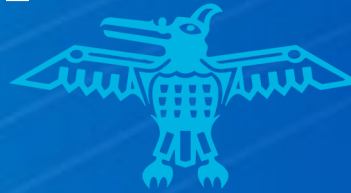


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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings Ross Sheppard High School community. What a fabulous start it has been for a year that really will go down as one to remember. We started the 2020-2021 school year with a total of 2138 students (698 Grade 10's, 727 Grade 11's, and 713 Grade 12's). This year is the first time our Division has had offerings in education that existed in an online and in-school format. Approximately 65% of our population are attending school for in-school learning. It has been a real learning experience for everyone involved. As we deal with our new normal through this pandemic we work hard to ensure that everyone is getting the education they need.

The 2020-2021 school year has looked modified throughout the year thus far, but we wish to thank everyone for all the efforts that have put in to make this experience a memorable one. Staff and students have been resilient this year to support all of the challenges that are presented at one time or another. One of our biggest challenges has been the quarterly programming, which is also a first-ever in our Division. Our Student Leadership team and Connect Crew have demonstrated great leadership skills to engage our school in activities that help support us by keeping the fun factor really high. The school year is moving very fast, but a very good first quarter has already set the tone for what has been accomplished thus far, and what we look forward to.

Grade 12 students are starting to discuss graduation as we are now just kicking off grad photos in the month of November. I think one thing is for certain, and that is we will find with quarterly schedules the year is broken into its smaller parts that will seem to move by quicker than we are used to. We really want to ensure that our Grade 12 students are supported, and that their experience throughout the year has been a memorable one. For the first time in many years, diploma exams were optional in the first quarter and we assume that this will carry forward for the remainder of the year. With such inequity this year, it has been positive that our students have not had to feel the pressure of these expectations in the end.

As a first-year Principal at Ross Sheppard High School, I have been introduced to a community with incredible empathy and support. Our Ross Sheppard School Council that features our parents who come together and work with admin have been a phenomenal group to work with. Their countless efforts and pursuits behind the scenes to support our community is second to none. I know that our face-to-face meetings and the absence of our coffee talk mornings are something we hope to get back to one day but for now, we are able to communicate and maintain the consistency of connecting to support our school growth. Ross Sheppard High School has been a wonderful school to be associated with, and I am thankful for such a fabulous staff and student body.

The true spirit of "We Are Shep" lives in our halls and is certainly practiced by all. The foundational principles that our school lives by including the ability to show LeaderShep, MentorShep, RelationShep, and ScholarShep. These principles highlight that we are a community working in unison to embrace the challenge with rigour, celebrate success and model the pride, tradition, and excellence that truly make our school a wonderful place to be. I want everyone to know that my door is always open for a conversation to support. This year's version is more about an email and a phone call but nevertheless, I want all of our community to know that your voice is important to us and if we can support anything you need please do not hesitate to ask.




Rick Stanley
PRINCIPAL

MATHEMATICS

The newsletter offers us a time to reflect. So, looking back on this first quarter of the year, what stands out for the Math department? THE RAP BATTLE!

Blair Mills and Dean Walls absolutely crushed it with their math rap, written below. We are so proud of them!

Notice the rap's interdisciplinary nature. It's about math, but with a definite 'language' structure. Inspired really!



Dean Walls and Blair Mills

*We have algebra and angles
Axes, absolutes, arithmetic,
Astoundingly a-cute
And we know that you are into it*

*We are bona fide believers
We love binary and bisects
Get a buzz from binomials
Math is best!*

*Count us in for calculus
Correlation and capa-ci-ty
Co-sine it's a sine that it's time
for a calculated rhyme*

*Differentiating's dope
Don't deny math's dignity
Dedicate your life
to distributivity*

*Excuse our elevation
at times at your expense
I estimate the excitement
will eclipse other events*

*Here's the formula, it's finite
We have frequency tables!
Fibonacci frequently
factors into funny fables*

*Geometry! It's great!
Giga gallon grid or greater than
A heavenly helix of
hypotenuse or histogram*

*It's integral, the interval
over which we incrementally
join in joyful jamming
Just a jab of joviality*

*Kilometre, kilogram
Kilo this and that
It's the law, no limit
Logs are natur-L, fact!*

*Measurement, monomial,
multiple, mean
Nano net nat'ral nonagon
Number Theory*

*We're odd! and obtuse!
Oblique's on fleek!
It's a prime paradise
[word] Parabolas all week!*

*We have quotients we have quantities
Quadratics? We've got plenty
Yup radians, radicals
Reciprocal Identities.
Check the stats our slope is sick
tangential trigonometry
trinomials and tables,
tell me, wanna come along with me?*

*The union of each unit
Verifying every vertex,
We are wacky and we wonder
Will we ever find x ?*

*You've got yards and y-intercepts
Yes we're nearly through
We are zany zealous trapezoids
the zenith zero crew!*

SOCIAL STUDIES

The Social Studies department with the help of FMNI coordinator, Dianne Perry, acknowledged and celebrated Orange Shirt Day on September 30. Staff and some students displayed their support for Orange Shirt Day by wearing Ross Sheppard custom orange shirts. We proudly support inclusivity and respect for the Indigenous community and our Indigenous students.



We also recently presented an online Remembrance Day ceremony on Shep TV to acknowledge and commemorate the sacrifices made by some many Canadians who served in the armed forces. The Social Studies department wishes to thank all the students and staff who participated in making this ceremony a moving and memorable tribute. A special thanks goes out to Mr. Lee for all his hard work in putting the program together.

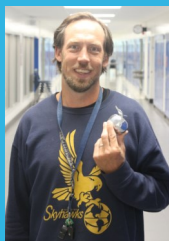
The department is also pleased to announce the return of Mrs. Vanderhout in quarter two from her maternity leave. Welcome back!

SCIENCE

The Science department was full of energy with the excitement of being back in school.

Mild fall weather allowed many of the classes to get outside and enjoy some fresh air while learning. We have had a busy quarter of labs; building roller coasters, dissecting organisms, titrating, and making solutions has kept Mrs. David, our lab technician, on her toes! Typically our Science IB students are preparing for their IB exams in May, but Chemistry and Physics IB students wrote their first IB exam in early November! While this may have seemed to come up very quickly, students can now focus on spending time preparing for their upcoming courses.

This year, our department welcomed Mr. Ryan Dunkley to the team. Mr. Dunkley took the reins in planning and organizing our entry into the 2020 Rap Battle, and we had a blast!



The quarter was capped off by dressing up for Halloween. Some of us played a real-life game of "Among Us" that day. We even had two online teachers participate! Although we never did find the imposter, blue was acting very 'sus'.

The Science department is looking forward to another quarter of learning and fun!



ENGLISH



The English department is hosting Reading Comprehension practice and Test Taking Strategies workshops at lunch on Thursdays in room 2203, led by Ms. Movold and her student teacher, Mr. Finlay. This has been a great space for students to develop their skills, ask questions, and gain some one-on-one interaction with a teacher to help improve their overall results and learning. Wonderful to see this commitment to a growth mindset!

Ross Sheppard's English department got in the spirit of Halloween and dressed up as "Heroes" this year! Lots of variation as to what a hero is ... just remember, heroes don't always wear capes! We even had our online teacher, Ms. Sordo, contribute from cyberspace! A fun time for all to get into the spirit.



Things have changed in our classrooms. Desks are back in rows, and group work happens digitally, but we still get to dig into texts, and be together. The masks don't have to get in the way of learning.
#happytobebackintheclassroom

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

It's been a fall of ingenuity for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme at Shep. Mrs. Gross is thrilled to be a new member of the team in her role as Coordinator, and is starting to get to know the incredible students and teachers both in-class and online. She looks forward to building those relationships as the year progresses.



For the first time in Shep history, we held November IB exams to better fit our quarterly system. Three students wrote Physics SL and sixteen students wrote Chemistry SL exams. We couldn't be prouder of this team of brilliant students who rose to the challenge, and of the teachers who helped them to realize these goals.

Shep IB students are finding safe ways to get involved in Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS). Through both online offerings as well as reopened clubs, athletics, and volunteering, our IB students are finding ways to get creative, active, and do good in their community. For example, three of our Diploma students - Prapti Sharma, Maan Vadgama, and Kym Bahandi - will be representing Ross Sheppard at a Virtual CAS Conference, "The Climate Crisis and COVID-19: Innovate, Act, Impact" over their November break.

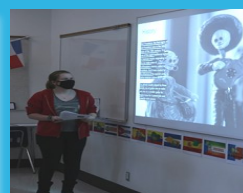


We look forward to a year of imagination and invention as the Shep IB Programme continues to thrive!

GLOBAL LANGUAGES

Español 10-3Y

Quarter one was an interesting start to teaching and learning during a pandemic. With the language and culture of Mexico as a focus, we learned about food, traditions, music, and even the sport of lucha libre. We look forward to discovering Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Colombia, and Venezuela in Grade 11. Hasta pronto chicos y chicas!



Chinese Bilingual Program & Chinese Language and Culture

Each year, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton awards YCT and HSK scholarships to those students achieving excellence on their YCT or HSK tests. Ross Sheppard is proud to announce that this year, we had eight students in our Chinese language programs receiving awards as a result of their Chinese Proficiency Exam achievements.

Under the leadership of senior members of the Chinese Lion Dance Team, weekly practices are underway. Due to the current global situation, they can't practice in the same manner as they used to. Despite this, they still enjoy the time spent together learning from each other.



ESL LEVEL 3/4

Our ESL class consisted of new Canadians from all around the world. We had over 6 native languages in our cohort, all at different levels of English acquisition. During this quarter, our class had the opportunity to engage in two novel studies and one film study. We found that reading novels, listening to and watching movies, is an incredible way to learn the English language. It's not all fun and games though. When we weren't reading novels and watching films, we worked very hard on developing our writing and speaking skills through writing reflections and oral presentations. We had a very close community in our classroom, which made an ideal environment for learning not only a new language, but a new cultural landscape, especially in high school.



Hanna Sadek Ali

This quarter, our ESL Student Spotlight is on Hana Sadek Ali. Born in Aleppo, Syria, Hana moved to Beirut, Lebanon when she was 9 years old and then came to Edmonton in 2016, at the age of 12. When she moved here, she did not speak any English aside from "hello". Through her education at Rosslyn Jr. High, and Ross Sheppard High School, she is now fluent in English. Hana is not only excelling in her English capabilities in the classroom, she now volunteers with multiple clubs in our school. These clubs include Leadership and SU. In the photo shown, she is hosting ShepTV, as part of our daily announcements. Her favorite part of our community is translating for new students and helping others learn as much as she has. When she graduates from Ross Sheppard High School she plans to pursue a career in nursing. We are so proud of you Hana! Thank you for being such a wonderful part of our school!

INCLUSIVE LEARNING - INTERACTIONS & CLS

Greetings from Interactions! This year has been full of transition and change for everyone. Our Interactions students have faced the challenges presented to them with resiliency, and are always eager to learn new things. We were able to get a bit more creative this year exploring fun, meaningful activities that included fire safety, outdoor cooking, and sensory science demonstrations. Looking forward to seeing what creative activities we can experience in the second quarter!

The CLS classroom completed quarter one, with students adapting and adjusting to new routines and protocols put forth by Alberta Health Services. They enjoyed weekly virtual field trips, practice on computers, use of the Raz Kids reading program, continued work on Number Sense, and the Gold Bug treasure hunt graphic novel. In Foods, with a focus on safety, students produced a variety of culinary delights including pasta with sauce, pitas, and pancakes. We are gearing up for the winter season, and continued in-class learning experiences.



ATHLETICS

Shep Athletics is underway, despite the fact that no competitions are officially occurring!

We ran a small fall Football training camp with split cohorts during September that was a great opportunity for athletes to prepare for the upcoming spring season (fingers crossed!). Our Cross Country team continued to practice, with over 20 athletes participating. We are still running men's and women's Volleyball cohorts with roughly 24 athletes in each program! As well, we have just begun training in Soccer cohorts with about 30 athletes in the program. It has been a unique start to the year, but we are finding creative ways to keep our athletes active!



Cross Country



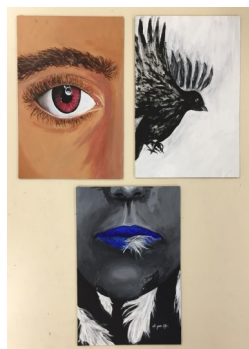
Women's Volleyball



Men's Volleyball

ART & CERAMICS

The Fine Arts department were very happy to be back in studios this fall. Currently we are running in-person classes in Art, Ceramics, Guitar, and Drama. By quarter three we hope to have Band classes joining this list of Fine Arts courses.



Blackbird,
Daya King
Art 20



Collage Painting
Vanessa Tran
Art 20



Observational Drawings in
Charcoal
Art 20



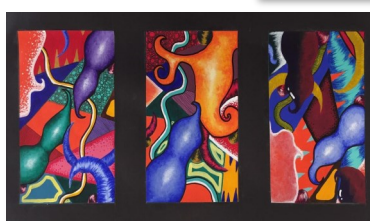
Abstract Portrait
Abigail Salvio
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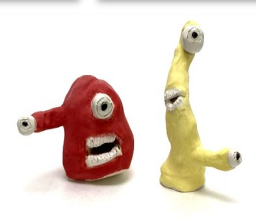
Collage Painting
Paige Tischer
Art 20



Tea Set,
Ella Raven-Jackson



Abstract Composition Paintings
Art 20



Beasts,
Bob Nanolan

GUITAR



It's always rock o'clock in guitar class! This quarter, students have been playing a variety of styles of music including rock, pop, blues, and folk. Yes, it's folkin' awesome!

DRAMA

The Drama department is thrilled to welcome Kennedy Sembaliuk, a Ross Sheppard graduate, as our new Technical Director! Kennedy is taking "once a T-bird, always a T-bird" very seriously and has returned to her alma mater to inspire young theatre technicians, like herself, to pursue careers in the arts. Kennedy is a theatre technician who graduated from the University of Regina with a BA in Theatre Design and a minor in visual arts in 2019. Over the last three years, she has had the opportunity to work in dance, music, theatre, and improv. Check out Kennedy's then and now pics! In 2014 as a technical theatre student in our old Black Box Theatre, and now in 2020, our Technical Director in our new Performing Arts Theatre!



Kennedy Sembaliuk,
Technical Theatre Director,
in 2014 (left) and 2020 (right)

The Drama 10's have had an incredible quarter, exploring movement, characterization, speech, and dance! We're gearing up for our final showcase *Check Please* by Jonathan Rand, a comedy about first dates!



The Advanced Acting and Technical Theatre class is thrilled to announce their upcoming production of *Clue: High School Edition*, based on the screenplay by Johnathan Lynn, which followed from the iconic 1985 Paramount movie inspired by the classic Hasbro board game. Clue is a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery. The show will be live-streamed from the Performing Arts Theatre from Dec. 9-12. Tickets and live-streaming links will be available starting Nov. 30 at www.broadwayondemand.com.



FILM & MEDIA ART

Animation 10 students have been working on skill development and the creation of their final animations. Due to COVID-19 restrictions for large gatherings, there will be no in-person showcase however, all final projects will be available to view on Mrs. Moreau's private YouTube channel. To be invited to see these projects, please e-mail her at Lorraine.Moreau@epsb.ca. The final animations can be found under the playlists tab, in the section entitled Animation 10_Q1_Final Animations.



Final Threat

Animation 10

Category: Final Animation

Animator: Vera Wilson



Time Waster

Animation 10

Category: Final Animation

Animator: Kate McCormick



The Almost End of the World

Animation 10

Category: Final Animation

Animator: Hannah Johnston



War Neverending

Animation 10

Category: Final Animation

Animator: Jacob Navrot

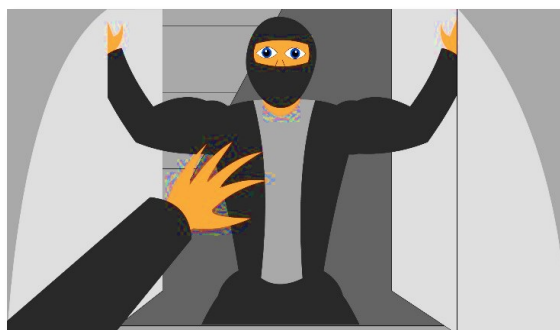


Cherry Pie Showdown

Animation 10

Category: Final Animation

Animator: Alice Mony



Joe's Revenge

Animation 10

Category: Final Animation

Animator: Gayendra Wellana

FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS AND INUIT HUB

Orange Shirt Day - *Honouring Experiences. Celebrating Resilience.*

Orange Shirt Day takes place on September 30, as a tribute to the experience of Phyllis Webstad. As a child, she was sent to St. Joseph's Mission Residential School, where she would lose her new orange shirt. This moment would become symbolic of what she, and many others, would lose at such schools. Orange Shirt Day recognizes our shared commitment to furthering our understanding of the ways that the Residential School system systematically took away the innocence and identity of a generation of Indigenous youth. Our commitment to wear an orange shirt is not just a reminder of the children that lost their lives and their youth, but to recognize the impact of these events today, as well saying that this is not a part of Canada's legacy that we are willing to forget. The day is attached to the words "Every Child Matters," a statement that is entrenched in the understanding that we must first learn and embody the truth that Indigenous youth matter.



However, Orange Shirt Day is also a celebration of Indigenous youth and speaks to the resiliency of Indigenous communities around Canada. Ross Sheppard shares and celebrates this spirit. At Ross Sheppard, we walk together in solidarity with all our students, wearing orange, with our heads held high. It was beautiful seeing the halls drenched in not only orange shirts and buttons, but compassion and humanity. Students participated in a school-wide activity founded on building understanding and community around what this day means. It was our

students coming together that allowed this to happen, with many of them recording messages, making posters, and pressing buttons. This is truly the best of what "We are SHEP" can mean - this is Okimawitaw Otatuskewin - mastery of service.

OFF-CAMPUS LEARNING

Ross Sheppard's Career Pathways Education office provides students with opportunities to explore career pathways, gain valuable work experience, and earn while they learn. After a busy start up, Ross Sheppard has 60 students in Work Experience and 11 students in the Registered Apprenticeship Program. Please visit the Off-Campus Education office located in the north west corner of the Learning Commons for more information on the trades, career internships and work experience. Mr. Lynagh is more than happy to answer your career pathways questions.

We are pleased to announce that Layne Tourand, a 2020 graduate, has earned an apprenticeship scholarship. Recipients receive \$1000 toward further training in their field or trade of choice, and will be honored at a virtual celebration in November. Congratulations Layne! Shep is very proud of you!



Layne Tourand
Apprenticeship Scholarship
Recipient

STUDENT SERVICES

This year we have a social work practicum student who has joined us from MacEwan University until April 2021. Heaven Jackson-Thompson will be working with counsellors in Student Services, as well as supporting our Indigenous students with Mrs. Perry in 2100. She is available to speak to students on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

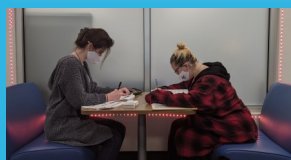
It's post secondary season! Post secondary applications opened up October 1, and we have had many students excited about the next step in their educational journey. All major institutions such as the University of Alberta, MacEwan, NAIT, Norquest, Concordia, and King's University have offered virtual Open Houses and information sessions this year. The Out-of-Province Post Secondary Fair (OOP) was also offered October 13-15 and October 20-22 from 4-7 PM online as well. Students were able to interact with institutions from the west coast to the east coast of Canada. Our annual post secondary event (ELAA), which hosts many institutions from around Alberta, was held on the evening of November 3 from 6-8 PM.



We also hosted the MD Ambassadors online on October 31 so that students could have an opportunity to find out more about medical school, and get their questions answered from first-year medical students at the University of Alberta.

Please don't hesitate to contact Student Services if you want to learn more about post secondary applications and programs, or just need to talk to someone! We are here to listen.

CONNECT HUB



The Connect Hub has had a great start to the 2020-2021 school year. Even though things are a bit different we're excited by the opportunity to support students with alternative programming, provide a space to build community, and uplift student voice. Throughout the first quarter, we assisted students wanting to register in modules and online courses, as well as provided a safe space for students to take a break from class to relax or access mental health support. We also held a number of events including a drop-in orientation, The Secret Lives of Teachers, and a student town hall. On top of this, it's been exciting to host a number of clubs including the Principal Advisory Committee, the Social Justice Club, the Gender and Sexuality Alliance, with an aim to work together to build community within our school.

We're excited for the next stage of our work and continuing to listen to students' ideas and experiences in order to provide the programming and community students need to have success at Ross Sheppard.

PROJECT GREEN

Over the summer, our west courtyard underwent a renovation. Project Green students contributed to the design and helped with the planting! Thank you to our sponsors TreeCanada and Pembina!



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SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Ross Sheppard School Council invites and encourages all parents of Ross Sheppard students to attend our monthly meetings, held on the third Wednesday of each month. Our meetings are an opportunity for parents to meet and advise the Ross Sheppard administrative team, as well as for parents to become familiar with programs, staff, resources, and events at our school. All meetings are held at 6:30 PM via Google Meet. If you have any questions, or to send us your consent to contact form so that you get timely information from School Council, please e-mail rsschoolcouncil@gmail.com.



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