

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 second set of winners!

Dallicia Dallas—Respect

Dallicia is a kind and respectful student who works well with others. Her work in the greenhouse is also excellent!
Dallicia will seek feedback and ask questions very politely to check her assessments, which shows that she not only respects her teacher, but also her quality of work.

Autumn MacIntosh-Responsibility

Autumn has not only shown excellent skills in managing her

RESPECT





time to meet deadlines in English, but she listens to feedback and makes meaningful revisions to her work in order to improve her skills and final products. She also prioritizes tasks in class, and is always working on something to move her forward in her learning.

Nikola Tan-Excellence

Nicola has consistently shown a high degree of academic excellence in several of his classes. He seeks feedback, asks questions, and is very organized. Nicola is also a devoted Robotics Club team member where he regularly contributes and participates.

COMMUNITY HUB NOW OPEN

It's cold outside, but warm in the HUB!
G. L. Roberts Community Hub is now open afterschool Monday to Friday from 3pm-6pm.
Join us for programs, activities or just to Connect with each other.

For more information please email: paula@fitcommunities.ca



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Welcome back and Happy 2020! We wish everyone success as we begin to transition to Semester 2. We want to remind all of our community members to see the great stuff happening at

GLR every day. We broadcast our great happenings through our twitter feed. We tweet about 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. **Step 1:** get the twitter app. **Step 2:** make an account. **Step 3:** search for



@GLRobertsCVI

Step 4: FOLLOW US!

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or praise, reach out and contact us. 905-728-7594

Yours in Education,

Ms. Evanoff & Mr. Broumeriotis



Mrs. Hackett @MrsHackett305 · Dec 19, 2019
Grade 12 students @GLRobertsCVI spent the period collaboratively creating visual representations in Google Drawings of the connections they made to understand the historical and political context of their lit circle novels.





As semester one came to an end, the Grade 9 Drama class flexed their skills and demonstrated the 6 Cs of Drama with their final performances, in our lecture theatre. Their individual monologues demonstrated their social conscience, by discussing a social-justice issue and developing their character's personality and their own empathy.

In groups, the grade 9s created their own 3-scene scripts and performed them on stage in our beautiful lecture theatre. Their creativity and collaboration skills were on point. Ms. Hart's grade 9 drama class should be proud of how much they've grown as collaborators and individuals. Good luck in second semester!



BOYS BASKETBALL

The senior boys basketball team has a record of 13-3 to date. The team also won a AAA peel basketball tournament last month.

In league the team remains undefeated with hopes of another OFSAA medal in March.



COSMETOLOGY



The Hairstyling students have been busy finishing up their semester. The grade 12's completed a Cultures and Eras project (pictured beside). Students from all grade levels went to the board office for the Tech Ed

symposium and led grade 10's in braiding extensions, making wigs and clip in braids and then experienced creating funnel cakes (pictured below). The grade 12's are able to do haircuts and colours now and Kaitlin gave Anna a fresh cut.







ART MATTERS

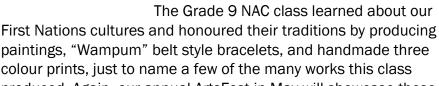
G. L. Roberts Arts Department was bursting with creativity this semester.

The music students lead by Ms. Birney performed to a record crowd. The annual Winterlude Concert included the concert band, the guitar class and the new Chior. You won't want to miss



the annual
ArtsFest to be
held on the
evening of May 27, 2020.

Ms. Davis' Grade 11 Visual Art students worked with a variety of materials this semester including clay and oil pastel.



produced. Again, our annual ArtsFest in May will showcase these works and the works of Semester 2.







CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION

We had a very successful first semester in the Cooperative Education Department this school year. Students completed work placements within our community at a variety of places such as Reliance Home Comfort, Avanti Trattoria Restaurant, Touch of a Paw Spa, Rogers TV, Lakefront Tire and Auto, retail stores, and elementary schools among many.

Congratulations to the students who completed a minimum of 220 hours of work experience and earned high school credits towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. We look forward to another great semester of Cooperative Education.

The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) is a program for students to explore and gain training in the skilled trades. Emma McNeil-Farr and Ashley Fleming will participate in the Hairstyling program with placements at local salons. Aidyn Foster is in the Automotive Service Technician program with a placement at The City of Oshawa. OYAP applications come out this March for OYAP 2021.

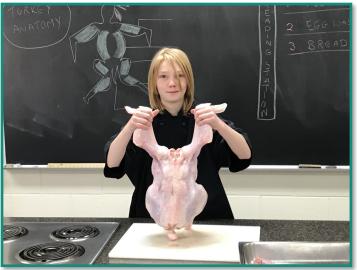
Good luck to all our students in second semester as they gain valuable work experience and enhance their employability skills. For further information regarding Coop or OYAP please see Ms. Teed.

HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

Chef Mike is very proud of the exceptional work done by G.L. Roberts Hospitality classes this semester. Students prepared a wonderful breakfast and lunch for guests and speakers of our premier TEDx event on equity. Banana muffins, fruit cups, calzone, and salad cups were made with artistic and professional care. Delicious appetizers were also presented at a retirement party for our custodian Jamie Frendo-Cumbo featuring classics like: devilled eggs, wings, meatballs, tostadas, crudite, cheese, and

fruit platters. Our students also prepared many dishes for themselves. Deepfrying, breading, butchery, cookie craft, puff pastry, bagels, cinnamon buns, banh mi sandwiches, poutine, and breakfast cookery were some of the great food adventures we experienced. Well done amateur chefs!























GUIDANCE NEWS

Parent -Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews are planned for Thursday, March 26, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. and 5:30 to 7 p.m. Please come to meet your child's teachers for semester 2. Mark progress reports will be issued on March 24th. Be sure to review these with your child, as they are a good indicator of your child's current effort and potential for success in their second semester classes.

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 Office as soon as possible. There will be an Ontario Student Assistance Program (O.S.A.P.) information session on

February 19th at 12:20 pm at G.L. Roberts

for graduating Grade 12 students and any interested parents.



There is a Financial Aid Webinar information session online: https://bit.ly/3519PZv
Financing Your Education - OSAP: The Trent Advantage Webinar - Future Students

This webinar provides information on Financing Education, OSAP and Financial Aid. It is available to all students heading off to post-secondary and who are interested in learning about financial aid, regardless of whether they are applying/attending Trent University.

GUIDANCE NEWS

G.L. Roberts Course Selection for 2020-2021 School Year

On January 17th, Guidance held assemblies for our students to help give some background knowledge about course offerings and review the course selection process. 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 through the Career Cruising website. Starting February 6th, Guidance counsellors will be meeting with students to discuss the courses they have selected for the following year. Once their courses are chosen, they must bring in their Course Request Sign Off form with a parent or guardian signature. We ask that the parents discuss the choices with their children to ensure that they are making the best choices possible. Reviewing your student's progress on www.careercruising.com/login/ddsb can help students make decisions on course choices and pathway plans. The signed forms are due back to the Guidance Office by February 28th, 2020. If there are any questions, please contact the Guidance Office at 905-728-7594. To view your student's course selections online visit: www.careercruising.com/login/ddsb.

Grade 9s Lead the Way!

Since September, the grade 9 cohort at G.L. Roberts has continuously impressed the Guidance department with the completion of their volunteer/community service hours. Each student must accumulate a minimum of 40 hours before the end of grade 12, in order to graduate. Many of the 2019/2020 group of grade 9s have started their high school career demonstrating initiative and responsibility, by completing a majority of their community hours! The Guidance department has been so impressed that a friendly competition was created for the grade 9s. The first



allotment of prizes were distributed at the end of January. Students who had earned at least 20 hours were eligible to win. The second part of the competition challenges grade 9 students to complete all 40 hours required to graduate before June. Based on the ambition and drive we have witnessed thus far, we know that the competition for prizes will be fierce! Well done grade 9s, you've made great choices at the start of your high school experience. Keep it up!

Grade 8 to 9 Transitioning Process

Our Guidance staff made presentations to the Grade 8 students of our four feeder schools in January, and our Grade 8 Parents' Night was held on Thursday, January 16th, with much success. Course selection will again be completed on-line this year. Students are asked to return Course Request Sign Off sheets and their Choosing My Success Planning Tool to their child's Grade 8 teacher by Friday January 31st, 2020. If you have a student entering Grade 9 at G.L. Roberts in September and have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Guidance Office at 905-728-7594.



| PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF GRADE 9-12 STUDENTS | WED. FEB 19, 2020 | 6-8PM

Tech Ed with the SCC

The members of the School Community Council (SCC) invite parents/guardians to join us on **Wednesday February 19**th, from **6-8pm** for our **Technology in Education Information Night**. Our goal is to have open communication with parents about the technologies that we use in our classrooms, and that our students use as a tool for their learning and success.

We are pleased to offer a keynote speaker, 3 breakout sessions and a O&A period.



One of our breakout sessions will include an introduction to Google Classroom and Google Drive. You will be able to hear from students and staff about this learning platform and experience navigating the virtual classroom.



Our final breakout session includes a discussion on digital citizenship and how students and parents can participate in

developing positive experiences with the online/digital world. Responsible usage, safety and self-regulation strategies will be the focus of our conversation.



Another breakout session focuses on D2L, or Desire to Learn. This platform is used by some teachers as a tool for learning within their classroom. Additionally, this is the program used for students who choose to enroll in online courses.



Our evening begins with our keynote speaker, Christopher Warren. The topic of his presentation will be Technology in Education. Chris was recently

featured as a speaker, at our TedEx symposium hosted by G.L. Roberts, this past November.



DURHAM REGION INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Once again, G.L. Roberts is hosting their annual Film Festival & Competition. Secondary students from across the Durham District School Board are invited to create their own short films and submit them to our Film Festival Competition. Please contact Suzanna.florasmatic@ddsb.ca for more details.

Poster at:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1S8Jp5R8-z Z0pcGW1vD7fkVUDtB24wBD/view?usp=sharing

DRAMA CLUB

The Drama Club is going to try to run during second semester! There is an abundance of talent at G.L. Roberts and we would love for you to join us. We are optimistically planning on performing a play in the Spring Artfest performance. We need members of the Drama Club to be fully committed and dedicated to the success of this performance. Additionally, we need actors, stage hands, and a tech crew. If you're interested in joining, please see Ms. Hart.



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

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February 14, 2020 P.A. Day (no classes)

February 17, 2020 Family Day Holiday (school closed)

March 13-20, 2020 March Break (school closed)

March 24, 2020 Progress Reports

March 26, 2020 Parent-Teacher Interviews

March 25, 2020 Youth Job Fair @ GLR

March 31, 2020 Literacy Test Day (OSSLT)

April 3, 2020 P.A. Day (no classes)

April 4, 2020 Parents as Partners Conference @ J. Clarke Richardson

April 10, 2020 Good Friday (school closed)

April 13, 2020 Easter Monday (school closed)

April 15, 2020 Semester 2, Term 2 Begins

April 24, 2020 Midterm Report Cards Distributed