



GL ROBERTS CVI

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Greetings everyone,

As we look out of the office window, we see the flakes of snow wafting gently to the ground, as if in slow motion. And yet, it seems as though the school year is moving very quickly at the same time! We are so proud of our GLR community in seeing classes take off in September, the flurry of wonderful programs in October, and we are cruising through November with high expectations for productivity, excellence, and further accomplishment!

Some celebrations this fall include:

- The “About That Cut” Barbering Showcase and conference
- Hosting the Durham Region International Film Festival
- Accident Awareness and the dangers of distracted driving
- The recent advancement of our Community Hub
- Spirit Week and Halloween festivities
- Our very own Remembrance Day assemblies
- Our new band and choir
- The GLR Student Awards Ceremony
- Take A Student To Work Day

We always encourage students to invest in their time at high school. We want to remind everyone that getting involved is easy, and definitely worth the effort!

At lunchtime there are many things to do:

- The weight room is available most days for training
- Swim club/team has just been organized with Ms. Rossiter & Ms. Paguirigan
- Often, there are activities happening in the community hub (like games day Wednesday,

indigenous lunch’n’learns, Girls’ group with the Refuge, workshops with Warren, and more)

- The gym is open most days for pickup sports like basketball/volleyball
- Mr. Korczynski’s slam poetry squad meets regularly
- Ms. Petric and Ms. Sutton meet regularly with the DECA team
- Ms. Post meets regularly with the BSA (Black Students Association)
- Math help is available on the 2nd floor (214)
- There’s more! – contact our Guidance Team for more details!



Fall sports, like basketball, volleyball, and swim club/team are all mid-season, and we continue to cheer for the Lakers with every game!

We hope that all students have started the year on a positive note. For those students that require some extra support, please connect with our student success teams through Guidance and Special Education. In the coming days you will have time to process all of the information in the midterm report card. This is

an opportunity to engage in important conversations on where strengths are, and where to make improvements. In a recent survey of students, we learned that parents/guardians along with educators are the two most important places where students seek counsel for how to find their pathways in life. Your voice matters! Talk to students about where their pathway can take them, and then help them clarify their plans for how to get from step to step. This is one incredibly useful way to show support, maintain structure, and help students succeed!

We want to wish everyone a successful semester.

- 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!

Dylan Anthony

Dylan always comes to class prepared to work, and puts consistent effort in all of his assigned tasks. He is a valuable team member of the Senior Boys Volleyball team despite this being his first year playing!

Shaazil Khan

Shaazil has shown to be a very polite, kind, and caring individual in both his history and culinary classes. He works well with others, and maintains a positive outlook even when facing challenges.

Etova Nagy

Etova has been doing very well in both her grade 10 Science & grade 11 Horticulture classes! She participates frequently in both classes and consistently achieves very successful results!



SPECIAL OLYMPICS SOCCER QUALIFIER

On October 22, 2019, G.L. Roberts CVI hosted the Durham Region Soccer Qualifier for the Special Olympics School Championships. High school students from across Durham came out to participate. Despite a wet and rainy day, the students participated with enthusiasm and displayed perseverance throughout the competition. It was a fun and enjoyable day for all students who participated. A big thank you goes out to all staff and student volunteers who made the day a great success.



COSMETOLOGY

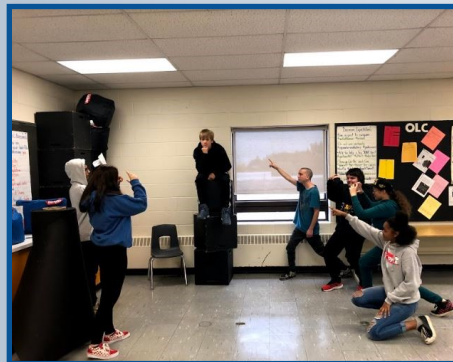
Grade 11 Hairstyling has been exploring barbering in preparation for the show “About That Cut”, a barbering showcase and competition held here at G.L. Roberts on November 4. We had a couple of brave students volunteer for haircuts.

The Grade 12 class made their own fantasy wigs, learned how to sew in extensions and explored the meaning of true beauty for themselves.



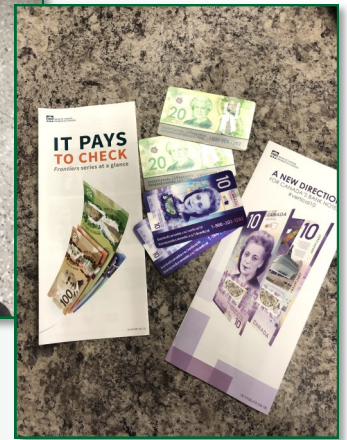
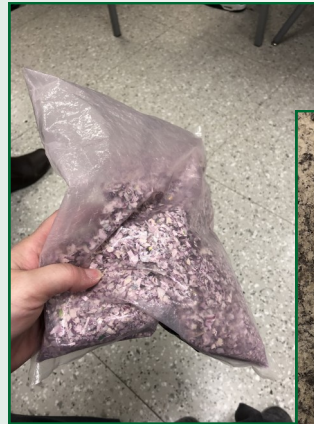
DRAMA CLASS

The Grade 9 Drama class has been working very hard this semester building a sense of community within their drama class. Every day the students contribute to the safe space, so that they, and their peers can feel comfortable to take risks, learn and perform. So far this semester, the grade 9s have done a great job of developing tableau, while enhancing their ability to create characters, stories, and build their empathy. Plus, they're having fun!



BANK OF CANADA PRESENTATION

Have you ever held \$750,000 in your hand? Students in Mrs. Stone's and Mr. Patterson's Grade 9 and 10 classes can say that they have! It was a part of a presentation from the Bank of Canada and one of the activities was to hold and examine shredded money. Mr. Parreira, who works for The Bank of Canada in the currency division, also presented to the group about recognizing counterfeiting and how bank notes are created in Canada. Students had the opportunity to examine bank notes and identify security features. These will be key skills in the future if students go on to work in retail.



DURHAM GROUNDWATER FESTIVAL

In September, the Science Department and over 40 G.L. Roberts' students once again participated in the Durham Children's Watershed Festival at Camp Samac. The goal of this event is to educate younger Durham School Board students about the values and responsibilities for managing and protecting our fresh water sources. Our G. L. students were extremely enthusiastic and energetic throughout the two days. Mr. Grainger, Ms. Moy, and Ms. Petric would like to thank all of the students that participated this year and look forward to working with you again next year!

GRADE 10 HISTORY

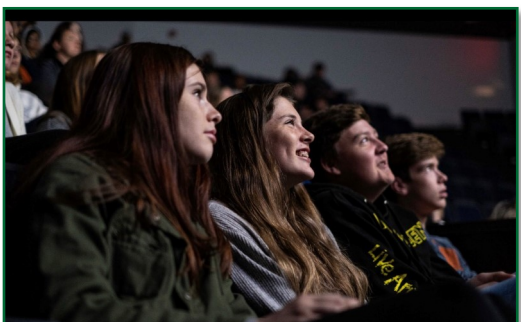


Ms.Reid's/
Mr.Kuchirka's grade
10 history classes
had an archivist,
Jennifer Weymark,
from the Oshawa
Museum come to
discuss local WW1
stories. Students

were shown letters from the trenches written by William Garrow Jr. chronicling his life overseas including documents of his death. Students will also experience a primary source workshop, which uses actual documents from the archival collection to teach students how to pull out important information.

DURHAM REGION INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

For the second year, G.L. Roberts hosted the Durham Region International Film Festival (DRIFF). This 3 day event provided the opportunity for students of G.L., as well as secondary students from across the Durham District School Board to attend an international film festival that showcased a combination of short films, documentaries and a full length feature. Additionally, exclusive to G.L. Roberts' students, DRIFF in conjunction with Durham College, offered an afternoon workshop where students were able to work with students from Durham College, representatives from DRIFF, and industry quality equipment to create their own short films. Participants of this workshop were then able to view their creations on the "big screen", in our newly renovated lecture theater.



CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION

Our Cooperative 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 Touch of a Paw Spa, Lakefront Tire and Auto, Reliance Home Comfort, Avanti Restaurant, Rogers TV, retail stores, and elementary schools among many.

Our students proudly represent G. L. Roberts in a positive manner, while gaining valuable workplace skills. Ms. Teed is the monitoring teacher for this semester. We look forward to offering another exciting year of co-op at G. L. Roberts. Good luck at your placements.



FOOD & CULTURE



A TASTE FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Ms. Davis's students in the Grade 11 Food & Culture (HFN3) class have been getting a taste of the world. The students have made French crepes topped with whipped cream and caramel sauce. They moved on to Italy for warm garlic and rosemary focaccia. They tasted a middle eastern dish of eggs in a spicy tomato sauce called Shakshuka and then they headed in the direction of Poland. Where stopped to prepare, totally from scratch, potato and cheddar cheese Pierogi topped with sour cream, onions and bacon. They also had fun making Spooktacular cupcakes for the cultural celebration of Halloween.

Stay tuned for more culinary adventures from room 322!



HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

Chef Mike's Hospitality classes have been very busy this semester developing a variety of cooking skills. Fresh pasta, lattice top apple pies, tostadas, chicken brochette, black forest parfait, pasteis de nata, and won ton soup are some but not all of the dishes prepared to perfection. Chef Mike is very impressed with the competitive spirit that the students display using cooperation and communication to deliver beautiful food quickly. Our students have entertained wedding guests, parents, and G.L. Roberts' student Award winners thus far and we are getting ready to deliver food for a large group attending G.L. Roberts' TED Talk later this month. Way to go amateur chefs!!



GL ROBERTS POETRY SQUAD

The G.L. Roberts Slam Poetry Squad performed a new original poem at the Remembrance Day assembly on Monday, November 11th, 2019. Pictured above are the performers from left to right: Nikki Hall, Sara Shabanian-Azad and Devon Elder. Below is the text of the poem, titled "The Unnamed Soldier" by Sara Shabanian-Azad.



THE UNNAMED SOLDIER

by Sara Shabanian-Azad

I am the unnamed soldier
I am courageous, self-sacrificing
I wonder if my life hangs in the balance
I hear a monstrous roar as the enemy attacks
I see dedicated, compassionate soldiers, dying for their country
I want this uncivil war to end
I am the unnamed soldier

I feel anxious, honored that I fight for freedom
I took risks in no man's land
I worry the enemy will attack unexpectedly
I cry when my fellow soldiers sacrificed themselves to save me
I am that unnamed soldier

I understand when this war finishes, I might not go home alive
I know if I die in this war I know I died honorably
I dream of going home, growing old with my family
I hope, when I am home, that I am at peace
I am the unnamed soldier

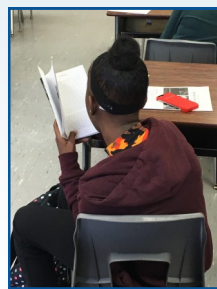
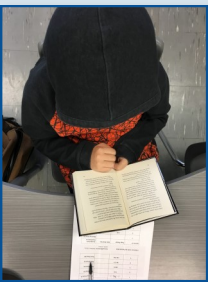
To the unnamed soldier
I will remember
You will remember
We will all remember.....the unnamed soldier

ROBERTS READS & WRITES

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. We are continuing 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!



WRITERS' CAFE!

Writers' Cafe is for all types of writing and writers. It takes place in Rm. 305 on Thursdays after school. Bring your writing pieces for class to work on, or come to engage in quick writing activities and share your voice. Mrs. Hackett and/or Mr. Korczynski will also be available for conferencing about your writing.

Anyone is free to drop in at any time!

OSSLT

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test will be held on Tuesday March 31, 2020 in the A.M. for this school year. Students currently in Grade 10 write the OSSLT. Grade 10 students are busy preparing for this assessment in their classes. Additional practice materials are available on the EQAO web site at www.eqao.com. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's English teacher.

BOYS BASKETBALL

The Senior and Junior boys basketball teams have begun practices and pre-season games.

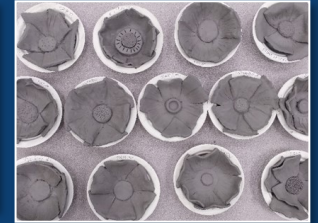
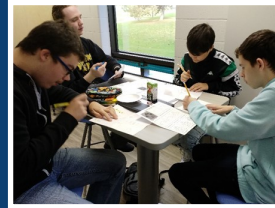
G.L. juniors and seniors are 1-1. Both Laker teams were defeated by Pineridge and both teams defeated metro prep out of Toronto. The senior team continues their prep circuit exhibition schedule vs GTA prep November 14. The junior boys open up their tournament schedule at Woodbridge the same day.

Good luck to both teams for a great season!

ART MATTERS

Ms. Davis's Grade 11 Visual Arts class has been enjoying Sketchbook Fridays in the HUB! This class has also embarked on The Poppy Project. Started in 2016 this year's grade 11 class are in the process of creating beautiful ceramic poppies to commemorate the Canadian veterans. These handcrafted poppies will eventually be mounted to create a permanent wall display.

The Grade 9 NAC class has also been creating their idea of Medals also the honour the members of the First Nations people of Canada who have served this country. Students also created "orange shirts" for Orange Shirt Day which annually recognizes the Residential school survivors.



DRAMA CLUB

Once again this year, the Drama Club went all out to entertain teachers and students with their Halloween Mash-up performance. Drama club members performed with black lights, in our lecture theatre, to several Halloween themed songs. Thanks to the hard work and effort of our stage manager their costumes were detail oriented and glowed perfectly. Our drama club members rehearsed twice a week, and on their own time to learn the choreography. Thanks to their commitment and dedication, they put on a wonderful show! The Drama club is looking forward to future performances, including performing at the upcoming Winterlude.



SUCCESS: "ABOUT THAT CUT" BRINGS THE HAIRCARE INDUSTRY TO STUDENTS

DDSB students get an inside look into what it takes to pursue a career in hairstyling

BY SARAH RACIOPPA

"We have approximately 200 attendees, which includes secondary students and staff from across the Durham District School Board (DDSB)," Mykaël Jackman, Durham Hairstylist Academy Instructor, says proudly.



Omar Anderson, owner of "O" Cuts Master Barbers in Ajax, shares his experience in the hairstyling industry with DDSB students on November 4th.

Jackman and Annalise Bourke, a teacher at G.L. Roberts Collegiate Vocational Institute, teamed up to organize a haircare industry showcase and conference entitled "About That Cut." The first ever event was hosted at G.L. Roberts CVI on November 4th and open to all interested students and staff in the DDSB.

"We want to Ignite Learning about hairstyling, and to make sure students see living proof that they can be really successful in the trades, and specifically in hairstyling," adds Jackman.

From 10 am to 2 pm, attendees heard from guest speakers who are industry professionals, watched intently as hairstylists showcased their talents on stage, had their pressing questions answered, and much more.



Durham Hairstylist Academy student Victoria Tomorchio shows off her skills during the Female Freestyle Showcase at the "About That Cut" hairstyling event at G.L. Roberts CVI.

In the Female Freestyle Showcase, five female hairstylists showed off their skills and talents in barbering short hair. Victoria Tomorchio, a Durham Hairstylist Academy student, says at first blending shorter hair into longer hair

was challenging, but thanks to the academy she has become a pro at it.

One of the many inspirational guest speakers was Omar Anderson, owner of "O" Cuts Master Barbers in Ajax. Anderson has been in the barbering business for 25 years, and has styled the likes of Damon Stoudamire (also known as Mighty Mouse) and a few other notable Toronto Raptors players. Anderson's overall message



Hairstylist Star Jackman showcases her talent at the first ever "About That Cut" hairstyling event.

to students was, "It's all about the positive energy. When you have someone sit in your barber chair, and you make them look good on the outside, they're going to feel good on the inside. You're making their whole day."

He adds, "This is a business, and you can definitely make a great living doing it."

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Over the course of the day, topics such as building a hairstyling business, direction for the future, gaining clientele, and the art of barbering were addressed.

Durham Hairstylist Academy also had a booth set up just outside of the lecture theatre, where interested students could get more information about pursuing the program.

Durham Hairstylist Academy (located inside G.L. Roberts CVI in Oshawa) offers a Hairstylist Apprenticeship program to Grade 12 DDSB students, as well as adult hairstylist apprentices. Chosen applicants can complete an Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) or Adult Apprenticeship.

Jackman concludes, “Many times this is how it starts for students. You see something that sparks an interest in you, and you think ‘I could do that.’ I hope they at least gain another option to take home with them.”



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, April and May.
- 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/>



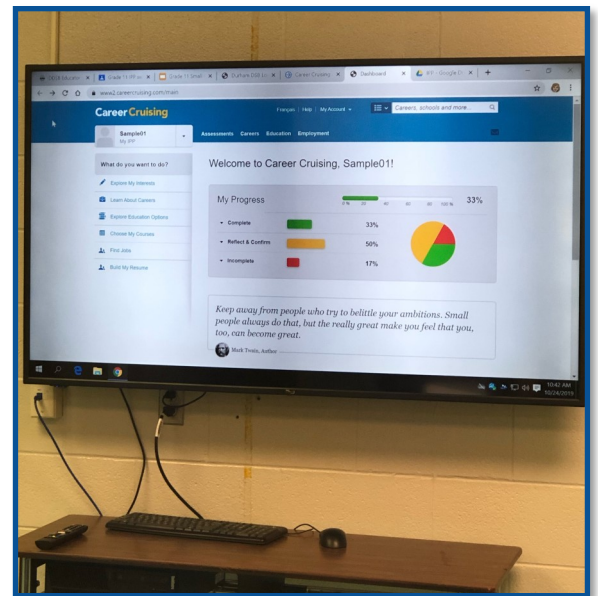
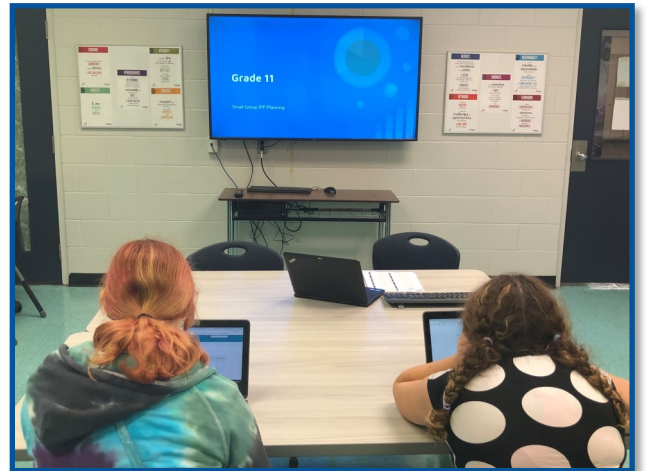
This website helps to give students and their parents/guardians the knowledge needed to make a successful transition to college or university. This is a great place to learn more about options for a post-secondary journey!



GUIDANCE NEWS

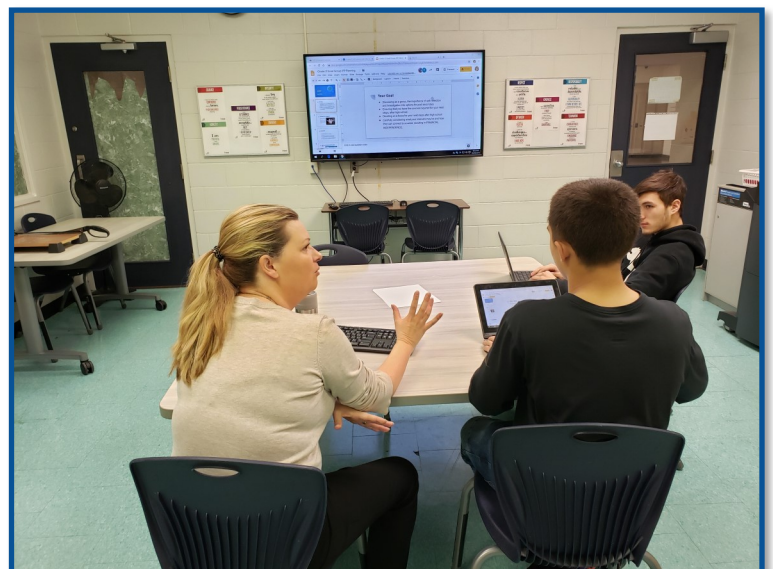
WHAT'S NEW?

- 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.
- Tuesday November 6, 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 6. *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.
- On November 6th, Grade 10 students currently taking Civics will make the switch to Careers for the second term of this semester.



VOLUNTEER HOURS

Students require 40 hours of community service in order to graduate with their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Guidance suggests setting a goal of at least 10 hours per year. This year, our grade 9 cohort has done such an amazing job of completing their hours, that the Guidance department created a friendly competition for the grade 9s. We challenge them to complete 20 hours by the end of semester one, and 40 hours by June. Prizes will be awarded!



GUIDANCE NEWS

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Did you know?

- 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 will be hosting a College fair on Tuesday November 12th, as well hosted a University Fair on October 9th and 18th.
- Grade 12s, did you know that November 15 is a PA Day? Go visit a post-secondary institution!
- On November 7, there was an Ontario Skills Presentation in our lecture theater to help students discover the benefits of careers in the skilled trades and technologies.

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 15, 2019, February 14, 2020 and of course March Break 2020. 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 1st, 2020**. It is highly recommended that students complete their college application with their payment well before the February 1st, 2020 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 15, 2020** 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/ddsbs to help them develop their Individual Pathway Plan.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

What a busy fall this has been for Student Council! We started off with a Spirit Week at the end of September that culminated in the Terry Fox assembly and walk. The whole school took part in this day, and we continued the strong GL Roberts tradition of supporting cancer research with our donations.

October saw another Spirit Week at the end of the month with a number of events. People were lining up to be part of “Tunes Tuesday” in the pit. The vocal talents of GL Roberts were certainly on display! The Haunted Halloween Maze was available for students to be spooked at during the last three days of the week. Entry was gained by either wearing a costume, or by making a food donation. We ended up with just under one hundred people who made it through the maze.

Student Council is not done yet! The Remembrance Day assembly took place on November 11th, where we were educated with assistance from the band, poetry and drama clubs. Stay tuned for upcoming events that include more Tunes Tuesdays, as well as the winter Semi-Formal, which is scheduled for Thursday, December 12th. There are a limited number of tickets available, so please get your tickets early and get your dance on!



Although there are times when mobile technology can be leveraged for learning, there are also times when mobile devices are a significant distractor in the classroom. In our newest technological efforts, we have equipped every student with a Chromebook, that can be used for most technology needs in learning spaces.

Students need clarification for appropriate mobile phone use. Mobile phones should be “off and away” unless teachers specifically direct students to use them for a particular purpose. Our focus during instructional time is on teacher-directed learning. This falls in line with the newest provincial mandate about mobile phones: *Effective November 4, 2019, there will be a restriction on the use of personal mobile devices (e.g., cellphones) in classrooms. Using cellphones during instructional time will only be permitted for educational purposes (as directed by the educator), health and medical purposes or to support special education needs. See the full site at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/preparing-students-future>.*

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

November 15, 2019	P.A. Day (no classes)
November 21, 2019	TEDxOshawaED
November 25, 2019	School Community Council 6:30pm (Library)
December 5, 2019	Winter Music Night 6:30 pm
Dec 16-20, 2019	Spirit Week
Dec 23/19 – Jan 3/20	Winter Break (school closed)
January 14-16 2020	Grade 9 EQAO Math Testing
January 16, 2020	Gr.8 Parent Information Night
Jan 22-27, 2020	Exams
January 29, 2020	Credit Completion and Exam Review Day
January 30, 2020	First Day of Semester 2 (regular schedule)
February 6, 2020	Semester 1 Final Report Cards Distributed

