



## Spotlight on Marymount

The 2013-2014 school season is up and running and at a very fast pace judging from all the activities that Marymount has planned.

September saw a plethora of activities in and outside of the school. No slouching at Marymount! The students are busy at their desks, and outside in the community, making a difference to those around the school.

Once again the IB students put words into action - on September 20, they visited the local police station to thank the men and women who put their lives on the line daily. Coffee and donuts and lots of appreciation were the spirit of the day. Marymount 'Says Thanks' has become an annual event - a tradition for the school and the students. I wonder who will be next?

Another tradition for Marymount is the *Terry Fox Run* that has grown in popularity over the years. This year the students managed to pull in a hefty 1800 dollars in Fox's name! Bravo Marymount.

On the 30th, *Sharon Draper*, author of 'Tears of a Tiger' and 'Darkness Before Dawn' was welcomed to Marymount by the student body and treated not only to the presentation of the book but also to a writing workshop. There's nothing like learning from the best to become the best at what you want to do.



Aim for the top! That's what Marymount does best - on October 2, approximately 200 people showed up for the open house!

Marymount became the home to students from its sister school in the *Czech Republic* and the IB students planned some exciting events for them. There is no better way to learn about the world than to travel it, meet



kids from other countries who share your interests - indeed, that's how we discover there is really very little difference in our desires for the future.

The visitors from the Czech Republic and Marymount students and staff at Rosebowl Lanes. (The little fellow to the far left is a future Marymount student!) The IB Council had a

plethora of activities planned for them: a picnic on Mount Royal, a visit to Swartz's for Smoked Meat, the Notre Dame Basilica, LaRonde, China Town, the Biodome, and Olympic Stadium.

Extra activities for MMA students in September included a visit to Mount Royal and another to take part in apple picking (I wonder how many came home?), and a Karaoke lunch hour.



October is *Kindness Month* and MMA kicked it off with a visit from *Kris 'Knuckles' Nilan* -

"Treat people the way you want to be treated-nothing good to say, don't say it".

In tune with the *Kindness Month*, students were able to buy Teddy Bears to help the community in Lac Megantic.

Also coming up, a trip to *Stratford* to see some of Canada's best on stage. If this is their first time seeing classical pieces or musicals, it is sure to be an awesome trip! It is an experience unparalleled!

And on October 25...it's the the Halloween Dance -

There's a lot more coming up in the next couple of weeks as October winds down and the November agenda is already filling in - Eyes open for the next edition of *Spotlight on Marymount*.