Hi, my name is Bhrugesh Patel and in Fall 2010 I joined Student Services at York campus. As an international student in my last semester it’s been a really fun experience (other than maybe York Lanes for it’s food court). I’ve met many students and enjoyed helping them out while making new friends.

Thank you Seneca, I’ve loved my 3 years here.

Currently I’m enrolled in Computer Programming and Analysis or CPA which is an intense but interesting program, if you like to be challenged by computer science. The subject range varies from simple C programming to complex game programming and modern Apple and Android application development. The CPA program also offers co-op terms which I opted for as I could gain some work experience and it really paid off. My first work term was at IBM’s research lab in Markham where I gained deep insights about work conditions, expectations and knowledge about the software giant. My second work term was at Blackberry last fall and I learned about statistical business units and their functionalities, plus prior to the release of Blackberry Z10, I had the opportunity to test the device. Very cool!

Winter 2013 Critical Dates for March

March 13, 2013—Summer 2013 Semester Fees Due
($65.00 late fee will be applied next day)

March 15, 2013—Final Withdrawal Date
(all subjects will be graded after this date, and grades will affect the Grade Point Average)

March 28, 2013—“Request to Graduate” Forms due in Registration Office

March 29, 2013—Good Friday Holiday, College Closed
St. Patrick’s Day
March 17, 2013

We all know that when three-leaf clovers come out, it's St. Patrick's Day. This Irish holiday is always celebrated on March 17th, which is the day that Saint Patrick died. He was a missionary way back in the 4th century who converted the Irish to Christianity.

The History
Saint Patrick was born around 385 AD in the United Kingdom. His real name is believed to be Maewyn Succat (he took on Patrick, or Patricus, after he became a priest). When he was 16, he was kidnapped by a group of Irish raiders and sold into slavery in Ireland. During his six-year captivity as a shepherd, he began to have religious visions and found strength in his faith. He finally escaped to France and became a priest - and later a bishop. When he was about 60 years old, Saint Patrick returned to Ireland to spread the Christian word. He used the shamrock, which resembles a three-leafed clover, as a metaphor to explain the Christian concept of God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit).

An Irish Holiday?
The first St. Patrick's Day parade didn't take place in Ireland, but actually in New York City on March 17, 1762. Now, over 100 US cities have St. Patrick's Day parades. New York should be called the Big Shamrock instead of the Big Apple because their parade usually puts the rest of them to shame.

Did U Know?
Green is associated with St. Patrick's Day because it is the color of spring, Ireland and the shamrock. Leprechauns are also associated with St. Patrick's Day, although the only reason they are is because they're Irish. Leprechauns are usually mean little creatures - with the exception of the Lucky Charms guy.

People give Saint Patrick credit for chasing all the snakes out of Ireland. The truth is that snakes are not indigenous to Ireland.

To learn more please visit:
http://www.kidzworld.com/article/521-st-patricks-day

Irish Toasts

St. Patrick’s Day is an enchanted time -- a day to begin transforming winter’s dreams into summer’s magic.

May your pockets be heavy and your heart be light, may good luck pursue you each morning and night.

May your neighbors respect you, trouble neglect you, the angels protect you, and heaven accept you.
Crossword Puzzle - Just For Fun!

Spring

ACROSS
3 Honey maker
9 Beautiful winged insects
10 Red breasted worm eating bird
12 Day to tease people (3 wds.)
14 Spring flower that can kiss
15 Not old
16 Holiday with a bunny and eggs

DOWN
1 Gentle wind
2 Working with plants and dirt
3 Ball and bat sport
4 Become plants
5 Yellow flower
6 They fly with strings and tails
7 Color of grow
8 Shadow animal (2 wds.)
11 Fragrant blossom
13 Water falling from the sky

Make your own crossword puzzles! Try a free demo at www.CrosswordWeaver.com

See page 5 for puzzle solution
What is Mind Mapping?
Mind mapping is a means of brainstorming and organizing your thoughts in a way that helps you better understand and retain information. This versatile creative thinking tool makes use of free association and nonlinearity while encouraging the mind to flow along the path of least resistance, helping you to access your best ideas efficiently.

Why Mind Maps?
Mind mapping provides us with an alternative to typical, linear note-taking, and enables us to use all parts of our brain. Mind mapping leverages the power of associative thinking, which is naturally how your brain works. Following your brain’s natural inclination allows for more efficient memorization and helps us to generate more creative ideas efficiently. (Effective Project Management Using Mind Maps, Babou Srinivasan, PMP)

Eight Easy Steps to Mind Mapping

1. Create a Central Idea
   Mind Maps always start with a central idea or concept, which can be either an image or a keyword. Typically this is an idea you want to expand on or a problem you want to solve. Start with a ‘high-level’ or more abstract concept here and work toward the more concrete elements.

2. Radiate Outward
   Branching off of your central idea, add one or two word descriptions of the central theme. Use lines to connect ideas to descriptions.

3. Add Keywords and Subtopics
   As you generate ideas, continue adding keywords and subtopics branching off of those keywords. Use free association and write down all of the ideas that come to mind.

4. Map Outside the Lines
   There’s a time and a place for 8½ x 11” paper – mind maps aren’t one of them. Give yourself plenty of real estate to work with so that your ideas aren’t restricted by a tiny piece of paper. Try using ledger paper or better yet, an entire whiteboard wall.

5. Remove Your Filter
   As you brainstorm, write down all of your thoughts. Even if your mind wanders off to what you’re having for dinner tonight, write it down. If you don’t, you’ll keep coming back to that thought until it is properly addressed. Write first, edit later.

6. Map the Rainbow
   Give your mind maps another layer of organization with color. Use at least 3 different colors in your mind map as a way to further classify ideas and subtopics.

7. Use Images
   Using images and graphics in your mind map is another way to help your brain process and organize the information. Draw or insert images whenever you think of it to enhance the meaning of different keywords or topics.

8. Make Connections
   As topics and subtopics emerge, you’ll start to notice associations between ideas that aren’t necessarily grouped together. It’s important to note these relationships using additional lines and arrows.

For more information on mind mapping please visit:
http://www.marketingsavant.com/landing/mindmapping

Check out the link below for a list of FREE mind mapping tools for teachers and students:
Seneca Co-curricular Record (CCR)

The Co-Curricular Record program is available to all full time Seneca students. In addition to learning inside the classroom, which is documented on a student’s academic transcript, Seneca offers numerous opportunities for students to get involved outside the classroom, become active contributors to their campus community, gain valuable experience and develop essential skills. This extracurricular involvement can now be recognized with a Co-Curricular Record (CCR): an official record of student participation and achievement outside the classroom.

The CCR documents a student’s extracurricular on campus activities and accomplishments while completing an academic program. This record highlights an individual’s participation/contribution, essential skills development and/or additional learning outcomes and achievements throughout his/her time at Seneca.

To learn more please visit: http://www.senecac.on.ca/student/student-life/co-curricular.html

How Good is Your Time Management?

Discover time management tools that can help you

How often do you find yourself running out of time? Weekly, daily, hourly? For many, it seems that there's just never enough time in the day to get everything done.

When you know how to manage your time you gain control. Rather than busily working here, there, and everywhere (and not getting much done anywhere), effective time management helps you to choose what to work on and when. This is essential if you're to achieve anything of any real worth.

We've put together an interactive Time Management Quiz to help you identify the aspects of time management that you need most help with. The results will point you to the specific tools you need to use to gain control of your time, and start working efficiently.

Visit the website to take your time management quiz: http://www.mindtools.com/pages/article/newHTE_88.htm

International Student Centre

March Events for International Students

Click on the calendar to see all the activities planned for March.

Crossword Puzzle Solution

http://www.crosswordweaver.com/
## March 2013 Workshops

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Check back in **April** for Seneca Leadership Workshops.

**Happy St. Patrick’s Day**