

Vic High



November 2021



Principal's Message

It has been a joy to see many of our typical extracurricular activities return this year. We had more students participating in sports this fall than we did in the years prior to the pandemic – an impressive result considering our student population is considerably smaller than it was prior to 2020. While most teams have wrapped up their seasons we are very excited for our Jr. Boys Volleyball team. After dominating the regular season and City Championships - this team is the first Vic High team to enter the Island Championships as a favourite in over 25 years.

Along with athletics we have experienced increased participation in school clubs and performances. Our students are meeting regularly in the BIPOC and SOGI associations, the term end dance performances were spectacular, and fundraisers and spirit events like our Musical Theatre Halloween Ghost Tours and the Grad Amazing Race have been very well attended.

We are looking forward to the winter formal on Dec 9th and Santa's Breakfast Dec 17th.

Congratulations to those students who made the honour roll and to all those students who met their academic goals for the first term.

Aaron Parker
Principal



We are now approaching the season when inclement weather may affect the safety and welfare of students. In particular, snowy weather has the potential to cause school closure or some School District 61 services to be suspended.

During inclement weather, information about schools will be updated continuously on the Greater Victoria School District 61 website at <http://www.sd61.bc.ca>.

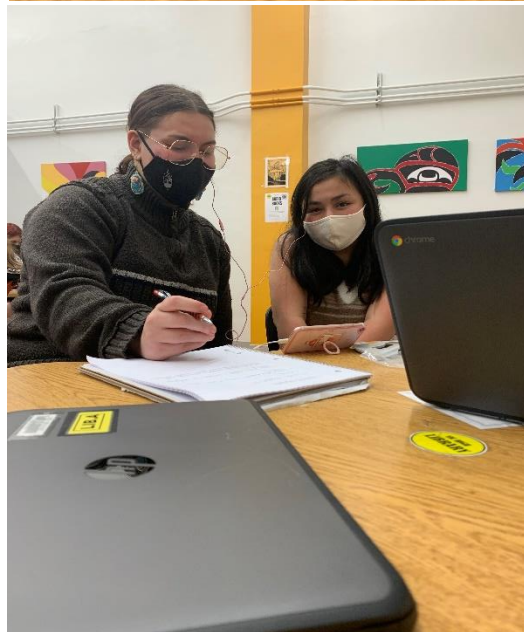
Within the Greater Victoria School District, the Interim Superintendent of Schools, Deb Whitten, will provide media outlets with information about the status of our facilities and transportation services by 6:30 am.

Important Upcoming Dates

December 8 th	Parent / Teacher Meetings
December 8 th	Grade 9 Immunizations – Gym
December 9 th	Grad Winter Formal
December 17 th	Quarter 2 Midterm – Interims
December 20 th to 31 st	Winter Break
January 3 rd	Last Day of Winter Break
January 4 th	First Day of Classes
January 10 th	PAC Meeting
January 24 th to 28 th	Numeracy/Literacy Assessments
January 26 th	Français Langue Assessment
January 28 th	Last Day of Quarter 2

Social Justice

Students in Social Justice 12 were invited to listen to a conversation titled *Climate Justice, Climate Grief, Climate Action: Intergenerational Dialogue on Climate Change*, between long-time activists, scholars, and youth currently working to protect the old growth trees at Fairy Creek, as well as other climate actions. Topics such as intergenerational climate inequity, climate anxiety, and climate action were discussed. Critical questions around protection, incorporating Indigenous ways of knowing, the role of cities planning, and intergenerational inequities were explored. This was a partnership between the City of Victoria and the Canadian Urban Institute, who wanted to know: what do youth think adults should do to support them in their fight for climate justice?

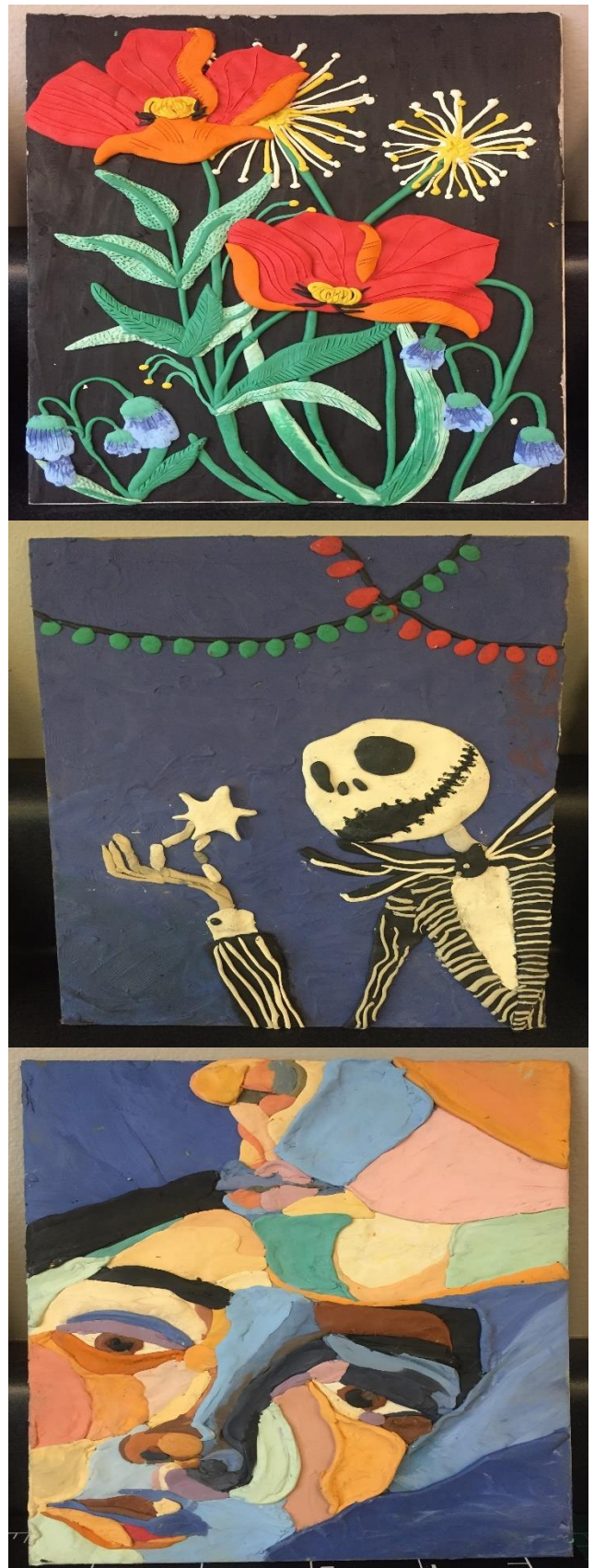


Fine Arts

Some very cool work coming through the art room the last couple weeks. Here are a few of the students' Notan designs - an exercise that creatively plays with positive and negative space. Neat to see the different approaches each student took!



The past couple weeks, students in art 9/10 have been working hard on a bas-relief sculpture project. These lovely 3D illustrations have been done with plasticine - a moldable clay that lends itself well to studies of form and texture!



Athletics

Vic High athletics are back in full swing! We currently have 5 volleyball teams, a senior boys soccer team, a junior and senior cross-country team, a swim team, and a badminton club up and running. Our basketball athletes are getting ready to start practicing as well. Vic High currently has over 120 athletes working hard representing the black and gold!

Our junior and senior boys' volleyball teams are both playing well and are strong contenders to qualify for the island championships in November. Brian Pinon had a 5th place finish at the cross-country island championships! Congratulations to all for your hard work and commitment to your sport. We are Vic High!



Vic High Girls' volleyball update:

What an incredible season our Vic High Tikis have had! We saw a record number of girls come out for our teams this year and thanks to the amazing support of our volunteer coaches, Dale Sakiyama, Sandra Justice and Melanie Bokvist, we were able to support two junior girls and one senior girls' volleyball teams. Our teams had an amazing season and had the opportunity to really develop their skills and create lifelong friendships. Our junior girls' black team was the most competitive of the three teams and they finished in an impressive third place in the silver tier playoffs at the beginning of the month. We look forward to seeing these girls out on the court again next year! Go Tikis!

Jean Morrison

Vic High Tikis Volleyball



Athletics

Our volleyball season is wrapping up with loads of success for our Vic High student athletes. Our junior boys' volleyball team won the city championships and will be competing in the Island Championships on the weekend of November 12. Our senior boys' volleyball team has finished second in league play and is a strong contender for qualifying for the Island championships as well. Our girls' teams had lots of growth and development and are ready to work on their gains for next year.

Our basketball season is in its early stages of startup. Our senior boys are a strong contender on the Island this season. We also have a junior boys' team and a junior and senior girls' team. We are excited to welcome sports back to Vic High.

Cross Country

The small but hardy Vic High cross-country team featured a number of impressive individual performances. Jr runner Brian Pinon had an incredible season. Brian consistently finished in the top 5 in local events. He saved his best races for the Island and Provincial championships in where he placed 5th at the Islands and 19th at Provincials. Brian's top 25 finish at the Jr Provincial Championship is the single most successful placement of any Vic High runner in over 25 year.

Owen Campbell had strong races at the island championships, qualifying for provincials where he finished in the top 100 out of over 200 of the best runners in the province. Ella Einarson and Risako Aoki ran every race this season. Congratulations to all who participated.

Cross Country



French Immersion

Students in our French Immersion program have been very busy this Fall! We have been happy to welcome so many new faces to our program and to Sandra Justice, who will be teaching Français Langue, Education Physique and Career Life Education in our program until the end of December.

Our grade 9 and 10 students had the amazing opportunity to partake in an outing to Chocolat Favoris, an ice cream shop downtown that originates in Quebec and is a local spot where students can order in French! Before the outing, grade 11 students Danya and Isabella prepared a lesson on the origins of the shop and the importance of finding local places to speak the French language around town. It was incredible to see two more senior students preparing and delivering a lesson in French and I am very proud of the role modeling that they displayed.

All of our students enrolled in French Language Arts classes this quarter also had the opportunity to visit La Belle Patate restaurant in Esquimalt. This is a favorite field trip for many students as they love to sample the authentique québécois food and love to get on the bus and adventure through town. This is another great local spot where students can order their food in French!

Our senior students had the opportunity to virtually attend a presentation from Simon Fraser's French Cohort program, a program that offers French Immersion programming at the post-secondary level. Many students were excited to hear of the post-secondary options that are offered to them in French and have had many meaningful discussions this term about the benefits of their bilingualism.

As we move towards the second quarter of the year we look forward to welcoming more students into our classes. We will be working in conjunction with our librarian, Wendy Burleson, to host some franco café sessions during FOCU block to allow students to continue developing their language skills when they are not currently enrolled in a French Immersion class and we will be heading over to the Save-On-Foods Memorial Center for a French Immersion skate on December 1st. There is so much more excitement in store for our French Immersion students this year!

Jean Morrison

Vic High French Immersion Program



Grade 9 Orientation

Welcome to Vic High Grade 9s!



Cornerstone Breakfast



Cornerstone Breakfast



Student VOTES



Grad Spirit Week

Hippies VS Western



Formal Wear



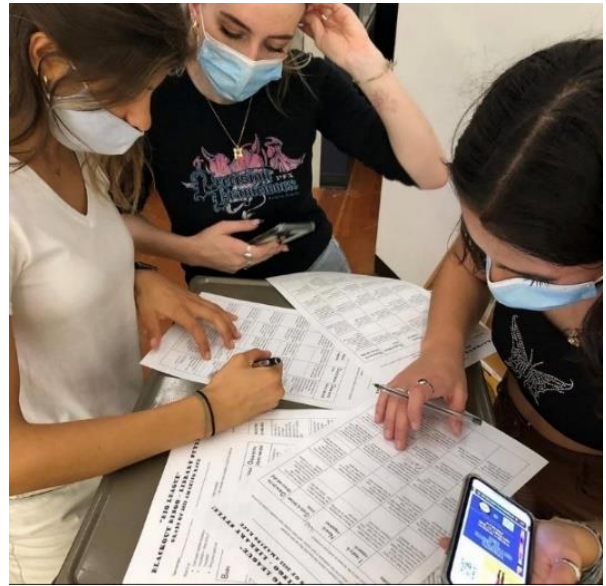
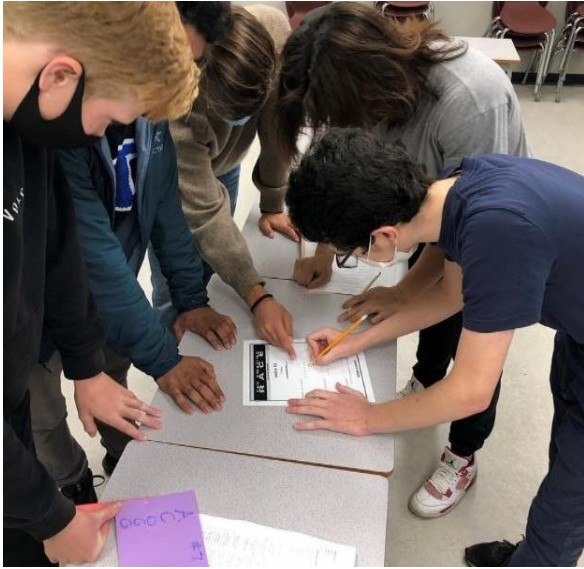
Vic High PAC

Thank you SO much for
braving the weather to bring
coffee and treats to the
Vic High Staff!

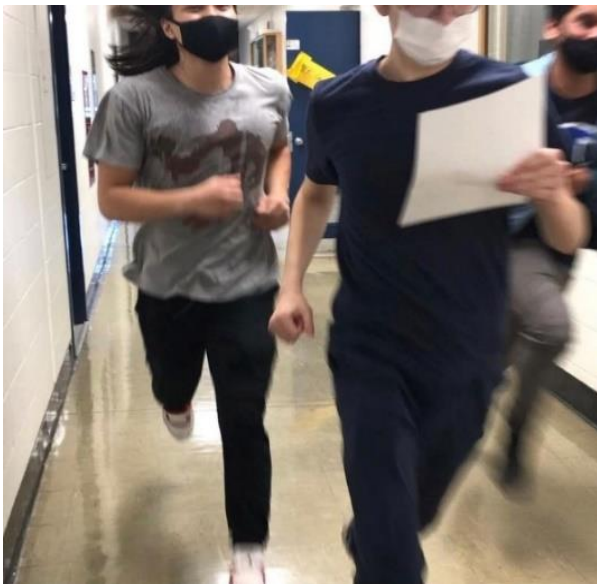
We appreciate you 😊



Grad Amazing Race



Auto Tech 10 students
learning how to fix bikes



TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

September 30th, 2021 marks the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, which was proposed by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission as one of its 94 Calls to Action. This day honours the survivors of the residential school system, their families, and communities.



Thank you for leading us through this assembly
Mr. Conibear and class.



This solemn day has been established to honour the lost children and Survivors of residential schools, their families and communities, and to ensure public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools as a vital component of the reconciliation process.

REMEMBRANCE DAY



Home Economics

Vic High 2nd Annual Denim Upcycling Challenge 2021
Fashion Industry 12 mixed
with Textile Studies 11/12 –
the fashion students create
an original design and the
textile students sew up their
creations!

Team #1



Team #2



Team #3



Team #4



Team #5



Team #6



Team #7



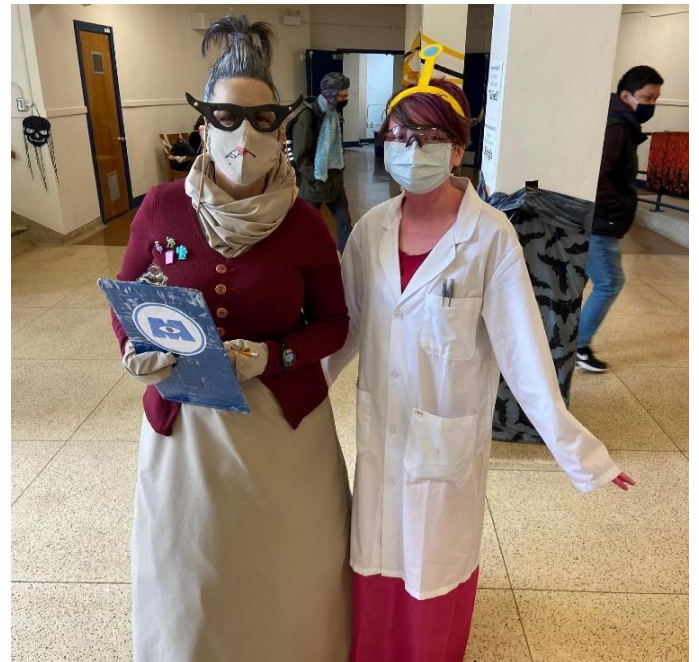
Team #8



HALLOWEEN



More Halloween



VIE Homestay

We are needing a number of new/returning homestay families to assist with our arrivals in February and September. Thank you for your support!

Please contact: Gary Garraway
Victoria International Education
ggaraway@sd61.bc.ca



Homestay parents required for our Greater Victoria International Education Program

Student stays can range from short term (a couple of weeks to 4 months) to a half term (5 months) to a full term (1 year or longer). Students are enrolled in a middle or secondary program throughout the district.

It is a great opportunity for your family to share in an intercultural exchange of ideas, food and life.

Our host families are offered an orientation, on-going support (24/7 emergency line), a homestay manual, and a \$975 monthly student support fee.

To find out more about homestay program or to apply please visit our website: www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay or contact Gary Garraway at the Homestay Office.

Email: ggaraway@sd61.bc.ca Telephone: 250-592-6871

Thank you for checking us out!

Greater VICTORIA School District

Connect your family to the world!

BECOME A HOST FAMILY

Why host?

- Have an intercultural learning experience for your family and the community
- Build lasting friendships
- Help a student between 12 to 18 years be successful studying and living in Victoria
- A \$975 monthly fee will be provided to support a student in your home
- 24/7 assistance provided by the Homestay Department of Victoria International Education

Families of all Greater Victoria communities are welcome to apply to our Homestay Program.

Thank you for your interest.

Questions?

Speak with one of our Homestay Program Staff at 250-592-6871 or email homestay@sd61.bc.ca Visit our website for more information on www.studyinvictoria.com

"It was wonderful to introduce our students to Canadian culture and also learn about their home country and how they are doing. It was a great opportunity for them to become a 'family' supporting one another."

- Anne R.



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Vic High Lunch Program

Our Victoria High School Youth and Family Counsellor team would like to remind families of our daily Lunch Program. In an attempt to eliminate barriers and extend our support to students, we offer a wide range of meals Monday – Thursday at the beginning of the lunch hour. We are building up the menu, and hope to have warm meals provided by Sysco soon.

The lunch program is offered to students in need, whether due to financial hardship, or other barriers to accessing lunches consistently. All information is confidential, and we make a concentrated effort to ensure students feel safe and supported when accessing their lunch. If your family may benefit from this support, we would be happy to send out an application form.

Please reach out to our Youth and Family Counsellors for more information.

Mark Sheremeta, Gen Walsh, Corie Aarsen, Corina Di Menna, Kevin Henry

Dance Department

Vic High dancers prepare for their Cabaret Night--November 10th--an informal on-campus performance for the students' family and friends (by invitation only due to COVID protocol), Teacher Assistant Caylyn tackles the challenges of tap with our Beginners to create a work from the soundtrack of "Rio"--Hot Wings--I Wanna Dance. The program will also include a finale Rupaul piece and the in-between will celebrate the solo, duo and trio works of our young choreographers.



All of our dancers appreciate the opportunity to share the culmination of their many hours of sweat, work and laughter. Our first Cabaret will be informal and restricted in audience numbers, however, we look forward to creating a new tradition at our Topaz campus.



Clerical Support (On Call)

Our District is seeking people with an expertise in office administration and who wish to start a career in our schools and District Departments. If you are available Monday-Friday between 8:00am and 3:30pm then this may be the opportunity to make your knowledge and expertise count. On an as-needed basis you may work Monday through Friday for 16 to 35 hours, but not on major holidays, Christmas, Spring Break or during the summer months. It could be a perfect fit for you.

As part of our administrative spare board, you may be called to replace a School Administrative Assistant, Secretarial Clerk or School Assistant. Some of the duties may include greeting parents and students, directing incoming calls, preparing documents, spreadsheets and newsletters, supervising students, and processing monies for projects and expenses for on-going operations. Starting on our spare board will allow you to gain experience in any of our 45 schools and can lead to continuing employment when you are ready.

This position falls within the CUPE Collective Agreement at a pay rate of \$22.14 – \$27.26 per hour plus 11% in lieu of benefits. The hours and location of work will vary with the assignment.

This position requires individuals to have 50+ WPM or data entry equivalency; completion of an office administration certificate and basic bookkeeping skills. Applicants must have sound clerical/office skills, proficiency in Microsoft Office, ability to work independently with minimal supervision, be willing to adapt to a changing work environment and be comfortable with face to face communication with the general public.

For a detailed job description:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/91/2018/01/2017-11-10-Secretarial-Clerk.pdf>

Please submit your cover letter, résumé and references to:

Human Resource Services
Greater Victoria School District #61
556 Boleskine Road, Victoria, B.C. V8Z 1E8
or
Email: hrrs@sd61.bc.ca

Career Centre

We are excited to share some excellent Career Exploration opportunities for both parents and students coming up in the few weeks.

Click on the links below or visit the [Vic High Career Site](https://vichighcareers.sd61.bc.ca/) for more info or sign up!

<https://vichighcareers.sd61.bc.ca/>

***Please note that all of these events are free but require registration to attend.

1. [Parents as Education and Career Coaches Workshop](https://vichighcareers.sd61.bc.ca/parents-as-education-career-coaches-workshop/) (November 16, 2021)
<https://vichighcareers.sd61.bc.ca/parents-as-education-career-coaches-workshop/>
2. [Careers, Trades, & Transitions Information Evening](https://vichighcareers.sd61.bc.ca/careers-trades-transitions-information-evening/) (November 23, 2021)
<https://vichighcareers.sd61.bc.ca/careers-trades-transitions-information-evening/>
3. [Vancouver Island Post-Secondary Tour](https://vichighcareers.sd61.bc.ca/vancouver-island-post-secondary-tour/) (November 17)
<https://vichighcareers.sd61.bc.ca/vancouver-island-post-secondary-tour/>
4. [UVic Info Session](https://vichighcareers.sd61.bc.ca/uvic-info-session/) (November 9)
<https://vichighcareers.sd61.bc.ca/uvic-info-session/>
5. [Ryer](https://vichighcareers.sd61.bc.ca/ryerson-university-info-session/son)
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[University Info Session](https://vichighcareers.sd61.bc.ca/ryerson-university-info-session/son) (October 28 and November 10)
6. [Camosun Info Session](https://vichighcareers.sd61.bc.ca/in-person-camosun-info-session-november-8th-in-the-library/) (November 8)
<https://vichighcareers.sd61.bc.ca/in-person-camosun-info-session-november-8th-in-the-library/>

If you have any questions about the above events, feel free to connect with me.

Samantha Spetter – sspetter@sd61.bc.ca

**Congratulations to the following students who achieved an A (86% or better) in both their
Quarter One classes of the 2021-2022 school year**

Grade 9-12

Abellar, Chrystiene Joie
Aiken, Cohen
ALAM, MD ABRAR
Ali-Pineda, Isabella
Allard-Shiau, Etienne
Amann-Blake, Raidon
Anderson, Audrey
Anderson, Bryn
Archibald, Emily
Ayles, Noah
Babecy, Ace
BARMANN, LILLY
Bartleman, Savannah
Bassett, George
Batoon, Kate Danielle
BAUM, ANTJE
Bautista, Jill Denisse
Bazar, Gaia
Beckett, Shay
Bell, Alysha
BERGHOLZ, KEIRA
Berkhout, Mateo
Binag, Liniel Dave
Bissonette, Zachary
Black, Claire
Black, Josh
BLANCHARD ROBLES,
JUAN
Booth, Lucinda
Borjas Cabrera, Alejandro
Bowles, Tamsin
Buchal, Malcolm
Buckingham, Teresa
Buckley, Michele
Butterfield, Nina
Calo Betancourt, Diego
CARATTI, ELENA
CARMIGNANI, EMMA
Chan, Siena
Clark, Emilia
Coffin, Alex
Connor, Bowie
Contandriopoulos, Zora
Coppard, Alexei
Coulson, Kailey
Cowan, Calla
Crawford, Amika
Crisostomo, Xyrehl
Croft, Kaspi
Dale, Torsen
Day, Sullivan
De Guzman, Angeline Kaye
De Melo, Liv
Dean, Rihana
DECKER, AUGUST
Derdak, Yasin

Grade 9-12

Descantes, Molly
Dixon, Rylee
Doak, Miya
Doll, Annika
Drimmel, Lily
Dunbar, Abigail
Duncan, Violet
Edgett, Gregory
Elkhidir, Danya
Espinosa, Maya
Evans, Adrian
Evdaeva, Liliya
Farley, Angelena
FERRI, MARGHERITA
Fevaleaki, Pita
Forrest, Rosie
Fox, Trinity
FURGIUELE, FRANCESCA
Gabuardi, Nicole
GALLI, MARCELLA
Gates, Ronan
Gerard, Finn
Gerard, Piers
Gilbert, Kaya
Gittins, Gwynn
Gleed, Violet
Gomez, Rainier
GRANCIC, FILIP
Grundy, Cohen
GRUNERT MORGAN,
DOMINGA
Hafey, Kaya
Hale, Reed
Hall, Rowan
Hanson, Brooke
Harrison-Edge, Charlotte
Hatt, Kai
Hesse, Katrina
Hill, Adam
HINTERSEER, JULE SOPHIE
Hobbs, Syd
Hocking, Tobin
Holm, Ansel
Horna Grandez, Joaquin
Horter, Asha
HOTTA, RYO
Hsu, Jonas
Hyatt, Keida
Isitt, Aviva
Janz, Andrew
Jeque, Flora
Jeque, Reyona
Johnson, Tayten
Joly, Mani
Jung, Hanwool
Kabd, Bashar
KARSCH, NELE FABIENNE

Grade 9-12

Kelly, Cay
Khalili, Aryana
King, Ari
Knudsen, Gabbie
Kucher, Hanna
Labinsky, Biatrix
Lahlouh, Zen
Lalli, Cameron
Lalonde, Bijou
Lawton, George
Lenz, Tess
Leopkey, Bella
Levagood, Madison
Lewis, Aki
Lighter, Wes
Lohner, Charlotte
Looi, Leo
LORAN, LALE
Luchina, Beaver
LUONG, SERENA
MacLeod, Tallulah
MAGRINI, MARGHERITA
Manna, Denzel
MANSIUS, JIL
MARTI CANALDA, GAL LA
Mauro, Addy
McDonnell, Katie
McLaren, Elsa
McLeod, Gwen
McQuarrie-Salik, Valley
Melanson-Arlay, Leah
Menard, Asuka
Mercado, Jacob
Migallo, Fynn
Mishra, Maya
Mitchell, Avery
Mitchell, Nathan
Moneda, Andre
Montgomery, Benjamin
Moradmand, Nooreen
Morton Ceroni, Emily
MURAHASHI, KOHARU
Nelson, Coral
NGUYEN, HOANG CAT
ANH
Niebergall, Atira
Niedjalski, Fred
Nolan, Billy
O'Connor-Jaeckel, Asa
Oike, Yoshiko
Olsen, Mica
Orchard, Ben
O'Shea, Spenser
PAQUIN, MIA
PASCUAL GARCIA,
ANDREA
Paynter-Repay, Spencer
Pearson, Elliot

Grade 9-12

Pedroso, Maria Eduarda
Perera, Chelsey Lorraine
Perry, Haley
Perry, Mason
Pichette, Jordan
Pinon, Brian
Plommer, Jack
POECKER, AGNETA
Priestley, Shane
PRETI, MARKO
Ramacho, Moa
Ratsma, Annie
RAYNERI, EMMA
Razon, Micah
Read, Piper
Rodriguez, Lambert
Rose, Elizabeth
Russell, McCarthy
Rysiew, Leo
SAITOH, AINA
Sanford Blades, Simeon
SASAKI, RIHO
Schallie, Sebastian
Schultz, Naïke
Seidlitz, Sierra
Sherbo, Nakayla
Sleen, George
Sleen, Gordon
Spindler, Ella-Jo
Stacey, Remus
Starkey-Engel, Maisie
Stidston, Sasha
Stubbs, Storm
Susut-Nohr, Julius
Tay-ew, Glenn
Taylor, Ceyla
Threlfall, Jackson
Troost, Julia
Tuzinde, Talia
VALENTE, SOFIA
Van Swieten, Belinda
Waldhaus, Silas
Waldron, Mattigan
Walker, Chloe
Walshaw, Jenny
Ward, Logan
WELSCHER, GISELLE
Werner, Marinus
Weston, Lilah
White, Amelia
White, Parker
Williams, Ella
Williams, Lucy
YAMAZAKI, MIU
Yap, Elijah
Yewchuk-Noesgaard, Micah
Zarry, Toby