



MYER MARAUDERS

A.N. MYER SECONDARY SCHOOL

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- *Orchard Park Public School
- *Prince Philip French Immersion Public School
- *St. Davids Public School
- *Victoria Public School

FIVE!
Students in
the Military
Co-op!



Marauder Mentorship Fuels Success!



Pranav (right) with mentor Dr. S. Nanda for the super-critical water gasification pilot plant.

In November, Grade 12 student **Pranav Parakh** travelled to the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon to conduct research through the Brock Mentorship Program.

Pranav participated in a project to create viable biofuels out of lignocellulosic and hemicellulose biomass. He spent two days in the Dalai Laboratory where his mentors assisted him in conducting experiments on various organic samples. Based on his project and Mentorship experiences, Pranav is currently in the process of writing a paper for publication; the paper is expected to be submitted for formal peer review this month. Pranav was also selected as a Loran Scholars semifinalist and in December 2019 was accepted Early Action to the Yale University Class of 2024.

Taking Care of Business at Brock

Congratulations to **Avery Thewliss-Celar, Sheila Njeru, Andrew Macgregor, Nic Schmidt** and **Jacob Marczewski** for winning this year's experiential learning competition at Brock University. Myer's group of budding entrepreneurs provided marketing strategies that impressed Paula (business owner of Twenty Valley Harvest Farms) and the Brock University judges. Their winning marketing plan finished ahead of impressive presentations.



Diplôme d'études en langue française

DEL F (Diplôme d'études en langue française) is an internationally recognized diploma offered by the French Ministry of Education to demonstrate proficiency in both spoken and written French by students whose mother tongue is not French. Myer has four staff members who are qualified as DEL F-Certified Correctors and we proudly present the following students who successfully earned their prestigious DEL F diplomas: **Zaara Alam, Tory Baird, Jordynn Bateman, Hunter Dunsmore, Ray Huang, Urooj Khan, Hamna Malik, Rowan McDowell, Angelo Orsini, Jovana Paramentic, Jenna Petkovich, Victor Pietrangelo, Naomi Shad, Jason Vong, Will Yochim, Sana Zabihyan.** Félicitations!

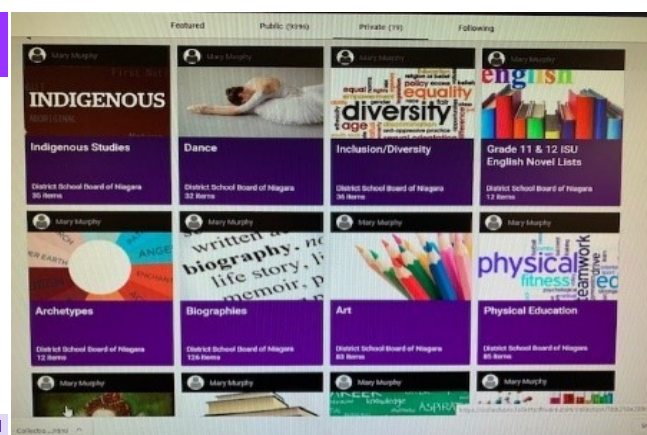
Geography and Geocaching

Mrs. Kapitancuk's Grade 9 Geography class had a fun day geocaching and exploring while hiking through Short Hills Provincial Park. The students learned how to use GPS units and practice finding waypoints. It was a great day of teamwork and outdoor adventure that finished with a celebratory cookout!



Research Starts at the Learning Commons

Did you know that Myer subscribes to Infobase Publishing? This database contains 6000+ Academic and Non-Fiction Books. You can access this database from home 24/7! Students can also access other databases from home such as: Britannica, Gale Learning, Ebsco, On-Core, Ontario Education Resource Bank and others. The LC also offers "collections" of subject specific materials for easier access to academic resources. See Mrs. Murphy for details!



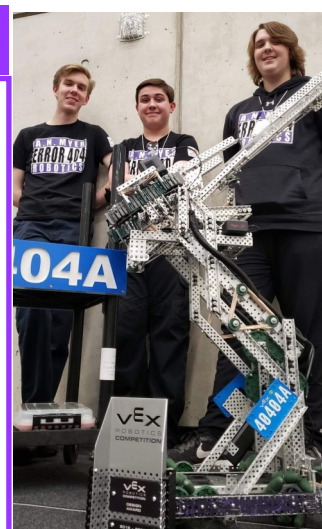
A Rare Automotive Opportunity



This semester students in Myer's auto shop will be working on restoring a Model T-Ford. The model T was produced by Ford between October 1st 1908 and May 26th 1927. It is widely regarded as North America's first affordable car. This is a rare chance to recreate a piece of North American Automotive history!

Robotics Rules!

Congratulations to **Ryan Bush, Rowan McDowell, Aiden LaPointe, Austin Papetti, and Sasha VanDyk** on winning both the CREATE and THINK awards at the VEX competition and the coveted DESIGN award at the VRC qualifying event in Oakville. The VRC win propels the team to the VEX Robotics Provincial Championships!



Further Investments in Communications Technology

Myer is excited to announce that a new Mac lab will be installed this semester. With most post-secondary destinations at both the college and university level utilizing Apple computers in their media programs, A.N. Myer's new Mac lab will help ensure our students are prepared for post secondary programs. Coupled with last year's installation of the complete Adobe CC suite, Myer's Communications Technology program will now have industry standard hardware AND software. This addition will also allow students to take on larger and more complex projects for both their coursework and portfolio, as well as prepare our students for life after high school.



Get your Smarts through The Arts!



Myer Mosaic Draws a Crowd!

Just before Christmas our semi-annual Myer Mosaic took place where works of art, musical performances, and dramatic presentations were enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience. Nearly 200 students participated in creating displays and enter-

tainment that reflected their own creativity and the vibrant nature of the Arts @ Myer!



There was no time for resting as students in Myer's Culinary Arts Program put their skills to the test demonstrating great creativity in our Semester One Iron Chef challenge. Teams plated inspired and delicious entrees and desserts. The competition was fierce, but the real winners were the judges!



Calling all photographers! We are always looking for photographs of events. Have any great action shots or caught a great reaction that could potentially be used for the yearbooks? Send any offerings to Heather.DelleMonache@dsbn.org



Great Achievements with Co-op!

Jenna Petkovich completed a co-op placement in Aeronautics with the St. Catharines Flying Club. As part of her experience, she had the opportunity to engage with flying instructors and had access to the variety of planes at the Niagara District Airport. Jenna found that working with the instructors was "fun, interesting, and helpful in the pursuit of my private pilot license". Jenna utilized this experience to further her preparation for writing her private pilot test in the future. There will be incredible demand for pilots in the future (800, 000 pilots in the next two decades) and the Co-op department has potential placements for interested students in the aeronautics field.

Thank you!

To the Book Outlet and First Book Canada for their donation of over 300 books!

Building Environmentally Friendly Partnerships



Once again, our Construction class will be partnering with Ontario Power Generation to build Barn Swallow nesting sites to protect the species. Plans are also in the works to build similar protective structures for bats and turtles.

Early Registration

Students will now be able to register for the 2020/21 school year in May of 2020.

Registration will be open from the first of May to the first of June. Students who register early will receive their timetables in July, with their June report cards. Verification forms will be sent home in April. In order to complete the registration process, verification forms need to be returned to the office along with proof of payment. Payments and all other forms related to registration are now to be completed through School Cash Online.

Please be sure to print your receipt.

Swimming to Success!

A.N. Myer's Swim Team won the Zone 3 Championship for the first time ever, triumphantly bringing the trophy into our pool of championship medals. Not only did the competitive swimmers score the most points overall, the boys team won the Men's Championship as well! Just keep swimming!

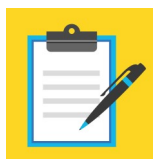


SKILLS ONTARIO Cardboard Boat Races



For the past 20 years, the Cardboard Boat Races have been challenging student engineering skills to build cardboard floating "structures" and then competing to outperform others in speed and weight categories. The A.N. Myer team was awarded the FASTEST boat in the London, Ontario trials - 14.5 seconds down the length of the pool without disintegration! Well done!

Fun Fact: Myer's Boys soccer team has won 7 Zone 3 championships in a row!



Out and About with the School to Community Class



The SSTC class enjoyed a series of fun-filled outings to the Niagara Falls Public Library, the Niagara Falls History Museum, The Walker Living Campus, and knocking down pins at Cataract Bowl!

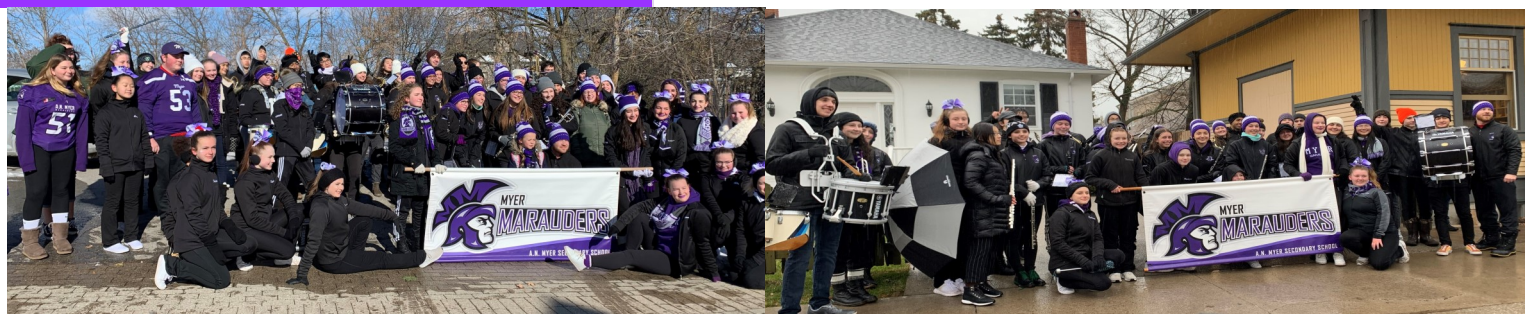
Upcoming Events

- February 14-PA Day
- February 17-Family Day
- March Break-March 16-20
- March 26-Parent/Teacher interviews
- March 31-Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test
- April 15-OSAP presentations to graduating students.

Shout out!
Thank you to
The Americana
for their generous
donation to
our Trivia Night!

Merry Marching Marauders!

Marauder spirit shone brightly during two Santa parades this past Christmas season - one in Niagara Falls and the other in NOTL.



Safe Wheelchair /Emergency Vehicle Access

Students are transported to and from school in several ways; cars, taxis, vans and buses. Students must be very careful as they exit vehicles on their way into and out of the school, as traffic is very congested. Our most vulnerable students, those in the School-to-Community Program, enter the building at the north east corner. The vehicles which transport those students use the circular driveway at that entrance. As a result, this driveway is only to be used by vehicles transporting those students. No other vehicles are permitted. Also, parents and students are reminded that bus loading zones on O'Neil Street are to be kept clear before and after school. Thank you in advance.