

Blyth ACADEMY

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Our Grade 9 Foundations class worked hard to get us ready for our first-ever involvement in the Whitby Santa Claus Parade.

We ran into some snags along the way, as is always the case when planning for a big event, but the students did a great job of ordering us our parade banner, making decorative noisemakers, and filling the parade-viewers with joy and holiday spirit as they walked along the route.

Thank you to our student and teacher volunteers - Cadance, Sarah and Andrew (Gr.7), Willem, Ashley, Ethan H and Tom (Gr.9), Aline, Alicia and Chidera (Gr.11), Payton and Brittany (Gr.12), and Karen (and her son Jack), Mrs. Garcia-Eid (and her dog Lars), Ms. Kupovics, Mr. Hancock and Mr. Reid.





Cadance (Gr.7) showing off her amazing holiday hair

HATCH CODING AT MIDDLE SCHOOL

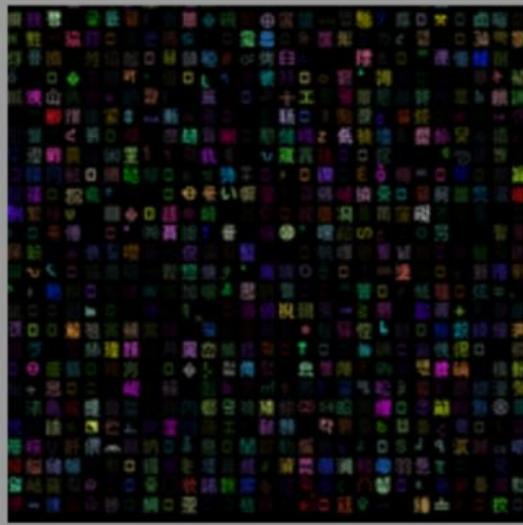
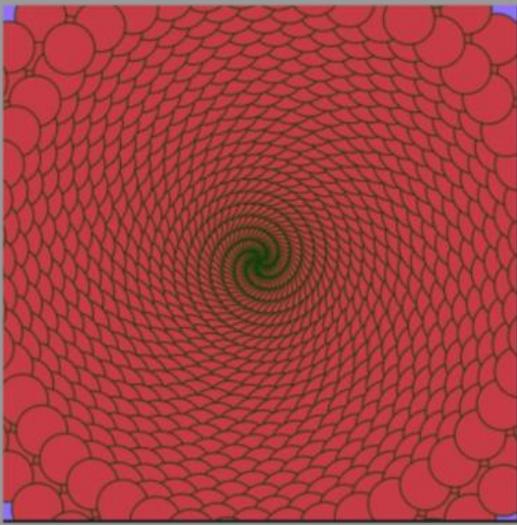
By Teacher Ms. Brittany Elik and the Grade 8 class

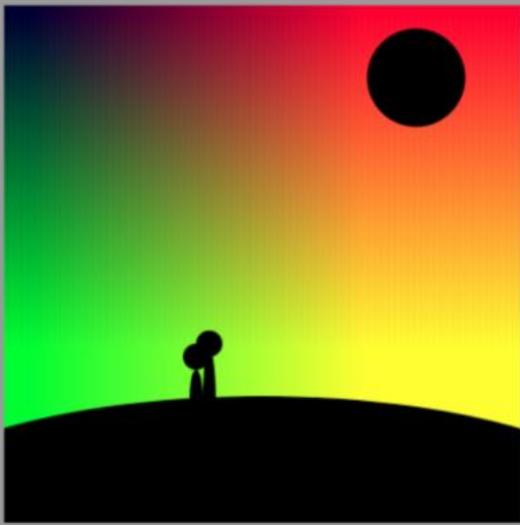
Hatch was a coding company that came into our Grade 7/8 classroom every Friday since the middle of October. Hatch offered us over 600 projects which allowed us to build a portfolio of completed projects, much like an artist or architect.

Some of the projects that we enjoyed doing the most were: "Hold a Ball", "Snake" and "Basic Painter". We learned how to code in Java Script and write real lines of code. We liked the program because it was self- paced, and we were able to work together on projects and independently.

The program was user-friendly, and we feel that it will help up with future web design. Although we got frustrated, we helped each other out and were able to problem solve. If you had a hard time learning how to do something you could further break down steps to make it easier to understand. We look forward to using our accounts to code for the next three months.

You can see some of our projects below!





```
2  noStroke();
3  for(var x = 400; x > -50; x-=5){
4    for(var y = 400; y > -50; y-=5){
5      fill(x,y,51);
6      ellipse(x,y,50,50);
7    }
8  }
9  };
10
11 drawSunset();
12
13
14 var drawShadows = function(){
15   fill(0);
16   ellipse(200,400,600,200);
17   ellipse(150,270,20,20);
18   ellipse(150,300,10,40);
19   ellipse(160,260,20,20);
20   ellipse(160,300,10,70);
21   ellipse(310,57, 75,75);
22 };
23
24 drawShadows();
25 fill(0);
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1  background(145, 112, 255);
2  stroke(1,64,3);
3  fill(200, 200, 200);
4  var angle = 0;
5  var radius = 0;
6  var centerX = 200;
7  var centerY = 200;
8  var drawSpiralingCircle = function(){
9    var x = cos(angle) * radius;
10   var y = sin(angle) * radius;
11   fill(20,20,20);
12   angle = angle + 5;
13   radius = radius + 0.2;
14   ellipse(x + centerX, y + centerY, 40, 40);
15 };
16 };
17 var resetCircle = function(){
18   if(radius>260){
19     radius = 0;
20   }
21 };
22 var draw = function() {
23   drawSpiralingCircle();
24   resetCircle();
25 };
```



POSTSECONDARY APPLICATION UPDATE

By Guidance Counsellor Karen Brierley

Our Grade 12s have got off to a great start with their university/college applications.

A commitment to submitting applications early has seen 8 students receive early offers of admission, 3 of whom have received an offer from their first choice school and program. They have also earned close to \$50 000 in scholarships to date!!

We will be celebrating many more offers over the coming months as further marks are submitted to universities.

A fantastic start, Grade 12!



SUPERSTAR STUDENTS: Term 2 Midterm Edition



ARYA F. (Gr.8)

Nominated by Teachers Ms. Eik & Mr. Williams

Arya continues to have a positive mindset and shows perseverance in face of problems. He is engaged and participates with enthusiasm. He helps his peers and shows many leadership qualities. Arya continues to be organized and does not hesitate to ask questions when he does not understand a concept. He uses free time wisely, works hard and takes pride in the quality of his work.



ETHAN W. (Gr.9)

Nominated by Teacher Mrs. Saumur

Ethan W. has been a funny and lively addition to our class this semester. He has done very well in learning new terms and ideas in geography and achieved a lot so far. I am excited to see where he goes next!



PALMER M. (Gr.10)

Nominated by Teacher Ms. Kupovics

I nominate Palmer in 10 English for his consistently enthusiastic attitude, conscientious work ethic and ability to work effectively with all his classmates. He puts his all into everything he does, and he makes 10 English a lot of fun for everyone.



LINNEA M. (Gr.10)

Nominated by Teacher Ms. dela Paz

Linnea is diligent with her work and studying in 10 science, resulting in her being consistently successful. She has stayed at 90% or above on almost all assessments thus far! Everything she puts into the class, from discussions and group work, to assignments and labs, is done with the utmost integrity and quality.



ALICIA A. (Gr.11)

Nominated by Teacher Mr. Reid

Alicia is always super focused in Kinesiology class and participates in discussion with good reasoning and examples. She always brings a positive attitude to class and is ready to learn. She is also always very proactive in checking in and clarifying information with her teachers.



FARIS I. (Gr.11)
Nominated by Teacher Ms. Little

Faris has a great attitude when it comes to 11 Physics. He always works hard, and never hesitates to ask for help when he needs it. He is a regular participant in Period 3 Study Hall, and he is quick to provide assistance to his classmates when they struggle. Keep up the great work, Faris!



MADDY W. (Gr.11)
Nominated by Teacher Mr. Hancock

Maddy has been excelling in 12 International Business so far. She keeps excellent notes and is always asking questions to ensure she is doing the best she can on every assignment. Her work ethic is admirable, and her study habits continue to impress, which allows her to do incredibly well on our tests. Keep it going, Maddy!



KENE A. (Gr.12)
Nominated by Teacher Ms. dela Paz

Kene has demonstrated a lot of growth and maturity from last year in 11 biology! He seems to have found his stride this year. His curiosity for the subject seems to grow in every class, and he is challenging himself to meet higher standards with each assessment. Keep it up, Kene!



MATEO F. (Gr.12)
Nominated by Teacher Mrs. Saumur

Mateo has shown both passion and skill while reading and interpreting texts this semester. He has pushed himself to understand difficult concepts and make insightful connections between big ideas and class work.



SHEFALI K. (Gr.12)
Nominated by Teacher Ms. Mileva

In calculus class, Shefali is highly motivated and has a very positive attitude regarding her school work. She collaborates extremely well with her peers and always takes the challenging questions as great learning opportunities. She maintains high learning standards for herself and produces a very high quality of work as a result.



CALUM M. (Gr.12)
Nominated by Teacher Mrs. Saumur

Calum has really shone in geography and has great insights to share about course material and environmental issues. Calum has also patiently helped classmates and often takes on a mentorship role in the classroom.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Mon. Dec. 17

- Student Council at lunch with Sarah

Tues. Dec. 18

- Drama club at lunch with Mr. Hancock
- Term 2 Midterm Parent/Teacher Interviews (high school) from 4 - 6:30. Please email [Sarah](#) to schedule your appointments.

Wed. Dec. 19

- Last day to bring in food for Holiday Food Drive

Thurs. Dec. 20

- FESTIVE DAY! Wear your ugly Christmas sweater, holiday headgear, or coziest onesie. Prizes

will be awarded to the "Most Festive".

- Art Club at lunch with Mrs. Saumur

- Adjusted Schedule today to accommodate our Holiday House Event:

Period 1 8:20 - 10:05

Period 2 10:10 - 11:55

House Event 12:00 - 1:00

Lunch 1:00 - 1:30

Period 3 1:30 - 3:45

Fri. Dec. 21

- Adjusted schedule today to accommodate early dismissal:

Period 1 8:20 - 9:30

Period 2 9:35 - 10:45

Period 3 10:50 - 12:00

Please note, the school will close for Winter Break at 12:30. We will reopen at 8am on Monday January 7, 2019.

Neither teachers nor administrators will be monitoring phones or email over the break so that we can all enjoy a vacation. We look forward to seeing everyone again in the new year!

IN THE NEW YEAR...

Mon. Jan. 7

- Welcome back from maternity leave to Guidance Counselor Kelly Jamieson-Drachenberg!

- Student Council at lunch with Sarah

Tues. Jan. 8

- Drama club at lunch with Mr. Hancock

Thurs. Jan. 10

- Art club at lunch with Mrs. Saumur

Fri. Jan. 11

Guidance Counselor Karen Brierley's last day

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