. It's all rather romantic. But how can one man do so much, and why do so many have deep misgivings, or even outright dislike for someone so new to the political stage. The answer is pretty complex, but to fully analyze his impact, we must look at how he has been able to achieve so much with so little, in such a small amount of time.

The first is a very shallow reason, one that in a true democracy should not matter. That of appearance. In the words of one CBC news reporter, compared to his rivals, Justin Trudeau, with his rela-



There are very high expectation of Justin Trudeau. T's almost time to see if he can deliver.

tive youth, charisma and intelligence, "Seems to have descended from Mount Olympus." Yes, many feel that way, especially those who were already aligned with his party. Because, as unfortunate as it is, appearance, visuals, and perception matter.

The man is young, and like his father, possesses a natural energy, and charisma. To many, he has entered the political arena as a breath of fresh air, a political arena that many Canadians simply wrote off as a stomping ground for old men. This difference excites Canadians, for they see a young man with a famous

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Ireland before she left and she was very warm and welcoming. She was willing to share all of her information and resources with me. She didn't once feel like her legacy would be tarnished.

ST: Did you find the students at Sutherland welcoming?

Mr. N: Very much so! Of all the schools that I have spent time in, Sutherland has a special vibe and a great community.

ST: How were the teachers when you first arrived?

Mr. N: Also very welcoming! I was

nervous about arriving because I didn't know what to expect from the student body or the staff, but things turned out well.

ST: Compared to other schools, what do you like most about Sutherland?

Mr. N: Other than the awesome student body and staff, I would say hotdogs on Thursdays. I also really like the semester system because I get to see my students everyday.

ST: If you were a student again, what would your perception of Sutherland be?

Mr. N: I think I would enjoy the tight-knit community. My school had 1400 students in just grades 11 and 12 and I certainly didn't know everyone.

ST: Any other concluding comments?

Mr. N: Come by my class to talk business!

Stay tuned in to the Sabre Truth because next month we interview Mr. Bevis!

The Unbearable Lightness of Life

Maybe it's my generation's fault. Lately, it always seems to be that way: the exacerbated obesity, the young professional's inability to concentrate, the empty relationships. Whether that it is the reason or not, I just discovered a new personality trait in myself: I'm unable to make definitive decisions. I realized that when opening a website on my cellphone that needed a password, three options showed up: "save this password", "never for this website" or "not now".

In the past I have always chosen "not now". It seems impossible to choose something so definitive. At the same time that I don't want my special password saved, I neither want to lose the opportunity to save it, even if I never do. Then, I realized that my family is like this as well.

We never throw away anything; not even a useless terminal bottle, nor a ragged ballerina. Even if they

would never be used again, it was comforting having them as an option. Leaving our options open, ironically, is an imperative.

Before this became a family issue, I realized that it's also a global tendency. Big cities become bigger: they offer more chances and foster the dreams of everyone from secretaries to movies stars. Boring and grey jobs are quitted more easily. Sabbaticals are more and more common. Lots of people are graduated in three different courses, without any apparent connection between them. Daily and globally, humanity walks without deciding.

Sure, maybe it's better to be more determined. Don't look back. Follow a path, being sure that it could not be different. Choose with resolution, don't look twice to the other hand. Live straight. I believe that is what some would call, resigned destiny.

“Big cities become bigger; they offer more chances and foster the dreams of everyone...”

However, in my defense, there is something magical, almost sublime, in possibilities. Leave home without knowing what is going to happen. Think and change ideas, change paths, change life. If we live a drawing, we can live several lives in one. The permanent pen restricts, while the pencil and the rubber create mistake and change. That way, with that lightness, we can change a password smoothly, dream without compromises and live with no regrets. For now, I keep choosing "not now".

- Bia Weimert

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need to use again, paper cuts from all the cue cards, and the countless energy drinks.

Despite general belief, exams, whether provincials or finals, aren't as daunting as they might seem. Here at the Sabre Trooth, we bring to you, our lovely readers, some tips on how to ace the seemingly devastating doom that waits. Really, it's not that bad. We promise!

1) Get a good night sleep. Cramming, at this point, won't do

you any good. It's best to prepare your body and rest your mind. The last thing that you want to happen is let your mind drift off into oblivion or have to worry about sore shoulders and arms like led as you sit down to write for a couple hours. Studies show that getting between zero and five hours of sleep requires you to study for 2x longer to get the same effect than if you were to have gotten between six and eight hours of sleep.

2) Breakfast! Your parents

have probably been telling you that it is the most important meal of the day. If there is a good time to listen to them, it is now. A grumbling stomach might make for a good topic on an English essay but you'd be taking a gamble with the prompt. The best thing to do is eat a decent amount of food that covers the various food groups. This way there won't be any annoying distractions (apart from the pencil tapper next to you... we know who you are...) Breakfast is also an incredibly important factor in your health. If you don't eat within thirty minutes of

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waking up, your body goes into starvation mode, and stores all of the food that you eat for the rest of the day is stored as fat, rather than the nutrients from your food going to the places that they're needed. A healthy body equals a healthy mind!

3) Study. Obvious but very important. You need to study the right way. Confusing? We thought so. By right we are talking about getting a study buddy or a group together and keeping focused. Try taking a break for ten minutes, every forty-five minute study session. This way you can break up your study blocks and use the ten minute

break to babble off about whatever you fancy. If you're studying alone, keep the same interval system but use flash cards and mix them up or turn them around. Another thing that works well is writing down on paper important facts, or rewriting your notes from class. It's scientifically proven that writing down facts on paper will commit the information to your brain faster, and more effectively than typing it!

We hope that this helps and we wish you the best of luck.



Students in the library are studying hard for their exams.

- Anonymous

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last name come to Ottawa and attempt to make a positive change to how politics is done. Canadians like that idea.

The second point now presents itself, which is his last name. Yes, even Liberals like myself have to admit, Justin Smith would have likely not made it to where Justin Trudeau has gotten. The name gives him a spotlight, a dose of celebrity. But to simply dismiss him off hand as being totally built by his name would be highly ignorant.

In his recent book, Trudeau revealed that his name actually was a reason he almost didn't go into politics, because of this perception of riding on his father's coat tails. The name can even be an outright hindrance. Trudeau Sr. was hardly a saint, and even today evokes

very passionate responses from many people. A lot of the time, people either dismiss Justin because either a) they disliked his father, or b) they feel he has never actually worked for anything because of the family he was born into.

The third reason is actually beyond the control of anyone within the Liberal Party. That being, our current Conservative Government. Stephen Harper has devoted much of his political life to the systematic dismantling of the Liberal brand, and the threads they wove into Canada. He seemingly accomplished his task in 2011, when the Liberals were nearly wiped out in that year's election. Now, the cruel irony is just as Harper has savored his majority and his victory over the Liberals, here comes a young man about to undo all his hard work.

Let's face it, after 9 years of Tory rule, Canada is tired of it. Tired of the Government stonewalling the media, deflecting any questions, destroying our standing on the world stage and doing many other less reputable things. The Liberals have been able to capitalize on the population's exasperation with the Government, and distrust of the New Democrats to present themselves as the



Trudeau could be a youthful fresh face on Parliament Hill.

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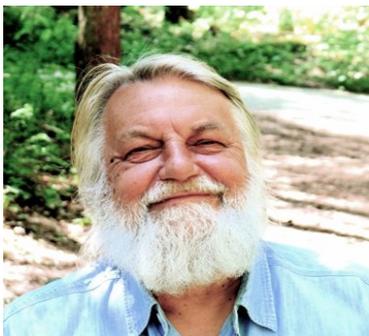
Choice Cuts



Cashmere Cat



XTC



Robert Wyatt



Rae Sremmurd

Thanks to the internet, we have so much music available at the click of a mouse or the touch of a screen that it can be overwhelming at times. Don't worry though; with this column, you'll never have to worry about what to listen to ever again. Self-proclaimed music expert Sean Beaudoin brings you four tracks that you may or may not have heard before as well as some similar artists, hopefully introducing you to something you'll enjoy!

Cashmere Cat –Mirror Maru. From the EP Mirror Maru

Cashmere Cat, real name Magnus Høiberg, is a producer and DJ from Norway. His first experience on the world music stage was when he represented his home country at the DMC World DJ Championships from 2006-2009. However, his real musical breakthrough came in 2012, with the release of his debut EP as Cashmere Car, Mirror Maru. This release caught the attention of electronic music notables such as Hudson Mohawke and Rustie, and soon Cashmere Cat was producing songs for the likes of Ariana Grande and Tinashe. This track, the first song and title track off Mirror Maru, is a prime example of his ultra-smooth, futuristic blend of trap and electronica. The aurally pleasant piano chords and acoustic drum sounds meld perfectly with the stacked, clattering hi-hats and pitch-shifted vocal samples, creating a unique blend of the whimsical and the austere.

If you liked this, check out these artists: Ryan Hemsworth, Yung Gud, XYYXX

XTC – Making Plans for Nigel From the album Drums and Wires

XTC were a British new wave band formed in 1976 by Colin Moulding, Terry Chambers, and Andy Partridge. Their first influences were glam rock bands such as the New York Dolls and Roxy Music, but with the emergence of the post-punk movement in the late 1970s, XTC's music changed to fit the new style. From the start, XTC had a strong pop sensibility, and Moulding and Partridge were two of the finest songwriters in the game. In particular, Making Plans for Nigel, off their third album, Drums and Wires, is one of Moulding's best pieces of work. Although some of the production techniques may seem a bit dated to today's listeners, melodically, the song is still just as great as it was 35 years ago. In addition, the song's lyrics about overbearing parents pushing their child down a career path he isn't necessarily interested in have never been more relevant.

If you liked this, check out these artists: Gang of Four, Talk Talk, New Order

Robert Wyatt – Shipbuilding From the album Nothing Can Stop Us

Robert Wyatt, born in Britain in 1945, is one of the most revered figures in the avant-garde rock scene. His first major musical experience was as the drummer in the legendary British progressive rock band Soft Machine. Unfortunately, a fall from a fourth floor window while inebriated paralyzed Wyatt from the waist

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Psychedelic War Game Red Dragon

I made an act of acquiring the game War-game Red Dragon over the weekend, and played it with a few friends. WRD, as it shall now be referred to as, is a real time strategy game where you command a group of people instead of just one player. In this case, I had a US Airborne Division, during a hypothetical conflict between NATO and the Warsaw pact.

With the start of the match, I deployed my forces accordingly: infantry to the towns, supply helicopters to the supply dumps, and Special Forces behind the enemy lines. As soon as my two squads of delta force got dropped off behind enemy lines by two chinook transport helicopters, a thought entered my mind. Am I doing the right thing? I thought to myself, if I were a

general, in the real armed forces, would I be making the right decision? Before, whenever I had lost a unit, I grieved for the loss of fighting potential, and the point value, but not the crew, or their families.

By then, my Delta force teams

had made contact with the enemy, stopping the enemy attack of about 40 infantry and 4 APC's, took one casualty. This resulted in further thinking. Am I, Sean Schofield, really taking the time needed to think of the action that just took place, and the results?



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down, which ended his career as a rock drummer. This setback didn't stop Wyatt though; when he recovered from his injuries, he promptly embarked on his solo career. His most famous solo album, *Rock Bottom*, is acclaimed by many critics as one of the greatest albums of all time, and subsequent albums have all garnered critical acclaim. In the mid-1980s, Wyatt released *Nothing Can Stop Us*, a collection of political cover songs which reflected his left-wing values. One of the stand-out tracks on this album is *Shipbuilding*, a jazz-influenced, dirge-like anti-war tune written by Elvis Costello. The sorrow in Wyatt's voice reinforces the song's melancholy lyrics about building boats for a futile war effort and really makes for a powerful track.

If you liked this, check out these artists: Yes, Caravan, Richard and Linda Thompson.

Rae Sremmurd – No Type. From the single No Type

Rae Sremmurd is an American hip hop duo from Tupelo, Missouri composed of brothers Swae Lee and Slim Jimmy. Coming from a troubled background where they were often homeless, Lee and Jimmy started rapping in 2012 under the name *Dem Outta State Boyz*. The videos they had uploaded to social media under this name caught the attention of Atlanta producer P-Nasty, who worked with them along with fellow producer Mike Will Made It to record their first hit, *No Flex Zone*.

After the massive success of this song, the brothers followed up with another hit single, *No Type*, also produced by Mike Will Made It. *No Type* is characteristic of Rae Sremmurd's unique style, with a sparse beat consisting almost exclusively of sub-bass kick drums and distorted piano chords and lyrics which are mostly about attractive females, recreational drug use, and money. These often-cliché topics are made fresh by Swae Lee and Slim Jimmy's high-pitched voices and youthful charisma, which guarantee that these two will have a future in the rap game.

If you liked this, check out these artists: *iLoveMakonnen*, *OG Maco*, *Bobby Shmurda*

- Sean Beaudoin

Psychedelic War Game Red Dragon *continued*

Upon looking up from my moral dilemma, I had noticed that my 9 survivors had been overrun, having caused a further 80 casualties to the Chinese attackers. I then thought of the member's families, and how, with St. Valentine's Day soon upon us, this might be the first holiday that someone's son or daughter will have without their father or mother, and that it would be the start of many. Filled with anger, I scanned the map, hunting for targets for my personal vendetta. Targets were aplenty over on my allies' sector, with my friend having been pushed all the way to the back of the map. Fashion, I ordered my one, extremely advanced Attack Helicopter in, guns blazing. An Ah-64D, at 65 million USD a piece, armed with up to 16 AGM-114 Hellfire missiles, (100,000\$ each), as well as a 30mm grenade launcher, was the best unit money could buy. And while many would consider it a gross waste of Tax Dol-

lars, it saved my ally, and stopped the Chinese advance. Of course, even this got me thinking, once more.

I should have been happy, but I wasn't. I stopped the communist advance, and saved my ally. But when I looked out, over the fields, littered with mangled bodies, the smell of cordite, blood and iron fresh in the air, the once beautiful plains littered with the rusted out hulks of once proud armoured vehicles, stopped. Revolted, I realized that this was my doing. I turned my game off, before sitting there quietly contemplating what I

had just done, and forcing myself to remember that none of this was real. It was all just a game.

5/5, made me go deep into my own psyche. Haven't done that since I had finals, well done.



- Sean Schofield

The Road to the Super Bowl

12 teams. 11 games. 4 rounds. 1 champion. This is the NFL playoffs and the road to the Super Bowl. There is no lack of excitement in the win-or-go-home NFL playoffs, and we've already seen plenty of action, surprises, and controversies this time around. Here are some highlights for the playoffs up to the divisional round and my prediction for Super Bowl XLIX.

Highlights:

1. Tom Brady threw his 46th post-season touchdown pass against the Ravens in the Divisional Round, while breaking Joe Montana's record for most playoff touchdowns thrown

in NFL history! The Patriots won 35-31 in the thriller, good on you Tom.

2. Andrew Luck led the Indianapolis Colts to an upset against Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos with a 24-13 victory. Colts fans must be thinking "Damn, didn't know we could get another Peyton Manning! And this one doesn't choke in the playoffs?"

3. Two controversial calls that happened to the Dallas Cowboys. The first one was when the flag of a pass interference call against Dallas was picked up in their wild card game against the Detroit Lions, which ultimately lead the Cowboys to a victo-

ry. The second was when the refs overturned the catch by Dez Bryant on 4th and 2. This turned out to be the last play for the Cowboy's offense in the season and Green Bay came out with the win with a score of 26-21.



Andrew Luck is an upcoming star player.

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the only viable option. And to be fair, they might have a point there. Trudeau represents a complete break from Harper in persona, if not policy, and represents a new wave of change. It's all rather reminiscent of Barack Obama's 2008 campaign of "Hope" and "Change."

The last thing Trudeau has going for him is policy. Now I'm sure many of you are thinking, "Wait, Trudeau has hardly released any policy."

That is true, till now he has played his cards close to his chest, and only made vague promises. But we must look at the larger, overall political ideology of Canada and the Liberal Party. Since its inception, Canada has been a country of compromise. Between East and West, Francophone and Anglophone, its always been about negotiations and finding a way to make as many people as happy as possible. And that fact is represent-

ed in our Government. Every administration, save perhaps our current one, there has been a willingness to find the middle ground, the rough centre of the political spectrum. Canadians realize that to go too far in either direction, Left or Right, will cause problems, or so we have, as an electorate, usually supported centrist policies and governments. The Liberal Party has always represented this section. Its critics call it the "muddy middle," were cowardly politicians can play both sides of the game. I call it pragmatism; the realization that moderation is preferable to hard line measures.

On specific policy, the Liberals also have the upper hand. The NDP have always been suspicious of the Free Market, while the Tories practically worship the thing. Again, a balance must be struck. A balance that the Liberals have long held. They support

social policies that are both fair and progressive, two things most Canadians hold in very high regard.

The fact is, the Liberals have been so successful, and will be successful again in the future, because their views are roughly the views of Canada, of the Canadian Consensus. They may get battered and bruised, but they, like the cockroaches, will always be around.

Justin Trudeau, whether you hold a positive or negative opinion of him, has undeniably changed Canadian politics. Seen now by many as the natural opponent to Stephen Harper, and the man most likely to take the Tories down, he has incredibly high expectations set about him. For the above reasons, he has revived the Liberals, and now seems ready to take over 24 Sussex Drive. Only time will tell if he actually does.

- Kieran Steede

The Road to the Super Bowl *continued*

Predictions (may have already happened by the time you're reading):

AFC Championships- Colts @ Patriots: Look for an offensive battle between the 2 star QBs Tom Brady and Andrew Luck. The Colts' defense had a great game against Denver, but trying to cover Gronkowski is near impossible. Moreover, the game is being played in New England so the Colts are going to need a lot more Luck this time around, pun intended. 34-24 for the New England Patriots.

NFC Championships- Packers @ Seahawks: Look for Seattle to work the 12th man advantage when Green Bay comes into town. Aaron Rodgers did not look 100% playing with the calf injury and playing on the

road will only make things worse. Takeaways on the defensive end will be the game changer for Seattle and the dynamic duo of Wilson and Lynch is simply too much for Green Bay. 27-20 for the Seattle Seahawks.

Super Bowl XLIX- Patriots vs. Seahawks: Well, this is going to be a

close one, unlike the blowout last year! The main matchup here will be New England's offence against Seattle's defense. However, since the Patriots are not going to play the NY Giants this time around and because of this, and this reason only, I have to go with the New England Patriots- 24-19.



The Patriots could be victorious in the Super Bowl XLIX.

- Jason Shen

Canada Crowned Gold at World Junior Cup

It's official: Canada has regained hockey supremacy on the World Junior stage! The last time Canada won the gold medal in this tournament was in 2009. Only a six year span, which is a minor drought for most nations, but for Canada, it seemed like an eternity. The Canadians outclassed Denmark in the quarterfinal with an 8-0 victory, then moved on to the semifinal and beat out the head-turning Slovaks by a

score of 5 to 1, and in a gold medal game that did not disappoint, Team Canada found themselves against a talented Russian squad, just holding on to a 5-4 win. In a tournament that regularly alternated playing locations between the Air Canada Centre in Toronto, and the Bell Centre in Montreal, forward Max Domi (drafted by the Phoenix Coyotes), became a clear fan favourite, with his father Tie having played for the

NHL's Toronto Maple Leafs in his bruising career as an enforcer. Team Canada Captain Curtis Lazar (drafted by the Ottawa Senators), West Van native Sam Reinhart, and renowned draft-eligible forward Connor McDavid too had strong tournaments. In net for the Canadians was the goal-tending tandem of Zachary Fucale and Eric Comrie, and while both netminders provided consistency throughout the tournament's entirety, there certainly wasn't a goalie controversy (*cough* *cough* Canucks *cough*). For the next year, Canadians can boast about this tournament, and say that if a finger can be pointed at one specific thing that made this happen, aside from Canada's tremendous young skill, it's the Canadian crowds' hospitality that we witnessed every game. The gold medal sure looks nice, but the respect exhibited by our neighbours in Montreal and Toronto make me proud to be Canadian.



Once again Canada is a successful hockey nation. It will be interesting to see what becomes of these young athletes.

GO CANADA GO!

- Ramy Qaraein

The Puppeteer



[Cool Horoscope Title???)



Aquarius Jan20 - Feb18

Often considered the most eccentric of all the signs, trust yourself. In the near future your morals will be questioned and you will be forced to make important decisions. Everyone will have different opinions and some may differ from yours. Stay true to yourself and you will be guided in the right direction.



Pisces Feb19 – Mar20

Your compassionate reliable nature makes you the glue that holds your social group together. It can be a lot of pressure but don't fret; sometimes all someone needs to hear are positive words and encouragement. Stay close to all of your Virgo friends, you may find that they have a lot to offer. Your Scorpio friends will get you hooked on Tumblr. Stay away.



Aries Mar21 – April9

Seen as the most independent of signs, it can be hard relying on yourself alone. Don't be afraid to ask your friends for help at times. You will find that the future will bring new challenges and there is no shame in accepting a helping hand. Gemini are said to be excellent at giving advice, if you want to be lead in the wrong direction. Trust the Sagittarius.



Taurus Apr20 – May20

Don't stress, take it all in one day at a time. Focus on the positive and leave out the negative. Every day is a new day. Change is on the horizon and these words of advice may come in handy soon. Your Cancer friends will be good people to keep close.



Gemini May21 – Jun20

Although it is almost time for winter break your innate intelligence will come in handy. Your restless nature is a blessing but also a curse, be sure to focus on the important tasks that will present themselves in the near future. You will find that all of your bottled up energy will be put to good use.



Cancer Jun21 – Jul22

You may find relationships a little difficult lately. Beware of your closest friends; they may stab

you in the back. Especially those Gemini. Bad people they are, as Yoda would say.



Leo Jul23 – Aug22

Your confident nature may get the better of you soon. Ambition is good but you must not let it cloud your judgment. You will be questioned and although you may think you have all of the answers you will find it useful to look closer at situations as they arise.



Virgo Aug23 – Sep22

Many will soon seek your advice. Do not give any advice to your Gemini companions. They are trying to dominate the world with their intellect. Don't give them any satisfaction.



Libra Sep23 – Oct22

Hold on to your idealistic view of the world. Even if the Aquarius' try to sway your judgment towards something else, keep to your ways. Then punch the Aquarius in the face. And walk away like a boss.



Scorpio Oct23 – Nov21

Stay close to your Virgo friends, for they have the best advice, and don't forget to watch out for all of those Gemini. Remember keep your friends close and your enemies closer.



Sagittarius Nov22 – Dec21

Though you may feel a bit of a mind block on your inspiration pool, push through and you will be rewarded. Don't neglect your friends however - they could have some great ideas to share with you! Especially the Aquarius folks.



Capricorn Dec22 – Jan19

Don't trust any of the Aquarius people trying to seek advice - they will use it against you when they take over the world with the help of their cats. Don't question it. This will happen. And it will be on you.

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The Advice Geese

Hello there Sutherland! Wow, thank you everyone who submitted their questions! We had so many that unfortunately we couldn't even include them all in this month's issue! BUT of course, as promised, every question was answered. Down below you will see real questions from your classmates and schoolmates; all anonymous of course. Maybe you even had the same question?

Q: Valentine's Day is on its way, and my boyfriend and I said we would do gifts this year. But, I have no idea what to get him! What is something thoughtful I could get him, that isn't just an impersonal gift card? - Depressed Lover

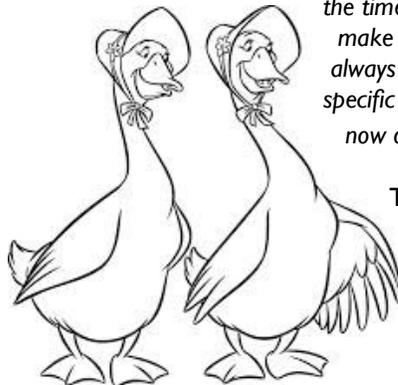
A: Hi there, Depressed Lover. Trust me when I tell you, that you aren't alone. The trick when buying a personal gift of any kind is to put in personal touches. Think of something your boyfriend really likes, whether it be sports or computers etc. and then make him or buy him thoughtful things to go with either. Some very good ideas that are always a crowd pleaser are making a candy bar card, where you write out a card but fill in words with candies and chocolate. OR taking his favorite sporting ball, like a baseball or soccer ball, and writing personal messages and gluing pictures on. If you really aren't into making gift, a funny tie if he wears them, or cool socks, or even a fun outing with you all expenses paid. Gifts involve effort but it is the thought that counts. Another thing is always make a homemade card that puts a personal touch on anything! Hope this helps! Good luck! - The Advice Geese

Q: Hi Advice Geese, I am in grade 8 this year and I am having trouble making friends and feeling welcome. How can I fix this? - Lonely at Lunch

A: Hey there Lonely at Lunch, this is a hard problem but everybody goes through it. It's tough to be in a new school with new people, not to mention going from being the oldest to the youngest. Sutherland is such a welcoming school and is sorry to hear you don't feel very welcomed here but we do have some tips for you. Firstly, joining clubs is a great way to get involved and make new friends! We have a lot here at Sutherland, so you might want to try the environment club, or maybe best buddies, or the chess club or maybe even reach for the Top! There are many more as well, but choose one that suits your interests and then you will meet other people that have the same ones! Hope this helps! - The Advice Geese

Q: Hey there, Geese, I am always late for school and even though my alarm rings I can never wake up. My teachers are starting to get really mad at me, but I can't help it! What can I do to help me wake up? - Deep Sleeper

A: Hello, Deep Sleeper; that is a dilemma you have there. Think about the time you need to be at school by, and then pretend that school starts ten minutes earlier than it really does. Then, think about how long you need to get ready and get to school. Now, set your alarm for ten minutes before the time you should wake up. This will give you plenty of extra time to make sure you are seated in your desk by the time the bell goes. Also, always have a failsafe with your parents; that if they don't see you by a specific time, all measures should be taken. Hope you are on time from now on! - The Advice Geese



Thanks to everyone for these awesome questions. Remember if you have one of your own; send us an email at askthegeese@gmail.com.

- The Advice Geese