



We apologize about the delay in sending this newsletter -
technology wasn't co-operating.

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EDSBY ACCESS FOR PARENTS IS HERE!



Thank you for waiting patiently while we got internally familiar with EDSBY - our new marks and communication program.

As of yesterday, we have sent login information out to parents via email. We will be starting with our Grade 9-12 families at this time, and our Grade 7/8 parents will receive their logins after Parent/Teacher Interviews on Wednesday.

Edsby is a way for you to stay on top of your child(ren)'s marks as they are earned, and also track homework, or daily work for absent students. We are also doing away with Moodle, as students will now be using Edsby for their blended learning component.

Edsby has a variety of features that we are excited to roll out as the year progresses.

This is a brand new program for us, so we do anticipate there might be a bit of a learning curve. We welcome your feedback.

SUPERSTAR STUDENTS - Term 1 Final Edition



CADANCE S. (Gr. 7)

Nominated by teachers Ms. Elik and Mr. Williams

Cadance is highly engaged in Science, Math and Language. She consistently turns in quality work and is seeking assistance a more regular basis. Cadance is always positive and has demonstrated perseverance when faced with a challenging task. We are looking forward to seeing Cadance exercise her independence in Term 2.



CHAYDON S. (Gr. 8)

Nominated by teachers Ms. Elik and Mr. Williams

Chaydon has showed exceptional growth from the start of the school year. He is always engaged and excited to participate during Geography and Science class. Chaydon used to use many strategies to avoid being in class; he now attends class on a regular basis. Chaydon is an asset to have as part of the Middle School family. We are looking forward to seeing him flourish in Term 2.



ETHAN H. (Gr. 9)

Nominated by teacher Mrs. Garcia-Eid

Ethan has worked hard on building his confidence in his first term at high school, and he has bravely faced many fears. Ethan always comes into class with a smile and positive attitude. He follows up to make sure he is always on track with his assignments. Ethan has helped out with our school banner for the Santa Claus parade and has been a huge contributor to classroom positivity.



ETHAN W. (Gr. 9)

Nominated by teacher Mme Klem

Ethan wasn't too excited to have French in his first term at high school, but despite how he felt about the subject, he almost always worked to the best of his ability. I was particularly proud of Ethan's efforts on the practice French exam. He gave it his absolute best, filling every space and not leaving anything blank. Great work, Ethan! You have made a strong start to your high school career.



TATE M. (Gr. 9)

Nominated by teacher Mrs. Saumur

Tate has overcome the challenges of starting out at a new school in a new environment with determination and passion. She has worked diligently to push herself both academically and beyond. Tate's dedication to her own personal success should be an inspiration to her peers and I hope that she continues to set an excellent example.



ELLIOTT L. (Gr. 10)

Nominated by teacher Ms. Mileva

Elliott transitioned very well to his new teacher midway through this term, and other than the odd day when he wasn't feeling well, he always had a big smile on his face and was ready and excited to learn something new. He was a great participant in class discussions, and worked very hard to bring up his mark in the second half of the class.

**SKYLAR R. (Gr. 11)**

Nominated by teacher Ms. dela Paz

Skyla absolutely rocked her Gr. 10 math class, a result which was far more than she ever expected of herself. She was engaged in lessons, asked great questions, and worked diligently at practicing each new skill I taught her. I am so proud of all the successes Skyla has achieved in my class, and I am so happy to see her new confidence with math and wish her all the best in this coming term!

**ALICIA A. (Gr. 11)**

Nominated by teacher Ms. dela Paz

Alicia began Gr. 11 Biology with a handful of reservations, but after learning some new study strategies, she turned those reservations into successes. Alicia worked hard at developing her grasp of the unending complexity of biology and the scientific method, and she produced a fantastic culminating project that tied her love of ballet with her new understanding of the cardiovascular system. I am very proud of Alicia's perseverance and wish her continued success!

**ELYSE H. (Gr. 11)**

Nominated by teacher Mr. Hancock

Elyse has done an excellent job in ENG3U this term. Her creativity was on display every day in class, especially through her amazing songs she wrote for Handmaid's Tale. She works so incredibly hard day in and day out, and I'm so happy to see the results coming through for her. Also, she has some really cute chickens at home that everyone should meet.

**AAMINAH B. (Gr. 12)**

Nominated by teacher Mr. Reid

Aminah decided to challenge herself in a new way this term by taking a physical education class. Although she was a little daunted at first by some of the gym clients, she was always willing to give something a try, and she very quickly began to feel more confident in her skills and positioning. I was very proud of Aminah for conquering her fears and making the best of the opportunity.

**ASHLEIGH D. (Gr. 12)**

Nominated by teacher Ms. Little

Ashleigh was very nervous and almost fearful on the first day of classes, but over the course of the term she was able to build her confidence both through seeking extra help on a regular basis in both chemistry and Advanced Functions, and in coming to trust in her own innate abilities. Congratulations on your successes this term, Ashleigh.

**VIVIANNE K. (Gr. 12)**

Nominated by teacher Ms. Little

Vivianne is a very hard-working student who participates well in class, and always asks for help when needed. She is a creative thinker, an active group participant, and her real claim to fame this term was handing in all assignments early. This skill will serve you well this year and beyond, Viv! Congratulations on a successful term in chemistry.

**CHELSEA D. (Gr. 12)**

Nominated by teacher Mrs. Saumur

Of all of the students I have crossed paths with, Chelsea is one of the most relentless when it comes to advocating for herself and in seeking help and clarification on anything she does not understand. She is always trying to make the school and classroom feel like a community.

SKYLAR S. (Gr. 12)

Nominated by teacher Ms. Kupovics

Any student who needs to be absent for a length of time wishes they were in Skylar's class. Skylar's notes are beautiful - well organized, careful and thorough. Skylar is a very hardworking, dedicated student who always gives her best effort, and still has the time to show concern for the people around her. She is



thoughtful and caring and kind. Congratulations on a very successful term, Skylar!

Introducing Term 2 Clubs

A new term means new lunchtime club options for our students!

Student
Council

We will continue to run Student Council on Mondays in Canada, lead by Campus Administrator Sarah Oakley.



On Tuesdays students will have the opportunity to flex their acting muscles, and experiment with drama and improvisation. Lead by Mr. Hancock, the Drama Club will run on Tuesdays at our Middle School campus. High School students are welcome to attend as well.



On Thursdays budding artists and those looking to explore art as a tool for relaxation are invited to drop in to Art Club in Jamaica. This term students will be working on small projects, as well as undertaking a wall mural. This club is lead by Mrs. Saumur.



On Fridays this term Ms. Little is leading an Environmental Club at lunch in Canada. We recognize that we have a lot of work to do to make our school more environmentally friendly, and we welcome all contributions to the conversation.

Santa Claus Parade Update



We are counting down the days to Whitby's Santa Claus Parade. Our Grade 9 Foundations class has worked extremely hard to make the necessary plans for our float entry, and we are excited to see everything come to fruition on Saturday December 1.

Any student wanting to volunteer to participate is encouraged to sign up at Sarah's desk up until Friday November 23. Further details will be sent to volunteers by email next week. Any High School students who participate will earn Community Involvement hours - be sure to see Sarah for your form.

Meet Roomba!



This year our Middle School students wanted a school pet. After a lot of research, it was decided that a tortoise would be a good option as they aren't noisy, and their vegetarian diet needs are easy to meet.

Under the leadership of Mrs. G, our Grade 7s and 8s ran a fundraising activity, selling pizza and other snacks to the high school students. They had hoped to raise \$200, and actually earned almost \$250. This made their dream of tortoise ownership a reality!

Meet Roomba, our baby tortoise, who lives at the Middle School campus. As tortoises need to reach maturity prior to being able to determine their sex, Roomba is currently gender-neutral and uses they/their/them pronouns.

Feel free to come in to meet Roomba!

LOOKING AHEAD...

Tues. Nov. 20

- lunchtime Drama Club with Mr. Hancock at Middle School campus

Wed. Nov. 21

- Middle School Parent/Teacher Interviews from 1:20 - 6pm

Thurs. Nov. 22

- lunchtime Art Club with Mrs. Saumur in Jamaica

- Evening Information Session for prospective Grade 9-12 families from 6-7pm - please feel free to share this with anyone you know who wants to learn more about us!

- Evening International Summers presentation for families interested in our International Summers program for Summer 2019 from 7-8pm. If you are interested, please RSVP [here](#).

Fri. Nov. 23

- lunchtime Environment Club with Ms. Little in Canada

Mon. Nov. 26

- Student Council at lunch in Canada

- Postsecondary Application Workshop with Guidance Counsellor Karen Brierley from 3:30 - 5pm

Tues. Nov. 27

- lunchtime Drama Club with Mr. Hancock at Middle School campus

Thurs. Nov. 29

- lunchtime Art Club with Mrs. Saumur in Jamaica

Fri. Nov. 30

- lunchtime Environment Club with Ms. Little in Canada

Sat. Dec. 1

- Whitby Santa Claus Parade!

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