



# WELCOME TO NTCS, MME OUEGNIN BY LUCY







The NTCS community is very pleased that the staff team is growing and we are truly excited that Mme Ouegnin has joined the teaching staff to teach the elementary French classes. In a blink of an eye two months of the school year have passed by, and Mme Ouegnin has adapted to our friendly community and is already helping her students excel in French.

Mme Ouegnin grew up in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, the country's

major urban centre. Growing up in a Christian family, she received a Christian education. "I have a strong faith in God. I want to have a relationship with God and it's just between Him and me," she said. In her childhood, Mme Ouegnin was always brave and courageous. In Ivory Coast, the climate is tropical, and she was never afraid of going deep into the forests! When asked to tell a funny story from her childhood, Mme Ouegnin told me that she would visit the forests often with her siblings and cousins or even alone. They would play chasing games, climb on the trees, and see exotic animals! One time, Mme Ouegnin went down into a deep well to get some water and encountered a viper snake at the bottom of the well! What a surprise!

Mme Ouegnin studied Communication in Abidjan at Universite Alassane Ouattara. She cares a lot for her students and her goal as a teacher is to make an impact on their lives. Ever since she was a child, Mme Ouegnin's role model has been her father, who is also a teacher. She has always admired him and wanted to be like him, and that's why she chose to become a

teacher as well. Mme Ouegnin said that "teaching is a great job, I like the way my father teaches and I want to be like him." Mme Ouegnin strives to bring the same passion for innovative teaching methods to her classroom as her father did. "Teaching in Abidjan is very strict and the students get minimal chances to learn with activities, movies, and skits," she said. At NTCS, she has noticed that more attention is paid to the growth of students spiritually and they frequently learn in fun ways.

Again, we welcome Mme Ouegnin to NTCS; we are incredibly grateful to have new teachers joining us and we hope that together, we can make NTCS the best it has ever been. We continue to look forward to an exciting school year ahead and we pray for God's blessings that this year will be great!



#### HEROES BEHIND THE SCENES! BY ELISSA

At the beginning of each school year, I come in the doors of NTCS with the mindset "alright, this year I'm going to stay out of trouble, I'm going to make new friends, and I'm going to get good grades." Sure, I may notice the new paint jobs, desks, or new computers, but at the forefront of my mind is me. I don't think about the running water in the bathroom or the chair I sit on, because these are simple luxuries we take for granted on a daily basis. Writing this article has made me realize that oftentimes, heroes provide the very things we take for granted. "Not all heroes wear capes" is a phrase that's been echoed a lot over the past two years. It's a saying to remind us of the important people in our daily lives who often go unnoticed. Even within the NTCS community, there are many unsung heroes who work tirelessly to maintain the school behind the scenes.

In an interview with Mr. Cooke, he reminds me that "on the first day in September, you see [new students like] Paolo, Andrew, Anna, and I've been talking to their parents for months..." Mr.

Cooke works all year round. Not only does he collect tuition, pay the bills, and maintain the property, he also hires new teachers (with Mrs. Brouwer), looks after the cleaning staff, and talks to interested families from around the world. I tell him I'm doing an interview about behind the scenes people at NTCS who go unrecognized, and he nods. "There's been a lot of work that goes on in the background." I'm impressed that on top of all the work he does, he even has the time to greet each student by name in the hallways to say hello.

You may also know Mrs. Newsted and Ms. Leung. For those in elementary, you probably know Mrs. Newsted for her leads in Friday morning praise and worship. Maybe you've been blessed to have her as your music or choir teacher. For those who have taken swim lessons at NTCS, you may know Ms. Leung as your swim coach. In addition to these talents, they also work in the office as secretaries handling jobs like delivering messages to students from their

parents, administering first aid, preparing report cards, giving school tours, and helping students look for lost items (I know I've been guilty of that more than once).

I've only named a few people, but there are many other heroes who I haven't mentioned who prefer to remain out of the spotlight cleaning, decorating, and assisting our international students. They don't seek recognition; they do their job to help us. It gives them satisfaction to come to work every day and see students and teachers happy. That's what I believe a true hero is. In my interview with Mr. Cooke, he concluded by saying that the best part of his job is "being part of so many families." When he stands outside the office at the end of the school day and sees us happy to be in school with our friends and teachers it puts a smile on his face."That's what I want to create - a happy place," he

## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: SHARE THE LOVE! BY SALLY

Thanksgiving is one of the most important holidays of the year and many fun activities come to mind when we think of it: meeting with distant family members, eating turkey, and adding fall decorations around the house. However, we should reconsider the real meaning of Thanksgiving. The real meaning is not all about getting turkey but to be thankful for God's goodness and grace with gratitude all year long. He has been generous to us providing all our essential needs. Those who are more fortunate than others should be willing to give and share their fortune.

The "Thanksgiving Food Drive" was chosen by the SaLT team

to be the first school-wide service project for the year. Students and families brought in canned food and non-perishable items to be donated to Grace Place Food Bank to support families in need. The Food Drive ran from Friday, October 1st to Thursday, October 7th. The points system was calculated by converting every 100g into 1 point. Some bonus items that were rewarded with extra points were: baby formula, coffee or tea, ensure, toothpaste, deodorant, baby diapers, and adult diapers.

Many of us take these items for granted without really thinking of their importance. However, there are still many families across our city who



need these necessities. Our school passed well over our goal of 300 kg by collecting 504 kg of food and other items. As a result, the school won a casual day which was exciting! The Homeroom from JK to Grade 6 that collected the most points per student was awarded a movie and snack. The Grade 2 students were the winners by having 26,525 points, or 265kg.

Claire Abraham (6) said, "There are people out there who cannot afford a lot of food. I was

glad that the food drive was a means through which I could help these people. Knowing that they would be able to have a meal on their table for their families was encouraging."

Homerooms from Grade 7 to 12 were given recess time and a frozen treat. Grade 12 won by having 1,213,335 points or 1213 kg in total! Sarah Zhou (12) said, "I was encouraged to participate in the food drive especially because we weren't able to do it last year, and our class also wanted to win because it's our last year at NTCS;

that pushed us to get as many supplies as we could. It was inspiring to see my classmates so willing to donate money so we could buy food and it encourages me to be more generous," she said.

Proverbs 19:17 says, "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward them for what they have done." All year long we should remember that we are serving God by serving others, and that is what He desires from us.



The grade 12s load the truck with all the food donations. Photo by Mrs. Crouse

BIENVENUE MLLE STAROVA BY AMANDA



Mlle Starova has had quite a journey to joining the NTCS staff as our new high school French teacher. Born in Albania, a small country in Europe, she was raised in a Muslim household with her twin brother. At the age of II, missionaries came from the US and Mlle Starova learned of Christ's love. Although there was some tension within her family, they allowed her to practice her faith as a Christian. To this day she remains very passionate about her faith and said in her interview: "My job is showing the students the image of Christ through my work."



When Mlle Starova was 18 she went to Switzerland for university and studied at Lausanne as a French major. She originally wanted to study law however, she was not doing well financially at the time. In order to work to support herself and remain in school, she decided teaching would be a better degree. Specifically, Mlle Starova studied French Teaching as a Second language in the Linguistics department. Fun fact - she also has a minor in political sciences.

Mlle Starova has done many different jobs over the years. She was an Assistant teacher in the Linguistic department for a year at the Université du Québec à Montréal. She worked as a tutor at several other institutions: Achieve More

Education, Fieldstone College, and Victoria Academy College. She worked as a French teacher in multiple schools and is also trained as a paralegal and dental assistant. Furthermore, she has worked as an interpreter for the government in both legal and health areas in French, Albanian, and Italian. She has also trained many directors of companies to learn French. Mlle Starova has a wealth of experience and loves to learn and develop new skills.

Although Mlle Starova has worked at many schools, nothing is quite like NTCS she said. "Of course there is a big difference because here the students' learning is according to the faith... for me it is important that Christ is the center above all." She mentioned wanting to share her testimony and is very glad that NTCS provides the opportunity for her to talk about her faith. As for hobbies, Mlle Starova expressed her enjoyment of reading and writing. She enjoys reading the Bible, and writing as it gives her an outlet to express her gratitude to God. As she concluded, "My passion is Christ, sharing the news to the people for the salvation and renewal of our life in Him." We are so glad God has brought you to NTCS.

# WHAT'S UP WITH MRS. RATH? BY NEZRA

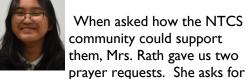


Mrs. Rath was a teacher at NTCS for two years and some of you no doubt remember her. Last year, she and her husband felt God calling them to be missionaries in South America. Growing up she loved the Biblical lessons about loving and serving other people. "I wanted to be able to go and see what the world is like for those people who live in such a different context than us and continue to try to do what I believe Jesus calls us to do, which is to serve and love other people," she said in a recent interview with the journalism class.

When deciding on a country, she knew that she wants to work with children and youth while Mr. Rath wants to work with adults who are in

prison. Latin American Mission, their mentors, found a city in Columbia that needed more Christian workers and matched their passions. The city they settled in is called Barranquilla which has a number of projects to help children and youth. In Barranquilla, there are also many immigrant Venezuelans who have walked from Venezuela to Barranquilla. There is a large population of Venezuelans who live in poverty so there is a real need for more volunteers.

Since arriving in September and while they were settling in, Mrs. Rath has been learning Spanish and visiting ministries and programs in order to find her perfect match. So far, she has been helping in Morada de Dios (Dwelling Place of God), which is a church that offers free meals to Venezuelan families. Over 150 people are served lunch in their program! She helps prepare, serve, and pack meals for delivery. There are also women and girls who come and learn to make jewelry, baskets, and different crafts to sell and make money. There were many people there to support and help these people as many encouraging faces were there to save them from loneliness.



prayer in order to find a place in the community for ministry, and for the city to bring more leaders and more volunteers. She also sent her greetings to all of her former students and hopes everyone is doing well.

Barranquilla



# HIDDEN HEROES! A DEVO BY JOY-MARIE

What Bible characters do you think of when you hear "Bible heroes?" Is it Moses, Daniel, Abraham, Jesus, or Paul? These people are the many famous heroes in the Bible; however, there are more heroes that are not as well-known.

Do you know the story of Esther? Well, it's about a woman who stood up for her people to save them. But what about her uncle - the silent hero – Mordecai? Mordecai was present in Esther's critical moments in her life. He raised Esther and taught her what is right and wrong. This training led Esther to

become a strong woman who found favour with the king.

Mordecai tore up his clothes, put on sackcloth, and washed in ashes when he heard about the decree to kill the Jews. This action instigated Esther to pray, fast, and reach out to the king to save her people. Mordecai also encouraged Esther and told her to ask the king to save the Jews in the country. All of Mordecai's actions were done in the background, but he is still a hero to the Jews. He was a man of deep spiritual behaviour, full of faith and trust in the work of God.

Another hidden hero is one found in 2 Kings 5. The servants of





Naaman do not have a name in the Bible, but they are surely heroes. One servant was a young girl who spoke out and helped Naaman be healed of his leprosy.. This young servant girl told Naaman's wife about Elisha and that he could cure Naaman of his leprosy. So Naaman went, but, when he saw that Elisha sent a messenger to give him instructions to wash seven times in the Jordan River, he got angry

and left. The servants then convinced him to go back and wash so that he could be healed. Naaman listened to his servants, washed seven times in the Jordan River, and was healed.

If Naaman's servants had not had the courage to speak to him about Elisha, Naaman might not have been healed. These are silent heroes helped who helped Elisha perform a miracle in God's name. They were not important in the people's eyes back then, but they played a significant role in helping Naaman.

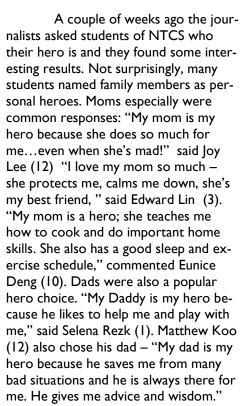
lethro, the father-in-law of Moses, is also a hidden hero. In Exodus 18, lethro advises Moses how to lead the people of Israel. Moses was the can apply these lessons to our lives only judge for all of the Hebrews. When Jethro saw how busy Moses was, he told him to pick capable and trustworthy men and put them as judges so that the people of Israel could bring the simple cases and to them, and they could take the difficult issues to Moses. Moses did this and it lightened his burden; the role of judge was shared over many people. This advice from Jethro is not widely known, but he is a hero for looking out for his son-in-law. These hidden heroes helped in many ways, and they did not have to be rich,

powerful, or influencers; often they were family and friends. We

for we, as students, can be heroes in many ways. It can be as simple as saying a nice compliment or opening a door for someone. We should act like these hidden heroes and be a positive influence on the people around us.



# WHO ARE OUR HEROES? BY MRS. CROUSE



Jacquelyne Goliger (10) is inspired by her grandmother: "she and her family immigrated from Lebanon which was very difficult. School was hard because of a different language and culture and she was lonely. She has done so much for my Mom and us. She's very caring and very smart and she was the valedictorian when she graduated from high school." Siblings are also special heroes. "My hero is my sister Kaitlyn - she is a third year university student at Queens. She's my role model and helps me with my homework," said Chloe Hung (12). "My sister Selena is my hero because she likes being my sister and she helps me when I'm crying," said Caterina Rezk (JK). It is clear that our students love their families. Caleb Wang (6) said it best: "My parents are my heroes. They take care of me and love me no matter what I do. If I am bad, they help me understand where I'm wrong instead of abandoning me; they love me unconditionally."

Several students praised their teachers by naming them as heroes. Raf de Sousa (1) said "my hero is Mrs. Valani because she's the best; she helps me get the right answer." "Ms Whyte is organized and never gets angry - I want to be a teacher like her," said Emily Wan (6). Jenny Hyun (6) said that all the "teachers at NTCS are great because they help us get knowledge in our lives; when we don't understand something, they calmly explain it to us. They are kind, generous, and loving."

The community and popular culture also provide heroes for our students. "The police are heroes because they catch bad guys and keep us

safe. They catch speeding cars and protect us," said Iris Zhang (6). Musicians have an influence too. "Taylor Swift is inspiring with her good deeds and her music helps with anxiety," said Daniella Attalla (10). "Billie Eilish and her brother create good music that helped me get through a tough time in my life," shared Aidan Ng (10). Magnus Chien (10) likes Cliff Barton because he "is a master in bass. He is chill all the time." Many hero choices are driven by our interests. Kabeer Bhatia (4) looks up to "Lebron James because I like basketball." I like Linus (tech tips) - "it's an influence for my career - I am motivated to start my own business/repair shop," said Jonathan Ford (10). William Yang (7) said he likes "Tanjira from an anime "Dragon Slayer" - he's kind, believes in his goals, and completes them." Even William Shakespeare made the hero list: "He was able to create wonderful plays and poems which provide a choice of enjoyable material for English learners," said Alina Chen (9). "Princess Diana is a hero because she helped a lot of people," said Ashlee Yan (6) and "Terry Fox ran to raise money for every deadly sickness and cancer. He inspires me to not take cancer as a joke - it's very deadly. I

# POEMS FROM OUR STUDENTS...

### GOD BY CATHRYN KOWK (5)

My Hero is here and has held onto me.
I'll hold onto him and tightly I'll squeeze.
He sent his one and only son,
To sacrifice himself for us.
The Spirit tells you,
You better listen.
For he has given
Eternal life.
His parables are special.

His miracles are wonderful.
His Word is in my heart.
The Holy Bible is in my reach.
He is always with me.
He is my hero, and I trust him.

#### MY HERO BY CARRIE CHAN (5)

My hero is here, but can't be seen. He does miracles for those who seek. He sent his one and only son, To sacrifice himself for us. He helps us through thick and thin, He takes away all our sin. He talks about the truth, so you better listen. He will make your mindset glisten. He gives us all we need. Pick up the Bible and get ready to read. If you follow, then that is right. Follow him to the light. For if you follow him to the light, Your future will be very bright. For he can give us Eternal Life.

# HERO POEM BY ADAM VALANI (6)

You are my hero,
Nowhere close to zero.
Though you may not fly high,
I know you're always standing nigh.
A parent is your title,
Never staying idle.
Using up you precious time,
To help us when we're cleaning grime.
You are the best,
No need for a test.
You help us with our school,
And tell us that it's cool.
We thank you for that,

And we'll give a pat.

'Cause you are a hero,







## ELIZABETH SLAD BY EMILY WAN (6)

Fields of flowers, Rivers so blue, A hero awakens, In the valley of dew.

She sharpens her arrows, And tests her aim, Goes into the forest, For something to tame.

Birds fly high, Up in the trees, A crack in the bushes, Brings her down on one knee.

She cautiously steps, Into the light, And there stands a crystal, Shining so bright.

As she picked up the crystal, The light seemed to dim. Under it was a bottle, With a message on the rim: 'Beware,' said the message, 'For in this bottle so pure, Lies a potion so precious, It might be the cure.

Of the sickness and death, In the Village of Roses, Where the governor so cruel, A high role he imposes.

You can take for yourself, Or give it to others, Think of yourself, Or your sisters and brothers.'

The message ended.
The hero stood tall,
She walked to the village,
And climbed up the wall.

"People of Roses, Please listen to me. I have here, a cure, Made by your ancestry."

The people applauded. They were very glad. They welcomed the hero, Named Elisabeth Slad.



# HEROES BY AKSHA JOEL

When I say heroes, what comes to mind? For most of you, it's probably Batman or Spider-Man. But what makes a hero? How did we define these people as "heroes"? For most of us, people are considered "heroes" when they have a special characteristic that no one else has, or is very rare.

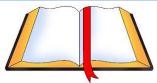
Let's take Spider-Man. He can climb walls, has great speed, strength, and durability. Having these abilities is what makes these characters special. Most of these heroes also have a "disguise" which hides their true appearance. For example, with Iron Man, his disguise is Tony Stark. But heroes don't always have to have a special ability or a super power.

You, yes you, the person who's reading this, could be a hero! I can be a hero too! In the Bible, David, one of the most well-known heroes in the Bible, started out as an ordinary person like me and you. He was your average boy who was taking care of sheep. He had many brothers, all who had astounding talents, while he just took care of his sheep. But something was different about David. God chose him to be the next king of Israel be-

cause he trusted in God and had a huge heart. Now, when I say huge heart, I don't mean that he literally had a bigger heart than all of us. Instead, he was so caring and responsible in everything that he did. He always trusted God and gave his all. When he went to give his brothers their supplies, imagine what he must've been thinking! He probably thought he was going to give his brothers extra supplies for the war and then come straight back home. But in a blink of an eye, he killed a giant and became the king of Israel using his talents.

Another example is Moses. At the beginning of his life, he was already supposed to be dead and was in immediate danger. His mother hid him for three months but after that, she wasn't able to take care of him. Every second of those three months, Moses' mother was in danger. What if someone came to the door? What if they asked to search the house? Would she be punished too? After those three months, Moses' mother couldn't take care of him anymore, so she put him in a basket and floated him down the river. Luckily, Pharaoh's daughter found him and took mercy on him and raised him as her own son. Now Moses was all





grown up! One day, he made a horrible decision that caused him to have to flee from Pharaoh to Midian. He lived happily there for a while, but God called him back to save the Israelites. With help from God (and a little bit of his brother Aaron), he was able to save the Israelites from Pharaoh and lead them to safely out of Egypt. Moses trusted in God and God guided both Moses and the Israelites. Moses and David are both well-known heroes today.

But, what does this have to do with me being a hero? Well, these two examples show that we can be a hero by taking advantage of our talents. For starters, try helping your parents out with raking the leaves this fall! We can help each other out by using our own talents. In our own way, we are all heroes! Trusting in God is what can help us do these things. We all have been blessed with our own talents and we can put them to good use. So remember, heroes don't always have to have superstrength or super speed; we all have a hero inside of us!

# MY HERO INSPIRATION BY HANNAH CHOY

Which hero inspires you? For me, it is Jesus. He is the hero of all the people in the universe. He died on the cross to set people free from their sins. We were once locked in chains of sin, but now, Jesus has removed them, by suffering our penalty. Even before he died on the cross, he still acted like a hero. He healed the sick and helped the poor. He even rose from the dead! He was a humble and forgiving person. He was also very obedient. He was willing to do anything his heavenly Father commanded him to do. He loved everyone, including the people who hated him and put him on the cross. We should try to be like Jesus every day. Jesus is surely the light of the world!



# HEROES BY MICHAEL SAWIRES

When I think about heroes, many names pop into my mind. Batman, Superman, Aquaman...they are all superheroes. None of these names seem to have any

meaning to me. Then, after a lot of concentration, I thought of the perfect hero: Jesus!

There are many reasons why I think He is a hero. Right now, I'll just tell you one. It says in John 3:16, that "God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." God shows us here that He is loving and compassionate. He loved us so much that He gave us Jesus, His Son, who came onto earth and died on the cross to save us from our sins. When He died, He destroyed the pangs of death. He freed all the righteous people and took them up with Him to heaven. By doing this, He gives us the chance to join Him in the everlasting kingdom, if we believe in Him. In short, I think Jesus is the best superhero that ever came into existence.

# MORE GREAT STUDENT WORK....

# WHAT ARE A HERO'S QUALITIES? BY AUDREY ROFAIEL



If you write a nice poem and you want it published in The Torch, please send it to Elissa and Mrs. Crouse at newspaper@ntcs.on.ca

"They push, we push. Everyone once in a while we push hard

enough that the light breaks through the clouds and a world beyond the war glimmers. Just out of reach." Art by Paolo Ciamei

**HEART-FELT** A hero's work should always come from the heart. They need to really believe in what they are doing –big or small, stopping a criminal or saving a kitty stuck in a tree.

**EMPATHETIC** A hero must feel for those in unjust situations. They must understand the problem from all angles in order to find a just solution.

**READY** for anything. A hero should always be on the lookout, because you never know when you'll be needed! A good hero never lets their guard down and is always prepared.

**ORDINARY** Who said anything about secret identities, costumes, or superpowers? I certainly didn't! A hero is somebody who sees wrong and makes it right.

Anytime you stand up to a school bully, donate to a charity, or even help the old lady in your neighbourhood cross the street, you are being a hero. So make a stand! Don't be afraid to stand up for what is right. Who knows? You could be a hero! Just try!

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would like to help too," added Jane Li (6). And finally, Nadine Martin (12) looks "up to some celebrity Christians because they are using their fame to do the right things. They recognize that they're humans and admit when they are wrong. They also have Godly living standards," she said.

The final source we found when it comes to choosing a hero is the Bible and our Christian faith. Students at every age mentioned God as a hero. Abbie Lee (2) said "God is my hero because He's strong." "God is my hero because He died on the cross for me. He comforts me. We can look up to Him when we're in trouble. When we die, we get to go to heaven," said Elias Jara (3). Gabriel Sawires (2) said that "Jesus is my hero. Whenever I'm sad, he helps me. I love doing art and He inspires my drawing and painting." Denise Chan (11) summed it up: "Jesus is my hero because He died for my sins. I love Him." It is clear that we all have heroes and it looks like our students are choosing good ones to be inspired by. Thanks for sharing!



## SPOT THE DIFFERENCES





Find 10 differences in these two photos. Submit your list (fill out the blue slip inside this Torch—put your name on it) to Ms. Leung in the office by Friday Nov 19 @3:30 pm. All 100% correct entries will go into a basket for a draw. We will draw three names for prizes and announce them on Mon Nov 22.

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Spikeball photos by Nikolas Kaounis and Nezra Tagudar

### SENSATIONAL SPIKEBALL

A new and interesting sport named spikeball kept the junior and senior high athletes busy competing during lunch intramurals since mid-September. The finals were played last week and we can announce the winners. In the grade 7-9 category, the winners were grade 8 students Lee Jasper and Ildi Angjeli. The finals match was hard fought with Nate Eastwood and Brandon Yip. Damian Salama and Andrew Watson (12) were the victors of the senior division and David Cao

and Raphael Pinto were the second place team. "The match was very close and each team used different tactics," said Joy-Marie Salama. "We were on the edge of our seats to see who would win, A lot of people were cheering for each team. There was a lot of suspense," she said. Congratulations to all the players! Next up: table tennis!

Mr. Hoover supervised the tournaments and we thank him for that!

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