**Gold and Silver Reform**

The Gold and Silver points are a way to recognize community involvement and community service. Through staying involved in our school clubs, you can earn points that will be recorded and accumulated throughout your years here at York Mills. At the end of each year awards will be given out based on the points you collected over the year. While it is highly encouraged to be active in our school community, it is also important **not** to overcommit.

Experience shows that students who join too many clubs tend to spread themselves too thinly and therefore do not do a good job. Research even shows that three activities is the optimal level of commitment. By grade 12, academics should be prioritized, thus having too many clubs can become a problem.

This year there will be a change to our Gold and Silver point system. Students will only be awarded points for three of the clubs that they choose to join. This new system is being put in place to put an emphasis on the **quality** of student commitment and involvement in club activities. We are not restricting the number of clubs that you choose to join, simply regulating the amount of Gold and Silver points you can receive per year. The points you received from previous years will remain valid and will be counted when calculating which award you may receive. **Quality over quantity!**

If you have any questions, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions handout. If you have further questions, feel free to write them down on the question sheet available at your table. We will try to address all of your questions.

Thank you for attending and participating today.

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