

#### **SARAH LATIMER**

**JUNE 2024** 

Sarah Latimer, a Grade 10 Honor Roll student, exemplifies thoughtfulness and helpfulness. She consistently goes beyond expectations, making sacrifices for others and recognizing the impact of small gestures. Her warm smile and kindness create a welcoming atmosphere, fostering connections among her peers. Sarah's strong work ethic shines through her active participation and insightful questions, demonstrating a deep understanding of the subject matter. As a natural leader, she shares her opinions while respecting those of others.

Sarah's punctuality, organization, and commitment are certainly praiseworthy. Notably, she was a dedicated ensemble member in both "Beauty and the Beast" and "Frozen", never missing a rehearsal. Beyond the stage, Sarah actively contributes to school functions as part of the YRHS Leadership team and yearbook crew. Additionally, she is a valued member of the Yorkton Scouting community.

Sarah's quiet confidence and pursuit of excellence leave a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to work with her!





#### **COLE BREITKREUZ**

**JUNE 2024** 

The Good Spirit School Division (GSSD) provides flexible educational options for families who choose home-based education. Families have the freedom to select their preferred approach, method, philosophy, and curriculum.



One standout student enrolled in GSSD's Home-Based Education program is Cole Breitkreuz. Not only has Cole achieved impressive learning goals in Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies, but he has also demonstrated exceptional creativity. Collaborating with his sister Lily, Cole designed and constructed a city block, replicating an area of Yorkton. This project drew upon knowledge gained from their Civil Engineering unit.

Cole's educational journey extends beyond academics. He has cultivated meaningful relationships, developed independence, immersed himself in diverse cultures, and, through a special project where Cole built a dune buggy, acquired practical life skills such as welding, fabricating, and electrical systems work. Balancing academic commitments and work responsibilities, Cole has also developed effective time management skills.

In March 2024, Cole received the Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship scholarship, providing him with a head start in pursuing a skilled trades career. This opportunity allows him to explore various pathways within the trades sector. GSSD remains committed to supporting unique educational pathways for students like Cole.

Cole is currently participating in the Battle River Ranch Camp, where he is exploring various trades to help him make an informed decision about his future career path. Additionally, he has been accepted into the Youth With A Mission (YWAM) program, where he will undergo five months of missionary training and engage in overseas work.

Congratulations Cole!





### **JERIN KEOUGH**

**JUNE 2024** 

Jerin's athletic journey is truly remarkable! He has participated in a wide range of sports, both at the school and community level. From badminton to cross-country, hockey to lacrosse, Jerin has excelled in both individual and team sports. His impressive achievements include winning various medals, ribbons, trophies, and banners. The Langenburg Central School (LCS) gymnasium proudly displays three banners showcasing Jerin's provincial accomplishments in Cross Country and Track and Field.

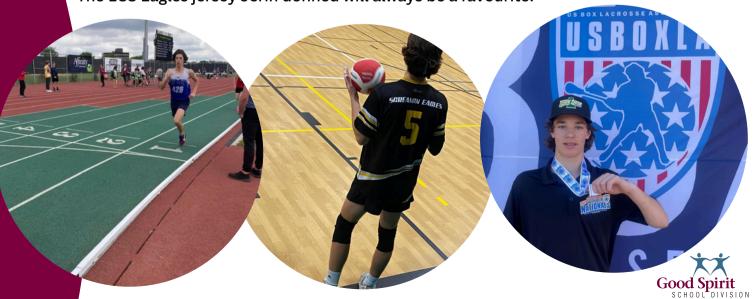
But Jerin's dedication doesn't stop there. Early morning lacrosse practices at the LCS gymnasium demonstrate his commitment to the sport. Representing his province on Team Saskatchewan in both box and field lacrosse, he wore the coveted "C" on his jersey. Lacrosse has taken him to exciting places like Las Vegas, San Diego, PEI, and New Brunswick.

As a testament to his hard work, sportsmanship, and dedication, Jerin has made a significant decision. This fall, he'll continue his education and lacrosse journey at Fork Union Military Academy in Virginia.

Beyond his athleticism, Jerin's kindness, leadership, and genuine personality have left a lasting impact and we will miss Jerin deeply.









### SASHA DELORME

**JUNE 2024** 



Sasha Delorme, a grade 5 student at Yorkdale Central School, achieved an impressive feat by securing second place in the Junior Girls Jingle category at North America's Biggest Powwow in Albuquerque, New Mexico!

Sasha is a member of the Cowessess First Nation, which has a rich history and cultural significance.

The 41st Annual Gathering of Nations Pow Wow commenced on Thursday, April 25, 2024, with the Miss Indian World Traditional Presentations held at the Albuquerque Convention Center – Kiva Auditorium. The main powwow event unfolded on Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27, 2024. The Gathering of Nations Pow Wow welcomed participants from all walks of life, encouraging them to immerse themselves in the rich culture through traditional and contemporary Native American song, dance, music, art, and food. Over 3,000 traditional Native American singers, drum groups, and dancers competed for prestigious prizes.



Congratulations
Sasha on your
incredible
achievement!





### JAKE SOLTYS

**MAY 2024** 

Jake Soltys, a Grade 11 student at Sturgis Composite School, penned a poem titled 'A Tribute to the Brave' for the Norquay Legion's annual Remembrance Day literacy contest. His exceptional work garnered first place recognition at the Branch, Zone, District, and Provincial levels in the Gr. 10-12 poetry category. Below is a copy of the poem:



"A Tribute to the Brave"

In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow, A symbol of the lives we owe. We honor those who fought so brave, Their sacrifice, our freedoms pave.

On Remembrance day we gather near, To remember those that we hold dear. Their courage and strength we never forget, In our hearts their memory is set.

They stood tall, with hearts so true, Defending what they loved and knew. For peace and justice they did strive, Their legacy, forever alive.

So, let us pause in solemn grace, To honor them, in a sacred place. With gratitude we bow our heads, To honor the brave, the living, and the dead.

In Flanders Fields the poppies grow, To remind us of the debts we owe. On Remembrance Day we stand as one, To remember those whose battles are done.

As part of Jake's award, he will receive a monetary prize, be flown to Ottawa in November for the National Remembrance Day Ceremony, have his poem exhibited at the National War Museum for one year, and a commemorative plaque will be placed in the school to honor his achievement. Congratulations Jake on this prestigious honour!

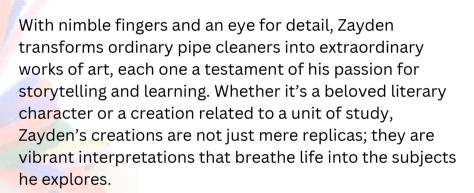




### **ZAYDEN WRIGHT**

**MAY 2024** 

Meet Zayden, a student whose creativity knows no bounds. With an innate talent for visual expression, Zayden has mastered the art of bringing his learning to life through captivating visual representations. His latest fascination lies in the whimsical world of pipe cleaners, where he skillfully crafts his favorite characters with meticulous detail and boundless imagination.



In Zayden's hands, pipe cleaners become more than just a medium—they become a gateway to understanding, a tool for communication, and a canvas for his boundless creativity. Through his art, Zayden not only showcases his understanding of complex concepts but also invites others to engage with his learning journey in a visually enchanting way.

With each twist and turn of the pipe cleaner, Zayden's imagination knows no limits, and his ability to visually communicate his knowledge sets him apart as a truly exceptional student. In his hands, learning becomes not only an intellectual pursuit but also a colorful and immersive experience that captivates and inspires all who have the privilege of witnessing his artistry!













### **OLIVIA MIKOLAS**

**MAY 2024** 



Olivia, a Grade 11 student at MCS, possesses a passion for initiative and a dedication to creating positive change. She serves as an exemplary role model to her fellow students and the community in various ways. Olivia confidently takes the microphone at school events, captivating audiences with her motivating attitude. Recently, she inspired the younger student body at MCS by organizing and leading a session on the negative effects of bullying and the importance of kindness during a Community Building Day. Her message left a deep and lasting impact.

Olivia's leadership extends beyond the classroom. She recognized the need for student representation in the school's new Student Center and collaborated with MCS's Indigenous Support Worker to plan future involvement. As an active leader in the Student Representative Government (SRG), Olivia organizes events and builds school spirit. Her remarkable ability to get any job done is highly appreciated by the SRG.

Connecting the school to the community is another area where Olivia shines. She reached out to the City of Melville and is collaborating with them to invite and sponsor motivational speakers to share their messages with students. Additionally, Olivia serves as Deputy Youth Mayor on the City of Melville Youth Council, encouraging youth participation and acting as a positive role model.

Olivia's leadership extends to sports as well. She excels as the Co-Captain of MCS's Senior Girls Basketball team, Assistant Coach of the Junior Girls Basketball team, and Basketball Referee. Despite her busy schedule, Olivia prioritizes academics and consistently achieves Honor Roll with Great-Distinction status. Her hard work, dedication, and impact make her an exceptional young person, a true gift to MCS and the Melville community!



KIRK LITMAN, KAIDEN RICHARDSON, DARIAN RICHARDSON

**MAY 2024** 

These young gentlemen, known as the **Snow King Specials**, took it upon themselves to ensure that the sidewalks remained clear of snow this past winter.

They took the initiative when Kirk Litman noticed our caretaker shoveling snow at the start of the school year. Kirk decided to assist her. Soon, he was requesting a shovel during recess to continue clearing the snow. Darian Richardson and Kaiden Richardson, his friends, soon joined in. They took immense pride in maintaining safe walkways for their fellow Mustangs and guests. Their commitment extended to creating a schedule and recruiting others when needed. Visitors often praised their hard work and friendly greetings. Their dedication to serving our school sets a shining example for all Mustangs.

Observing the Snow King Specials, we've seen younger kids express interest in shoveling snow next year. Their efforts will leave a lasting legacy, fostering a sense of pride and ownership in our school's facilities.







#### **KAYLA DESJARLAIS**

**MAY 2024** 

Kayla's athletic journey is nothing short of remarkable. Since her early years in grade 6, she has demonstrated exceptional talent and dedication in both volleyball and basketball. Her commitment to these sports has not only led to her personal success but has also significantly contributed to the success of her teams.

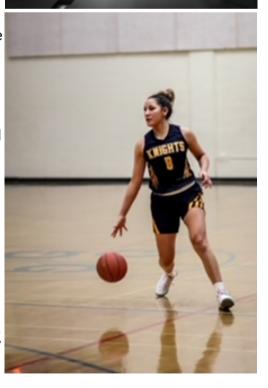
In volleyball, Kayla's prowess has earned her spots on prestigious teams like the Blitz Volleyball Club and Team Saskatchewan's North American Indigenous Games. Her achievements with these teams, including winning a bronze medal and leading her team to a silver medal, showcase her skill and leadership on the court. Additionally, her decision to join the Huskie Volleyball Club in Saskatoon, reflects her ongoing pursuit of excellence and desire to compete at higher levels.

Similarly, in basketball, Kayla's contributions have been instrumental in the Norquay School team's achievements, including capturing the provincial bronze medal at Hoopla. Her athleticism, combined with her hard work and dedication, has undoubtedly been a driving force behind her team's success.

Beyond volleyball and basketball, Kayla's talents extend to track and field, where her athletic ability is evident to all who compete against her. Her upcoming training in this sport further highlights her multifaceted abilities and determination to excel in various athletic endeavors.

Overall, Kayla's journey as an athlete exemplifies the rewards of passion, perseverance, and dedication. Her achievements at both the local and international levels serve as inspiration not only to her peers but to aspiring athletes everywhere!









#### **STEPHAN ROY**

**APRIL 2024** 



Stephan, a 16-year-old student at the Yorkton Regional High School and the Saskatchewan Distance Learning Centre, commands an impressive athletic journey. His passion for skiing began at the age of 5, and he joined the Asessippi race team shortly after celebrating his 7th birthday. Last year, Stephan received an exclusive invitation to participate in the Canada Winter Games as part of Team Manitoba (MB). His remarkable performance secured him the second-highest finish among all Manitoba skiers, an impressive 12th place in Ski Cross.

This year, Stephan's dedication to Team MB led to competing in Alpine FIS in the NORAM series. His skill on the slopes caught the attention of Team Canada, who invited him to try out for the Ski Cross events at both the Youth Olympic Games and the Junior Worlds. Injuries sustained during crashes prevented him from securing a spot, but his resilience and commitment remained unwavering.



Despite his latest setback, Stephan continued to race for his home club, ASESSIPPI. In March he donned the coveted points leader bib for the first time and clinched the title of MB Cup Champion.

But Stephan's athletic pursuits aren't confined to the snowy slopes alone. During the summer months, he transitions seamlessly into a different water-based sport: sprint kayaking. As a member of the Yorkton Canoe and Kayak Club, he engages in rigorous core and upper body strength training, recognizing the incredible cross-training benefits it offers.

Stephan's multifaceted athletic journey illustrates a true love for sports, leaving his mark in the world of competitive athletics!

## FEATURED LEADER



#### **ISABELLA KULAK**

**APRIL 2024** 

Isabella Kulak, a remarkable Grade 8 student at Kamsack Comprehensive Institute whose activism resulted in a bill that now declares Jan. 4 as National Ribbon Skirt Day, has recently achieved an extraordinary honor: the Jim Brady Medal of Excellence. This prestigious award was established to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the betterment of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities. Recipients of this medal exemplify qualities such as grassroots activism, artistic expression, educational advocacy, and cultural understanding.



Isabella's recognition as the youngest recipient of the Jim Brady Medal of Excellence is evidence of her commitment to positive change. Through her actions, she embodies the spirit of reconciliation, cultural preservation, and advocacy for marginalized groups. Isabella's story inspires us all to strive for a better, more understanding world and her journey reminds us that even a single individual can ignite transformative movements that resonate far beyond their immediate surroundings.



In an interview with CBC, Isabella says "to receive the Jim Brady Memorial Medal of excellence is truly a great honor. When I received the call, I was actually speechless, and I was literally shocked because I was not expecting anything like this to happen and I'm very thankful for all the support across Turtle Island. It means so much to me and my family and I was told that I was the youngest person to receive the Medal and that makes me feel really

honored."

"My advice for others wanting to make a positive change is to not let anyone change who you are or decide your future for you."

Isabella Kulak



## FEATURED ARTIST



#### RYDER NYSTEDT

**APRIL 2024** 

Ryder, a Grade 11 student at Langenburg Central School, stands out as a talented and thoughtful visual artist. His artistic journey spans across various mediums, and his latest creations come to life through alcohol markers. Notably, Ryder's work reflects an impressive attention to detail and a commitment to capturing realism in human portraits. His dedication to his craft is steadfast, as he continually hones his skills and seeks improvement in every medium and subject he explores.















Recently, Ryder was entrusted with a special task: designing visuals for the new house color flags. Guided by the school's eagle mascot, he set out to create unique images representing each house color — a legacy that will endure for years to come. These vibrant and meaningful flags now proudly adorn the common area, a testament to Ryder's artistic ability and contribution to the school community.





#### **KELSON HAWRELUIK**

**MARCH 2024** 

Kelson, a Grade 7 student at Dr. Brass School, has been part of the Dr. Brass Hockey Academy since the fall of 2022. This upcoming spring and summer, Kelson will showcase his skills in hockey tournaments across Minneapolis, Winnipeg, and Saskatoon with his Wheatland Wild team. Additionally, he'll be representing Team Sask at the Young Guns Tournament in Austin, Texas this June. Kelson's talent has caught the attention of various academy schools, positioning him as a future prospect.

- Member of the 2011 Brick Team.
- Member of the U11AA Yorkton Terriers that won league title.
- Member of a team from British Columbia that travelled to play in California in July 2023.
- Member of Team Sask for the Winnipeg Elite Tournament.
- Participated in Prime Hockey expo in Calgary in 2023.
- Plays with the Wheatland Wild Hockey Spring Program.
- Went to Montreal Meltdown 2023 as a member of Top Speed Hockey.
- Current Member of the Yorkton U13AA Terriers.

Kelson actively contributes to the school community by volunteering during recess and lunch hours, playing with and leading younger students. His dedication extends to various tasks around the school, from setting up events to cleaning up areas. Kelson's hardworking spirit shines both in academics and his hockey pursuits within our school.



In 2023, he received the Junior Hockey Academy award at Dr. Brass. His achievements extend beyond sports; he made the Honor Roll during the 2022-2023 academic year and was the Co-Captain of the U11AA Terriers. Kelson currently serves as the Co-Assistant Captain of the U13AA Terriers.

- Multi Medal winner at various meets. Has won the ECDAA District Championships three times.
- 2022 Charity Road Race 5km winner (in the adult category), 2021 Charity Road Race Bronze Medal Winner (adult category).
- Various ribbons and medals over the years. Enjoys the sprinting events of 100m and 200m.



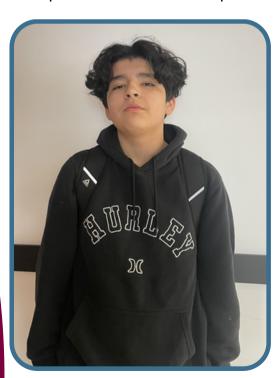


#### **JAYCEY BARKER**

**MARCH 2024** 

Jaycey Barker, a dedicated grade 8 student at Dr. Brass School in Yorkton, has made remarkable strides as a leader. Despite moving to Dr. Brass School mid-year, he has swiftly assumed leadership roles on both the volleyball and basketball teams. His impact resonates both on and off the court as he actively contributes to the school community.

Jaycey is involved in our newly founded basketball academy and has taken on a leadership role both there and on our school team. His involvement in the basketball academy showcases his desire for growth, embracing challenges, refining his skills, and inspiring fellow athletes. Jaycey has played Blue Jays basketball and also regularly volunteers as a scorekeeper for the girls' basketball and volleyball games. This commitment to supporting others exemplifies true leadership.





Jaycey's journey isn't just about wins and losses. He consciously reshaped his habits - both on and off the court - to become a better teammate and individual. He focuses on building meaningful connections and understands that success isn't solitary; it's a collective effort.

GSSD celebrates not only
Jaycey's athletic achievements
but also his character growth.
Jaycey truly embodies the values
of dedication, teamwork, and
sportsmanship!

FEATURED ARTISTS



# KACEE KITCHEN, ANDYN TROST, AABRYELLA KOSTYSHYN, KENZIE GORSKI, GRACIE MONYCH, LORENN LUTCHER

**FEBRUARY 2024** 

These talented artists have been part of the Dr. Brass Performing Arts Program for several years. They've graced the stage in productions like Matilda, Newsies, School Daze, and It's Up to You and Me. Currently, they're preparing for the upcoming production of Showstoppers in June, showcasing their remarkable growth in their performance skills, stage presence, artistry, and confidence under the guidance of Miss Tammy and Miss Carrie. These grade 8 'grads' will be performing solos during Dr. Brass' Evening of Art on March 13th as well as at the Parkland Dance Festival, solos which they have choreographed themselves.

Not only are they remarkable artists, but these students also excel as leaders in our school. They participate in safety patrol, Take the Lead, Student Leadership Council, and various sports.

Kenzie shines in Blitz Volleyball and Springers Gymnastics. Aabryella is a versatile dancer at Dance Innovations, plays softball in the spring, and is part of the Dance Innovations Performance Troupe, heading to Disney in July 2024. Andyn competes in various dance forms at Dance Innovations, has completed Jazz, Tap, and Ballet exams yearly, and was part of the U13 Provincial Crush Team that secured their first-ever Provincial Championship for Crush. Currently, Andyn is eagerly anticipating the Dance Innovations Performance Troupe's Disney adventure in July 2024.



Pictured from L-R: Kenzie Gorski, Gracie Monych, Kacee Kitchen, Andyn Trost, Aabryella Kostyshyn, Lorenn Lutcher

Gracie, another remarkable artist, excels in all forms of dance at Dance Innovations, consistently completes Jazz, Tap, and Ballet exams, and was recently selected for the prestigious Royal Winnipeg Ballet Summer Intensive Program. Like Andyn, she was also on the U13 Provincial Crush Team during the past summer, contributing to their historic Provincial Championship win. Lastly, Kacee competes in Ballet, Hip Hop, Jazz, and Contemporary dance at Dance Innovations, diligently completes Jazz and Ballet exams annually, takes piano lessons, and is currently working towards her Grade 6 RCM exam. Like her peers, she was part of the U13 Provincial Crush Team and is now eagerly preparing for the Dance Innovations Performance Troupe's Disney adventure in July 2024.

These young artists are truly remarkable and dedicated to their craft!

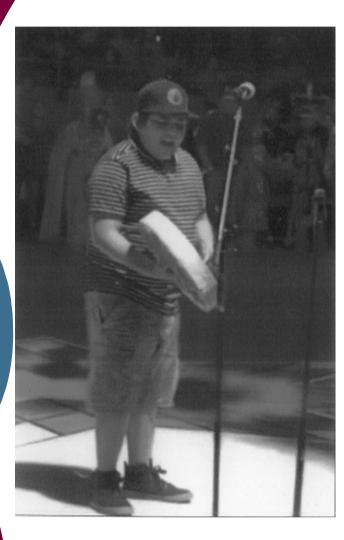


## FEATURED ARTIST



### ISAAC MUSQUA

#### **NOVEMBER 2023**



Isaac Musqua, an 11-year-old Saulteaux drummer from the Keeseekoose First Nation, first showed interest in the drum when he was about 2 years old. He would use his mother's iPod Shuffle, put on his earphones, and immerse himself in pow wow music. Isaac would drum on anything he could find—buckets, pots, chairs—creating beats that resonated with his young spirit.

At the age of 3, Isaac's life changed when he received his first hand drum from his late friend Bob. He would listen to YouTube and replicate the beats, honing his skills. When he was 4, he attended a ceremony and asked if he could sit at the drum. Despite being initially denied, Isaac's persistence paid off, and he spent the entire day singing.

By 7, Isaac received his first drum, perfectly sized for him. He started to sing songs from ceremonies and YouTube. At 9, he drew inspiration from larger drum groups, dreaming of meeting them someday.

When Isaac was 10, he went to see his uncle, who encouraged him to do leads and become louder. Isaac then connected with the late Nathan Pelly. Isaac convinced Nathan to attend the Gathering of Nations in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Nathan and Isaac talked a lot through messaging, video calls and by sharing songs. Nathan always told Issac to "keep singing, little buddy." Plans were made to honor Nathan by taking Isaac to New Mexico.

Now, at 11 years old, Isaac has been able to fulfill his dream of meeting the bigger drum groups on the pow wow trail. His beats echo the resilience and spirit of his Saulteaux heritage.

S C H O O L DIVISION



#### **GREYSON ANGOVE**

#### **OCTOBER 2023**



Greyson Angove is currently in Grade 9 at the Yorkton Regional High School and embodies the very essence of a dedicated athlete, a supportive teammate, and a sportsman in every sense of the word. His journey from Grade 7 to Grade 8 has been marked by substantial growth and maturity, both on and off the field. Greyson attended Columbia School before moving to the Yorkton Regional High School for Grade 9.

In basketball at Columbia School, Greyson not only led his team to victory but also consistently uplifted his teammates through his positive encouragement and camaraderie, both on and off the court. Moreover, Greyson's commitment to excellence extends beyond athletics. Demonstrating his capability to accomplish tasks, he effectively juggled his academic commitments alongside his extracurricular pursuits.

#### Volleyball:

- Valuable member of the Columbia School Team
- Proud member of the Yorkton Bongos U15 volleyball Team

#### Basketball:

- Victorious YESSA
   Basketball Champion in 2023 as a part of the Columbia School Team
- Distinguished member of Team Sask U15
   Basketball Team
- Chosen to represent his team at the World Championship Basketball Tournament in Seal Beach, California

#### Track And Field (YRM Pre-District Meet):

- Gold Medals in 400m, 800m, Long Jump, and High Jump
- Contributed as a Gold-winning Team Relay member
- Set a record in High Jump at the Pre-Districts (York School Track Meet)
- Bantam Boys, reaching an impressive height of 1.65m in 2023

His relentless pursuit of improvement is evident in his commitment to additional practice and coaching outside of the regular team hours.

Greyson is not only a sports enthusiast but also a responsible and engaged student. His involvement in the Student Leadership Committee at Columbia School, as well as his representation of the school and community through the Experiences Canada Student Exchange, demonstrated his commitment to giving back and making a positive impact.

In summary, Greyson Angove is not only an outstanding athlete but also a remarkable young individual who embodies the values of dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

#### Track And Field (East Central Results):

- Continued success with Gold Medals in 400m, 800m, Long Jump, and High Jump
- Earned the Aggregate Award in grades 7 and 8



## FEATURED LEADER



### **KATELYN MEADOWS**

**OCTOBER 2023** 



In the school community, Katelyn Meadows shines as an exemplary leader who goes above and beyond to make a positive impact.

Katelyn's impressive leadership journey includes being honored with the Honda Civic Spirit of Youth Award, recognizing her unwavering dedication and contributions. She was an active member of the Columbia Student Leadership Council, playing a pivotal role in planning and executing various school events.

Beyond the school, Katelyn served as an ambassador for Experiences Canada, effectively representing the community.

Athletically, Katelyn is a standout. At Columbia School she actively participated on the Volleyball, Badminton, and Basketball teams, known not only for her skills but for fostering a positive sportsmanship culture.

Academically, she consistently earned a place on the Honour Roll at Columbia with Distinction. She's an essential part of the GSSD Band Program and contributed to the Columbia Yearbook committee. Katelyn is also a poised and graceful speaker during important school events like the Remembrance Day Service and Grade 8 Farewell.

Katelyn's defining trait is her dedication to inclusivity. She ensures that all students, especially those facing challenges, feel included and valued, creating an environment where everyone can thrive.

Responsibility, initiative, and the ability to motivate others are Katelyn's hallmarks. She serves as a positive role model, especially to younger students, offering her support in a kind and caring manner. Remarkably, she manages a multitude of activities within and outside of school while maintaining a high level of academic excellence, showcasing exceptional time management and organizational skills.

Katelyn Meadows is a beacon of positivity, inclusivity, and inspiration. Her commitment to making a positive impact on others and her community is a testament to her exceptional leadership qualities.

