

## Criteria #7 Environmental Responsibility



Eco Assembly February, 2010

Vanier's SAGE Team is committed to remind everyone to reduce, reuse, recycle and re-think.

SAGE Eco Venture is aimed at educating, encouraging, and influencing a greener lifestyle. Vanier SAGE has aided the school by reducing paper usage, encouraging the use of emails, and to urging others to be more cautious about the environment.

We have held various events/initiatives such as Eco Trivia week, Earth Hour, Park Clean-

Ups and a weekly recycle collection.

We also promoted environmental values through an Eco Assembly which involved a guest speaker who talked about the climate summit in Copenhagen, a brief presentation on global warming and an eco fashion show. Our school also received a silver medal certification from Eco-Schools, a group aimed at promoting environmentally friendly schools throughout the province.

## Criteria #8 College Mentors & Business Advisory Board



**Matt Clarke** is a Ryerson University student who has been working with Vanier SAGE Team for the past two years. He helped us make connections and provided feedback on our initiatives.

**Mark McEwan** is a celebrity chef who owns his own TV show, "The Heat" as well as a number of restaurants and a grocery store. He provides men-



toring, career advice and work site visits.

**Farley Flex** is a music promoter and artist manager, best known for being a judge on the reality TV show 'Canadian Idol'. Farley helped SAGE members to organize our own Vanier Idol as well as compete in TDSB Idol.

**Steve Stober**, the owner of local business 'comtix.com', provides mentoring and guidance on entrepreneurial matters.

**James Cunningham** is a comedian who promotes financial literacy. He delivers an interactive, educating and entertaining workshop about managing money to high school students. He also advises Vanier SAGE on financial matters.



**Christine Carlson** works for CMA Ontario. She motivates and encourages students to work on various projects that improve the school and community.

See below for our sponsors:



## Criteria #9 Media & Public Relations

### Web Sites:

- www.tdsb.on.ca
- www.georgesvanier.com
- www.insidetoronto.ca
- www.facebook.ca/VanierSage

### Other Publication:

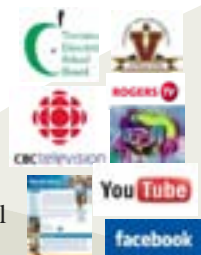
- Business Studies Best Practices

### Newspaper:

- Trustee's Newsletter
- North York Mirror

### Television:

- CBC 6 o'clock News
- Rogers Cable TV: High School Rush



## SAGE TIMELINE 2009 - 2010

### September

- Executive Team Selection
- New Member Orientation

### October

- Eco-Schools Leadership Training
- Financial Literacy Assembly "Funny Money" with James Cunningham
- Hallowe'en Candygram "World Wildlife Fund"

### November

- Eco Trivia Week
- Holiday Hampers - ongoing
- Yonge Street Mission (Hip Hop Dance Workshop, Donuts/Bubble Tea Sales, Students/Teacher Volleyball Tournament, Raffle Tickets Sales for iPod, Door - to - Door Fundraising)
- Georges Vanier SAGE on CBC 6 o'clock news

### December

- Vanier Idol
- Holiday Baskets Sales
- Free the Children Leadership Training

### January

- Eco School Assembly
- Haiti Relief Effort
- Recycling Team - ongoing

### February

- Roundtable Discussion - Prorogation with MP Yasmin Ratansi
- Visit Ryerson University
- Take Civic Action Conference at University of Toronto

### March

- SAGE Regional Competition 2010
- Chilling for Chile - Fundraising for Chile
- Earth Hour

### April

- So You Think You Can Dance Vanier 2
- VIBE (Vanier's International Big Event)
- VIFF (Vanier's International Food Festival)
- Aboriginal Assembly

### May

- Income Tax Workshop
- Anti-Bullying Assembly
- Free the Children Leadership Training
- TDSB Award of Excellence Gala
- SAGE National Champion 2010

### June

- Graduation Event: Excellence Banquet

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July 2010

# Vanier SAGE

Vanier SAGE strives for success to empower students with knowledge, skills, and experience by emphasizing social responsibility, civic engagement and environmental stewardship. Through various ventures and activities, students learn to impact and engage the community on a local and international level.



## Helping students to learn, earn and lead

SAGE is a co-curricular program at Georges Vanier Secondary School which brings other programs such as Art, Music, Math, Science and Technology together. SAGE is where students apply their knowledge, build their leadership skills and learn to contribute to the school and community through various experiential and entrepreneurial opportunities.

Georges Vanier Secondary School, located in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, has earned the distinction of being selected by the Canadian Educa-

tion Association as one of 21 exemplary schools across Canada, with a small but multicultural student body of about 790 students. The school provides students with unique opportunities to be involved in the school and community.

Vanier SAGE Team consists of three groups: Company @ Vanier, Social Venture, and Eco Venture. Leadership, dedication, respect, and community involvement make up the four pillars of the team.

"SAGE is amazing! It is full of spirit, scholarship, and social responsibility." Karen Jackson, Principal



Vanier SAGE Team at SAGE National 2010 in Toronto, Canada



## Vanier SAGE Team is the winner of TDSB Award of Excellence 2010

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) is the largest school board in Canada and the fourth largest in North America. This year, as a new initiative, the TDSB launched 'Awards of Excellence' to recognize excellence in teaching and different programs offered in its 600 schools. The SAGE program at Georges Vanier Secondary School was one of the nine winners. It was a great opportunity to showcase the hard work and dedication of all SAGE members. We are very proud to share this at the SAGE World Cup. <http://www.tdsb.on.ca>

## Criteria #1 - New Commercial Venture Company @ Vanier - New Venture



Company members with the Gift Baskets, December 2009

The Company @ Vanier program is the new Commercial Entrepreneurial Venture. It

consists of a body of student leaders and advisors who work together as a team to create, run, and promote various initiatives.

Students experience business first-hand by investing in and operating their own business.

Vanier SAGE believes in high quality products while maintaining a low cost. We strategically partnered with various businesses and organizations, and negotiated for re-

duced prices to support our high quality, low cost goal.

Students learn to overcome challenges, develop relationships and contribute to the community. They also learn the importance of ethical business practices, and environmental consideration.

This year, we sold Holiday Gift Baskets, BPA Free Water Bottles with the school logo, and Valentine's Day Roses.

### Company @ Vanier Income Statement June 30, 2010

<b>Revenue</b>	
Holiday Baskets	\$693
BPA Free Water Bottles	500
Valentine Roses	<u>308</u>
<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>\$1501</b>

<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	
Holiday Baskets	\$173
BPA Free Water Bottles	315
Valentine Roses	<u>169</u>
<b>Total CGS</b>	<b>\$657</b>

<b>Profit</b>	<b><u>\$844</u></b>
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## Criteria #2 - Continuing Commercial Venture Graduates Marketplace

### Excellence Banquet Income Statement June 30, 2010

<b>Revenue</b>	
Total Ticket Sales	\$2545
<b>Expense</b>	
Venue Rental	\$1904
Other Expenses	<u>233</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$2137</b>
<b>Profit</b>	<b><u>\$408</u></b>

This continuing commercial venture started as 'Graduation Products' - including shirts and school rings.

After careful cost-benefit analysis and market research, we determined that the demand for graduation products had shifted to demand for a year-

end, celebratory event.

Vanier SAGE Team organized the 'Excellence Banquet'. This event included sports teams and club members and recognized leadership and outstanding contribution through an awards ceremony, followed by a dinner and dance.



### Fundraising Efforts June 30, 2010

Haiti Relief	\$3000
Chilling for Chile	847
Yonge Street Mission	<u>500</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$4347</u></b>

## Criteria #3 - New Social Venture To Support and Educate

To support and aid those in crisis, both near home and over seas, Vanier SAGE Team held various charitable initiatives.

1. The **Haiti** relief fund: we raised over \$3000 in cash donations for the Red Cross.
2. "Chilling for **Chile**", a Food Fair and Gala fundraiser through which we raised over \$800 for the

victims of the Chilean earthquake. This event was closer to our hearts as it affected a SAGE member's family in Chile.

3. Through donut and bubble tea sales, SAGE members raised \$500 as well as non-perishable food item donations through "Vanier Idol" for the **Yonge Street Mission** - an organization that provides help and sup-

ports to people in need with health services and housing assistance.

4. "Lazy Lunch" delivered pizza to students and raised \$100 for the **KIVA** Project.

To educate students on various topics such as Financial Literacy, an assembly and workshops were organized. Income tax workshops were offered by

## Criteria #4 - Continuing Social Venture Free The Children

We continue to support Free The Children. Our long-term goal is to build a school in Sierra Leone which will require \$8,000. To date, we have raised \$1,285.

Fundraising events include: Hip Hop Dance Work-

shop; Vacation Giveaway Bingo sponsored by Delta Hotels; VIFF (Vanier's International Food Festival); VIBE (Vanier's International Big event) Raffle Ticket Sales for an iPod; So You Think You Can Dance Vanier; and Door-to-

Door Fundraising.

Currently, we are planning TDSB 10. The idea is to get all 600 schools in the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) to donate \$10 to build a school in Sierra Leone within a year.

### Fundraising Efforts June 30, 2010

<b>Free the Children</b>	
Hip Hop Dance Workshop	\$120
Vacation Bingo	555
Vanier's Food Festival	120
Raffle Ticket Sales	240
Door to Door Fundraising	<u>250</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$1,285</u></b>

## SAGE Team at Vanier supports FREE THE CHILDREN

Free The Children is all about 'children helping children'. Founded in 1995 by international child rights activist Craig Kielburger, the primary goals of the organization are to free children from poverty and exploitation and free young people from the notion that they are powerless to affect positive change in the world. Through domestic empowerment programs and leadership training, Free The Children inspires young people to develop as socially conscious global citizens and become agents of change for their peers around the world. <http://www.freethechildren.com>



Onon is a 24 year old entrepreneur living in Mongolia. She operates a food stall to support her family.

KIVA empowers people to help entrepreneurs around the globe through micro-lending to alleviate poverty.

## Criteria #5 - Global Dimension KIVA & Free The Children

Vanier SAGE is currently supporting entrepreneurs from **Mongolia, Cambodia, Philippines, Kenya, Ukraine and Sierra Leone**. The \$100 was loaned to Onon in Mongolia.

Since then, she has repaid 54% of this loan. The \$54 that has already been repaid is now loaned to a group of

farmers in Cambodia. They are planning to buy piglets for breeding to start a new business to support their four children, one of whom is a teacher in the local village and the others are studying in a local public school.

The \$200, cash award from the SAGE Regional

Championship is given to entrepreneurs in Philippines, Kenya, Ukraine and Sierra Leone. [www.kiva.org/lender/SAGEGeorgesVanier](http://www.kiva.org/lender/SAGEGeorgesVanier)



Farmers in Cambodia

## Criteria #6 - Civic Engagement Prorogation Workshop



Yasmin Ratansi, Member of Parliament

a representative from the Canada Revenue Agency. A Personal Finance workshop was hosted by representatives from the Royal Bank of Canada.

Other successful ventures include: an Anti-bullying Assembly and First Nations Assembly.

Our Parliament in Canada was prorogued, meaning it was temporarily shut down due to some unrest/difficulties within various parts of the system. We invited our local Member of Parliament (MP), Yasmin Ratansi to educate students on the topic of prorogation.

Ms. Ratansi discussed basic

rights and responsibilities of Canadian citizens. She even invited one student to attend the reopening of parliament!

'Student Connect 2010' is our next project whereby SAGE members will be involved in the next municipal and school board election.

Objectives of this program are to involve students in the

electoral process and broaden their understanding and commitment to democracy. It gives students hands on experience that enhances their education and foster in students an understanding and appreciation for the democratic process.