



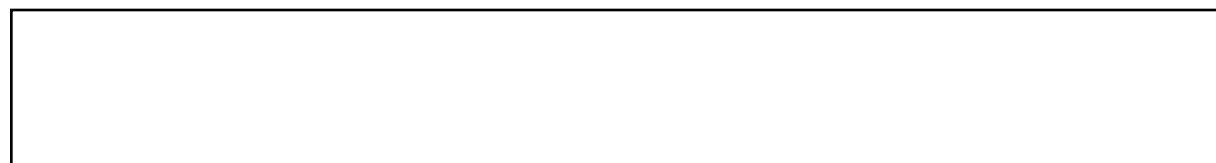
Photo credit: Simone Ralph, Black Press



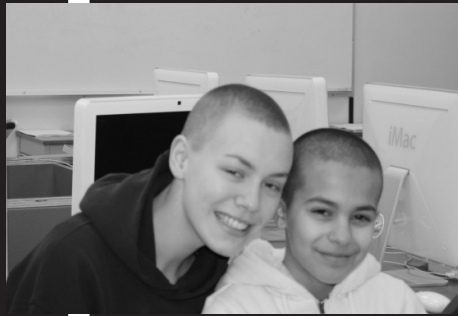
GROUPS

Joining the band, the Leadership, the Yearbook or Grad Executive teams, students have the opportunity to discover interests and get confidence or social skills.

Joining a Group, students learn things that they can use beyond high school. They learn how to stick to commitments, how to manage their time, and how to stay dedicated to whatever it is that they want to achieve.



From their own initiative, Alexandrine Sauve, grade 8, and Shemara Haines, grade 11, donated their hair to people with cancer.



Believing

in a cause

When we first saw Ms. Johanne Sauve, TOC for our school district, after her recent 0 -hair cut, we didn't know about her initiative. We found out that she , together with her daughter and Shemara Haines donated their hair to people who lost theirs fighting with cancer. We knew about Ms. Sauve's involvement in raising money for Cancer research , but we still felt proud of being part of the same community with these people who try to make a change.

Helping Hand

About the same time when Alexandrine and Shemara had their wonderful initiative , we saw our leadership fellows wearing a blue t-shirt with an excerpt from Mahatma Gandhi : "**Be the change you want to see in the world**". We were really excited and happy to see how students and teachers together try to make a difference in the lives of less fortunate people.

Kevin Campbell - a leadership student, told us: "We are very involved throughout the school and the community. At the annual Terry Fox run we canvas the community for donations as well as put on our annual copper counts fund-raiser.

This year we raised \$1612.55 in total for cancer research.

During the holiday season, we run our annual Holly Days Food Drive with all donations of non-perishable food items and money going towards the local food bank. We are currently undertaking a fund-raising project in partnership with our good friend, and leadership supporter, Mr. Webber.

The <Adopt a School in South Africa> project builds on an existing program in the country in which sandwiches are given out to students who come to school hungry due to lack of money at home. Hope Secondary will be helping a school in the area of Mdantsane at which there is currently no help of this kind. To give an idea of how little it takes to help, one Canadian dollar can provide a whole loaf of bread to the students."

Thank you to all of you who work for a change in this world and we hope to see more initiatives of this kind in the years to come.

Believing in a cause

121

