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Highlights and Updates of our Redcoats' Sports, Clubs and Teams and Accomplishments:

Freaky Friday:



We would like to express our deepest gratitude for the incredible efforts and dedication of the many students and staff members that contributed to making Freaky Friday the Musical, such a great success! Your hard work, creativity, and overall support resulted in an outstanding performance! It truly is incredible to see how the efforts of so many come together in extraordinary ways to represent Our House!

We would also like to thank Mrs. Risko, who dedicated countless hours of meticulous planning and rehearsals to the performances and execution. Every aspect of the musical showcased your exceptional talent and commitment.

Music Monday:

On Music Monday, Governor Simcoe music students and staff joined DSBN Secondary Schools at the Pelham Meridian Community Centre to participate in instrument and vocal sectionals as well as perform in a Community concert. It was a day of creativity, fun, and connection that left everyone excited for next year's celebrations!

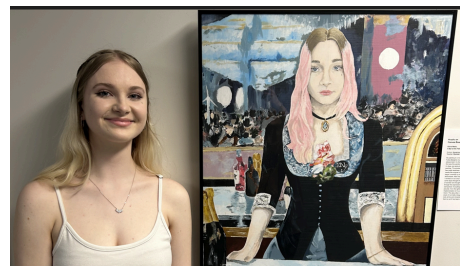
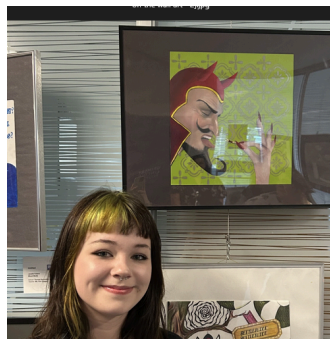




Off the Wall Art Show:

The DSBN “Off the Wall” Art Show showcased talented visual artists from across our school board.

This show featured Redcoat artists Mariia Avdieieva, Harshdeep Kaur, Grace Lafantaisie, Olivia Neely, Ciera Sanders, Alexandra Racine, Siyeon Park, Lyonne Brown, Mae Mosher, and Alejandra Rodriguez Moreno. Congratulations go out to Mariia Avdieieva, Olivia Neely, and Mae Mosher who received “Honourable Mentions Recognition” for their creative compositions - AWESOME WORK! Thanks to all the parents, family members, staff members and students who were in attendance. Go Redcoats Arts!!



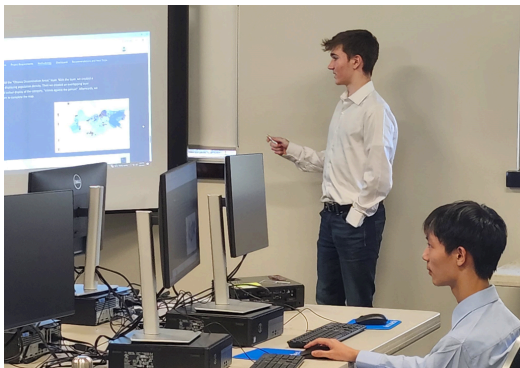
Pep Rally:

Governor Simcoe had their second pep rally of the year this week to celebrate and recognize the spring sports teams. This event was mainly student-driven and we would like to thank the student council and the teacher advisors for all of their amazing work organizing and facilitating this event. Go Recoats!



DSBN SKills Competition:

Grade 9 students Lucas Penlington and Jason Liang travelled to Toronto with their mentor Mr. Fletcher and Team DSBN to compete in the Ontario Technological Skills Competition. Secondary and post-secondary students from across Ontario compete in challenges that test the skills to be proficient in various careers. Lucas and Jason used GIS software to determine the hotspots of personal and property crimes in Ottawa. They were the only grade 9 students competing against a strong field of grade 11 and 12 students. Even though they did not win a medal, Mr. Fletcher is very proud of how well they did in completing the challenge. They both had a positive experience and will be better prepared for next year. This year, members of Team DSBN won 6 gold, 5 silver and 1 bronze medal and Team DSBN won the "top school board of Ontario" for overall achievement at the competition.



Ultimate Team:

The Governor Simcoe Ultimate (frisbee) team is in its second year and the team has been rolling! On May 2, the team won its first tournament with a record of 6 wins, 0 losses and 1 tie. Coach Fletcher is proud of how much the team has progressed this year. On May 14, Governor Simcoe will be hosting the Zone 4 tournament. The four top teams will qualify to compete at SOSSA in Stoney Creek on May 20.



Robotics:

Please see DSBN's Instagram post featuring Governor Simcoe's Simbotics program and accomplishments: [Link Here](#)



Red Dress Day:

May 5th is known as **Red Dress Day**. It's a day to honour and remember the thousands of Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit people who have gone missing or have been victims of violence. Sadly, Indigenous women and girls are far more likely to experience violence than other women in Canada, and for many families, justice has still not been found.



These dresses are a powerful symbol. They represent the loved ones who are no longer with us and remind us of the work we still need to do to ensure safety, respect, and equality for Indigenous communities.

As part of our school's commitment to raising awareness and showing support, we hung red dresses in our foyer and we used our lacrosse buyout to raise money for organizations that support Indigenous families and communities affected by this tragedy. By participating and donating, you are helping to fund programs that provide support, healing, and advocacy for families who have lost someone.

Mock Trial

Congratulations to Simcoe's Mock Trial team for their superior efforts at the Niagara Mock Trial tournament on Thursday May 8th. The team spent the last three months preparing and being coached by a defense lawyer. They



competed at the St Catharines Courthouse with a very strong showing. Our defense team consisted of Abby Saj, Haylee Stewart, Jayden Mottley and Jessica Dewar, and our prosecution team was Nick Cross, Chelsea Guite, Eva St. Laurent, and Juliana Weaver. Michelle Absolonne rocked her role as court clerk, arraigning the accused and swearing in witnesses. Special shout out to Eva St Laurent for keeping the opposition straight with her objections, Scarlet Veeneman for her notekeeping and feedback, and Juliana Weaver for her impassioned closing on Crown. This has been an incredible experience for our students and we are looking forward to next year!

Guidance - Summer School:

- Summer School Registration is now open.
- It will run from July 2nd to July 30th.
- All Summer School courses are fully online (there are no in-person courses).
- Students can only take one (1) course in Summer School.
- Any student wishing to enroll in Summer School must make an appointment to see Mr. Tope in

Guidance.

- The deadline to register is Friday, May 23rd, so any interested students must make an appointment with Mr. Tope before May 23rd.

Period Promise (from Chelsea Guité, SOS and Student Council):

We are proud to announce that we will be supporting United Way's Period Promise campaign this year. Period Promise provides menstrual products to community partners who work directly with community members. The more products we can provide, the more people we can help.

We believe that no one should have to choose between buying period products or other basic necessities.

By supporting people with their basic needs, they can free up resources to afford other essentials - like food or utility bills.

We are proud to support United Way's Period Promise campaign and help increase access to free menstrual products in our community so that everyone who menstruates can go to work, get to school, access services, and stay connected to their community.

With your help, we can tell every person their basic needs matter, **PERIOD**.

We are running a product drive/collection until May 28, 2025. All donations can be dropped off at Governor Simcoe. There will be a box in the main foyer that the donations can be placed in, or they can be brought to the main office.

Financial donations can make a bigger impact. Thanks to strong partnerships and volume discounts, United Way can purchase more products for less. If you wish to make a financial donation instead you can visit periodpromiseniagara.com or [other methods to give if using alternative platform]. Thank you for your support!

NRPH (Niagara Region Public Health):

Please see the attached NRPH newsletter for May.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,
T. Thompson