



GL ROBERTS CVI

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It has been a delightful start to the school year. We are excited to expand on our Specialty High Skills Major (SHSM) and Dual credit programs. They have really made an impact on student engagement! We continue to beautify our school environment with updates to our furniture, our educational spaces, and our overall image. We are proud of our ongoing efforts to innovates learning places in our school; please come and see for yourself! We have new modular furniture, desks you can write on, standing tables, teaming spaces, and much more!



Here are three things that have recently created a buzz in our halls!

- ◆ Enrollment in our SHSM and RCC programs (Hairstyling, Automotive, Horticulture, Construction) has never been better! We are growing these programs and inspiring students to find their pathways to success.
- ◆ GLR has been thrilled to host DRIFF (Durham Region International Film Festival) over three days in October. We welcomed over 600 hundred students from many DDSB schools, explored important topics through the lens of film, and left with deeper understandings of marginalization, adversity, hope, and inspiration.
- ◆ GLR's very own Drama class put on a superior performance of "Thriller" in the form of a flash mob on Halloween! Led by Ms. Hart, they showed off their dramatic genius and wowed the student body at lunch time. Please check our twitter feed to see the video for yourselves! @GLRobertsCVI



We look forward to these upcoming events:

- ◆ SCC Morning Coffee – Nov 26th, 9:00AM, all parents/guardians welcome!
- ◆ United we stand conference – December 4th, all day.
- ◆ Music Night – Dec. 5th, evening
- ◆ Aspire Acrobatics festive presentation – Dec. 19th, Period 3
- ◆ Holiday talent show and student lunch – Dec. 21st

- Mrs. Evanoff & Mr. Broumeriotis

RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY & EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS!

Here at G.L. Roberts, we like to acknowledge students who work hard and go the 'extra mile' in their efforts and actions. Our staff members nominate students and three recipients are chosen twice a semester who exemplify respect, responsibility and excellence. We are proud to announce our first set of winners!

Cassandra Schmidt has been very respectful in her classes (with both peers and teachers), and has helped out with numerous school events this semester.

Eliza Dempsey has been a very responsible student with a willingness to help, eagerness to learn, and a positive personality.

Natasha Arshad has shown true excellence in her work this semester. Her strong work ethic and focus on learning has helped promote academic achievement.



CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION

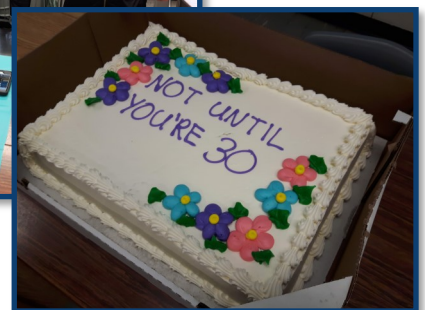
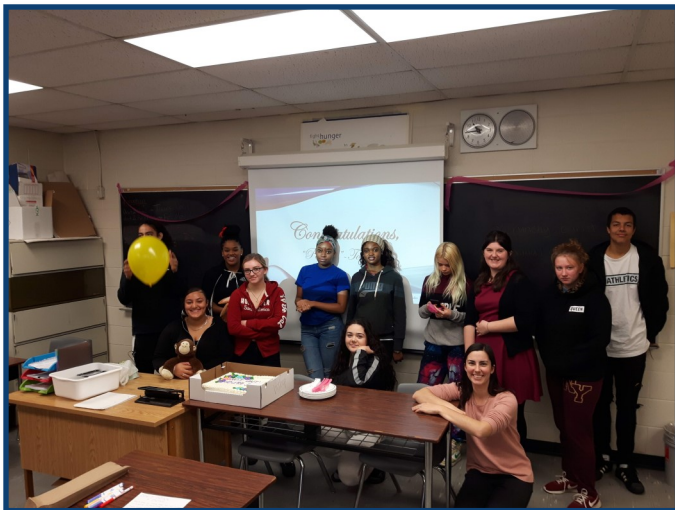
Our Co-operative Education program is successfully underway again this year. We have many students out in the community in a wide range of placements in the mornings and afternoons. These placements include Bloor Street Animal Hospital, Fix Auto Oshawa, The City of Oshawa Infrastructure Dept., Print Three, Touch of a Paw Spa, Kelsey's Restaurant, Retail Stores, and Elementary Schools among many.

Our students proudly represent G. L. Roberts in a positive manner, while gaining valuable work experiences. Ms. Teed is the monitoring teacher for this semester. We look forward to offering another exciting year of Co-op at G. L. Roberts.



PARENTING

Mrs. Bishop's Parenting Class enjoyed a baby shower on Friday, November 2 in preparation for the RealCare Baby program. Students will have the opportunity to see what is life as a new parent of an infant with caring for infant simulators in the coming weeks. Ms. Evanoff and Mr. B also got in on some of the celebration!



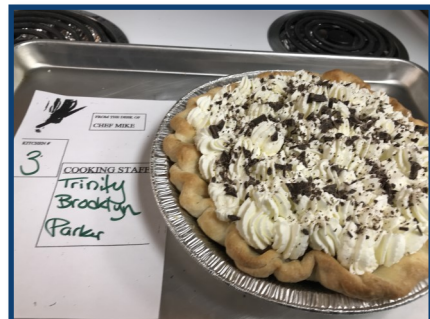


HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM



Chef Mike's Hospitality and Tourism classes have been busy this semester developing their culinary art skills. Students have demonstrated their talents through baking, decorating, knife work, and presentation. Chef Mike is very impressed with the competitive spirit that the students display using excellent cooperative and communication skills to prepare restaurant quality food quickly. Students received high praise for the refreshments they prepared for Parent-Teacher Night and are now working to present excellent treats for the Award Ceremony this week.

Keep up the great work amateur chefs!





COSMOTOLOGY



In the Cosmetology department, we have been working on Gore makeup for Halloween. Our students were responsible for the makeup in the production of Ms. Hart's recreation of Thriller.

The Grade 12 class has completed their first haircut and perfected their styling skills.

Cosmetology is thrilled to announce their partnership with Fleming College to allow next semester Grade 11 students to receive a dual credit in make-up while achieving their Grade 11 credit.



GEOGRAPHY DAY

Twelve students from G.L. attended the annual GEOGRAPHY Day at the Durham District School board on November 7, 2018. Students were participating in dairy farming, mining and energy industry workshops. They were engaged and inquisitive throughout the day learning about these Canadian industries and how they impact our environment. Afterwards they each participated in a trivia competition against 11 other schools in the Durham board. Results are still pending, but regardless of the outcome, they represented our school perfectly! Great work GEO TEAM!

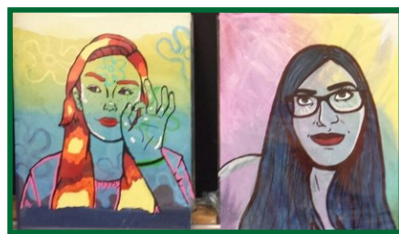


ART MATTERS

G.L. Robert's Arts Department is exploding with activities from the Drama Clubs Halloween Flash Mob to the Music departments new Choir!

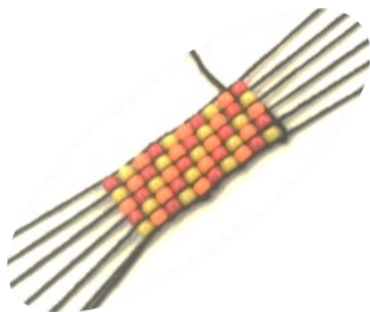
This September we have welcomed Ms. Birney as our new music teacher. In her first week she took music, math and art students to UOIT's first Pow Wow! Students were also had a chance to work with guest musician Cheryl Ireland who performed both during lunch and gave a workshop during the period 3 music class. The concert band is up and running as it prepares for our annual winter concert to be held on Wednesday, December 5, 2018.

We hope to have another wonderful drama performance from Mrs. Hart's students and some of the art from this semester will be on display. Please, come out and join the fun!



Room 103 has been a busy place with Ms. Davis' Grade 11 students creating beautiful "selfies" with mixed media. The grade 9 students used the same technique to create still life. The grade 9 students also worked on various Remembrance Day posters and tributes.

This semester's NAC art class made Wampum belts and Project of Hope pendants, just to name a few of their on going learning about the traditions and history of the Indigenous Peoples of Canada.



I AM A READER

At Roberts, we are embracing the notion of choice, particularly when it comes to reading. We know that students are more engaged in learning when they are able to pursue their interests and see themselves represented in texts. Last year we started our I AM A READER campaign, encouraging students to do a volume of reading both inside and outside of school. This year we are starting to bring a higher proportion of choice reading into our classrooms. We look forward to adding photos of students and their reading accomplishments from this semester to our display case on the third floor!

Reading isn't just for English class anymore! Mr. Walker's Grade 9 Applied Geography classes are about to start an inquiry unit and explore a brand new work of fiction, *Pulse Point*, by Canadian author Colleen Nelson. Students will be reading about a futuristic world that has had to recreate itself because of societal mismanagement of natural resources and climate change. To extend their thinking, students will make connections to our own world, create questions to look further into the issues that face our world, and think about their part in creating a sustainable environment and future.



Youth Fusion in Grade 11 English

Mrs. Stone's Grade 11 College English class has been working with Mr. Keegan Hughes, a program coordinator with Youth Fusion learning the script-writing process. This project introduces students to the world of cinema and provides them the opportunity to write a script for a short film. Students will also be introduced to film terminology, handling a camera, film industry trades, and skills such as acting, with sound, lighting etc.

In second semester, students will have the opportunity to see the more detailed production side of cinema if they are registered in Ms. Hart's TGM 3M1 class as the students will be producing the scripts created during semester 1.

LLI in Grade 9 English

Once again, many of our Grade 9 students are engaged in our LLI reading program. Students work in groups with their classroom teacher or Student Success Literacy teacher to focus on reading strategies and skills with a variety of different types of texts. Students are showing great enthusiasm and initiative to improve their reading while building their background knowledge on a number of interesting topics.

Creative Writing Club

Our Creative Writing Club has been meeting for the past few weeks on Wednesdays after school in Rm. 305. We take the time to share our voices through writing, engage in quick writing activities, as well as share parts of the creative fiction that members are working on outside of school.

Anyone is free to join at any time!

G.L. ROBERTS IS LOOKING GOOD



The Environmental Science class has been hard at work giving the school's garden beds a makeover. The students have been pulling weeds, tilling the soil and planting flowers that will look spectacular when spring rolls around. With their hard efforts, G.L. Roberts will look like the environmental school that it truly is!



GREENHOUSE CLASSES

What's 'Growing' On?

It has been a tropical themed semester so far, and we have many new fruit seedlings started in the greenhouse. Such new introductions include the rare 'Ice Cream Bean' trees, 'Blackberry Jam' bushes, and 'Surinam Cherry' plants. We also just planted the 'Miracle Berry' seeds. These berries alter the taste buds temporarily after eaten, so that sour things become sweet. The horticulture class had one of the most memorable taste testing events ever! Ever wonder where chocolate comes from? Well, we now have two small cocoa trees in room 220!

Lots of genetic hybridizations are also on the grow also with our pelargonium (geranium) collection. It is through these experiments that we develop new varieties, some of which become registered named cultivars, proudly started at G.L. Roberts!



SCHOOL TRIPS

DECA FALL SYMPOSIUM



DECA's fall symposium is a chance for students and advisors from across Ontario to learn about the year's events and share ideas for a successful year. The students were seated alphabetically so GL students were not seated together, forcing them to meet new people and work on their networking skills. They also worked on perfecting their handshakes and some other team building skills. At the end of the day, we received some swag in the form of DECA sweaters! They were very chatty and excited at the end of the symposium which tells me that it was a great experience and introduction to DECA for some key members of our GL team. We look forward to building a strong team that will make it to International competition in Orlando, Florida this spring!

DURHAM GROUNDWATER FESTIVAL

The Groundwater Festival was a great success this year! We had over 40 student volunteers participate over two beautiful days at Camp Samac. Our amazing GL students taught about 2000 students from across DDSB about being good stewards of the environment by protecting our fresh water. There were interactive stations set up across the grounds to teach participants everything from how much water is used to make jeans to the importance of "scooping the poop" of pets. Representatives from CLOCA and Durham Waste Management were very impressed with our students' knowledge, enthusiasm, and interest in the environment. Everyone involved had great things to say about our student leaders representing GL Roberts in the community! Thank you very much for volunteering your time and helping protect our fresh water supply.



GR 9 DRAMA TRIP TO ART GALLERY

Ms. Hart's Grade 9 drama visited the RS McLaughlin art gallery in Oshawa late September to explore art and movement with the gallery's "Life Imitates Art" workshop. Our students made a great impression, and the gallery is looking forward to future visits from students from G.L. Roberts.



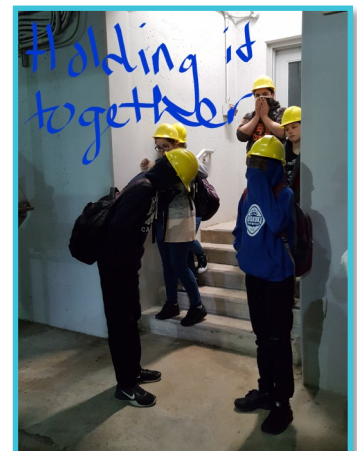
TALKING ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS SUMMIT



Some special students attended the Talking About Mental Illness (TAMI) Summit, where they learned about mental health, mental illness, stomping out stigmas, and the importance of reaching out for help, the importance of talking through our issues, and the many resources that are available to our students and community.

GEOGRAPHY CLASS VISITS SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

On a chilly day in October, 20 students from Mrs. Matthie's Geography class loaded a bus to the Courtice Water Pollution Control Plant. Unsuspecting of the sight and smells of the plant, they stepped off the bus and into reality. No longer did they live by the "out of sight; out of mind" concept. Sewage treatment is a real industry that happens right under our noses. They learned that their own sewage is pumped 6km from Oshawa to Courtice in an underground pipe to the facility. Once it arrives, it goes through 3 stages of treatment in order to be properly cleaned. Students were both disgusted and amazed at the process. It was a great day because no one vomited and they learned the truth about a very important industry.



DURHAM REGION INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

G.L. Roberts hosted, for the first time ever, the Durham Region International Film Festival (DRIFF). Over three days, GL Roberts was the host to over 600 students from across the DDSB.



DRAMA CLUB

This year our numbers in the drama club have grown significantly! The drama club is very ambitious this year, and we are planning at least 3 to 4 different performances between now and May. The first performance by the drama club was on Halloween at lunch and the students worked extremely hard to rehearse, prepare, and entertain their whole school.



SPECIAL OLYMPIC SOCCER TOURNAMENT

On October 3, GL Roberts had the honour of hosting the Special Olympic Soccer tournament. The day was full of fun, Sportsmanship and relationship building.

We had quite a few different schools participate and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day!

Thank you to all the leadership students that volunteered their time refereeing, keeping scores, as well as setting up and taking down of nets. Also, thank you to all the teachers and educational assistants for coaching. Finally, thank you to all the athletes for competing and making this an awesome and memorable day.

The students also participated in the Special Olympic Track and Field Qualifier in September and did awesome!



We are looking forward to our next event, Basketball!
GO team GO



HALLOWEEN

Ms. Hart's Drama Club and Ms. Bourke's hairstyling students worked together to create zombified students for G.L. Roberts' first ever flash mob on October 31st! Thanks to all the staff and students who supported us with their positivity and applause!

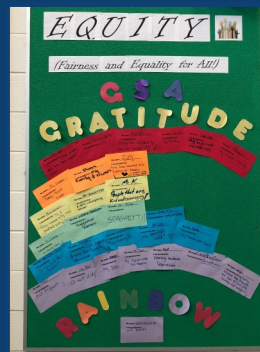


APSIP

Thanks to the Guidance department, self-identified indigenous students were invited to participate in Aboriginal Post Secondary information program (APSIP), to speak with representatives from different post secondary institutions, to learn about what opportunities are available to them, and to come together as a community to discuss the importance of valuing one's education and pathway.



GSA



So far this year, the GSA has taken it upon themselves to try and raise money for the Clarington rainbow crosswalk. They held a fundraiser, where they sold rainbow

popcorn to students during lunch.

Additionally, the GSA worked hard at creating their GSA gratitude rainbow bulletin board to share with their fellow students the importance of being grateful, of spreading love and kindness to everyone, and doing their best to create an inclusive environment where everyone feels safe and welcome.

SPORTS

BOYS BASKETBALL

The senior and junior boys basketball teams have begun play. The seniors opened up their season with a tournament championship vs club teams from around the province. In their second tournament, the Lakers lost out in the semifinal after three consecutive wins to start the Cardinal Newman event. The Lakers also lost two close games to Metro Prep school as well as Bill Crothers Prep.

The Junior boys opened up their preseason with wins over Metro Prep and two Ontario club teams. Their only loss came against Pineridge S.S. 66-61.

The team participates in their first tournament November 15 in Woodbridge!



JUNIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL



BOYS VOLLEYBALL has an **AMAZING** season....

The Junior boys volleyball team has had a great season. At the beginning of the season, the boys needed to learn how to play as a team and trust each other on the court. We were considered the Underdogs but we with great perseverance and hard work the team has made it to the playoffs, coming in 7th place in the LOSSA league standings. They had a great home tournament, facing off against Ajax HS, a triple A school, in the finals and coming up short but still placing 2nd. Great job boys! Playoffs are here and we will be playing Henry Street HS in the quarter finals on November 13th.

Team members include: Malachi Shane, Joshua Clarke, Troy Baumhour, Landon Bazley, Aziz Ibrahimi, Keegan Witherspoon, Nathan Smith and Nolan Kane.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

INCLUSIVE STUDENT SERVICES

- Individual Education Plans (IEP) were mailed to the current address on file via Canada Post in October.
- Please review your son or daughter's IEP and sign the Consultation Form section and return it to G.L. Roberts C.V.I.
- Yearly Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) meeting for all formally identified students will be held during the months of February, March and April.
- Invitations for the IPRC will be mailed via Canada Post in February indicating a date and time for the meeting.
- It is an important meeting to be able to review your son or daughter's exceptionality, placement and transition planning for the future.
- Please contact your son or daughter's classroom teacher or the Department Head of Special Education with any questions.

Have an IEP and thinking about post-secondary transitions into college or university?

<http://www.transitionresourceguide.ca/>

This website helps to give students and their parents/guardians the knowledge needed to make a successful transition to college or university. This is a great place to learn more about options for a post-secondary journey!

GUIDANCE

What's new?

- We have **Google Classrooms** set up for every student according to their grade. Students should join the online classroom to keep up to date with events, news and opportunities available at G.L. Roberts. Students simply need to accept their virtual invitation.
- On Thursday, November 1, G.L. Roberts Guidance team hosted our Parent Engagement Night. This evening discussed Pathway Planning and the post-secondary journey of our senior students.
- Wednesday November 14, is an opportunity for our Grade 9 students to participate in the annual "Take Our Kids to Work Day".
- Our *Annual Student Awards Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, November 14. Congratulations to all the students that will be recognized. Keep up the good work!*
- Parents and students are reminded of our commitment to helping all students to be successful. Our Homework Haven runs every day after school in the library for at least an hour to provide our students with the opportunity to get extra help from their teachers or simply time to complete their homework. Remember that the Student Success Centre is available to help our students on a daily basis to catch up on missed work and make plans for success.

Students Participate in Cinematic Experience at School

G.L. Roberts CVI collaborates with the Durham Region International Film Festival

By Sarah Racioppa



Nicole Hart (left) poses with her G.L. Roberts CVI student volunteers.

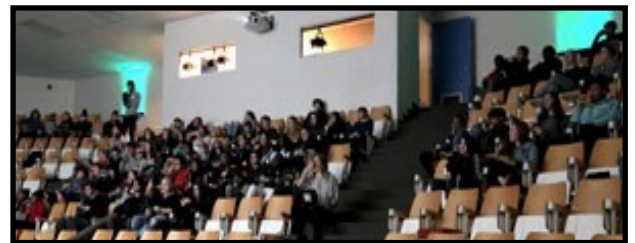
From October 17 to 19, approximately 600 secondary students in the Durham District School Board (DDSB) experienced the glitz and glamour of a film festival at G.L. Roberts CVI in Oshawa.

When the Durham Region International Film Festival (DRIFF) wanted to connect with schools to show relevant themes to students, DRIFF organizers knew that G.L. Roberts CVI was the perfect location. “We came to their [G.L. Roberts CVI’s] film festival last May and we really enjoyed the student-made films, and the unique theatre space,” says Erin Boshart, Board President of DRIFF.

Boshart reached out to Nicole Hart, teacher at G.L. Roberts CVI and organizer of their own film festival. Together they collaborated to bring an exclusive program of films catered specifically to students.

“DRIFF included films that are relevant for socio-economic content, curriculum connection, and topical themes that are going on in our society over tons of different disciplines,” explains Hart. “All of the content is driven to have those connections, and those next-step conversations with students and teachers back in the classroom.”

All secondary students in the DDSB were welcome to choose from either a morning or afternoon session over the three days, which included both short and full-length films from all over the world. Films included: *Cradle of Champions* (English language - United States), *Love, Scott* (English language - Canada), *Rocco* (Spanish language - Spain), and many more. The program distributed to schools labelled each film with a theme/educational value so teachers and students could decide which films fit best with their current place in the curriculum. Discussions were held post-screenings with filmmakers and experts discussing relevant topics with students.



The G.L. Roberts CVI lecture theatre seats 300

Dressing the part

Students dressed up in true film festival attire and posed for photos on the red carpet outside the theatre room. “It’s a celebration of art. You could feel and see the buzz of excitement with the students taking pride in how they appeared, and representing their schools,” says Hart.

A future in filmmaking

Hart notes that there are various levels to the cinematic experience, “It’s more than just simply experiencing a film festival. It’s the idea of exploring career opportunities in the film industry.” She adds, “There are so many jobs in the trades that are connected to the film industry. That post-secondary and pathway planning piece can really be incorporated into the excitement and drama of a film festival.”

VOLUNTEER OF DISTINCTION

VOLUNTEER OF DISTINCTION AWARD 2018 - WARREN EDWARDS

Celebration Award Ceremony—October 25, 2018



The DDSB Volunteer of Distinction Award celebrates outstanding people that dedicate their time to working with schools and students. Warren Edwards has been voted as our GLR 2017-18 Volunteer of Distinction. He demonstrates commitment to the students of G.L. Roberts, as well as the community of South Oshawa.

Warren keenly values giving back to the community; this has helped shaped him into who he is today. Warren is an alumnus of G.L. Roberts. As a student, he was an active member of the school community and an integral part of the basketball team. He continued on to post-secondary where he pursued his passion for working with youth. He has run successful and meaningful programming in both Halifax and Oshawa.

Last year, Warren worked with students to develop skills and strategies in resilience, conflict management, and in ways to build self-confidence. He continues to make a difference in our school and after speaking with many of the students in the program, it is clear that he has a definite connection and impact. Our students feel that he listens to them and understands what they are going

through. They respect him because, he too, has overcome many challenges. They see him as a leader and continually look forward to working with him.

Warren has also participated in the United We Stand Conference (an annual GLR event) as one of our motivational speakers. His sessions were well attended; many of the students specifically chose his session because they knew him through their community programs. He engages students in an authentic manner and sincerely cares about their pathways.

We are very proud of Warren and appreciate his commitment in supporting our students and school community.



GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Did you know?

- ◆ Mr. Deegan and Ms. Hudgin took a full bus of students to Fleming College for their College Information Program. Several colleges from across Ontario were available for students to ask questions and receive information on post-secondary options.
- ◆ Self-identified Indigenous students were invited to participate in the Aboriginal Post-Secondary Information Program (APSIP), to speak with representatives from different post-secondary institutions to learn about what opportunities are available to them.
- ◆ We hosted a College fair on Thursday October 4th and Friday October 19th, as well as a University Fair on Tuesday October 9th.
- ◆ Trent University is visiting our school on Friday November 22, 2018 at lunch. Sign up in Guidance.
- ◆ Grade 12s, did you know that November 16 is a PA Day? Go visit a post-secondary institution!

Visiting the Campuses

Most Colleges and Universities in Ontario will be having open houses throughout the school year, but typically, most will fall in November, February and March. It is **critical** to invest the time to visit the campuses that are of interest to you. It is recommended to students that they try to visit campuses on their P.A. days. If they call in advance, they can arrange for a tour and possibly even to sit in on a first year class in their program of interest. Upcoming P.A. days are Friday, November 16, 2018, February 15, 2019 and of course March Break 2019. Let's put them to good use!

University and College Applications

College students are encouraged to go to www.ontariocolleges.ca to begin their online application. The deadline for equal consideration for college programs is **February 1, 2018**. It is highly recommended that students complete their college application with their payment well before the February 1st, 2019 deadline.

Students interested in pursuing University need to be aware that, during the first week of November, students will receive their individual OUAC pin numbers, which allows them to proceed to www.ouac.ca to begin their online application. Once again, it is highly recommended that students complete their university application with their payment well before the **January 16, 2019** deadline.

INDIVIDUAL PATHWAY PLANNING

Guidance counsellors have been meeting in small groups with grade 11 and 12 students to review their Individual Pathway Plans (IPP) for after high school. Our goal at G.L. Roberts is that each of our students graduate high school and leave with confidence, and have a clear plan for their initial post-secondary destination; whether it be the apprenticeship, college, university, or workplace.

We encourage our students to access www.careercruising.com/login/ddsdb to help them develop their Individual Pathway Plan.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Take Our Kids to Work Day is an annual event where students step into their future for a day and get a glimpse into the working world. The day involves students in Grade 9 spending the day in the workplace of a parent, relative, friend or volunteer host, where they experience and learn about the world of work.

Take Our Kids to Work Day began in 1994 in the Greater Toronto area. Today, students across Canada, from Nunavut to Newfoundland participate in the program. It is an excellent opportunity for students to experience work life, skills needed for the workplace today and to better understand the benefits of a high school diploma.

For more information concerning the day, please refer to the pamphlet sent home with your son or daughter in October or visit <http://www.thelearningpartnership.ca>.

Consent forms were distributed during homeroom and are also available on our schools website. Signed forms must be returned to the homeroom teacher no later than Monday November 12, 2018.

UNITED WE STAND CONFERENCE

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

The second annual United We Stand Conference is coming up this Tuesday December 4th. Students will take part in self-improvement workshops, talk with alumni, learn and even sign up for after school programming and be inspired by Trent University Professor Dr. Robyne Hanley-Dafoe talk on goal setting and resilience. This interactive conference will showcase the many community agencies and programming available to our students and their families. A special thanks goes out to former Vice-Principal Kendra Godin-Svoboda for her time in organizing the event this year!

IMPORTANT DATES

November 16, 2018	P.A. Day (no classes)
December 5, 2018	Winter Music Night 6:30 pm
Dec 24/18 – Jan 4/19	Winter Break (school closed)
January 14-25, 2019	Grade 9 EQAO Math Testing
January 17, 2019	Gr.8 Parent Information Night
January 23, 2019	Period 1 Exams
January 24, 2019	Period 2 Exams
January 25, 2019	Period 3 Exams
January 28, 2019	Period 4 Exams
January 30, 2019	Credit Completion and Exam Review Day
January 31, 2019	First Day of Semester 2 (regular schedule)
February 7, 2019	Semester 1 Final Report Cards Distributed

