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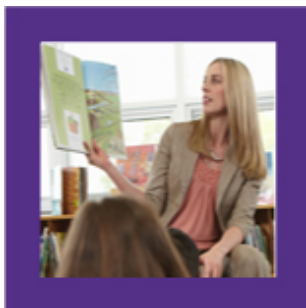


Building support for Bill 103, The Protecting Students Act

The new Protecting Students Act contains the most significant amendments to OCTA since the College was established in 1997.

If passed, Bill 103 will reinforce the College's ongoing efforts to strengthen its investigation, disciplinary and reporting processes.

[Learn more](#) about the Act and what people are saying to support it.



College is working to support new program

Recent regulatory changes have helped to define the enhanced teacher education program that will come into effect in September 2015. The amendments define the duration – including 80 days of practice teaching time – and new content that prospective teachers will study to equip them for tomorrow's classrooms.



Philanthropy: Canadian teens give back

- 60 per cent want to make the world a better place
- 61 per cent say parents / family members are their charitable role models
- 84 per cent volunteer at least 5 hours a year to charitable causes - much higher than Canada's national average of 42 per cent

Source: Mackenzie Investments



Exemplary OCT: Crunching numbers

Meet Harriet Simand, OCT, the creative mind behind the expanding appetite for math at Canada's oldest all-girls' school. From “Ship the (potato) Chip” – an assignment that teaches geometry and measurement – to baking cookies – an exercise in algebra, Simand uses a creative and fun, problem-based approach to teach.



Tools for parents

Apps analysis – Oh no Fractions! Here's an app that will help kids cut their learning time in half and more than double the fun factor! Oh No Fractions! makes difficult-to-grasp concepts easy to understand. Students can complete exercises and track their progress as they build on their success.



Free resources

The College has a number of resources available to you free of charge, including:

- Public brochure: Looking for more information on what we do and how it impacts you? Contact us at outreach@oct.ca for copies.
- Speakers' bureau: Our experts are available to speak at major events or conferences about the latest education trends in Ontario and the College's role in the public education system. [Learn more.](#)



Holiday gift idea: Honouring your favourite teacher

Consider honouring your favourite teacher with a [donation](#) in their name to the Ontario College of Teachers Scholarship Program. The scholarships support aspiring teachers who excel academically and are leaders in their communities.

Charitable receipts will be issued for donations of \$25 or more and are tax deductible.



Amazing artwork

Students from [West Collegiate and Vocational Institute](#) used everything from crayon to yarn to create an amazing art exhibition, currently on display at the College. To showcase art from your child's school, please contact Maala Nair 416-961-8800 or toll free at 1-888-534-2222, ext. 604 or by email at mnair@oct.ca.



Electronic complaint form

The College now has a simpler way to submit and process legitimate complaints or concerns of professional misconduct. The new online complaint form is an intuitive and interactive platform that helps to determine if the College's Investigations and Hearings department is the appropriate body to address a concern about a member.



Winner's circle: Jorge Orgaz

We were at the Ontario Universities Fair, meeting and greeting Ontario's future teachers. Those who signed up for The Standard were entered into a random draw for a \$250 Future Shop gift card. Congratulations to Jorge Orgaz for winning the draw.
