January 4, 2016

Dear Planning 10 Parent/Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

This term your son/daughter will be taking part in the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI).

YPI is an international initiative designed to grant funds to local charities through student-driven decision-making and advocacy. Students are taught about philanthropy and charity through an experience that highlights the positive impact they can have on their own community.

Students work in teams to research the needs of their community, and identify a local charity they believe is best placed to make a positive change. They learn how to assess the charity’s impact and use of resources. The most important aspect of YPI may be the site visit that students are asked to make to their chosen charity. By visiting a charity, your child will develop a real understanding of some of the challenges facing their community. Our hope is that this experience will demonstrate how they themselves can work to make their community a better place by making optimal use of their knowledge, skills and talents as young adults.

As the culminating activity of this project, the YPI Final Presentation Assembly is when the top teams from each of the Planning 10 classes present in front of a final audience and a panel of judges – the majority of whom must be students. All YPI teams will be provided with clear guidelines about charity eligibility, as well as how their presentations will be evaluated to determine the $5000 grant recipient.

During this process, students will develop their skills in research, analysis, presentation, teamwork and communication – all of which contribute to a student’s academic and personal growth and self-confidence.

We are excited to be one of the schools across Canada participating in YPI this year, and hope you will fully support and encourage your son/daughter in their research and visit to a local charity. More information about YPI can be found on [www.goypi.org](http://www.goypi.org). Please view the YouTube video ***FYI: YPI*** to gain an understanding of the program,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kKN6UUf7Uzo>

We welcome you to share with us any ideas you may have around engaging your child in the community as a follow-up to what she/he learns through YPI.

I have review the expectations of the YPI Unit in Planning 10.

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Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Young