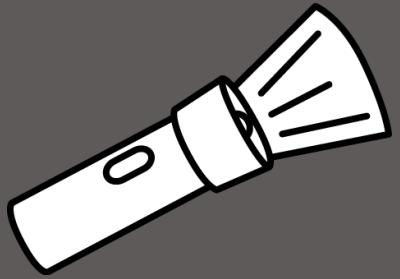


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A Record-breaking Achievement *by Tiana*

To start off the new school year, NTCS broke its record for the number of points in the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. In honour of this achievement all of the participating classes received a casual day. In addition, 12B gathered the highest number of points which lead them to win a class period in the playground!

Aside from all the prizes, pizza parties, and casual days, the food drive is one of the many things to look forward to in the school year since it is an opportunity for everyone to give to those in need and spread the love of Christ. A SaLT member, Albi Anjeli (grade 11) says, "I'm glad to be part of a club that focuses on giving in the name of God." It is important to realize the opportunity we have through the SALT team to spread God's love and give to those in need. Joy Lee (grade 9)

added to Albi's statement by saying, "SALT is like a community that demonstrates leadership and friendship."

Mrs. Brouwer chose this year's theme verse from Colossians: "**Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.**" (Col 3:23) This verse defines the SALT team's purpose as they bring the school together to do good for others out of their own free will and not out of force. Mr. Cooke reflected on this verse by saying, "When I asked Sairam to pick up a box, he did it out of his own free will just as we are working for God." The importance of free will and working out of a heart of love is exactly the school spirit that the SALT team demonstrates and initiates at NTCS.

In addition, SALT provides a break to focus on

our faith and have fun in school activities. This is key since school doesn't always have to be about trying to get the highest marks, but it can be so much more through SALT, sports, friends, and clubs. It is important to show love in God's name whether it is the Food Drive, participating in chapel, studying hard and much more. Although the Food Drive may be over, Christmas is on its way and the Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes will be another way to show and spread God's love!



Chloe Boteju and Grace Zhou help pack boxes of food donations. Photo by Alyssa Lee

Mrs. Gonske: Serving through Sharing *by Steven*

Though she's a new face to NTCS, it's hardly Mrs. Gonske's first time teaching, or even her first time at a private Christian school. Having been a teacher for three years, Mrs. Gonske first found out about NTCS through a longtime teacher at the school, Mrs. Choi.

As new as she is, Mrs. Gonske has already smoothly welcomed herself into both her cozy office and the tightly-knit school community as a whole, and is even looking forward to school traditions like Winter Chandos.

It's no secret what Mrs. Gonske came to this new school to do - obviously to



Photo by Steven

teach! Mrs. Gonske teaches a diverse range of subjects including art, gym, learning skills and strategies, and English. She handles everything from kindergarten to grade nine. However, Mrs. Gonske goes beyond the curriculum in teaching her students and digs deep into her own personal experience. At Chandos, she shared the basic how-tos of knitting, a personal hobby, to anyone who would listen.

But instructing students is only one aspect of Mrs. Gonske's greater goal of serving others. Mrs. Gonske also joined SaLT as an advisor to further her passion for ministering to other people, whether it

Mrs. Valani: Right Where She Belongs by Naena

With years of experience in childcare, as well as motherhood, Ms. Valani is a valuable addition to the NTCS staff team. It has always been a dream for Ms. Valani to teach and work with young children. After helping in the Sunday school room at church as a child, Ms. Valani decided that she wanted to be a teacher. "I truly feel like it is one of my God-given talents," explained Ms. Valani. "I love helping kids learn new things and watching them excel."

After living in Africa for a year, Ms. Valani developed a passion for children who do not have the means to receive an education. If she were not teaching, she believes that going back into ministry would be an option for her. "It's a desire and a burden on my heart to help kids who should have the opportunity to go to school, but unfortunately don't," she said. This passion for children receiving an education has become evident in Ms. Valani's work ethic, as well as her teaching style. Mrs. Brouwer, our principal, describes Ms. Valani as



extremely compassionate and empathetic. "Parents normally like to know that another parent is taking care of their kids. This way, the teacher can understand any parenting struggles that may arise," commented Mrs. Brouwer.

Ms. Valani also has a fun-loving side, which assists in her task as a grade one teacher. Because of her love for skiing, if she had the power Ms. Valani would create a National Snow Day. This day would be a statutory holiday for everyone to go outside and enjoy the many winter sports Canada has to offer. When asked about any crazy experiences, Ms.

Valani responded with a giggle. "The craziest thing I ever did was getting on a local bus transportation line with a friend in Nairobi, Kenya. We didn't know where we were going and ended up on the east coast! Afterwards, our friends, who were locals, told us that they don't even use that bus line because it's so dangerous! We had some pretty wild experiences along the way."

Most importantly, Ms. Valani finds her strength and passion in the Lord. She believes she was fortunate to become a Christian at an early age, knowing early on that God always loves and provides. A memorable moment in her walk with the Lord is receiving God's calling to work with children and to go on the mission field. "God kept opening doors for me to work with kids. It was in His plan all along," observed Ms. Valani. The NTCS community is blessed and excited to have such a great new teacher along for the ride with us.

Happy to be here!
Photos by Jonathan



The Multi-talented Ms. Leung by Jonathan

Ms. Leung is the new office administrator of NTCS. She used to be an aquatics teacher in our school so many students know her as Athena. She always considered working here since she loves young people. One day Mr. Cooke offered Athena the office administrator job, and of course, she accepted. This is her first full time job and has been a great work experience so far. Mrs. Leung grew up in a non-Christian household but her older aunt took her to church every Sunday. The reason that she started to work at NTCS is that her cousin used to attend school here.

Ms. Leung attended Seneca College and has a diploma in Hotel and Restaurant Management. Her dream job is teaching because she enjoys working with children. Some of her hobbies include swimming, reading, and listening to music. The music that she listens to includes classical and occasionally pop music. This young lady understands the students very well because she is younger, and keeps up with modern trends.

Ms. Leung is still involved with the swim team so if you are a swimmer, you will find her poolside. But we are all delighted to get to know her better in the main office!

Mrs. Gonske cont....

be her new students or the needy in our community.

At the heart of this devotion to others is a strong core of fundamental Christian values. Mrs. Gonske has been in a Christian environment for as long as she remembers, even though she finally accepted Christ for herself in grade nine. She cites the influence of mentors in the form of her parents as well as fellow Christian peers in her fellowship group, which she remembers as a Christian bubble in the godless environment of high school. From this experience, Mrs. Gonske

learned to take time to ask all the questions that Christianity poses as well as to have gratitude in all situations.

One of the biggest parts of Mrs. Gonske's life is music. Not only is it her method of choice for worshiping and interacting with God, it's also a rather well-known interest of hers among her students; she played Guitar for them at Chandos.

Music is no different from the majority of Mrs. Gonske's hobbies in that they are all practical, hands-on, and constructive. When not working, Mrs.

Gonske can be found making cards, knitting, or sewing her own clothes.

But at the end of the day, the biggest creative project Mrs. Gonske has taken on is shaping her students. When asked what her reasons for choosing teaching as her career, she answered "I teach to empower and advocate for students to reach their full potential. Their full potential as members of God's Kingdom and the global community." Towards that goal, Mrs. Gonske draws on aspects of herself professional, practical, and personal.

Mr. Eberlin: Sporty New Teacher by Mrs. Crouse

If you walk through the elementary halls, you will notice a lot of new faces. One of those belongs to Mr. Eberlin, our new grade six teacher. In his third year of teaching, this sporty young man is jumping right into his courses –grade six homeroom English, science, social studies, and math as well as phys ed for the grades 1,2 and 6 students. He coached the grade 4-6 soccer team and hopes to do more coaching later in the year. Sports are a big part of Mr. Eberlin's life and he has competed individually and on many teams: hockey, baseball, soccer, badminton, ping pong, swimming, track and field, and cross country. When he's not playing sports, he loves building with Lego and listening to country music.

The grade six class went to Chandos in early October and had a great time. "What I like most about Chandos was being able to see the students outside all day and giving them the opportunity to run around and explore the outdoors in a way that they are not usually able to. I enjoyed our class hike; although long and tough, it was great to see the resilience that the students

showed in completing it," said Mr. Eberlin.

Mr. Eberlin grew up in a Christian home and accepted Christ as his Saviour when he was seven years old. He was influenced by his youth pastor to get more involved in church and he found youth group to be a positive experience. That is where he met many strong Christians who remain his friends to this day! Christian camping also had a big impact on Mr. Eberlin; this is where he learned that how to live for God every day. He tries to show his faith on a practical level drawing people to God through love and caring.

Mr. Eberlin wants to "represent God as best I can to the students at NTCS." He hopes that if the students "see a strong Christian teacher, they will be drawn to Him." Mr. Eberlin's philosophy is to "teach with understanding rather than just giving the material so that I'm teaching for the students, not at them," he said. Sandra Efram has already noticed this and said that "he's really nice and he lets us talk quietly when we work. He cares about our learning



Mr Eberlin coaches basketball in grade one phys ed class. Photo by Sarah Zhou

and he gives us lots of chances to succeed."

Mr. Eberlin has some advice for everyone at NTCS as they contemplate the year ahead: "do what you love, look forward to each day at school... Some of the school process is not fun intrinsically but involvement in clubs and teams makes school fun." These are wise words we should all take to heart! Thanks for the good advice and welcome to NTCS Mr Eberlin!

Grade Five Chandos by Bethany Wong and Grace Wan

This year, the grade five class had a wonderful time at Fall Chandos! They played lots of games and activities such as Capture the Flag, making terrariums, building the tallest tower using spaghetti sticks, and popping balloons in the barn.

Those activities were all fun, but Bernard Kim said that sleeping was his favourite activity “because I got to close my eyes!”

There was one game that the students played during break time called ‘Hide-and-go-seek’ tag. Students playing would choose

someone to be ‘it.’ The people that were ‘it’ would try to find the people who were not “it.” It would always get more exciting when they played the game in the dark.

Another highlight to Fall Chandos was the food that the wonderful cooks served. Ashlyn Yiu’s personal favourite was the

rice and chicken dish that the grade fives had on the first night. Speaking of food, people gave five stars to the desserts served at Chandos. There were so many varieties, including JELLO, pudding, brownies, and more! The class even got to roast marshmallows over a bonfire one evening! So tasty!

All in all, the grade fives had a great time at Fall Chandos and cannot wait for another great experience in the winter!



Grade five boys collect leaves at the beach. Photo by Ms. Yeung

The JK Yearso far

by Grace Wan

It seems like the year has been going pretty well for the junior kindergarten class. The JKs are making lots of new friends and are learning lots of new things. Avio Lai says, “I am friends with Jonathan.” The JKs really love their teacher, Mrs. Sellars. They are learning how to be brave and how to handle tough situations. Isabel Wan says, “I was scared on the first day of school, but now I am brave!” The JKs have a lot of fun playing their classroom. Nella Kokolakis especially likes playing with the toys.

The JKs went on their first field trip on October 17th, 2018. They went to the Toronto Botanical Garden. They started off their morning by listening to a story about what plants need to grow. Next, they pretended to be seeds while playing an action game in the woods. In a different part of the garden, they each got a little square of coloured paper, which they used to hunt down matching plants. Who knew that plants could come in so many different colours! The JKs spent the rest of the time in a classroom, where they got to hold worms, plant beans, and make patterns with stamps. The JKs learned a lot about plants on that field trip and (probably) cannot wait for the next one! All in all, it has been a wonderful year so far for the JK class.

Grade 4 Chandos

by Charis Kwok and Rachel Elmasaaranay

The grade fours had a lot of fun at Fall Chandos. They slept away from home for two nights. Nathan Paz Giralico says, “I have never slept away from home for two nights.”

Chandos food was the best. Natalie Lau’s favourite food at Chandos was the mashed potatoes.

The class did a lot of activities at Chandos.

“My favourite activity at Chandos was Capture the Flag,” says Gabriella Paz Giralico. Peter Walters liked the scavenger hunt the best. The grade fours also loved going on the hike.

The breeze was so nice and refreshing. They came to the lake and it was very lovely. The hike was also very fun because the leaves were changing colours. The grade fours also roasted marshmallows at the campfire.

They made s’mores and it was delicious! Grade four Chandos has been the best trip of the year so far!



Nathan shows off his froggy friend. Picture by Mr. Paz-Giralco

Abstract: A New Start for NTCS Artists by Yilia



Art by DaYeong Kim
Photo by Naena

It's been two months since school started. In early October the NTCS high school art students finally finished their first art project for this year. Our new art teacher, Mrs. Joo, started this year with the topic of abstract painting. The abstract style is what we haven't done for a long time so it was exciting to see many fabulous artworks.

According to Mrs. Joo, the project topic for grade nine and ten was mapping out a song using the principles and elements of art and design. Students needed to figure out the dynamics of the song, understand and interpret the meanings, and then draw out the mood of the song.

Among many excellent artworks, grade 10 student Kaitlyn Li's painting really stood out. "I used Blackpink's song "DDU-DU DDU-DU" because it gave me mysterious feelings like space. So I drew a galaxy for the background. And then for the melody, I used lines of a heart rate. And for the beat, I used neon colours," Kaitlyn said.

Mrs. Joo explained that Kaitlyn's song was a k-pop song that is sharp and electric. There was a really strong beat to it. Kaitlyn's artwork showed exactly the feelings which the song gave if you were to listen to it. After listening to the song, Mrs. Joo said she could totally imagine the song when she looked at the artwork.

Meanwhile, the grade elevens and twelves were doing abstract arts where they take a realistic picture, then use elements and principles of art and design to make it abstract through shapes, form, lines, and textures, etc.

As an abstract thinker, Mrs. Joo thinks that grade 12 students DaYeong Kim's pour painting was really nice.

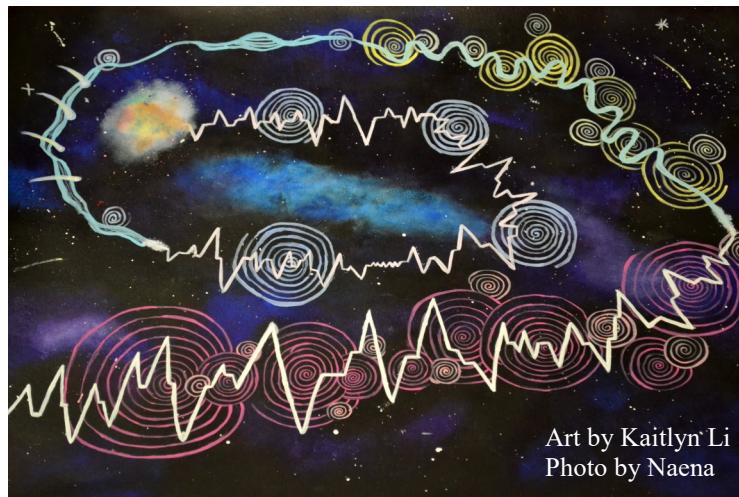
DaYeong started pour painting by researching on YouTube and looking for skills and techniques online. Pour painting is when you basically pour paint on the canvas and make an art from it without using brushes. DaYeong tilted the canvas board and used a straw to blow to make shapes of garden flowers. It was really chal-

lenging at the beginning; she said, "I failed a lot because the shape wasn't what I really wanted. I think I had more than 20 failures."

Fortunately, she got more and more proficient after all that practise. She made many small pieces of artworks and every single one is different from the others. The reason why Mrs. Joo likes abstract is because a lot of times people tend to be so controlled, not letting it go, whereas pour painting just lets the paint go, which is exactly what abstract art should be.

After all, Mrs. Joo said she was "impressed with everyone, because abstract art is really hard for a lot of people. I'm just so impressed by everyone; they each brought their own sort of unique characteristic to their art."

Thanks to the efforts of all grade nine to twelve art students for their excellent abstract artworks. This project gave a good start to the new academic year. Thanks to Mrs. Joo for providing help and strategies for students to improve their art skills.



Art by Kaitlyn Li
Photo by Naena

Sports Updates by Sairam

Damian Salama gets ready to return a serve at Willowood School. Photo by Mrs. Crouse



The NTCS high school boys volleyball team is well on its way to earning its 3rd straight title in the U20 division of the Small School Athletic Federation (SSAF), defeating Hudson Collegiate 2 sets to 0. NTCS has had many talented players in the past, some according to NTCS teacher and head coach of the high school boys volleyball team, Mr. Hoover, are good enough to play and compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), which is the highest level of collegiate and university sports in North America, and generates over \$1.1 billion in revenue annually. Last year, the team was led by grade 12 Inha Kim and stormed through the competition. This year, Anthony Kamal, in Grade 12, will be leading the team to victory. He will have big shoes to fill, but he will step up to the plate and lead NTCS to glory. Brooklyn Shang in Grade 11 was recorded saying, "I am very excited to see what the guys on the volleyball team can do this year. I am inspired to likely try out for next year's team, as the members

are always discussing what they can do and it seems like a lot of fun." As of Nov 3, the boys 9-12 volleyball team is now 4-1. Mr. Hoover has mixed feelings so far this season. "We won our last two games against Whitefield and Willowood. Our team has been pretty inconsistent. We've shown that we can be the



Senior student Anthony Kamal gives instructions and encourages the players during a timeout. Photo by Mrs Crouse

best team in the league (and we are currently in first place) but we also play poor enough at times that weak teams have close games with us," he said.

Tryouts for the High School Co-Ed Dodgeball Team are drawing

to a close. The dodgeball squad, like the volleyball team, are also coming off of a title year. Last year's team, led by Jaeyoung Kang, who is now in Grade 11, had a strong lineup comprised of both boys and girls from various grades in high school. They had many strong players such as John Mulrain and Ayumi Rankine-Rivers, Albi Angjeli, and many more. This year, the team is led again by Jaeyoung Kang and the tournament will likely take place at Hoopdome again.

Mr. Vant Erve, coach of the grade 7 and 8 boys volleyball team is excited for the upcoming season. He says there are many new faces, and many returning ones as well, and he says they have a good chance to take the title this year. The Grade 8 members are especially excited as next year they will be in high school which makes everything more exciting and serious, on and off the court in their studies, for example.

In other news, the Toronto Raptors have started the season off on a perfect note with a 3-0 record.

They currently lead the Eastern Conference and if they manage to stay the #1 seed in the East, it would be their 7th consecutive top 5 appearance in the playoffs. They are on track to pass their previous franchise best record of 59 wins and 23 losses, which was also the best record in the East last year and was the 2nd best record in the entire NBA, just behind the

Houston Rockets with 65 wins and 17 losses, led by James Harden, who was also the league MVP of 2017-2018 averaging 30.4 points, 8.8 assists, and 1.8 steals a game, all while shooting 45% from the field. The Toronto Raptors are looking scary

Mrs. Malcomson: A Heart for People

by Jonathan

Mrs. Malcomson came to be a supply teacher at NTCS, but when a teaching position became available at the last moment, she ended up as a full time staff member. She is teaching grade 7 and 10 English, grade 12 World Cultures, and ESL. Mrs. Malcomson has found students and staff to be very friendly. "The teachers have encouraging conversations about life, teaching, and raising families in the staff room. I'm feeling a family type atmosphere when working here," she said.

Mrs. Malcomson grew up in a non-Christian home and she came to know the Lord at eight years old when she was at a Bible camp. Since then, she likes to spend her summers working at camp. She always tries to trust God and during her university studies, God gave her the opportunity to lead the Power of Change activities on campus. Every time Mrs. Malcomson becomes unsure about decisions, or is feeling

down, God shows her that He is in control. Then she laughs at her problems because she knows she doesn't have to be worried since God is in control.

Mrs. Malcomson decided to start teaching because of her great experiences with young people. For as long as she remembers, she has loved teaching people who didn't understand tough concepts. When she was in high school, her teachers would pair her up with another student so that she could teach them. During Mrs. Malcomson's second, third, and fourth years at university, she taught learning strategies to first year students.

Mrs. Malcomson's dream job is to be a missionary so that she can be a witness about Jesus. She would like to be a missionary in Morocco in Northern Africa because she likes the culture of mixed European and Middle-Eastern, or in France to be a witness to the Muslim refugees there. One of the craziest things that Mrs. Malcomson has done is that she lived in India for 6 weeks without knowing anyone or anything about

their culture.

Another job that Mrs. Malcomson can see herself doing is social work with children and families. Her goal is to stabilize the family unit in Canada so that fewer kids are sent to foster care. We are excited to have Mrs. Malcomson on staff; we can already see her passion for people!



*Mrs. Malcomson works in her office.
Photo by Jonathan*

SPORTS CONT....

with Kawhi Leonard, former back-to-back Defensive Player of the Year (2015 and 2016), and arguably one of the best two-way players in the league. With Lebron gone to the West, joining forces with the Lakers powerhouse, there is little that stops the Raptors from advancing to the first franchise NBA Finals. Martin Ohannesian, who is in Grade 11, really enjoys soccer, but even he loves watching the Toronto Raptors and he anxiously waits every night to watch the games and he is confident that the Raptors will go far in the NBA playoffs.



*Raptors pictures—Kyle Lowry moves the ball down the court and Kawhi Leonard slams it. High school students try out for the dodgeball team. Heads up!
Photo by Matthew Ko*

Ten Must-Have Fall Fashion Items for Young Ladies by Naena

Many people find it to be a struggle transitioning from a summer wardrobe to a fall one. This article outlines the key pieces to incorporate into your closet in order to be ready for fall, both fashionably and practically.



1. OVERTSIZED COATS

When the weather starts to get cooler, layers are your best friend. You want something that is sophisticated but practical at the same time. This is where oversized coats come in. You can use them to dress-up your outfit and tie together everything you're wearing. They can also be used as statement pieces, especially if your coat is a pop of colour. Anny Choi, a writer for Vogue, remarks, "A great coat can solve any problem, quickly transforming mundane separates to bring you out of any seasonal slump."

They keep you warm in the fall months, and you can use them to transition into your winter wardrobe as well. Oversized coats go with literally any outfit you can think of. Jeans and a sweater? Check! A dress? Check! Pajamas? Check!



2. BOOTS

Boots are an absolute MUST for the fall! There are three types of boots you can wear during this season. Ankle boots, knee-high boots, and over-the-knee boots. The type ultimately depends on you and your style, but here's how to wear each. Ankle boots: With any pants of your liking, or with tights and a dress/skirt. Knee-high boots: With tighter-fit pants, like jeans. Over-the knee boots: With tight pants OR with a dress/skirt. Because these boots cover most of your leg, wearing them with dresses is great because you get to display the full boot, and keep your legs warm!



3. SCARVES

Okay, I'm positive you have some sort of scarf in your closet already. They're extremely practical (especially living in Canada), and they're fashionable too. Paired with a coat, like the one we talked about earlier, these scarves are the extra accessory that make you more comfortable and more eye-catching. For fall, go for darker tones like reds, greys, browns, and blues. Jennifer Hyman, CEO of Rent the Runway,

says, "I think layering is key for fall, along with a really colourful scarf to bring spiciness to an outfit." Scarves are versatile in the way you tie them, and each way adds something different to an outfit.



4. TURTLENECKS

Turtlenecks are one of the best sweaters for fall and winter. They're cozy and they get you in the mood for chillier weather and pumpkin patches. Not only are these babies warm, but they're super stylish too. Tvin Katrjian, a frequent shopper, notes, "Turtlenecks are timeless. They will literally never go out of style. You can either dress them up or wear them casually." Turtlenecks don't have to be super chunky and warm either. There are many thin turtlenecks that are great for layering under a jacket and a scarf. Turtlenecks are extremely versatile too. They look good on everyone and with everything. There are endless possibilities for how to style this all-time favourite sweater.



5. GLEN PLAID PANTS

"The classic menswear plaid has become a female favourite. Paired with pretty pastels, edgy leather, or sporty bombers, the business print earns off-duty cred," says Kristin Koch, editor for Seventeen Magazine. Glen plaid first found its way onto the scene in the summer, but they're an amazing fall piece. Everyone knows plaid is a fall pattern, but glen plaid brings sophistication to the trend. From turtlenecks and booties, to bodysuits and flats, these pants go with a wide variety of styles. Glen plaid can be found on a number of different clothing pieces: like dresses, shorts, blazers, shoes etc. Any pieces that are glen plaid are perfect for fall, but pants are what scream fall to me."



6. MAROON LIPSTICK

Everyone knows that maroon lipsticks are what's in for fall. The lip colour paired with a subtle eye and glowy skin is an essential for autumnal glam. After a summer of bright pinks and oranges, fall is when it's time for maroons, browns, and reds. When doing your makeup for fall, choose to be minimal with the rest of your face so that the

lips will be a pop. Bronzed and glowy skin is a must, along with minimal eye makeup as to not take away from the attention of the lip colour.



7. HIGHLIGHTER

In my opinion, highlighter is a must all year around, but specifically in the fall. As I mentioned earlier your skin should be glowy and dewey. Since skin normally gets dry and dull during the colder months, highlighter is a great way to combat that look since, let's face it, it's not cute. The typical eyeshadow looks for fall are browns, so

highlighter, along with some bronzer, matches that incredibly well. A great makeup look for fall is appearing to be au naturel, which is accomplished by some highlighter, keeping your skin fresh and bright!



8. MEDIUM SIZE GOLD HOOPS

Jewelry is a must for fall, specifically gold jewelry. Since all the fall tones are brown and warm toned, gold jewelry fits right in. Thick, medium sized gold hoops are exactly the way to go, as they are neutral but exciting. Bianca Bryniawsky explains, "They are great for adding some class to an outfit but still keeping the look sim-

ple and clean. It's a little sparkle to the ears!" Pair these hoops with a simple necklace and some stackable bracelets and rings, and you're ready to go!



9. TEXTURES

You might be wondering exactly what I mean when I say "textures" are a must-have for fall. I'm talking about furs, plush, and shearling of course! Textures are essential because of the cold weather, and also how fashionable they are. Textured jackets really bring an outfit together, adding that extra pop. Simple outfits are a great pairing with textures because the jacket can be the statement piece. Faux-fur jackets are

also a favourite for the same reason. The best colours to choose your jacket in are neutral tones, reds, and black. As far as statement jackets go, these are the most versatile and cozy.



10. LOAFER MULES

Okay, we all know what loafers are, right? Right. And we know what mules are? Correct. But what about loafer mules? It's the perfect combination of both! Mules are definitely more of a summery shoe, and loafers can sometimes be too clunky. This is why loafer mules are the best in between. They're an easy to wear shoe, extremely comfortable, and super stylish! Pairing these with some ankle-cropped pants or jeans is the best way to go.

There are also many variations

of this shoe, one being fur lined loafer mules. This option is definitely for the more fashion daring, but I think you'll come to realize that they become an obsession. If you want a dressy flat, I highly recommend the loafer mule. It's the best way to combine comfort and style.

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BTS and ARMY: A Wonderful Time in Hamilton

By Stephanie

In September 2018, world famous Korean Boyband BTS arrived in Canada and had concerts for three days in Hamilton. They started their new world tour at the end of August in Korea and flew to North America to have their shows. This year was their first time performing a concert in Canada. Tickets were sold out for all three nights. The fans were all so crazy about the concert; they were already lining up and even camping outside First Ontario Centre before the day of the concert.

During the concert, BTS performed with their whole energy and passion for the show and to their fans, who are called “ARMY”. The fans also did their best to cheer for them. Each of the members mentioned that they were so happy to come here and meet us. They promised to come again and have concerts in many more cities. It was the most unforgettable day of my life.

The success of BTS is shocking, but not surprising. The key to their popularity has been their use of social media platforms. They're huge on Twitter and they have a really big YouTube presence. Another reason is BTS's lyrics and

their stories. BTS has had this kind of story world, a multimedia narrative that has been building over their last several albums. They really are able to connect with their fandom because they're focusing on topics like coming of age, not knowing what to do with one's life, or facing



challenges as a young person. They care about society.

As an example, on September 24th, BTS showed up at the United Nations and the leader “RM” gave a historic speech that urged young people to love themselves. BTS was the first K-pop group to ever speak at the UN.

During the speech, he said, “Yesterday's me is still me. Today I am who I am with all of my faults and my mistakes. Tomorrow I might be a tiny bit wiser and that would be

me too. These faults and mistakes are what I am, making up the brightest stars in the constellation of my life. I have come to love myself for who I am, for who I was, and for who I hope to become.”

“I want to hear your voice,” he said. “I want to hear your conviction. No matter where you're from, skin color, gender identity, just speak yourself. Find your name and find your voice.”

Kaitlyn Li, a student in Grade 10 said that, “the stories and the words BTS said let me realize that we should love ourselves and know how strong we are. We should trust ourselves.”

Alison Ko, another student in Grade 10, mentioned that BTS's lyrics always have a very deep meaning. BTS members are not only idols who can sing and dance, but they're more like teachers to us that help us to grow up.

Mrs. Joo said BTS are good performers and they have a tight relationship with their powerful fans: the BTS ARMY.

Living Out God's Mission: Emma's Mission Trip *by Stephen*

In a region of the Dominican Republic virtually unknown to the tourists that frequent the tropical caribbean nation, the occupants of a seated wagon exited their bizarre mode of transport and stepped into a world of crippling poverty, punishing temperatures, and an all-pervasive humidity. The entire trip was made completely without air conditioning. Neither was there air-conditioning in their stop in Copeyito or in their temporary home in Nagua, where even

electricity was a luxury. All twelve members of the missionary team had not felt air conditioning for the four days they had been in the sweltering embrace of the Caribbean climate, nor would they feel any for four more.

Immediately after disembarking, a three-hour marathon of non-stop workshops, crafts, and ministry awaited, alongside labor of communicating the profundity of the gospel message in a part of the world that didn't share their language. For the exhausted missionaries, this undoubtedly

would have been a heavy cross to carry for Christ. That is why that cross was an inaccurate representation of the challenge tackled by Emma Hsu, an empathetic Canadian girl from the far-away northern city of Toronto.

It wasn't trial and tribulation that our intrepid Emma and her eleven team members looked forward to that afternoon, but it was warm welcoming embraces and kisses on the cheeks from the community of genuine brothers and sisters in Christ that flourished amidst the poverty, crime, and

Emma's trip cont...



hellish heat of the Dominican Republic. That isn't to say that the missionary trip wasn't without its challenges or dangers. The day was as hot as ever, especially in the floor-length skirt Emma had to wear as according to Dominican church customs. When the sun set, she had to be mindful to draw her legs completely into the wagon or else run the risk of being dragged kidnapped. Perhaps most dishearteningly of all, dinner was delayed late into the evening due to both the busy schedule of mission work and the hour-and-half ride back home. But like always, God was looking out for his faithful servants. For relief from the all-pervasive heat, there was the beach and the sea. Night after night, Emma and all of her companions arrived home safely. Even the seemingly petty need for supper sooner-rather-than-later was provided for by the local pastor and his wife when they opened up their home and provided dinner to the entire missions team.

The specific goal for the missions trip to the Dominican Republic was to provide much-needed children's ministry since, in the Dominican Republic, children were deemed insignificant and often neglected. For Emma, the opportunity to go on a missions trip exactly like this one was a godsend.

"I always loved working with kids and have been working with the kids ministry at my church for a few years now. So the prospect of doing that same work and impacting children where there was an urgent need really spoke to me. When I heard about how this was specifically a youth and young adult missions trip, I was particularly inspired as it showed how the older generations at the church were investing into the work of the younger generations to spread the gospel," said Emma when her motivations for accompanying a

foreign mission consisting mostly of 17-25 year-olds.

In regards to her goal of providing ministry to children, the mission was undoubtedly a success.

"I think that God's hand was really at work during our trip. Because these cities were more rural, the news that there was a camp in town was spread very quickly! After the first day, our numbers grew exponentially (even the parents would sit and listen)!"

It wasn't as if living temporarily in the Dominican Republic wasn't without its challenges either. Emma's day was always busy and tiring - "We would get up around 6-7 (unless you were in charge of breakfast, in which you would get up earlier), then leave by around 8 (having packed lunch and supplies). From there we would drive half an hour to Nagua and get ready for the camp. The first camp always ran from around 9 to 11:30 or 12. After that we would stay in that church building and eat lunch. The next city, Copeyito, was around a 1 hour drive away (it was in a more rural area, so all the kids from that town would attend; roughly 120-140). We would run the same camp program as Nagua in Copeyito, however, it would often take longer because there were more kids. The camp would run from 3-5:30 or 6. From there we would drive an hour and a half back to the more populated part of Nagua. Most of the days, we had workshops to run at local churches after the day was over. They would go from 7 to around 9:30."

Emma reminisced on how uncomfortable staying in the Dominican Republic was for her. "In the part of DR that we visited however, there was no air conditioning whatsoever, so in 40+ degree heat, it was very hard to sleep!" She went on further to describe the brutal weather "Even at night, when the sun wasn't out, it was so hot, you would sweat if you stood in the same spot for too long!"

Emma still found her trip to the Dominican Republic to be an opportunity to grow and connect with others amidst hardship and inconvenience. "It was also a blessing in disguise that there was no wifi because it forced us [the missionary team] to talk all the time and get to know each other really well. I also think that because our mission and focus was the same, there was this sense of unity between the team that allowed us to experience God's work in fellowship."

Reminiscing about her trip after coming back to Canada, Emma reflected "I miss the DR dearly, but not particularly because of the scenery or the food. When I

think about it, the most amazing part of the trip was how we were able to connect and bond with the people despite the huge language barrier (most of the people didn't know any English). Even now, the children that I had the chance to show God's love to are on my mind every day. It might sound cliche, but even though I went there to show God's love to them, I found that God worked through them to show His love to me in a new way."

Even while ministering to and working to communicate the gospel and God's love to them, Emma couldn't help but learn a few profound lessons from the children she worked with.

"Many of the trials that they face, I will never understand. There are so many aspects of their lives that we deem cruel and hard here. However, they have everything. They value and appreciate even a simple craft or colouring sheet. It was very humbling and made me reflect on my own life. The children that we encountered were so joyful and thankful. But when they opened up to us and told us their stories and struggles, my heart broke for them."

From of the many interactions with the children in the Dominican Republic, one stuck especially close to Emma's heart.

"There was one girl who had been coming to our camp for two days. She was especially cheerful and obviously loved the camp activities and songs. One day, after the Bible story on how we face trials in our lives, she began to cry. When we asked her what was wrong, she shared with a few of us privately that her father had died in a motorcycle accident the week before and asked us to pray for her. This was shocking to me. It amazed me how strong this girl could be, knowing that she only had her mother to take care of her and her three siblings. She was also not a Christian and this camp was her only exposure to the gospel. For us to be able to pray with her and for her to open up to us was a very special and tender moment."

It is the end of the last workshop of the week-long missions trip. Emma is exchanging her final goodbyes with the kids she was ministering to. "I love and will miss you" is the message that is shared time and again as Emma boards the open wagon to disembark from camp one last time. She will be leaving for Toronto shortly to return to her daily life, but she, along with the whole missions team, left behind many memories in their wake. And of course, Emma knows that whenever she's given the chance, she'll be back again.

Disturbing Truths about Cannabis by Sam

As many of you have probably heard, the recreational use of cannabis has been legalized in Canada. Before we get into it, we need to understand what cannabis is. According to experts, cannabis, also known as marijuana, is a psychoactive drug now used for both medical and recreational purposes.

The legal age for possession and recreational use of marijuana is now nineteen. This means that it is not allowed to be sold to anyone under that age. The Prime Minister claimed that the old laws did not work. *"Kids were accessing pot easier than they accessed alcohol. We need to realize that prohibition just isn't working,"* he said. According to the Justin Trudeau, just because a law is not being enforced, he just decides to leave the problem and legalize it, which many Canadians are against. Most parents are concerned for the health and safety of their children so the Liberals decided to increase the penalty of underage cannabis use. If



you are a minor, under the age of nineteen, and are caught with marijuana you will get a two-hundred dollar ticket. In addition, if you are over the age of nineteen and are caught selling the drug to a minor, you will be charged and could face fourteen years in jail with no bail and will have a criminal record. Teens caught sharing marijuana with each other will be charged under the Youth Criminal Justice Act and they will be placed in youth court.

"The legalization of marijuana would be ok if officials were able to regulate it away from teenagers and prevent high drivers, but they really can't, so I am against it for that reason," NTCS student Theodore Van Halteren said about the legalization of marijuana.

Dr Jay analysed it this way: "people are just looking for a way to escape reality when they

should turn to God. The people who are using drugs need someone to turn to which is good because they have a big opportunity to turn to God, but instead they turn to a substance that creates a temporary physiological change in both the body and the mind."

Many people believe the lie that smoking marijuana is better than cigarettes and alcohol. However, smoking marijuana can give you memory loss which is dangerous and this can only get worse. Heart and lung-damage also comes from smoking marijuana which causes many more unwanted diseases. And, at the end of the day you become more paranoid and make poor decisions that can have many negative lifetime consequences. So the lesson is that you shouldn't experiment with harmful substances that you know are bad for you.



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Welcome to the Great Outdoors! *By Bethany*

Mrs. Cooke picks flowers with the grade three girls. Photo by Mrs Yan



What a wonderful time the grade threes had on their very first trip to Chandos! It must have been a big milestone to go to Chandos, as they stayed away from home for a night!

Out of all the activities that

the Grade 3's did at Chandos, Viki Kokolakis said that she enjoyed playing badminton the most. What a good choice!

When asked whether or not he missed his family while at Chandos, Caleb Wang agrees that he missed his family because he is not used to being away from home and away from his family.

While students had a fun time, Mrs. Cooke also had her share of enjoyment. Even though it was raining for most of their trip, Mrs. Cooke says that her class had lots of fun indoors, playing games that they have never played before.

One game in particular, was called murder handshake. In this game there are one or two murderers. Nobody knows who the murderers are. Everybody walks around the room and shakes hands with other people. Regular people give loose handshakes and murderers give very tight handshakes. If a regular person gets a tight handshake, they have found who the murderer is, and so they "die." The goal of the game is to guess who the murderer is. If you guess wrong, you "die."

Well, now that the Grade 3's have had a chance to go to Chandos, the fun has only started. The Grade 3's must be on the edge of their seats to go again in the winter!

An Eggcellent Breakfast: Review by Naena



Cora: The breakfast chain everyone knows and loves. Known for their reliability in quality and service, eating at Cora's will never go out of style.

Cora started out as a snack bar in Montreal, Quebec in 1987 called Chez Cora Déjeuners, opened by Cora Tsouflidis. Since then it has become extremely popular, becoming one of the largest breakfast chains in Canada.

Chez Cora

Déjeuners, now just Cora, has a variety of delicious breakfast and lunch dishes on its menu. The restaurant's hours are from 7am – 3pm everyday, so it's great to pop in for an early breakfast or a mid-day brunch. The only catch is that, depending on the location, it can get pretty busy on weekends around noon. Sometimes there's a line of people out the door! During this time, service can get pretty slow too. But from personal experience, going just a bit before the rush, around 9-10am, can save you a lot of time and patience.

As mentioned earlier, there is a large variety of unique

and tasty dishes that are sure to make your taste buds tingle. Whatever mood you're in, I guarantee that the Cora's menu has what you're looking for.

Whether you're in the mood for piles of bacon, or you're a health nut, Cora is for you. My personal favourite, "Paul wants it all", is the best of both the sweet and the



savoury breakfast options.

There is, however, a great controversy about Cora's pricing. While some believe that the food is overpriced and that the same food can be found for cheaper at places like Sunset Grill or Eggsmart, many believe that the price represents the quality of the food. Sandy Guirguis, a self-proclaimed food critic, says, "Although Cora's is quite costly, the savoury taste of their freshly made eggs and the sweet taste of their

delicious waffles and fruits makes up for the expensive price."

The interior of all Cora restaurants is another factor that plays into the homey and comfortable feel of the breakfast joint. The old-style rustic décor mixed with modern animations and cartoons provides the perfect setting for a casual breakfast/brunch. The cartoons on the walls are adorable visuals of some of the most popular items on the menu. Not only can you look at the menu while ordering, but you can also stare at the walls! The colours and patterns of the interior give a sense of home-cooked, while still being modern and urban.

All in all, Cora's breakfast is not only delicious, but also a long-standing Canadian tradition. So, the next weekend morning that you're free, go to a Cora near you and enjoy the mouth-watering delights.



Gunpla Model Building by Jonathan

Have your parents ever told you to stop playing video games? Gundam Plastic Modeling is a way to waste your time without getting bugged by your parents. Have you recently played LEGO and find it is getting old and expensive? If so, check out Gunpla, a fun hobby enjoyed by people from eight years of age to eighty. What is Gunpla you ask? It is a plastic model of a gundam, which is a mech, or a giant robot piloted by a human, that is from the anime, Gundam. You can build from instructions and have your model not look like blocks or American made PLAMO (plastic models) when the product is finished.

Gundam plastic models, or Gunpla, usually come with all instructions and parts that are attached to plastic grids. Some include stickers, but it is preferable to paint your pieces. The kit comes with at least 3 grids, which are already coloured. Glue is sometimes required for the older models. The plastic is probably the most durable plastic you can get in terms of plastic modeling. Gundam model kits compared to plastic cars, ships, and other American made models are cheaper, and are more fun to build. The final product looks more impressive than the boring cars and tanks. The plastic is also of better quality. However, one downside is that the instructions are not in English; but the pictures that show you how to build it are really

accurate.

The finished build usually looks really good, and the joints are really flexible. The default size for a medium difficulty model is around 1/144 scale of its original size in its prospective anime, meaning if you stack 144 of the same models on top of each other, then that would be the length of the original size of the Gundam in the anime. Other sizes include 1/100 and 1/60. Medium level models can be built by beginners in about a week. At my level of experience, a medium level model would take me at most two days.

After building the model, you can buy a panel lining marker to put in black lines to make it more detailed and realistic. Permanent markers work as well, if you are careful not to darken the wrong parts. Gunplas can be put into any pose as long as the limbs allow it. Stands can be bought separately to unlock more pose-ability.

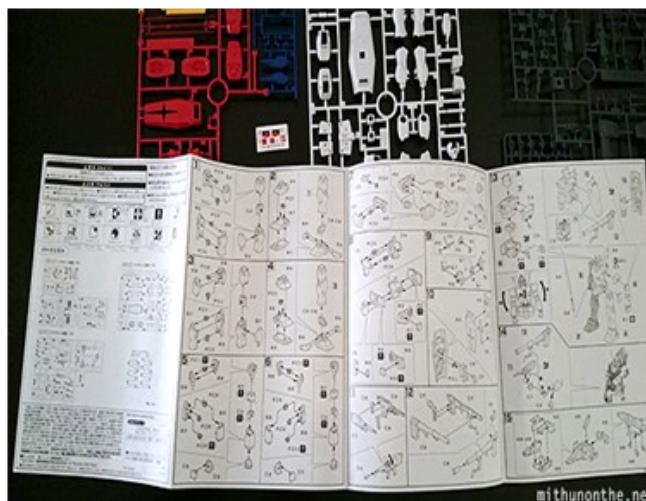
The downfall of this prod-



uct is that it is not popular in North America which makes it difficult to find stores that sell them. On the bright side, Gunpla can be bought online at Hobby Link Japan. Another downfall is that you will probably not get one unless you watch the anime series for gundams. So go watch the anime first and see if it ignites your imagination!

If you are not allowed to play video games, turn to gunpla. The finished product is stunning, and they sometimes can be customized. A mech suit looks better than a car, tank, or battleship, plus it is 10 dollars cheaper, more or less.

The pose-ability of the gunpla is up to the modeler's imagination. It can take up most of your time, and maybe your parents will let you play your video games again if you can build them one. Check it out and get one today at Hobby Link Japan. You'll be glad you did!



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