



GL ROBERTS CVI

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RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY & EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS!

This round we have three very special award winners as they have each shown all the criteria (respect, responsibility & excellence):

Sydney B.

Sydney took the lead as Director for the filming of her group's short film and demonstrates her leadership with respect, communication, dedication and effort. She is organized and responsible and goes the extra mile for her group's success. Sydney has also been doing very well academically too, and is showing true excellence in her horticulture class.

Johnny Scott

Johnny Scott is always willing to lend a hand wherever needed. He makes people feel welcome and is willing to assist in class activities. He is also kind and respectful with his classmates. Johnny attends school every day, which as we all know at G.L. Roberts is a major key to academic success!

Emily Kemp

Emily has been a key contributor for our Drama Club, and has attended every meeting, encouraged her peers, and has helped produce a performance for Artfest. She is polite, respectful and kind to all. She is dedicated to her work and success, and is becoming excellent at growing plants as well!



STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARD

On Thursday, April 16, 2019, three students from G.L. Roberts: Dallicia Dallas, Destiny Dallas, and Kiara Linklater received the Student Recognition Award on behalf of the Durham District School Board. One of the special things about receiving this award is that students cannot apply for it, they must be recognized and nominated by teachers from their school. On behalf of the staff and students at G.L. Roberts, we congratulate these three individuals for standing out for the respect, perseverance and hard work!

A Message From Ms. Evanoff and Mr. Broumeriotis:

This is our home stretch... Look how far we've come this year already! GLR celebrates student achievement, enrichment opportunities, and significant development of our special programs. From our trips to DECA meets and robotics competitions, to the films created in our Youth Fusion program, to the marvelous learning happening in our Specialist High Skills Majors, GLR students embody accomplishment and authentic learning. In short, we're awesome! And let's take a moment to honour the hard work of our students and staff who have worked tirelessly to raise the bar on our literacy and



Kim Stuart @MsKStuart

Thrilled to spend time @GLRobertsCVI today visiting their 3 NEW Specialist High Skills Major Programs in Health&Wellness(Hairstylist emphasis), Environment & Transportation. Environmental SHSM students were cloning geraniums in the greenhouse & doing yardwork @JParringtonDDSB



Nicole Hart @Missuz_Hart

Great things are happening @GLRobertsCVI and Ms. Hart's #commtech class. #lights #sound #camera #slate #quietonset #action #shortfilms #glrlearningjourney #liveatglr #glrfilmfestival



Mspetric @Mspetric1

The @GLRobertsCVI DECA team has made it to Toronto and is ready to compete! I have high hopes for them 🏆



numeracy efforts. We are all in this together, and incredibly thankful.

If you haven't done so already, you really need to follow us on twitter, so you can see, day-to-day, how amazing this place is. We have included a few sample tweets in this newsletter, to give you a flavour of our educational social media platform.



Kyle Deegan @Kyle_Deegan

Lakers Robotics @GLRobertsCVI



UPCOMING EVENTS



APRIL 30 TO MAY 2—Dental Screening

Healthy Smiles is hosting a dental screening at GLR this April 30–May 2, 2019. All students will be attending an oral hygiene presentation followed by an optional dental screening.



MAY 23—Annual Schmooze

The *Annual Schmooze* is back this Thursday, May 23 in the gym at GL Roberts. Community agencies line the gym to provide students and parents with information about the services available in the community. Check the school website for more details.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

May 20, 2019	Victoria Day Holiday
May 24, 2019	Prom
May 29, 2019	Arts Fest
June 5-18, 2019	Grade 9 EQAO Math Testing
June 19, 2019	Period 1 Exams
June 20, 2019	Period 2 Exams
June 21, 2019	Period 3 Exams
June 24, 2019	Period 4 Exams
June 25/26, 2019	Credit Completion/Exam Review
June 27, 2019	P.A. Day/Commencement
June 28, 2019	P.A. Day
July 1, 2019	Canada Day
July 5, 2019	Semester 2 Final Report Cards

THE STUDENT CENSUS IS COMING

In May 2019, We Are DDSB student census: Know Every Student, Grow Every Student 2019 will take place. This will be our first student census and it will assist us in gathering information about our students to further support student achievement and well-being.

Parent/guardians of students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 will receive the Student Census to fill out on behalf of their child(ren). Students in Grade 7 to 12 will be invited to complete the student census in class or at home.

Additional information can be found on the DDSB website and from your school administrators.



GLR LOOKING FOR NEW SCC CHAIRPERSON

Our School Community Council (S.C.C.) is looking for a parent volunteer to act as our new S.C.C. Chairperson. If you're interested in joining our S.C.C., please contact Nicole Hart, nicole.hart@ddsb.ca. We need to allocate this position to a parent before September. Prompt replies are appreciated.



GIRLS NIGHT

A female empowerment event

Unity and Uniqueness: Girls' Night at GL Roberts took place during the evening of Thursday, April 25 and was a success! Students and guests enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by our Culinary Arts students, spearheaded by none other than our fabulous Chef Mike. The keynote speaker, Alicia Russell, Vice-Principal of Ajax HS, encouraged and challenged our students to surround themselves with positive friends and people who share their values. We were reminded that despite our challenges, we are in control of who we are and how we treat ourselves and others. Each of us is unique and has something to offer our school, community and world.

Thank you to the many staff members who lead and assisted in engaging and fun activities, including: Yoga & Wellness, Hair Extensions, Salad in a Jar, Beaded Keychain, Canvas Painting, Pie Crust, Women in STEM: Building Challenge, Women in the Trades, Card Making, Nail Care, and the Mini Badminton Tournament!



ENGLISH & LITERACY

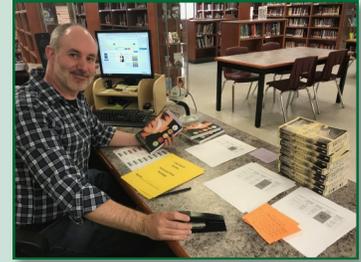
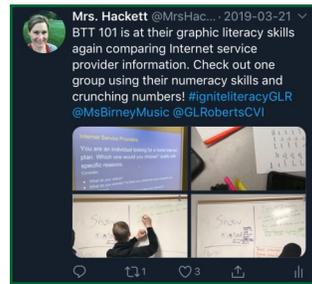
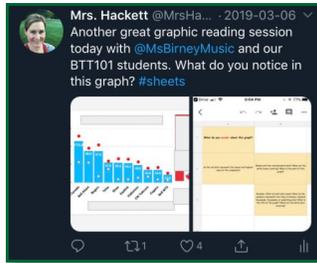
O.S.S.L.T.

The staff at G.L. Roberts would like to thank students for their poise and focus during the O.S.S.L.T. on March 27. We are proud of your efforts to improve your literacy skills over the past two years. Results will become available in June.

If your child is currently in Grade 9, please be aware that the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test is written in the Spring of Grade 10.

GRAPHIC READING IN BTT 101

Ms. Birney's BTT 101 class has been collaborating with the library to improve their graphic reading skills. Students notice, think and wonder about a variety of graphic texts, focusing on understanding how elements in them create meaning. The importance of graphic reading is strongly documented in recent literacy research. In addition, students are honing their collaboration and technology skills to share ideas via collaborative Google Sheets!



LITERATURE CIRCLES

It's that time of year when many English classes are gearing up or starting literature circles. In small groups, students go on a four to five week reading journey together, discussing ideas and issues they see as important in their book. Don't forget to ask your child what he or she is reading! Here's Mr. Lee preparing his titles for ENG 1D1!



HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

Hospitality and Tourism never looked better (tasted good too!) at G.L. Roberts C.V.I. this first half of the semester. Students showed exceptional talent and flair with food offerings that covered the menu from appetizers to desserts. Chef Mike is very impressed with our students' demonstration of determined efficiency and devotion to quality. We are very excited to see what our students prepare for Girl's Night and the Getting Legendary Replay film festival in the second half.



COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY



Ms. Hart's Communication Technology class has been busy producing too short films for their upcoming film festival. Students are filming daily and working on the production process including elements of directing, editing, audio, lighting hard, and acting. We are very excited to attend CLIP, the film festival and competition hosted by Youth Fusion on Friday, May 24 at Evergreen Brickworks in Toronto.



Additionally, we are ecstatic to be hosting the second annual film festival and competition: **GETTIN' LEGENDARY REPLY** at GL Roberts on Thursday May 30th from 5:30-8:30. Tickets are available online for \$3, or \$5 at the door. Please come out to support our students and celebrate their hard work and achievements!



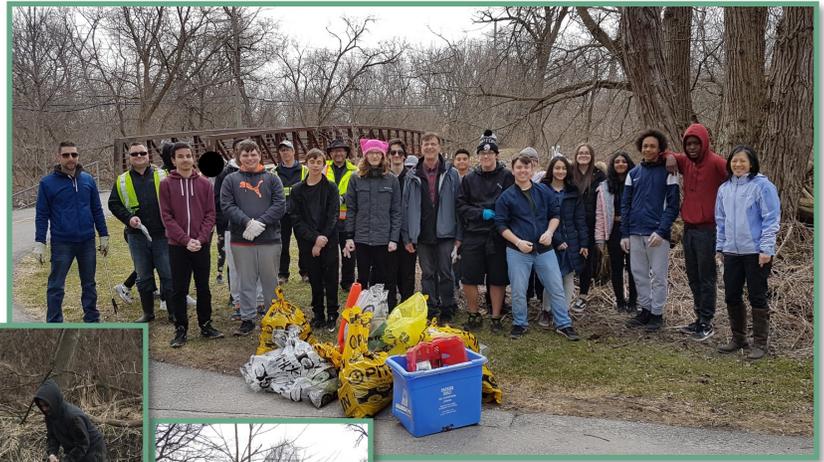
DRAMA

Ms. Hart's Drama class have been working on several elements of drama this term. We have been working on Mime, Tableau and have recently started our unit on Movement. During our tableau unit, students illustrated different scenarios such as: what it looks like at recess and life at a retirement home. For our movement unit, students practiced body expression and taking on a character during our impromptu fashion show in the lecture theatre. We have used our drama class, but also other spaces around the school, such as our Lecture Theatre to develop our skills in Drama.



COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

On Tuesday April 16th, 2019, students from G.L. Roberts participated in a community-wide clean up. Students collected waste items from various locations within the neighborhood surrounding our school. Thank you to all students and staff for participating in this school-wide activity!



CREEK CLEAN UP

Students of the **Environmental Stewardship** class and **Grade 9 science** joined forces with the Environmental division of **GM (ECO-STEM)** led by Bill Craig for an Earth Day clean-up at the Oshawa Creek. Mr. Kovacevich, Ms. Moy, and Ms. Petric are proud of the awesome effort made by their students.

GREENHOUSE CLASSES

What's 'Growing' On?

SPRING HORTICULTURE PLANT SALE



This May, the G.L. Robert's *Horticulture Classes & Club* will once again be selling plants in the pit on Fridays at lunch. This year we will have a huge selection of geraniums including the beautiful rosebud blooming varieties, and various miniatures and fancy-leaved specimens. Pelargoniums love hot and sunny weather, and other than removing dead/spent blooms, they are very low maintenance.

We are also growing a very large assortment of succulents, herbs, and heirloom veggies too, so get planning your gardens and stay tuned for some fabulous plant sales this May! You cant beat the prices, and most of what we sell cannot be found anywhere else! Homegrown gems!



OSHAWA GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

On Saturday May 25th, G.L. Roberts will be participating in the **OSHAWA GARDEN CLUB'S** annual plant sale. The Horticulture program will be selling heirloom vegetables and designer geraniums. This sale is held at the Rec Center, just beside our school and runs from 8am till 3pm. Shop early for the best selection! If your child wishes to volunteer to help out, please ask Mr. Grainger!





SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Our wonderful G.L. students have qualified to participate in the three day Special Olympics in May in Toronto. They will compete in Bocce ball and track and field events. Best of luck to Coach Morris and all the participants.

WAY TO GO TEAM G.L.!

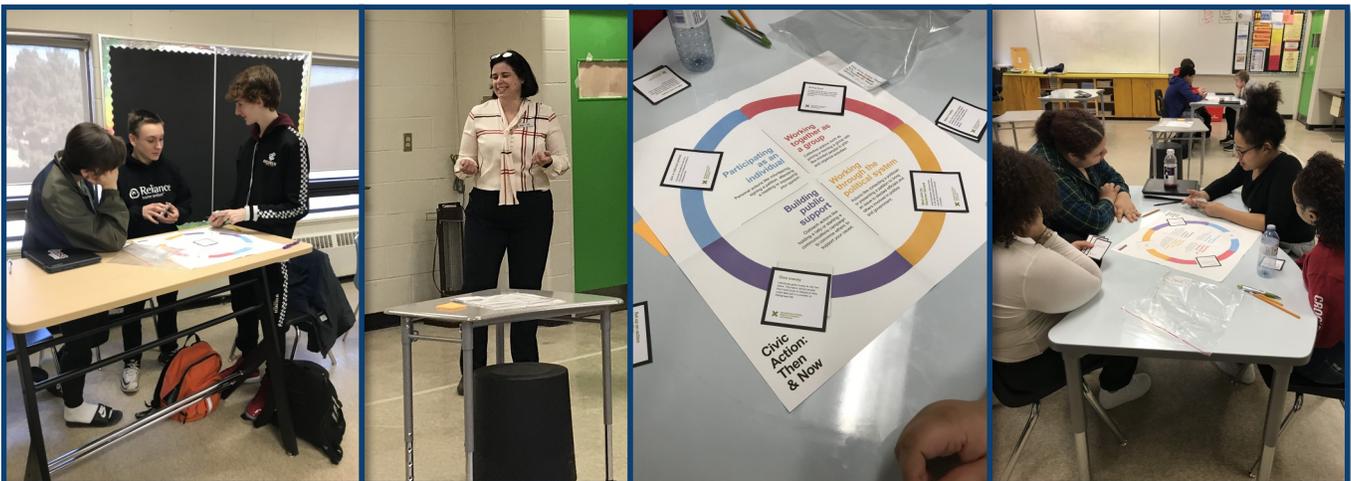
DECA

GLR DECA attended Provincial Competition and Leadership Conference in Toronto with Ms. Petric. Roshaan Khan competed against his peers from across Ontario in the Principals Business Management Category. He scored very well in both of his oral case studies. Sara Shabanian-Azad, Shadi Shabanian-Azad, and Misbah Bari attended a Leadership Conference for the day and learned many important interpersonal skills. The team stayed at a hotel in the city, enjoyed some good food and fun sights (including a visit to the ROM!). Stay tuned for more from GLR DECA as we prepare for even better results next year!



ELECTIONS CANADA VISIT TO CIVICS CLASS

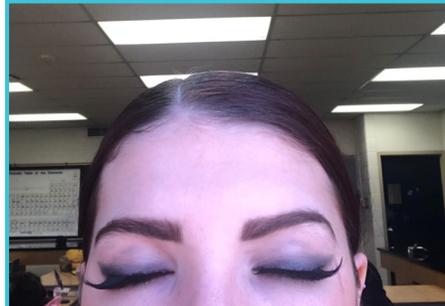
On Tuesday, March 26th, 2019, Zoe Flatman (from Elections Canada) visited this terms Civics class. Students participated in an activity about Civic Action. They examined historic cases involving Women's Suffrage & Aboriginal Constitutional Rights. They also discussed Civic Action around current issues within their communities.





COSMETOLOGY

The Grade 11 dual credit hair & aesthetics class have been working on basic makeup techniques for day/night and a dark Smokey eye.



FASHION



The fashion class is learning basic machine stitching, ironing, measuring, and cutting. They also had a wonderful guest speaker, Klaudia Zinaty-Capalbo, Fashion & Media Strategist and Professor in the Fashion program at Humber College speak about the endless possibilities of careers in the fashion world.

HAIRSTYLING SHSM

On April 15, 2019 the students of the G.L. Roberts Hairstyling SHSM, along with Ms. Bourke, travelled to Toronto for the *Revel in Beauty—Powered by Allied Beauty Association(ABA) Canada Trade Show*. This is Canada's Largest Beauty Trade Show and Conference where visitors can participate in a variety of activities including 150 exhibitors, 20 conferences, 12 competitions, dozens of look and learn classes, and much more. The students had a great time and learned a lot about the beauty industry.



What is FIRST to team 7564? To us it is a brand-new way to learn, create and have fun too. This hands-on way of education is a unique experience only known by members of FIRST Robotics. The lessons that we have learnt over our two competitions were not only memorable but are crucial to the enhancement of our problem-solving skills.

OUR COMPETITIONS



As a rookie team we were very excited to finally compete in a competition. But with excitement, comes anxiety and fear of failure. Our first competition was at UOIT. The weekend of March 1st-3rd was crazy, and there were many teams, some teams that have

been doing these competitions for years and many other rookie teams. The first issue that we as a team faced was, that a crucial mechanism was too heavy. This was a major problem, so we started to drill out holes to take off some of the weight. As we activated the elevator during one of our qualifying matches the weak aluminum bent and disabled the entire elevator. Due to quick thinking, our mentors, and a lot of perseverance, we concluded that it would be best if we competed without key components working. Our heavy arm become more of an advantage than a problem, as the Drive team shifted their focus to defence. Our Robot was able to successfully defend the other robots on our team. At the end of the day, our team's hard work on the robot lead us to receive the "Rookie Inspiration" award. This was a very motivating and inspirational moment for us. The award has encouraged numerous students in our school to join FIRST Robotics and brings lots of attention to GL. Roberts.

Our second competition was at McMaster University, in Hamilton. This was our second tournament we attended for FIRST Robotics, and it was awesome. We all had to meet at our school at 5:30 in the morning so we can arrive on time at McMaster. As soon as we arrived, we unpacked our stuff and got ready to attach the newly built elevator and

intake onto our robot. On our practice round the drive team was able to successfully complete one of the essential skills needed for that tournament (inserting a hatch panel – as seen in the picture). We didn't make the playoffs, but we had so much fun – "the hardest fun we have ever had"!



NEXT STEPS

In the future our team is hoping to compete again next year. The biggest challenge we are facing is losing majority of members due to graduation and the need of attracting new members as well as funding. As most of our Build, Drive, and Finance team is in their last year of highschool, there will be a struggle trying to replace such valuable team players. Without them having a team will be a challenge. Cassandra Schmidt tells us that "I can't believe high-school is almost over, I guess time flies when you're having fun with your friends and robotics".

Special thanks to the team for all their hard work, our teacher mentors and our UOIT student mentor, and our sponsors: Argosy Foundation, FIRST Canada, Microsoft, and Ontario Power Generation. We would also like to recognize community partners: Oshawa Bearings, Rider Tool and Manufacturing Co., and Mach 2 Waterjet Cutting Services.



CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION



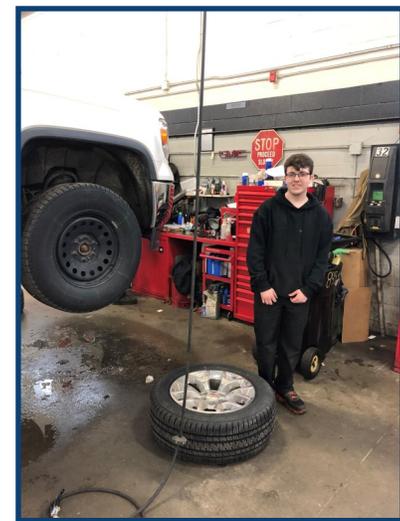
This semester over 30 Co-op students are proudly representing G. L. Roberts in a positive manner, while gaining valuable learning experiences at their workplace. Students are working within our community at a variety of placements such as Mills Motors Buick GMC, Touch of a Paw Spa, Braemore Beauty Salon, Avanti Trattoria Restaurant, Hair Tracks and various schools and automotive shops.

Congratulations to three of our students who are in the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program and earning 4 high school credits.

Kathleen Lougheed is in the OYAP Cook program. Star Jackman and

Aaryn Sykes are both in the OYAP Hairstyling program. These students are working towards completion of their level one apprenticeship training.

For more information on OYAP please visit our school's website.



We have over 60 students that have signed up for Co-op next year.

These students will be interviewed this month and we will begin arranging placements for successful candidates. We look forward to offering another exciting year of Cooperative Education at G. L. Roberts.



ART MATTERS

G.L.Roberts was well represented at this year's *For Arts Sake* exhibition at the Robert McLaughlin Gallery. Work from first semester's students was on display along with the work from most of the Secondary Schools in the DDSB. Madison Hutton was among the student artists who came out for the opening night festivities. The work of Madison Hutton, Emily Kemp, Naomi Brewster, Aimee Broughton, Rowan Morton and Emma-McNeil-Farr looked fantastic. If you were unable to see it, you will have another opportunity at G.L.Roberts' Annual Artsfest. May 29, will have first and second semester students' artwork showcased in the library along with a drama and music performance. Stay Tuned for more information!



BOYS BASKETBALL

Congratulations to G.L. Roberts boys basketball teams on winning the LOSSA junior and senior titles! The team also secured the schools first OFSAA medal, Antique bronze, at OFSAA in London.



GUIDANCE NEWS

STUDENT WELLNESS AND ACADEMIC COUNSELLING:

The Wellness Centre is open every Wednesday afternoon - Dr. Oketch and the social worker, Danielle Grandmaison, welcome students to the centre for counselling and/or medical care. This is an excellent service provided to us through the Oshawa Community Health Centre. Students can make an appointment in advance by visiting the Guidance office.

Academic counselling is also on-going in Guidance. Students have already completed their online requests for next year through the Career Cruising portal. We will be working closely with our students as we work towards finalizing their course selections for next year over the coming months.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

On Thursday, March 21st, Parent Teacher Interviews were held at G. L. Roberts. This event took place from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the afternoon and 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the evening. Thank you to all parents and guardians who came out to speak to your son/daughter's teachers. If you were unable to attend and would like to speak to your child's teachers, please feel free to call the school. Your involvement in your child's education is one of the keys to their success!

THERAPY DOGS

On April 8th, 2019, G.L. Roberts provided the opportunity for students to interact with Therapy Dogs. This was a successful event for students to enjoy the company of each other, the therapy dogs, and help reduce stress and anxiety.

COLLEGE APPLICANTS

This is a reminder that May 1, 2019 is the date, unless otherwise indicated, that applicants must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission by an individual college. The acceptance must be completed online through www.ontariocolleges.ca by logging into your account. If you have any questions about college applications, please contact Ms. Hudgin at 905-728-7594. It is still not too late to apply to college!

UNIVERSITY APPLICANTS

All applicants are reminded that the latest date on which they can expect a response from an Ontario university is May 29th, 2019. The earliest date for which Ontario universities may require a response to an offer of admission and financial commitment of any kind is June 3rd, 2019. Be aware that you must confirm your acceptance of an offer of admission online at www.ouac.on.ca Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Hudgin in Guidance at 905-728-7594.

FINANCING YOUR POST SECONDARY EDUCATION

An OSAP presentation was held on February 20th during period 3. Students received information from a Trent University representative regarding the OSAP application process. The OSAP application is open and can be completed online at <http://osap.gov.on.ca> . There are thousands of bursaries and scholarships available; please visit G.L. Roberts website for more information and/or come in to the Guidance Office to view our Scholarship/Bursary binder. All students are encouraged to spend the time needed to look into every available avenue to obtain assistance with financing their post-secondary education.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

COMMENCEMENT

On Thursday April 11th, grade 12s were invited to attend a grad assembly to learn about graduation ceremony requirements. Each student who attended the assembly was informed that their graduation package are available online for completion. This package included a questionnaire, grad gown information, invitation and scholarship/awards/bursary information. Please note that the \$20.00 for gown rental and the 1 page application(s) for scholarships/bursaries/awards is due to the Guidance Office by Tuesday May 23rd. Please contact the guidance office at 905-728-7594 if you have any questions.

Commencement for our graduating students will be held on Thursday, June 27th at 1:00 p.m. A list of Potential Graduates will be posted just outside of the Guidance Office and all graduating students must check to ensure that their name is on this list. **Students who have not yet completed their 40 hours of community involvement but hope to graduate this June must consider this a top priority.** The deadline for submission of Community Hours to be eligible to graduate this year is **Thursday, May 23rd, 2019**. The activity must fall within the guiding principles the Board has established and should be identified on the Board's list of examples. A list of Eligible Activities is on the Mandatory Community Involvement Activity Record Card which can be picked up in Guidance. If you are unsure whether your activity will qualify, please speak to Guidance for approval. Students can also find potential volunteer opportunities posted in the Guidance Office.

2018-2019 COURSE SELECTION AND TIMETABLING PROCESS

Student course selections were completed in February using Career Cruising. Students should have brought home a copy of their on-line course selections to get signed by a parent or guardian and then return the signed copy back to the guidance office. We are in the initial stages of developing a timetable for the 2019-2020 school year. If your child requires any changes to their course selections for next year please, have them come to guidance to see a counsellor.

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Registration for summer school courses and programs will begin May 1st. If your child is interested in taking a summer school course, they will need to come to the guidance office to discuss course options.

Other summer school programs being offered at G.L. Roberts are as follows:

Credit Recovery Program – we will also be offering a two-week credit recovery programming for G.L. Roberts students during the first two weeks of July. Students interested in this credit recovery program should see a guidance counsellor for eligibility. The fee is \$15.00 for this program.

S.M.I.L.E. – we will be offering an introduction to Coding Class for students interested in computer coding. Coding is a necessary skill for the growing industry of computer technology.

Reach Ahead Math Program (RAMP) – details to follow. Please see guidance for more information.