




### Four Things to Look Forward to in October

October is arguably in the top 12 for months of the year. It's hard to debate its value and the amount of joy it brings to millions of people around the world. October is filled with amazing sporting events, holidays, trips and much more! Here are four amazing things to look forward to in the upcoming month.

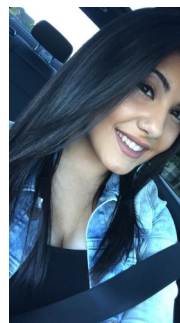
1. Thanksgiving (October 10<sup>th</sup>). On this day, everyone will have their "cheat day" and all students will have their first statutory day off school. With all the family bonding, amazing food, and free time, it's easy to forget what Thanksgiving is really about, and that is giving thanks. Be grateful for what you have but at the same time, work harder to get what you don't have. Keep in mind that there are less fortunate people out there and that it's important to help them out whenever you can. Whether it's giving money to a homeless man, volunteering in a shelter, or providing free services, everything counts.
2. NBA Tipoff (October 25<sup>th</sup>). The NBA will kick off its 2016-2017 regular season with three matchups. The first game will feature the New York Knicks vs. the Cleveland Cavaliers. This is a must-see game as Derrick Rose makes his debut for the Knicks against the defending champions. The second game will be the San Antonio Spurs vs. the Golden State Warriors. With Kevin Durant recently joining the Warriors, we'll see if they have what it takes to fight with the big dogs of the league. Last, and definitely least, we have the Utah Jazz vs. the Portland Trail Blazers which frankly, no one will be watching.
 
3. Montréal (October 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>). NOUS ALLONS À MONTRÉAL! New College will be going to Montreal during the last weekend of October. This is a great time to explore the city, learn the culture, party, make new friends and spend time with current friends. Tickets have been sold out which means the buses, hotel, clubs and the rest of the city will be full of eagles!
4. Halloween (October 31<sup>st</sup>). The one day where we can dress up and not be called weird.

New College will be celebrating Halloween in Montreal dressing up as the cast of Disney's Recess. We can all thank Jack for this wonderful idea. This should be an exciting day as New College prepares to make the club their playground and party hard, but responsibly.

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### My Experience as a First Time Frosh Leader

Frosh week is always exciting because of the events, enjoyment, the butterflies in your stomach and because it's the start of a new chapter in a student's life.



Every year, frosh week gets better and better with the amount of memories being made and cherished. This year, things were different for me. Instead of being a "froshie", I had the opportunity to be a frosh leader. Frosh leaders are upper-year students that work alongside the Orientation Chairs, and Council, to make frosh week the best week for incoming students.

New College hosted an unforgettable week with the craziest theme of "Newtendo". From the games to the events to the parties, we all worked extremely hard to make this frosh week exciting and unforgettable. As a first time leader, I had minor doubts about volunteering because I thought this week would be work, work, work, work, work no time to play. With all my hesitation, my friends forced me to apply because apparently I would have an amazing time, meet new people, and relive experiences from my frosh week. Boy were they right! I didn't believe them at first but as the week kept getting closer, my excitement started to increase. I planned to stay in the commuter room the entire time so I could get the full New College O-Week experience.

With each shirt I packed, with every second that went by, my heart kept beating faster. Without a doubt, it may have been one of the best weeks of my life. I not only met so many new people and made many new friends, I also had the chance to enjoy myself alongside the froshies, the other leaders and captains, Council and the O-Chairs! The week went by very smoothly thanks to everyone's cooperation and commitment.

As a leader, I learned so many new things about the college and York for that matter. My passion and pride for New College grew immensely, my summer ended with a BANG!





Being through a lot as a college, seeing it grow and being a part of that, was really what it was all about. I can't wait to do it again next year.



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**A Change of Heart**

Entering York, all I heard was negative things and this had a huge impact on me. After every class, I would run home as fast as I could, telling myself that I would go through the next 4 years of school with minimal contact and little to no interaction.

Then I received an email from New College. And another one. And another one. And another one. I had the least bit idea of what or where New College was, all I cared about was going to class and back home. Eventually, I slowly started to become intrigued by these emails. One day, against all odds, I didn't go straight home after class. I gave in and walked to the Atkinson building to see what New College had to offer. As soon as I walked in, I was immediately attracted.

It was love at first sight. Soon after, I applied to be a Peer Mentor and started training not too long ago. Now I feel like I am a part of York University. I enjoy coming here and I look forward to the new adventures that await me every day. With all this being said, if you are a first year student, I highly encourage you to get out there and really get involved. School is more than just going to lectures and running home as soon as you can. Get to know your university and trust me, you will meet some amazing people that will make the next 4 years of your life, the best 4 years of your life.

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**Check the Box**



Elections are that one time when people are either really passionate or extremely disinterested. Countless people do not recognize the value of elections. It is an opportunity for citizens to elect a superior representative who has corresponding morals and ideologies.

As it seems tedious as well as a waste of time, it is a privilege repeatedly taken for granted. The bottom line is, every vote matters. Active participants are the ones who allow for advancements to develop. Bystanders and observers do not contribute as much as they believe in doing. Thinking without doing means nothing in comparison to someone who is actively working. Marking the ballot exhibits which candidate is suitable to lead and make an impact. With thousands of other people, voicing opinions may seem difficult, however, voting is a way of communication.

Actions speak louder than words, thus taking the initiative to vote for a passionate candidate is a step forward in the right direction. Time may be the biggest justification made to avoid voting. No matter how hectic your life may be, that is not an excuse. Spending five minutes to contribute to the election is merely a fraction compared to all the other obligations that occur. A few may claim it requires additional time to reach the polling station; yet, it is also the public's obligation to be involved.

Seeing posters, ads and campaigns everywhere may be irritating, but it allows for communication between the different parties. There is no valid incentive to not vote since it has been arranged for all adults to complete. If there is a candidate who should win, vote for them, indicating support and involvement with the community.

Voting matters, do not let inexperience dictate the decision to vote or not. In further elections, for educational purposes or in politics, vote because it will make a larger difference than imaginable.

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**Eagles of Month**

This month I would like to give a special shout out to **Jack Onorati** and **Nancy Rostom** for putting together a spectacular O-Week. From brand new cheers to a one-of-a-kind theme, Frosh 2016 was one for the ages. I would also like to throw in a congratulatory message to our new members of the New College Council. The college has faith that you will do nothing but give everything you got to make New College better than it already is. Your hard work and dedication has paid off and now it's time to put your money where your mouth is and deliver on your promises.

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