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SUMMER HOLIDAY DESTINATIONS-MAKE YOUR SUMMER MEMORABLE! BY LUCY



Are you sure you want to stay at home and binge-watch TV for the entire summer? It's an OK thing to do, but why not use the summer-time to have fun! Summer is such a precious time in the Northern Hemisphere. Visit places that interest you and it will leave good memories when you look back on your 2022 summer holidays. And of course, when the teachers and classmates ask you what you did during the summer when you return to school, you can give them the coolest answer. In the summer, you could go swimming, travel to beaches, amusement parks, escape rooms, shopping, museums, art galleries, even volunteer. The possibilities are endless because you have the time to go wherever you want. I'd like to introduce you to some specific places to visit with friends and family so you can start planning how to spend your summer holiday!

First, with many locations, including one near the CN Tower, the Rec Room is perfect for a summer holiday get-together with friends. It's a great experience to go with your friends because there are food and drinks in addition to myriad game machines. There is everything you need and nothing you can't play. There are many game machines such as billiards, racing cars, etc. Grade 11 student Wallace Pan said, "I like to go to the Rec Room downtown with my

friends in the summer. There are a lot of gaming machines and we can spend almost the whole day there." Another fun place to visit is Canada's Wonderland in Vaughan. If you plan to visit on the weekends, you can buy a 'fast-pass' to save time in line. It is a roller-coaster-based amusement park, and the scale of the scariness of the rides is acceptable to most people while very fun. From *msn.com*, Yukon Striker is Canada's Wonderland record-breaking dive coaster with a mega 90 degrees drop. The rides will leave you in a rush that pushes you back in line for more excitement! In addition to roller coasters, there are carousels, a drop tower, a kids' zone, and other amusement park basics. In addition to the rides and facilities, Canada's Wonderland also includes a water park called Splash Works.

Next, Ripley's Aquarium and the Toronto Zoo are great places to visit for animal lovers. Ripley's tickets are sold as timed tickets. If you want to visit the wonderful sea world, you can book a time slot on the official website. The cost is \$29 for 6-13 years old and \$43 for 14 years old and above and tickets are open to book on *ripley.com*. It's very calming and pleasing to see the small sea creatures during the pandemic. The layout inside the aquarium is like an S-shaped navigation route so there is no need to worry about getting lost.

There are many tunnels and colour-changing jellyfishes that are perfect for photos. Compared to the aquarium, Toronto Zoo has a much greater variety of animal species. There are animals from all continents, including North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia. Once you walk into the Zoo, you can sense a feeling of harmony between people and nature. Tickets are available to order on *torontozoo.com* at \$13.5 for 3-12 years old and \$22.2 for ages 13-64.

"I like to go camping and travel during the summer. I plan on going to Chandos for summer camp," grade 6 student Kai Zou said. Chandos, or Camp Ke-Mon-Oya, is located outside of Apsley, Ontario which is 2 hours away from the school. According to *campkemonoya.com*, "By going to camp, children and teenagers can hear God's message in a powerful and personal way. They have the opportunity to spend focused time learning about God and having conversations with other young people about their faith." Camp provides a great variety of activities for children of different ages who want to explore nature and get closer to God.

Lastly, a place to visit if you want to go on a little summer vacation that isn't too far away is Banff National Park. It's located in Alberta, a stunning

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snowy world in the winter, but when it comes to summer, it only gets better! Banff has a lot of activities to do on its 1,641,027 acres of land, and the process of exploring nature is very refreshing. According to *national-geographic.com*, "summer is popular for hiking, paddling, mountain biking, cycling, photography, and climbing." In

Banff National Park you will find the famous Moraine Lake - its water has a beautiful bluish-turquoise colour. This beautiful view was printed on the Canadian \$20 bill between 1969 and 1979.

So, there you go. There are a variety of places to visit during the summer holiday from central Toronto to outside of the GTA, and even outside of Ontario! Each of these places

will provide visitors with a new and refreshing experience and help them take a break from the pandemic. These destinations will help you create memories of outdoor nature and spiritual experiences of growing closer to God. So get out there this summer. Explore, learn and enjoy your summer of 2022!

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2021-22 BY ELISSA



After two years of socially distanced online learning, we finally had the opportunity to come back together as a community. It was amazing to see each other in person again (in full body), and not just a collection of disembodied heads over Google Hangouts. For some, we were even able to see their smiling faces again! The spirit of NTCS was finally revitalized as we were able to get back to the regular activities of having sports teams, clubs, service projects, SaLT initiatives, and field trips.

Coming back to in-person school this year and experiencing NTCS culture once again, I realized that there were so many things I took for granted that have been integral to our experience at this school. As we near the end of this school year, I want to take some time to acknowledge some things I'm grateful for this year.

1. **In-person chapel** - Hallelujah! After two years of chapel over Zoom, it's so refreshing to be able to sing and praise God together in-person. I'm grateful to hear the worship band perform live again without a lag every five seconds. Another highlight of Chapel is having speakers come in-person to engage with us and share their words of wisdom.
2. **Health** - Over the past two years, the COVID-19 pandemic has brought health concerns to

the forefront of many people's minds. Despite the challenges we've faced, I'm grateful that we came back healthy and strong.

3. **The Torch** - The Torch has seen unprecedented sales this year all thanks to our readers' support. I'm very grateful to have served as the editor and have worked with such an incredible team of talented and hardworking individuals who have made this success possible. It has been a lot of fun seeing many of you participate in the "spot the difference" games, engaging with you on our Instagram account, and creating promotional songs and videos. I'd be remiss if I didn't mention the amazing Flamey stickers that accompanied each edition! (Thanks to Nezra Tagudar for her Flamey Designs)



4. **Science labs** - The highlight of every science class! It was great to enjoy some kinesthetic learning with our peers again. The dissec-

tions especially are always the biggest hit. While you'll have to endure the horrible smell for the full 50 minutes of class, the incredible experience is one you won't soon forget.

5. **Birthday celebrations** - Birthday celebrations with friends are one of the highlights of in-person school. Nothing makes you feel more loved than coming to school on your birthday to the sound of your friends singing happy birthday off-key at the top of their lungs. Being able to bring in snacks to share with your friends on your birthday is also a quintessential birthday activity - Shout out to Mrs. Crouse for bringing snacks for Journalism class birthdays!

Some of the things I didn't miss: exams, losing my pandemic commute from my bed to my computer, and losing the ability to turn off my camera in class.

Each year brings new challenges, but we have so much to be grateful for when we come together as a community. Ephesians 4:4 reminds us that we are part of one body and one Spirit, and were called to one hope.

Thank you once again to the entire NTCS community for your continued support of the journalism team. To the graduating grade 12's, we wish you all the best in your future endeavours. To everyone else, we look forward to seeing you again in September! Have a great summer!



TIPS TO MAKE STUDYING MORE EFFICIENT BY AMANDA

Exams are just around the corner. These tips and tricks might be a good place to start looking for ways to prepare.

Plan Ahead

Pay attention in class - This probably seems like a no-brainer, but it is very useful because teachers will normally give clues as to what will be on the upcoming tests/ exams.

Take good notes - Taking good notes starts with finding the most effective way for you to jot down the most important information in as little time as possible. Make sure to keep things short and concise. Don't write down everything you hear, or everything you see on a powerpoint. Paraphrasing the teacher's words when you are in class will make the notes easier to review later.



Stay organized - Staying organized will be life changing if you don't already implement this into your daily life. Make sure to have all of your papers from each subject in one place so they are easy to find when it comes time to study. The fastest way to lose time when studying is when you have to scramble around looking for lost papers and notes.

Know the test date - The teacher may or may not give a warning the day before the test, so it is better to know your schedule and study ahead of time. Procrastination only leads to cramming and stress. Try your best to stay ahead of the game!

Study Preparation



Get your mind ready - Take a walk, or do something to help your mind focus. Stretch, meditate, or read a book for leisure - whatever helps you calm down.

Gather everything you need - The authors of "10 Effective Study Techniques to Try this Year" published by the University of St. Augustine of Health Science suggest: Before getting started make sure to have everything you need so that you won't waste time trying to find things. For example, make sure to have all of your notes, a pen or pencil, and paper. Also make sure to have anything that helps you personally stay on task, such as earbuds to listen to music or a snack to keep you focused.

Remove distractions - Make sure to keep the distractions to a minimum to shorten the time you spend procrastinating. For example, put the phone away, close any games that might be running in the background of your computer, turn off the tv or loud music, and go to a quiet space.

Study Tools

Flash cards - What is better than a good old fashioned study tool? Flash cards are a great way to memorize terms and facts. Writing down what is important will help you remember the information. Make sure to test yourself with the flash cards. Put a definition or fact that you need to know on one side, put the answer on the other side. You can test yourself, or ask a friend to help test your knowledge.



Pen and paper - Andrew Watson, in Grade 12, says that "I write hand-written notes to help solidify my knowledge of the information. I find it an effective way to increase my productivity as I can remember more information at a faster rate when studying by writing things on paper."

Quick fact: In a research article "Paper Notebooks vs. Mobile Devices: Brain Activation Differences During Memory Retrieval" by Keita Umejima, Takuya Ibaraki, Takahiro Yamaaki, and Kuniyoshi L. Sakai, the group compared three groups: Note, Tablet and Phone. Their conclusion was that old-fashioned notes are more effective.

Making a study sheet - Athena Yiu (11) shared her study strategy in four steps: 1. "I will look over a review sheet if provided by the teacher. 2. Then I gather all my notes and my textbook to make a study sheet. I take the main points of things that I believe the teacher will test us on, they will normally give hints on this. 3. I put things chronologically. I start with the earlier things that might have been forgotten. I make subheadings with the larger topics and put more details under subheadings. I also put down the definitions and diagrams that I think will be important. Firstly, I will write down the topic and then talk about the people involved. I make sure to make clear what the topic is before I put any further details. 4. After I finish making the study sheet I can go back to review it."

Study Habits



The Pomodoro Technique: "The Pomodoro Technique" in sketchplanations.com is a technique that uses a work to break ratio of 25:5 min. This means that for 25 uninterrupted minutes you should be working, and after the time is up, you take a 5 minute break. After 4 'pomodoros' take a longer break for 10-15 minutes before getting back to work. This system is supposed to help your brain concentrate for 25 minutes, but it gives you a break so that you can preserve your energy and prevent burning out before you finish working/ studying.



Listening to music Make or find a playlist beforehand. This way you are not tempted to scroll around looking for songs to listen to. Make sure to use music that you can play while concentrating on work. What music works for you may not work for someone else, so be mindful. If you want to try and mix the pomodoro technique with listening music, you can listen to 5-6 songs and then take a break for 1 song.

Other Study Techniques

Feynman Technique: "10 Effective Study Techniques to Try this Year" published by the University of St. Augustine of Health Science. Explain the concepts as if teaching them to someone else. Sometimes the best way to remember something is by being able to explain it. To explain something in a format that is teachable to someone else, you need to understand the fundamentals of the concept first.

SQ3R (Survey, Question, Read, Recite, Review): "10 Effective Study Techniques to Try this Year" published by the University of St. Augustine of Health Science. This method is designed to help you retain information from a textbook or a large amount of text.

Survey: look over everything you need quickly to get a feel for what is going to be covered. It will also help to estimate the amount of time it will take to go through the information.

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Question: Ask yourself questions to gauge the amount of information you remember and what you don't remember. That way you have a good idea of what you might need to review.

Read: Read everything through and try to find the answers to the questions you proposed beforehand.

Recite: Summarise what you read. Once you have a condensed version of what you need to learn, try and recall main points, facts, and questions.

Review: Make sure you remember the content by testing yourself with some questions. If there are parts you don't quite understand, go back and take another look at them before retesting. At the end of the day, the best way to study is to find a method that is suitable for you. Maybe some of these tools will help you be efficient and effective in your studies.

ODE TO BURGERS BY JACOB DAY



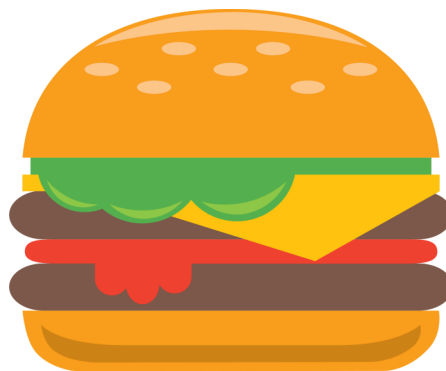
The perfect burger starts with the Bun.
 Delicious, soft, hot like the sun.
 It is round, inviting, and seductive like honey to a bear.
 Smooth like Michael Jackson, but fluffy as hair.
 They don't just make my mouth wet with saliva, but my heart waters too.
 Oddly enough, pondering the perfection and simplicity of it all makes me so blue.
 How can something so simple, yet so otherworldly be true?

Next up is the cold, crunchy, refreshing Lettuce.
 Things I would do for such divinity makes me a menace.
 Like AC on a hot sunny day.
 Like a dentist to one's teeth that's rotting to decay.
 Essential. Vital. Needed. Is there much more to say?

Next is the Tomato, so plump and so red.
 If I had to live without tomatoes, I would rather be dead.
 Tomatoes needeth not, any thorns, for it welcomes.
 Needeth not for a pit, then why is it so magical?
 Gosh... the juiciness of a tomato may make me fanatical.

There's also the cheese, you can't forget the Cheese!
 If all cheese in the world was infected by a virus, I would catch the disease.
 So perfectly salty and yummy.
 Just like a beautiful song for my tummy.
 Most versatile of all food.
 It always seems to brighten up my mood.

Last but not least, the Patty, so tender and fatty.
 The best kind of food for the biggest of patties.
 The beauty of its squishy, succulent texture makes me want to cry.
 A life without the patty is one in which I will jump off a building and die.
 Warm and cozy like a seat by the fire.
 Burgers with patties are my only desire
 All together the burger is a masterpiece.
 It has flavours richer than the golden fleece.
 A burger is the perfect orchestra.
 Every part of it plays a wonderful tune that is in harmony with all the others.
 If there was a burger god, to it I would sacrifice my brother.



WHO NEEDS GRASS WHEN YOU HAVE AN OPEN WORLD GAME WITH MOUNTAINS AND OCEANS?

A Review of the best game of the year: Genshin Impact



BY SISLEY



Winner of the Best Game Award in 2021, Genshin Impact, an action-based RPG has continued to expand its global fanbase, winning the hearts of cosplayers, artists, myth busters, and gamers everywhere. Starting out as a free mobile, desktop, and Play Station game on September 28, 2020 released by Shanghai-based company Mihoyo, Genshin Impact invited those stuck in their homes due to the pandemic into an open world concept with cities, fascinating characters, towns, impressive plotlines, and beautiful terrains. Launching with a German-inspired town “Mondstadt”, players interact as a lost twin searching for their sibling while solving civil problems within each region. Each region is inspired by specific countries: Mondstadt inherits Germany’s beautiful flat lands and lakes, Liyue’s land is decorated with large mountains and extensive historical artifacts like China, while Inazuma has multiple islands surrounded by a vast ocean like Japan.

As an adventurer, players travel with a loyal travel companion named Paimon, a floating, lovable, annoying fairy whose loyalty will never falter. The game itself has impressive detailing in its character and

map design, plotlines/lore, and rewards. Primogems, the valuable currency in the game, allows players to try their luck in Genshin’s wishing system that updates every 40 days with new characters and quests. Unlockable characters vary in age, ethnicity, powers, background, positions, and personalities allowing all kinds of people to connect and fan over them. The fighting style of the characters are delicately choreographed to create archers, sword-users, catalysts, and claymore-users allowing large ranges of supports, healers, sub-DPS, and main DPS to be presented on the battlefield. After reaching level 13, fans can also interact with other players, entering their worlds and fighting bosses together or just taking a nice walk through the open terrain.

The most memorable aspect of all is the primary storyline. In search for the lost twin, players embark on a memorable journey while experiencing both heartbreak and warmth through the impressively scripted and animated scenes. Excellent themes are also incorporated into the regions. Mondstadt questions how the concept of freedom can be taken advantage of, Liyue shows the importance of individuality and teamwork instead of overreliance on a protector, while Inazuma shows the process of getting over the death of a loved one.

If you wish to try your luck, Genshin Impact is open completely as a free-to-play game with some optional aspects of purchasing primogems for wishing opportunities! If you want to experience the early life of civilisations where there were small towns representing various countries’ states in the early ages, fight in impressive gamestyles with your friends or just solo, or just find an anime husband or wife to fan over, Genshin Impact is the game for you.



THE THORN AMONG THE BIRDS BY CHLOE

the smell of morning dew lingers
and the chorus of birds
still sing loudly
from their bare homes
of branches and bark

as the traffic interrupts their
sickly sweet songs,
they raise their voices,
determined to be heard
by the deaf ears
below



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HIGH SCHOOL—A NEW ADVENTURE BY JOY—MARIE

Staring up at the tall wide building, you bravely walk in the doors to the rush of students running past you. New schedules, classrooms, lockers, teachers, and kids, you don't know what to expect. You've heard countless stories and warnings about preparing for high school, yet you still feel lost. Maybe you have older family members, friends, or your parents who told you about it. You start to wonder, what is high school really like?

Imagine that you're in the hallway, and all you see are rows and rows of grey-coloured steel blocks. What are they? What are they used for? You receive a slip of paper with random numbers. You find out that they are for a lock on your locker. Now, is it to turn right, turn left, make a whole circle, then stop at the last number? Or is it, turn left, whole circle, turn right, and stop at the last number? What were the numbers again? Jane Li (grade 6) said, "I'm not looking forward to lockers". On top of that, you have the stress of arriving at your first class.

Yes, you have to move classrooms between different subjects. First, you have to find where your class is in the big maze of your school. Then, there is the stampede of students. You're being bumped into, pushed aside, and jostled around as you try to reach your class without losing your books. You have to make sure you're in class on time, unless you want to get the dreaded lateslip. On top of that is finding the perfect seat. Teachers mostly do not assign where you sit, but you have to choose the perfect place to sit. Where and who you sit beside gives a message to your teacher of your personality and study habits. Do you sit in the front, middle, or back? If you sit in the back, you might get picked on, but the teacher won't see you. Do you sit with your friends? If you do, you might

get distracted. Grade 12 student, Damian Salama says, "You should sit beside someone who is studious. It is not where you sit, but who you sit beside that's important." Once you choose your seat, you know that where you are and who you sit beside will most likely be permanent for the rest of your time in the course.



As the term goes on, your classes will become busier and busier. You will have lots of homework, tests, and assignments. At some point, it will be like you are drowning under a pile of homework. One thing you must be prepared for, as stated on ivywise.com, is how to manage your time and be organized. Teachers will not force you to write your homework on a paper or agenda, nor will they make you write down the test dates. They will not tell you which assignments you should do first, or how long you should spend on each assignment; that depends entirely on you. You will need to balance your social and academic life, and you will need to make sure that you do not lose any notes or papers. If you do, you will not be prepared for the homework and tests that are given. There will be more emphasis on your marks, for the older you get, your marks will start to count to see which colleges or universities you will be accepted in. Meray Salib (9) says that teachers have bigger expectations of the students. That is a big change from the more casual ap-



proach to grades in elementary school.

It may seem to you now that high school has only negatives, and everything will be worse in high school. However, there are a lot of advantages. You not only have extra freedom, but in high school you start meeting new friends. Your lunches will be filled with chatter and laughter; there will be hidden jokes shared during class, and you can do group projects together. You will have to be careful with whom you spend time. Daniel Friedman from [Mod-ernteenth](http://Mod-ernteenth.com) says, "Your friends and social life makes you exactly who you are and who you will be."

Their attitudes and habits will start affecting your personality and study habits.

Another advantage in high school is extracurricular activities. Kathryn Hoffses from kidshealth.org states that extra-curricular activities are a fantastic way to learn more about your interests. Imagine that you see the list of activities available: science club, card-making club, Reach, business club, sport teams, and many more. You find out that you can even make up your own club! As stated in newyouth.ca, on top of clubs there will be field trips and student events. You are older now, so you'll see that teachers will give you more freedom in how you spend your extra time during field trips. You may have to write a report after, but enjoy the trip! It's a fun time as you don't have classes for the day.

Now, you have seen what a day in high school will be like, so keep your head up and have confidence on your first day in high school! Remember that you will always have God, your friends, family, and teachers to support you throughout the year.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCES — A CONTEST WITH YUMMY PRIZES



Find 10 distinct differences in these photos. Submit your list (fill out the yellow slip inside this Torch — add your name) to Ms. Leung in the office by Thurs June 9 @ 3:30 pm. All 100% correct entries will go into a basket and we'll draw three names for prizes and announce them Friday June 10.

SUMMER IS NEAR BY WESLEY LEUNG



Summer is near,
God made the snow disappear. So we all have a great cheer!

Let's go down to the beach and eat a peach with some quiche.
Under the sun, let's have some fun while eating a bun.
Take out the water blasters and aim at my brother and mother.
They'll get so wet.
Perhaps they may capture me and my pet with a fishing net!

Last summer, I went camping and swimming.
With some help, I set up the tent without making a dent.
My dad and my mom let me eat smores after a meal. What a great deal!!!
My dad fanned the fire to make it go higher.
I roasted a marshmallow and sat down with my favourite squishmallow.
I was so busy with drinking my diet coke, all of a sudden,
I saw a lot of smoke!
Trust me. It was no joke!

Summer is almost here,
I wonder what I'll do this year.



MAYBE TODAY

BY ALLY YANG



It's Graduation Day.
Blue and green fill the room.
There he stands,
As I planned.
He sits down in his seat,
And I sit in front of him.
Looking straight,
I see him great.
Such an eye-catching face.
First glance, second glance, third glance.
Should I take my chance?
Maybe today,
Only today,
If I may.
Does he feel the same? I ask.
But all I know is his name.
Today is Graduation Day,
Today should be the day I say.
Maybe today,
Only today,
Will I say, "hey!"

A TRIBUTE TO MOTHERS

A SPECIAL MESSAGE ABOUT OUR SPECIAL PERSON BY MICHELLE

We didn't have a May edition... but our Moms are still worth celebrating!



From the moment life takes form in the womb, an instant bond is developed between mother and child. This bond is one that is unique and inseparable. For the next 9 months, a mother willingly carries this life, sacrificing everything for her little baby. There are minor problems such as losing hair, facial boils, body rashes, and endless injections. Whatever happens - fever, cold, cough - they can't take medication because of the chance that it'll harm the baby. Their comfiest and best clothes don't fit them and they can't eat their favourite food for fear that it might harm the baby. Whether it's depression or mood swings, mothers quietly endure it all so no one else will get upset. During labour, every mother goes through a near death experience and excruciating pain. But, they take it all with a smile because they know that when they see their child for the first time, it will all be worth it. The first and greatest connection is the bond between mother and child.

Mrs. Corbett is a new mom and described her love for her son. She said, "Maybe this sounds silly, but I am surprised by the love I have for my son. Of course, I knew that I would love him (and I did love him from the moment I found out I was pregnant), but it's a totally different kind of love--loving him is different than loving my husband or my own mother or anyone else; somehow it feels different. It makes me appreciate the love of God so much more -- that He gave His Son for us. Jesus obviously paid a price, but so did God the Father. It's unfathomable -- that He gave His Son to suffer and die for us, who do not deserve it at all."

The Bible says that it is very hard for a mother's love to disappear or for her to forget her

own child (Isaiah 49:15). A mother guides her child through every step of life. From weaning them, to teaching them to talk and walk, to helping them learn good manners and their ABC's, a mother is a child's strongest support through every big milestone. Mrs. Corbett exclaims that it is such a joy and pleasure to see her son grow up and his personality develop. Every child grows up knowing that a mother's arm is a child's safe haven. They know that no matter the good and bad, their mother is someone they can always run back to. Mothers will never hurt their child's feelings purposely. They will never make their child feel like they are less than anyone else and will never stop loving their child. Mothers always put their child's needs, wants, and desires above their own. They will always put their child first!

Elissa Chee, a student in grade eleven, describes her mother as understanding. "She is truly the most thoughtful, caring, and loving person. My mom can be in and out of work calls all day, but no matter how busy she is, she always makes time for me. Whether it's by cooking my lunch, helping me study for a test, or baking me a batch of cookies, she always says yes."

Many times people don't realize that there is power in the love of a mother. Individual lives and cultures can be shaped by a mother's love. It leaves a profound impact on young lives and, many times, also on their developmental growth. According to *focusonthefamily.com*, Carol Cuppy says "while most mothers know that their love and emotional availability are vital to their children's well-being, many of us do not understand long-lasting impact we have in developing our young children's brains, teaching them first lessons of love, and shaping their consciences."

This year, Mother's Day was on May 8, 2022. In honour of your mother, this year, I hope you were able to make or treat her to something creative that showed that you truly love and appreciate her. This can include giving a bouquet, booking a spa day, designing a collage, writing a heartfelt thank you, making a slideshow, slipping a photo into a locket, and personalizing a memento box. For all that our mothers do for us, the least we can do is appreciate them and show our appreciation - not only on Mother's day, but every day. According to Heritage Hall, "Mothers: Believe in us more than we believe in ourselves. Do more for us than they do for themselves. Worry about us more than we realize. Pray for us more than we'll ever know. Value us more than anything else in the world. Give us more than they can afford. Love us more than anyone else can (on Earth). Matter more than words can express." Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful mothers and mother figures out there! We love you!

POEMS INSPIRED BY ART:



FREEDOM BY NADINE



The Joy of Life, Francois Girard

Free,
She floats
And soars with the clouds
Free of worries,
Free of fears

Not a care in the world,
She flies with the birds
Her golden, angel hair
like honey flows

Arms out wide
Reaching for
the warm embrace
Of the
sun



HELP, I'M MELTING BY GRACE



I am a great listener as my friends say
When they feel cold I give them warmth
But I feel like I'm melting away.

I like to be there for my friends
But sometimes I don't receive the same
I am seeing a trend.

They always ask for relationship help
I have never dated but
I somehow can help...

But other times I can't.
I feel pressured
Pressured to do things I can't

But I...

I see hands reaching out
I give them all I have
While I sit there and melt.

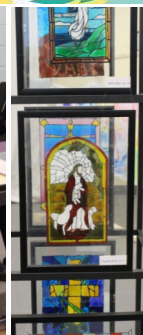
As I melt they come for more
I haven't even recovered
Almost can't stand it anymore

Don't come too close though
Your fingers will slowly turn red
Scorching what's left of our relationship,

I don't want people to rely on me
That is why I don't want to become close
but, "what are they going to do without me?"

SUMMER CAMPING BY VICTORIA LEUNG





On June 1, the high school choir, music and arts students hosted an Arts Night. On June 3, the elementary students enjoyed a sunny day outside at Fun Fair! Photos by Mrs. Crouse, Nezra, and Amanda

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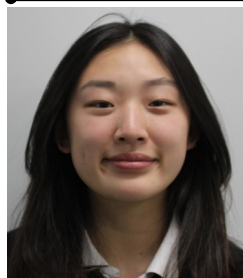
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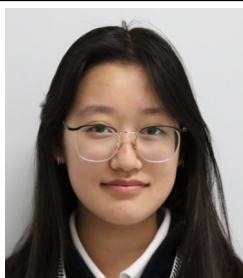
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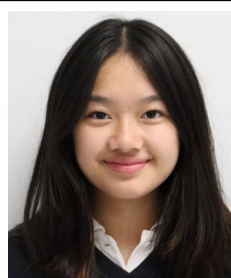
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