



GL ROBERTS CVI

NEWSLETTER 2021-2022, Volume 2



Welcome Back and Happy 2022 everyone. We wish you all success as we begin to transition to Semester 2. We want to remind all of our community members to see the great stuff happening a GLR every day.

We broadcast our great current events through our twitter feed and Instagram, sharing events, our journey of learning and all the fun we have along the way. Our students gain exposure to new ways of learning, meet interesting and knowledgeable people, try on new roles, participate in innovative activities and run authentic events. This is a remarkable place to be and you can catch glimpses of it from wherever you are. Make sure to Follow Us on twitter @GLRobertsCVI, and on Instagram at glrobertscvioshawa! As always if you have any questions, concerns or praise, reach out and contact us at 905-728-7594.

- Mrs. White & Mrs. Crosby

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 this set of winners!

RESPECT Carly Rightmyer



Carly is very respectful, kind, and caring to both students and staff members. She follows the in-person and on-line protocols extremely well, and her work is also of top quality! When completing labs or any hands-on activities, she always follows the safety rules, and leaves her workspace in excellent condition, showing that she respects our school learning environment as well.

RESPONSIBILITY Liza Vandenhoogen



When there was an issue with a new bus driver, Liza alerted the driver and then subsequently assisted the students, making sure that everyone got to the doors of our school safely. She also let her teacher know so that the problem could be corrected. Liza certainly demonstrated excellent responsibility in looking out for everyone's well-being!

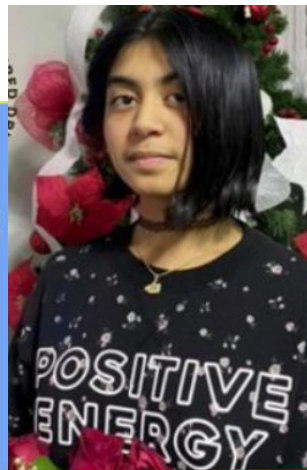
EXCELLENCE Kim Hampac



Kim has shown amazing excellence in her co-op class this quadmester. Her placement was at Shoppers Drug mart, where she has been extremely polite, dedicated, and hardworking. Kim's co-op assignments were also completed to the highest standard. Great work Kim!

STUDENT LEADERS

It's inspiring to see students becoming positive members of the community, making good choices and focusing on their success and growth by working with the Provincial Youth Advisory Team for Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving (OSAID). Thank you Cherish and Misba for sharing your positive energy.



STUDENT COUNCIL CORNER



Students sure got creative during December's Spirit Week! Anything but a backpack prompted students to meet the challenge and use their imaginations and household items to carry their books and devices for the day. Great ideas! Thanks to Student Council for organizing a fun week!

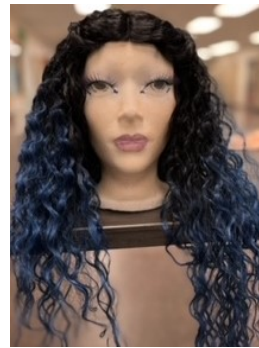


Thanks so much to our Laker Nation for your generous donations of mittens. There were 35 pairs collected in total that were greatly appreciated by Carea who redistributed them to those in need. The GLR Staff and Student body are always so thoughtful when it comes to helping others. **GLR's Student Council hopes everyone enjoyed a Happy Holiday.**



Nothing says 'the Holidays' like a socially distanced student luncheon. Gearing up for the holiday break, GLR staff treated students to a hot dog lunch. Covid restrictions may have limited what we could serve and how we could serve it but the spirit of the season was evident as students enjoyed their Individually wrapped hotdogs, chips and drink. Extra special thanks to Ms. Davis for her awesome food prep, and to all staff who donned their aprons and pitched in. We appreciate our Laker Nation!

HAIR AND AESTHETICS



GLR's Grade 12's in the Hair and Aesthetics Dual Credit program, completed their wig making projects with a creative photoshoot showcasing their looks! Well done stylists!

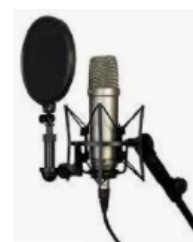
GLR ARTISTS

Ms. Vanderkooi's grade 9 art classes completed skeleton collages! Celebrating these beautiful works of art!



VIRTUAL GUESTS

We were excited to welcome Virtual Guest Speakers to the Comm. Tech and Music classes. Speakers from Metal Works Arts spoke about careers in the entertainment industry, focusing on hands-on careers, creativity and tech skills.



STUDENT ART EXHIBITION

LAUNCHING IN THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD JUNE 2022

NOW CALLING FOR SUBMISSIONS!

Use your creativity to showcase your unique story and share how the DDSB is *a place for everyone!*

Submissions are open to ***all students***

Early Bird Deadline: April 22, 2022

Final Deadline: May 6, 2022

View online brief and criteria at bit.ly/DDSBSStudentArt



This exciting new opportunity is open to all arts program participants across the DDSB.

During the week of June 20, 2022 the DDSB will be opening our first Student Art Exhibition—a district-wide art collection housed in the Education Centre, displaying artworks created and curated by students with staff support.

The Opportunity: The theme of our inaugural exhibition is '*A Place for Everyone*'. **Students in Grades 7—12** are encouraged to use their creativity to showcase their own unique stories and how the DDSB is an inclusive place for everyone.

Criteria will be posted to the DDSB website (e.g. 18 x 24—max 4kg)

Digital representations of completed (or nearly completed) artworks should be submitted in .jpeg format along with contact information and the school the artist attends to the committee. Selections will be made by the committee in May.

Successful artists will be contacted in May and arrangements will be made for completed artwork drop-off to the Education Centre (400 Taunton Road East, Whitby).

The Exhibition opening will take place the week of June 20, 2022, with artworks on display for approximately 12 months, then returned to the artist. The art may be displayed longer with artist permission.

A digital gallery hosted on the DDSB website will allow equitable access to these artworks.



GLR ATHLETICS

GLR's gym class is seen here enjoying some good old floor hockey!

Did you know.... Floor hockey, derived from ice hockey, was created by Canada's Sports Hall of Fame inductee, Samuel Perry Jacks, who also created ringette. He was a Canadian soldier in World War II, civic recreation director, inventor and sports coach.



Sam Jacks

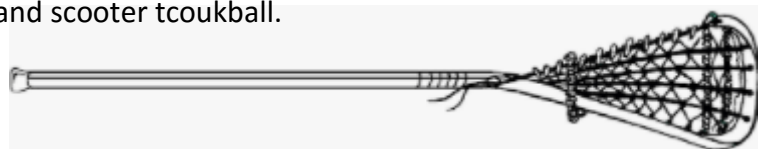


Grade 11/12 Phys. Ed. Classes enjoyed flexing their responsibility, safe practices and movement skills as they participated in some new games.

Featured here, Bounce Ball and Pylon Catch.



Healthy Active Living Classes are full of energy. PLP Students have been developing their skills and learning lacrosse and scooter tchoukball.



FOOD AND CULTURE



Ms. Davis' Food and Culture class made their best crepes with their 'trip to France'.

Un avant-gout de la France!



Students learned to make authentic Chanukah treats and had the opportunity to sample these delicious sufganiyot (jelly donuts) in celebration of Hanukkah.



What's better than home made waffles on a Friday? Room 322 thinks you can't top them. ..unless it's with whipping cream and chocolate.

Ms. Davis' Food & Culture class had a "staycation" and ended up in India. They prepared Butter Chicken from scratch. Using authentic spices like Sashmiri Chilli powder and Kasoori Methi. It was served with rice and naan bread. A little heat for a chill day.

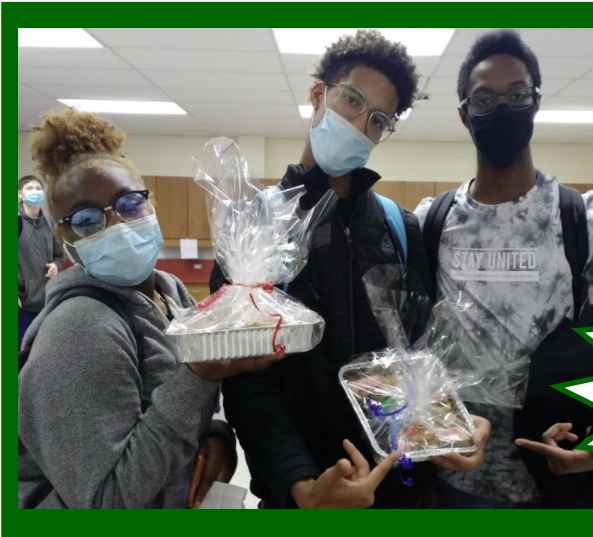


MERRY BAKING AND CRAFTING

PLP students baked up some sweet treats to take home to their families to enjoy over the holidays.



Spreading some serious holiday cheer!



Ms. Davis' HFC3M1 class was busy making 5 different types of cookies

Smart Cookies baking Sweet Cookies



Spectacular Job!



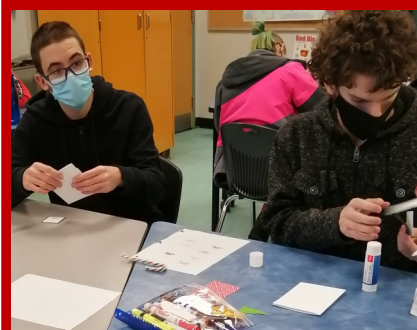
Ms. Jovel's class dusted off their crafting skills to make some joyful holiday cards with Mrs. Armstrong. They also made ornaments, really embracing the holiday spirit.



Beautiful Hand Made Crafts!



WELL DONE!



REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCE

Parents/Guardians:

Remember to report your child's absence if they will not be attending school.

You can call 1-844-350-2646

Or use the SchoolMessenger app

More info: <https://www.ddsb.ca/en/our-schools/report-an-absence.aspx>



SELF CARE

Covid 19 has changed many aspects of daily life and we want you to know that we're here to help. Staff from DDSB Psychological Services and Social Work Services are available to speak with students or parents/guardians to provide support and resources. To connect with the DDSB Mental Health Team visit www.bit.ly/2AHvAiz.



HEALTHY HABITS FOR Well-Being

...**RELAX**—Take slow, deep breaths, listen to soothing music, practice mindful meditation (focus your attention on things that are happening right now in the present moment), write, go for a walk.

...**CHECK IN WITH YOURSELF**—It is not unusual to feel worried, tired or sad right now because these are extremely challenging times.

...**CONNECT CREATIVELY**—Stay mentally well by connecting with others who share your interests, culture, identities and values.

...**TAKE CARE OF YOU**—It's important to take care of our mental health just like we take care of our physical health. Eat healthy foods and drink water, make sure to get enough sleep, stay active.

***Remember**, there are trained professionals at school and in the community who can help you to feel better. **You are not alone!** If students would like to speak with **Danielle Grandmaison**, our social worker, please feel free to reach out at **905-723-0036 x1216** or email dgrandmaison@careachc.ca.

Suggested Social Media

Find more #HealthyHabits at: <https://bit.ly/3tJYZl9>

#DDSBWellBeing

YOUTH SYMPOSIUM *Anti-Human Trafficking*

Victim Services of Durham Region has secured a date for this year's Anti-Human Trafficking Youth Symposium. Please see the details below and "Save The Date" .



Anti-Human Trafficking Youth Symposium
Thursday March 24th 2022
Middle School and High School Students
Online Virtual Event

The event will run for a yet to be determined time period during the school day for the students. It will be a mix of diverse speakers, discussions, activities, etc. centered around topics such as online safety, building self-esteem, healthy relationships, etc.

TOOLS IN THE TRADES



Five Durham District School Board (DDSB) schools hosted full-day *Tools in the*

Trades Bootcamps, led by [Support Ontario Youth \(SOY\)](https://supportontarioyouth.ca)

supportontarioyouth.ca. The events were open to students in the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM), Technological Education, and Ontario Youth Apprenticeship/Co-Operative Education programs. Each event focused on one skilled trade sector determined by student interest at each school.

R.S. McLaughlin CVI and Eastdale CVI focused on transportation, Dunbarton High School focused on industrial millwright,

G.L. Roberts CVI focused on horticulture and landscaping,

and Port Perry High School focused on electrical. Students

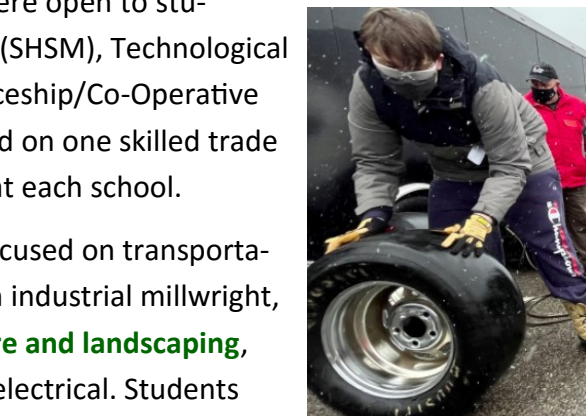
worked in teams to change tires on a race car, read schematics and assemble pumps, build a

deck from design plans, and install residential electrical hookups. Workshop

guidance was provided by industry professionals from [The Pit Crew Challenge](https://info.pitcrew.ca)

[info@pitcrew.ca](https://info.pitcrew.ca), red seal industrial mechanic millwrights, automotive, carpentry, electrical and welding journey-

persons, and [Landscape Ontario](https://landscapeontario.com) [land-](https://landscapeontario.com)



GLR AUTO CLASS

So thankful GLR students are back to their hands

- on learning in Mr. Lewis' auto class TTJ3C1. The class is currently learning about the component of the four stroke engine, by dismantling and learning components names.



PRACTICAL LEARNING

Our Practical Learning Program students spent time creating and sharing their Mental Health Vision Boards! Beautiful work and sentiments. What's your vision?



PLP Students flexed their culinary skills with some experiential learning in Food and Culture. Students were warming up their day with real homemade hot chocolate and brownies, topped off with a side of whipped cream and a homemade marshmallow.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT HOURS

The extreme winter weather we've been experiencing has provided students with a great opportunity to earn their community involvement hours by helping those who are physically unable to remove snow from their property. Additional opportunities that have been available to students include the "Holiday Greeting Cards for Senior Citizens" initiative that the Guidance department hosted in December, and the "Spread Some Kindness" initiative the Guidance department organized in February. There are also numerous alternative options posted throughout our school that suggest ways in which our students can earn their hours. We encourage our students to continue seeking opportunities to earn their hours. Each year, students should earn a minimum of 10 hours, so that by the end of grade 12, they will have earned the minimum requirement of 40 hours.



***Students graduating in June 2022, are required to have a total of 20 hours*.**



GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

College and University Applications

The deadlines for equal consideration for college and university for this coming September have passed. They were **January 15th** for **university** and **February 1st** for **college**. Students who are still interested in applying should contact the Guidance department as soon as possible. They can contact Guidance through the Guidance Google Classroom. Join code: **vehtl23**



Colleges and universities are providing multiple opportunities for online information, including virtual tours, and information on financial assistance. On March 8th, at 12:30, Trent University is hosting a Virtual OSAP Information Session for **all grade 12 G.L. Roberts' students**. *Students should use the Guidance Google Classroom for registration information. Additionally, students are encouraged to review scholarships and bursaries information on the [Guidance Google Site](#).*

Grade 8 to 9 Transitioning Process

Our Guidance staff hosted an Information Night through Google Meet for the Grade 8 students and their families on Wednesday January 19th, with much success. Course selections will be completed on-line this year, using [myBlueprint.com](#). Students **must** submit their course selections on myBlueprint. If your child is going to become a student at G.L. Roberts for grade 9, starting September 2022, and have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Guidance Office at 905-728-7594.

G.L. Roberts Course Selection for 2022-2023 School Year

The Guidance team will be visiting Homeroom classes during the month of February and March to discuss course offerings and to review the course selection process for next year.

During the month of February, students should be independently reviewing their course selections for the upcoming school year. Once again, students will be choosing courses on-line, using [myBlueprint.com](#). We ask that the parents/guardians discuss the choices with their children to ensure that they are making the best choices possible. Reviewing your student's progress on myBlueprint can help students make decisions on course choices and pathway plans that best support their success. If there are any questions, please contact the Guidance Office at 905-728-7594.



NOW CANADA-WIDE!

Black Youth Helpline is pleased to announce that our STAY-IN-SCHOOL PROGRAM & SUPPORT SERVICES for Canadian Youth is available Canada-wide!

REACH US AT 416-285-9944 or 416-739-8989 Toll Free 1-833-294-8650/1-833-BYH-8650

BUSSING UPDATE



Secondary School Bus Cancellations

With colder temperatures approaching, we are sharing information on how the DDSB is handling the cancellation of buses due to winter weather in order to ensure everyone remains safe.

In the event that transportation services are cancelled due to inclement weather, secondary schools located within the affected cancellation zone(s) will switch to a virtual learning day for all students. **All secondary students will be required to stay at home.** Students will be taught virtually in RealTime by their teacher with the exception of the “Study Hall” period where students will be supported through FlexTime (asynchronous) learning. If any students arrive at school, we will ensure that they can return home safely.

How will I be notified if transportation services are cancelled and/or schools are closed?

Families will be notified as soon as possible (no later than 7:00am) through a posting on the DDSB website, social media and where possible, through local radio stations.

What zone am I in?

Students at GL Roberts are in Zone 4.



Ignite Durham Learning Foundation

The Ignite Durham Learning Foundation is a charitable community organization that supports DDSB students facing financial barriers to success. It could be a student that doesn't come to school on cold days because they don't have a winter coat, or a child who can't concentrate in class because they're hungry. There are countless ways that poverty shows up in Durham schools and creates barriers to learning. The Durham District School board is responding to the challenge with this new foundation that now has charitable status. Donations can be made online at ignitedurhamlearningfoundation.ddsb.ca.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

Semesters:

Feb. 3, 2022–April 21, 2022 Semester 2, term 1

April 22, 2022–June 30, 2022 Semester 2, term 2

Tentative Tech Support Days—Wednesday/Thursday/Alternate Fridays

Dates to Remember:

Friday, February 18—PA Day

Monday, February 21—Family Day Holiday (school closed)

February 22–25—Spirit Week

Tuesday, February 22—SCC Meeting (Virtual)

Tuesday, March 8—OSAP Information Session (12:30 pm) Register in ADVANCE

<https://trentu.zoom.us/joining/register/tJYkce-vrzMqH9LhvRQLimdLftugSryFz7yg>

March 14–18—March Break (school closed)

Friday, April 15—Good Friday Holiday (school closed)

Monday, April 18—Easter Monday Holiday (school closed)

April 25–29—Spirit Week

Monday, May 23—Victoria Day Holiday (school closed)

May 24–27—Spirit Week

Monday, May 30—SCC Meeting (Virtual)

Wednesday, June 29—PA Day

Thursday, June 30—PA Day



Parents and Prevention Webinar

Understand how Human Trafficking occurs in Durham Region

Thursday, February 24, 2022, 6:00–8:00 pm

REGISTER: [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/PPNFEB](https://tinyurl.com/PPNFEB)

Email questions to jcusato@drps.ca

COVID-19 SCREENING

Students, parents, and school staff

Answer a few questions before leaving for school.

To help decide if you should or should not go to school today.



covid-19.ontario.ca

Screening Questions:

Are students currently experiencing any of these symptoms:

Fever/chills

Cough/barking cough

Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea

Decreased smell/taste

Shortness of breath

Durhamhealth@stopthespreadosh