



Your Monthly News & Updates

Upcoming dates...

Women In Science @ Perimeter Institute... Thurs. March 8th
PD Day... Friday March 9th
March Break Holidays... March 12-16th
Classes resume... March 19th
Midterm Report Cards... March 21st
Parent-Teacher Interviews... March 22nd between 2:15-4pm
Grad Photos... Tuesday April 10th

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DECA Provincials in Toronto

Every year, thousands among the best from each Regional Competition come together from all across Ontario to compete in the DECA Ontario Provincials Competition. We are so proud of the progress our chapter has made from the previous year, with nearly half of our competing chapter qualifying to attend the 39th Annual Provincials! This year we had four students attend: Evan C., Bill L., Dylan S. and Megan W.

Qualifying for Provincials in itself is already an incredible accomplishment; even though the DECA year has come to an end, the true essence of DECA lives in *all our participants* and in taking what you have learned and applying it going forward. As our student, Bill L., reminds us, "being true a DECA member, there is no such thing as Winners and Losers, only Winners and Learners. We hope everybody has taken these opportunities to network, build relationships while inspiring your own continuous life-long learning."

A special and incredible thanks to Mrs Young and Mr Dertinger for supporting the growth of our chapter, without your passion and support for us competitors, we would not have made it as far as we have. I am confident that with our continued support, we will be unstoppable next year!

We are very excited to see what next year has in store for Blyth Academy Waterloo DECA! So many new ideas, opportunities, and chances for us to sharpen our 21st Century Skills, study our performance indicators and have fun! Thank you to all students who shared their interest in DECA this year and please join next year if you didn't this year!



Global Youth Forum @ CIGI

Back in December, Ms Daminato took 3 students (Megan P., Peter J. and Noura A.) to the Center for International Governance Innovation in Waterloo to attend a Global Youth Forum regarding Climate Change. We joined several different high schools from across the Waterloo region to partake in a day of presentations and break-out activities. It was a very eye-opening day in regards to discussing our environmental impact here in Waterloo and looking at Climate Change in a global picture.





Starbucks Support by Bill L.

Coming to Blyth Academy would never have been possible for me without the generosity of Blyth Education and the support of my work, Starbucks. I believe that working while in school exercises self-discipline and sharpens skills that are essential to success such as initiative, responsibility, and organization. For me, working at Starbucks has been incredibly rewarding. It has almost been a year since I was first hired as a barista and I have only grown since; I became the lead trainer for my store and recently became certified as one of Starbucks' youngest Coffee Masters. With this designation, I can continue to grow in the business mindset, build connections, and support my family. Blyth has also been incredibly supportive of my work and our flexible nature allows me to work the hours I need to fund my education without falling behind. I am proud of what I have been able to accomplish and because of my time at Starbucks and the quality of education here at Blyth, I have become a better student and ready to take on future endeavors with great confidence.

Google Tour

A big thanks goes to our staff member, Susan Karai, for organizing a tour at Google for 8 of our students and Mr. Curro last week. The students had the opportunity to see first hand one of the largest companies, right in our very own backyard of Downtown Kitchener. Many of our students are interested in computer science and technology and this was a wonderful opportunity for them see an innovative work environment, ask questions to those who work at Google and continue thinking about their own future career choices. We are lucky to be able to offer such experiential field trips living in the large tech sector that we do!



New Term 3 Staff

Blyth Waterloo is happy to introduce 4 new teachers with us this term! All staff bring interesting and diverse backgrounds and experiences to our school environment and we're so lucky to have them as part of our growing Blyth family!
Introducing...

Bradley Robinson

Brad joins us after several years teaching abroad in England. We are lucky he decided to move back to Cambridge, ON! He is currently teaching 3 of our senior classes: Grade 11/12 English, Grade 12 Writer's Craft and Grade 12 World Issues. His array of experience teaching internationally provides great basis and personal connection to his subject matter.

Amy DesBrisay

Amy made the leap to move to Waterloo from Toronto to teach with us and we are so grateful! She is teaching Grade 10/11 English and our Grade 9/10 Foundations course. Some of Amy's interest include skiing at her chalet on weekends, sailing, and travel.



Mark Curro

Mark is teaching our first computer science course of the year to our Grade 9s and 10s! They are loving it. With a Masters of Science in Applied Mathematics and prior coding knowledge he is keeping these students engaged and learning new skills in a continually advancing technological world!



Sharron Reid

Sharron has an extensive background in education and travel. She comes to us after teaching for Qaqalik School in Nunavut. She has also lived in Seoul, Korea teaching working many roles, including ESL. This term she is teaching ESL to some of our International students. Her years of experience are a huge asset to our Blyth community!



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