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Newsletter

E.W. Pratt High School
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Principal's Message

Dear Students and Families,

As we reach the midpoint of the school year and the conclusion of Semester 1, I would like to take a moment to recognize the dedication and hard work of our school community. This January newsletter highlights some of the many accomplishments, learning milestones, and growth our students have achieved throughout Semester 1. We are proud of our students' efforts to date and thank them for their commitment to learning.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to all staff for their professionalism, care, and continued support of students. Their dedication plays a vital role in creating a positive and successful learning environment. For the remainder of Semester 1 exams, we encourage students to prepare thoughtfully and balance study time with rest. We thank families for supporting student success by encouraging regular attendance, effective organization, and quality study habits at home.

Semester 1 report cards will be available on January 29 (An email was sent to all students and families). Please note that Friday, January 30, 2026, is a semester break, and there will be no school on this day.

Semester 2 begins on February 2, 2026. As students start new courses, they are encouraged to maintain regular attendance and apply strong work habits to support continued improvement and success. Students are also reminded to connect with their Career Coaches if any course adjustments are needed.

All Grade 12 students and their parents/guardians are invited to attend the Grad Committee Meeting on Wednesday, January 28 at 6 PM at the school. An important email has been sent to Grad students and families.

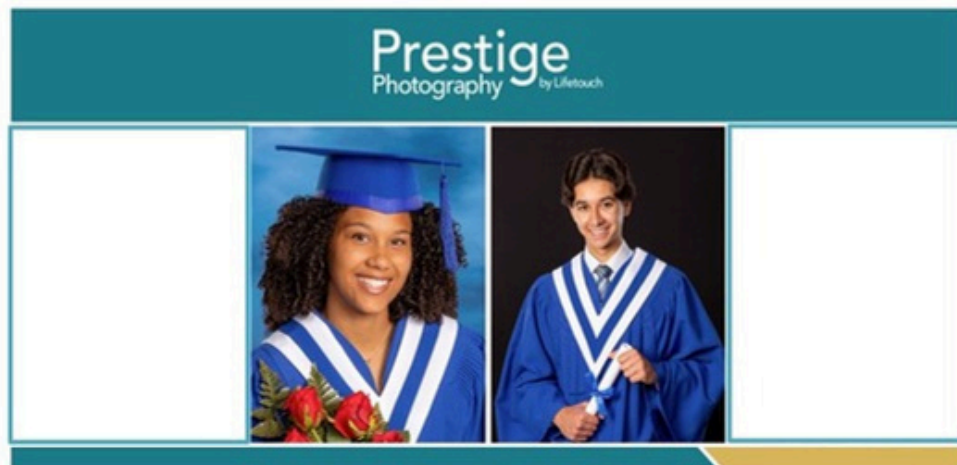
Thank you to our students for their perseverance and achievements this semester, to our staff for their dedication, and to our families for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to a positive and successful Semester 2.

Respectfully,
Mr. B - Principal

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Upcoming Events and School Information

- Gr. 12 Blue Gown Grad Pictures: Scheduled on January 26, 27, 28, 2026. **Use this link to book if you haven't already:**
<https://schedule.prestigeportraits.ca/schedule/home.html>



Congratulations, Class of 2026!

Schedule your grad picture session today.

You only graduate once,
your grad pictures matter.

As a part of the Lifetouch + Shutterfly family, Prestige Photography by Lifetouch is excited to help you celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime event!



BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT:
E W Pratt High School
Starting January 26th, 2026



Online Booking Site - [Prestige Booking](#) - Search by Postal Code – T0G 1E0

Notes: Please come to your session 15 minutes prior to start time
If you have any questions regarding booking an appointment or what to expect please contact us:
(587) 200-2942

Some highlights of our Students' Learning Journey and Achievements in Semester 1

January was a busy and exciting month filled with school spirit, athletics, and community connection. We are proud to highlight the following events:

- Our Boys Basketball Team traveled to Westlock on January 9–10, winning 2 out of 3 games.
- Our Girls Basketball Team earned bronze at the Grimshaw Tournament on January 9–10.
- We were pleased to host an Alumni Basketball Game on January 22, welcoming former students back to our school.
- Our school proudly hosted the Tonesha Walker Basketball Tournament on January 23–24, showcasing teamwork and sportsmanship.
- We also hosted the H.P.S.D. Curling Invitational on January 29, welcoming schools from across the division.

A special thank you to our students, staff, coaches, volunteers, and families for their time, energy, and support in making these events a success.

Thank you to our students and staff for a strong finish to Semester 1, and to our families for your continued partnership. We look forward to a positive and successful Semester 2.

Below are highlights of our students' learning journey and achievements in Semester 1:





CHARGERS OF THE WEEK

We are excited to celebrate our Students of the Week, who demonstrate strong attendance, positive behaviour, acts of citizenship, and remarkable effort or contributions. Your kindness, leadership, and positive impact make our school community shine—congratulations! 🎉

This week, we are also proud to introduce the Principal's Recognition for Staff of the Week! This recognition goes to a staff member (or team) who has gone above and beyond, showing dedication, support, and outstanding contributions to our school community. Thank you for making a difference every day! 🎉

— Mr. B

🌟 Principal's Recognition for Staff of the Week! 🌟

We are proud to celebrate four amazing staff members for going above and beyond:

- Our Math/Science teachers **Ms. MacMillan & Mrs. McKenna** – for organizing our Holiday Spirit of the Week, bringing energy, fun, and positivity to our school community.
- **Ms. Pratt & Ms. Peterson**, our Secretaries – for warmly welcoming students and parents daily and coordinating with bus drivers during early dismissals this week.
- **Ms. Norgaard & Ms. Lasher** – for their outstanding support and dedication as Principal Designates.
- **Ms. Jackie**, Substitute Librarian – for creating a cozy Cocoa Bar and making the library a warm, inviting space for students and staff.

Well done to all – your dedication, kindness, and positive impact make our school community shine!

🌟 Chargers of the Week! 🌟

Aaliyah Rouse, Gr 11: Aaliyah consistently goes above and beyond in the Foods Preparation classroom. She demonstrates a strong understanding of the course material, regularly completes tasks to a high standard, and often takes initiative to support her peers without being asked. She models excellent safety and sanitation practices at all times and can be relied upon for her responsibility and work ethic. Her positive attitude and commitment to learning make her an outstanding role model, and her contributions have a meaningful impact on the classroom community. — *Ms. Binneman*

Danica Doucette, Gr. 10: Danica is being recognized for her strong attendance, positive behaviour, and outstanding effort both in and out of the classroom. She supports her peers while challenging herself academically, demonstrating kindness, leadership, and a commitment to making our school community stronger. — *Mr. Dominguez*

Elly Belesky, Gr 12: Elly is being recognized for her remarkable effort, positive behaviour, and willingness to support others. She works hard on all her assignments and is always happy to help her classmates when needed. Her respectful and welcoming presence makes the classroom a better place for everyone! — *Ms. Dunlop*



CHARGERS OF THE WEEK

★ Chargers of the Week! ★ Continue...

Addison Cloutier-Baker, Gr. 10: Addison is being recognized for her remarkable effort, positive behaviour, and acts of citizenship. She has shown great improvement in completing her work and isn't afraid to ask for help when needed. Quiet, well-mannered, and always respectful, Addison is a valued member of our classroom community! — *Ms. Lasher*

Danica Doucette , Grade 10 : Danica is being recognized for her remarkable effort, positive behaviour, and strong participation. She consistently demonstrates a dedicated work ethic and approaches every task with enthusiasm. Her commitment and positive attitude make her a valued member of our school community! — *Ms. Martens*

Marley Giroux, Gr 11: Marley is being recognized for her remarkable effort, positive behaviour, and dedication to learning. Despite recent absences due to personal circumstances and weather, she has gone above and beyond to catch up. Marley communicates clearly with her teachers, asks thoughtful questions, and completes assignments across multiple classes. Excellent work—keep it up, Marley! — *Mrs. McKenna*

Blakely Howse, Gr.10: Blakely is being recognized for her remarkable effort, strong work ethic, and dedication to learning. She showed wonderful initiative in catching up on missed assignments and tests, even working hard during the snow days and taking extra steps to stay on top of her work. Her care and commitment truly show—well done, Blakely! — *Ms. Murphy*

Lucas Anderson, Gr. 11: Lucas works hard to complete assignments and is always ready to work. — *Mr. Saeed*

Caleigh Jackson-Brule, Gr. 11: Caleigh is being recognized for her remarkable effort, leadership, and positive impact on her peers. She works hard every day, is eager to learn, and is open to instruction. In her Block 2 class, Caleigh has taken on a leadership role—helping fellow students with welding and ensuring safety when the teacher is not present. Great work, Caleigh! — *Mr. Morton*

Dhyey Vandra, Gr. 11: Dhyey is being recognized for his remarkable effort, dedication, and positive attitude. He spends extra time in the gym honing his basketball skills and gives his best in all physical education activities. Keep up the great work, Dhyey! — *Mr. Stokes*

Darius Willier 11: Darius is being recognized for his remarkable effort, dedication, and commitment to learning. He has worked diligently to stay caught up and improve his mark in Social Studies. Great job, Darius! — *Mr. Watts*



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Louis Hallock, Gr. 11: Despite being unwell, Louis has made every effort to keep his academic performance strong. He consistently seeks help when needed and takes responsibility for understanding any content he has missed, demonstrating perseverance and commitment to his learning. — *Ms. Dunlop*

Sienna Willier, Gr. 10 : Although her attendance was impacted earlier this semester, Sienna demonstrated determination and resilience by consistently attending and successfully completing her math class with Honours. Her commitment to showing up and seeing the course through is commendable—great job! — *Ms. Lasher*

Amanda Donahue, Gr 11: Amanda worked diligently on a creative response in ELA. Although this task was outside her comfort zone, she rose to the challenge and performed very well by putting genuine effort and heart into her work. — *Ms. Martens*

Juliette Bruneau, Gr. 11: Juliette comes to class each day ready to learn and work. Although she has been in Industrial Arts for only a short time, she has shown she is both willing and capable of tackling new challenges. Always friendly and kind to her classmates, Juliette is a joy to have in class. — *Mr. Morton*

Noah Cunningham, Gr. 10: Noah has worked hard all semester in Social Studies. She is responsible, consistently completes her work, and has shown meaningful growth as a learner this term. Noah takes pride in her learning, which is reflected in her effort and progress. — *Ms. Norgaard*

Taelin Campbell, Gr. 11: Taelin is a hardworking student who is deeply committed to his learning. In addition to his academic dedication, he volunteers as an assistant for the EW Pratt Chargers basketball team, demonstrating strong leadership and a genuine sense of community. — *Mr. Saeed*

Noah Farnell, Gr. 11: Noah has consistently stayed on top of his work and has had a strong semester in Social Studies, demonstrating responsibility and commitment to his learning. — *Mr. Watts*

Nolan Fowler, Gr. 12: Nolan comes to class every day with a smile, helping to keep spirits high. He has worked hard and earned many credits over the years, demonstrating dedication and perseverance. Reliable and capable, Nolan can always be counted on to get the job done. — *Mr. Morton*



CHARGERS OF THE WEEK

Oscar Courtorielle, Gr. 10 Oscar offers positive and relevant feedback with classmates and his teacher. He is kind, respectful and an enthusiastic learner. — *Ms. Lund*

Zdeno Yakinneah, Gr. 11: Zdeno is always one of the first to follow directions in class. He is consistently helpful to both his classmates and to me as the teacher, and he always demonstrates respect. Zdeno also takes initiative in ensuring the gym is clean after use, even when he was not the one using the equipment. — *Ms. Dunlop*

Danica Haire, Gr. 10: Danica brings steady dedication to every class, putting in strong effort and supporting the people around her. She helps classmates without hesitation, encourages a positive atmosphere, and leads through her consistent actions. Her kindness and work ethic make her a standout choice for a Charger of the Week. — *Mr. Dominguez*

Nevin Herr, Gr. 12: With his reliability, responsibility, leadership, skill, and dedication, Nevin plays an important role in supporting his peers. His guidance and care in the IA class over the past two years have made a real difference in their learning experience. — *Mr. Morton*

Caleigh Jackson-Brule, Gr. 11: Caleigh brings hard work, dedication, and leadership to her class every day. She helps her peers learn welding safely and supports a positive, collaborative classroom environment. — *Mr. Morton*

Serena Mearon, Gr. 12: Serena brings positivity, dedication, and perseverance to every class. Her excellence in writing and her strong work ethic make her a role model for her peers. — *Mrs. Norgaard*

Luke Flowers Gr. 11: Luke is respectful and a positive force in the classroom. Luke has a strong moral compass that is a positive influence on his peers. — *Mr. Saeed*

Alexis Cunningham, Gr. 10: Always comes to class prepared and puts in an honest effort. — *Mr. Stokes*

Zheylin Lamouche, Gr. 11: Zheylin comes to class each day ready to learn, with a smile on his face. He consistently engages with the material, and is unfailingly polite in all interactions (in class and in the halls). This week he has gone above and beyond by coming in for extra help over multiple lunch hours to make sure he stays on top of his assignments in all of his classes. Keep up the great effort, Zheylin! — *Mrs. McKenna*

Nevaeh Cunningham, Gr. 11: Her positive attitude and enthusiasm in Science inspire those around her. Always kind and respectful, Nevaeh makes the classroom a welcoming place for everyone and is a true role model for her peers. — *Ms. Murphy*

Arrianna Sander- Ferguson Gr. 10: Displayed gumption and enthusiasm for course material and remaining on track. — *Ms. Martens*

Alia Sherkawi, Gr. 12: Has shown perseverance with a challenging dual credit research paper. — *Mr. Watts*

Neveah Willier, Gr. 10: With regular attendance, a cheerful attitude, and strong work habits, Neveah consistently sets a great example. Her positive influence and strong relationships make our school community stronger. — *Ms. Lasher*



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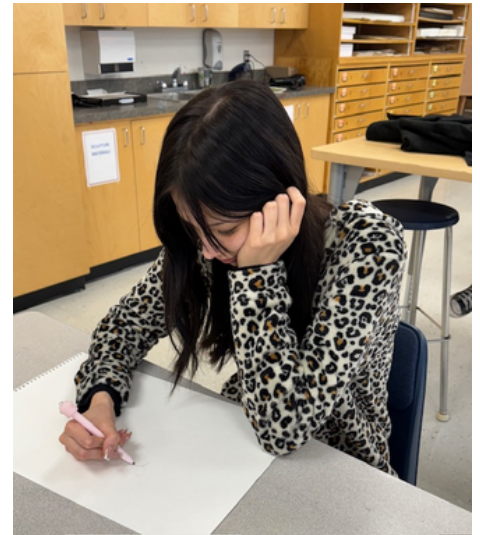
We are excited to share moments of our students actively engaged in learning and hands-on experiences. This section highlights their dedication, collaboration, and focus as they explore, create, and grow in the classroom and beyond.

— Mr. B.



Art 10-20-30

Students studied the decorative art of Metis Dot Painting and Art Nouveau, plus the Art elements of texture, line, space, form, color, shape and value. Here exemplified, in order, are the art works of Megan Laderoute, Alia Sherkawi and Alison Siegfries.

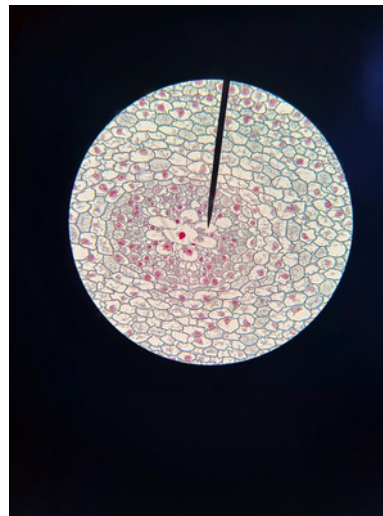




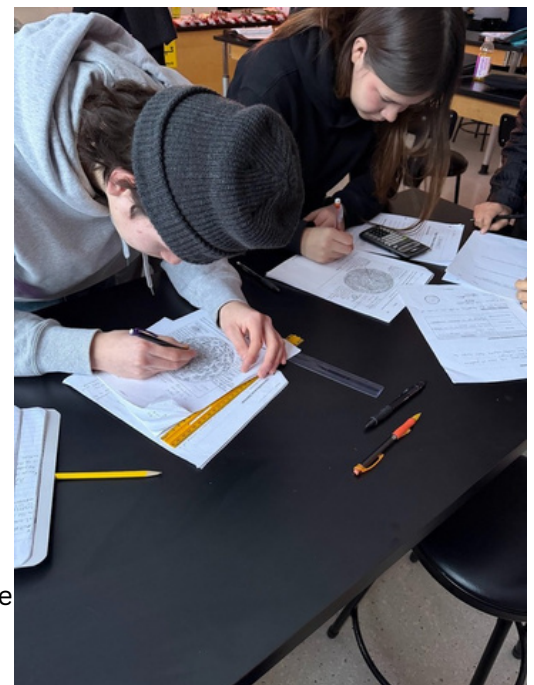
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Industrial Arts Class:
A student practicing her welding skills in Industrial Arts class.



Science 10: students dialed in on the microscope, sketching what they see as they compare the tiny features of plant and animal cells.





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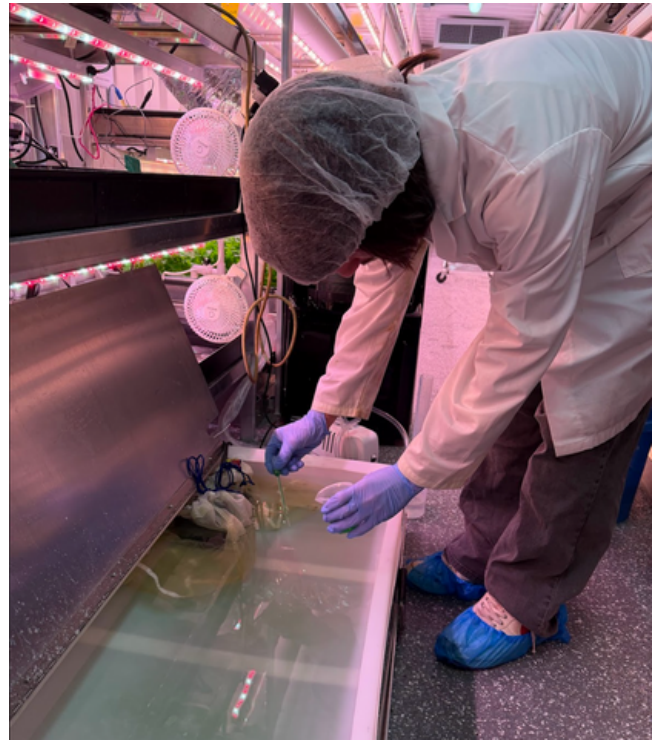


Hands-on skill development
for students.





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Agriculture: Agriculture students preparing nutrient stock solution for the nursery area in our vertical farm Always Growing.

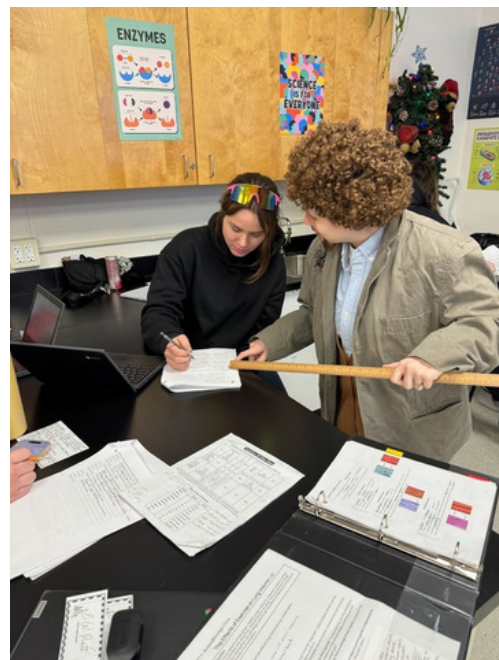


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Finance Project – Partner Collaboration

Students will work in pairs to develop and manage a business project. This partnership is an opportunity to share ideas, divide responsibilities, and support each other in creating a well-rounded and successful project.



Learning doesn't stop for the **Biology 20** class.... Even on spirit days!



Chemistry 20 students hard at work reviewing for their upcoming quiz



LEARNING IN ACTION



Students working on their Macbeth Projects in **ELA 20-1**



LEARNING IN ACTION



ELA 20 - Hardwork and Fun!



ELA 10 - Grade 10's writing essays!



COCOA BAR DRAWS

With the Cocoa Bar wrapping up, the draws were held today due to possible bus cancellations. Thank you to our students, staff, and families for making it such a great success!



Here are the list of students who won the raffle prizes:
Halle M, Alike, Callie C, Niya M,
Aaliyah, Tyra, Darius, Harlan





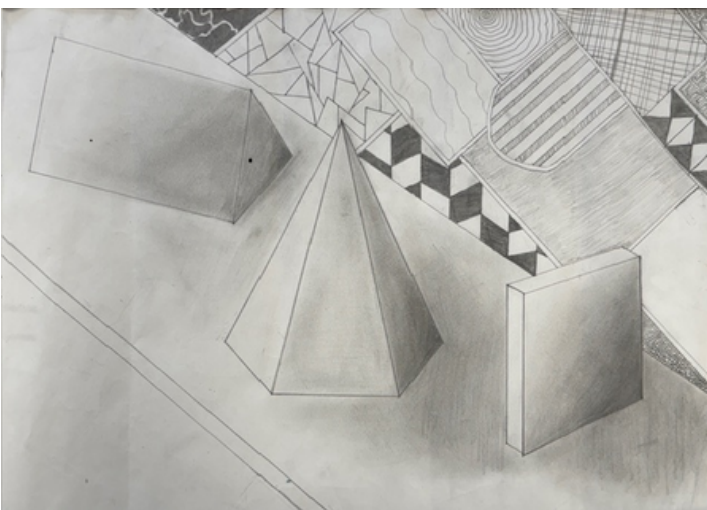
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Artist: Amanda Donahue



Artist: Oneisha Giroux



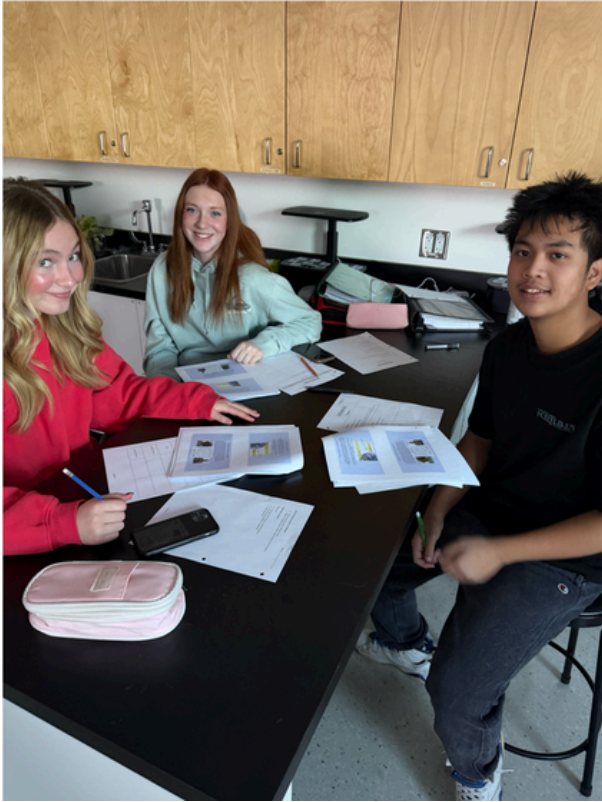
Artist: Connor Cunningham



Artist: Megan Laderoute



LEARNING IN ACTION



Science 10 students work collaboratively in groups, applying critical thinking and teamwork skills to solve real-world climate and weather scenarios during class.



Quickly grabbing a salad before the big rush



Tao working on his food presentation skills



LEARNING IN ACTION



Maddison presenting her beautiful Pineapple Upside Down cake.



Natasha & Evanna presenting their Veggie Fried Rice in a creative way.



LEARNING IN ACTION



Foods Class - Our Foods class students have been busy in the kitchen, turning fresh ingredients into delicious creations!



Foods Class - Mr. B. joined my students in the kitchen, learning some new cooking skills!



LEARNING IN ACTION



Math 20-2

Students hard at work writing their penultimate unit exam for math. For some, this will be one of the final math exams ever! Wahooooo!



Chemistry 20:

Business as usual... wait a second! Students pulled a quick-witted prank during the five-minute class transition, then got right back to work. Do you think Mrs. McKenna will notice?



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Chemistry 20: Students capped their year off with a titration lab.



LEARNING IN ACTION



Biology 20: Biology 20 students completed the year with a fetal pig dissection.

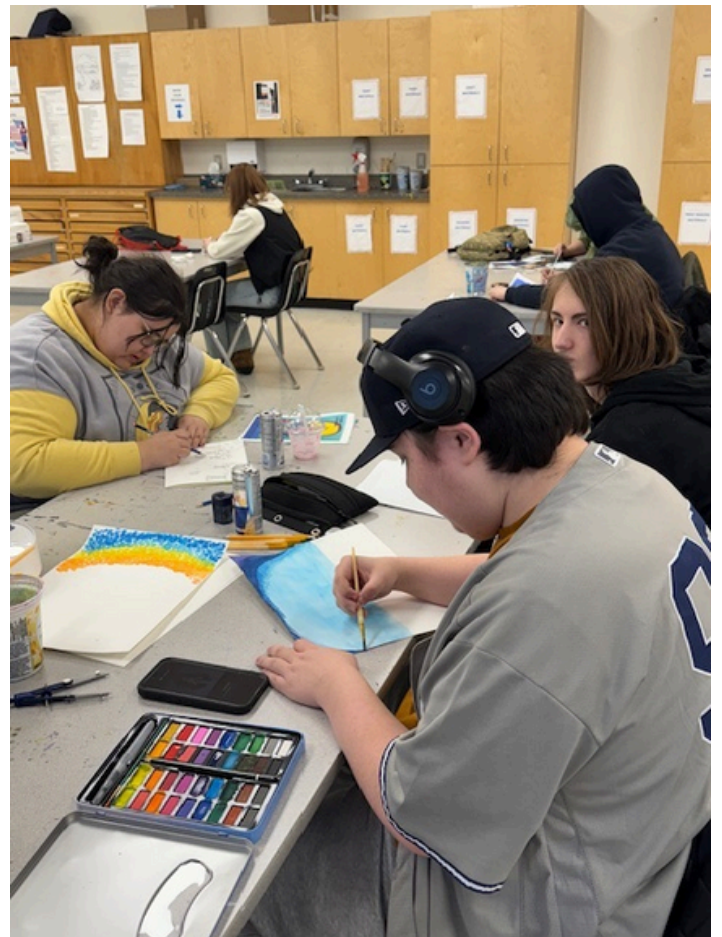


LEARNING IN ACTION



Two students taking a break after working on their sled

ART 10-20-30: WATERCOLOR and PENCILS IN ACTION





TIPS FOR EXAM SUCCESS

Dear CHARGERS,

Success in exams doesn't just come from hours of studying, it's about learning how to study smart. Developing effective study habits, staying focused, and managing stress are the keys to feeling prepared and confident. Here are some tips that we hope would guide you and support you to master these skills and making the most of your study time. Remember, see your teachers and support staff for support. Good luck!

Start with Clear, Actionable Goals

- Ensure you break down what you need to study into smaller chunks
- Set daily or weekly targets so you stay on track
- Avoid cramming by organizing your time ahead of the exam

Plan Your Time Well

- Set up a study schedule that's both practical and manageable
- Stick to focused study sessions
- Take regular breaks to keep your mind fresh

Eliminate Distractions and Stay Focused

- Find a study environment that's quiet and distraction-free
- Put away your phone and limit social media during study time
- Stay on task by tackling one subject at a time

Adopt Active Learning Techniques

- Quiz yourself regularly to strengthen your memory
- Rewrite key concepts in your own words to ensure you understand them
- Solve practice questions or explain the content to a classmate(s)

Check Your Understanding Frequently

- Stop and ask: Do I actually get this?
- Identify areas you're unsure about early on and focus on improving them
- If something isn't clicking, try a different study method

Stay Motivated and Positive

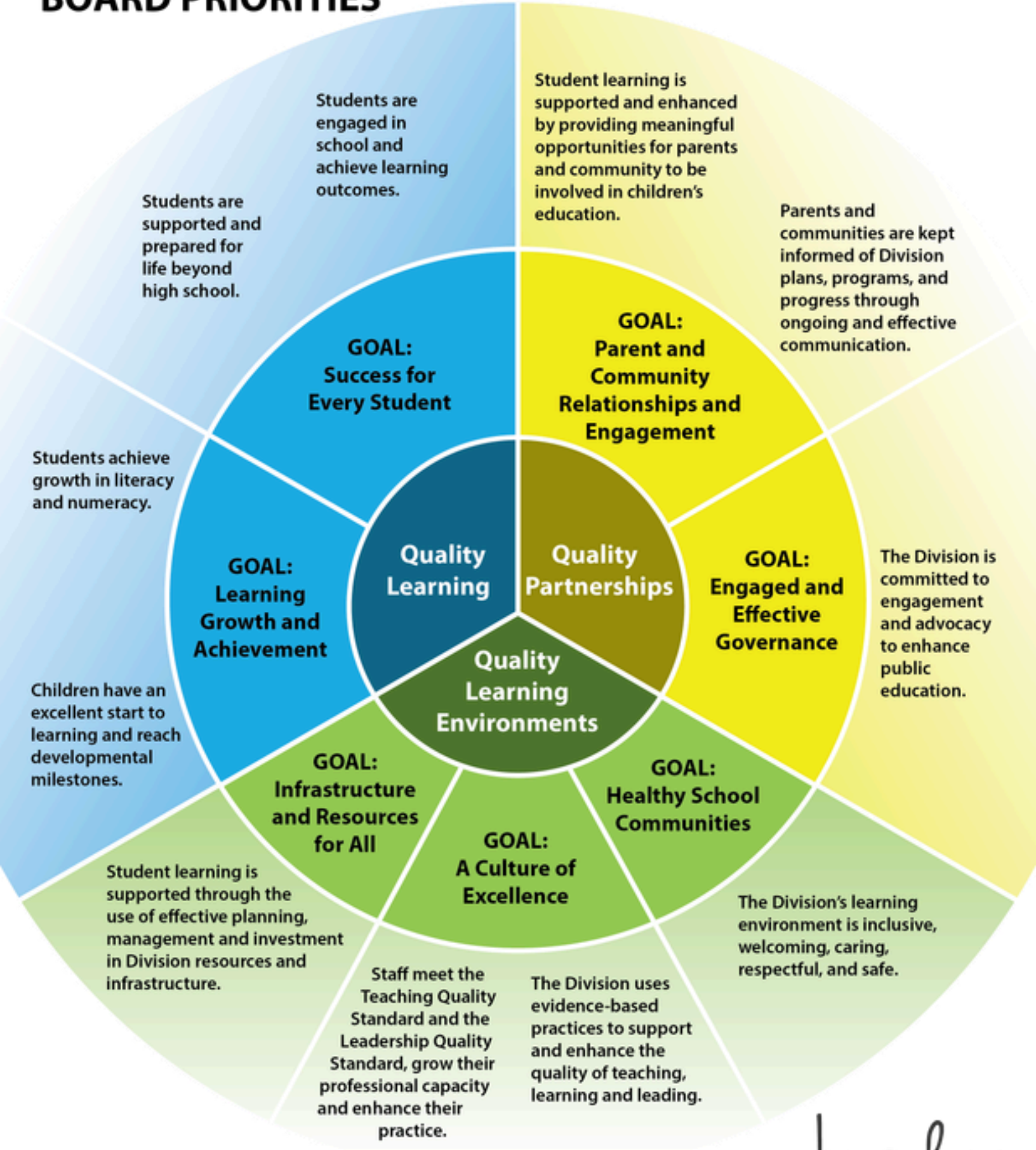
- Trust in your ability to do well and improve with consistent effort
- See mistakes as opportunities to learn, not setbacks
- Celebrate small victories along the way to stay encouraged

Prioritize Your Health

- Rest well, especially the night before your exams
- Eat nourishing meals and stay hydrated for energy
- Balance studying with relaxation to avoid burnout

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Please include your name and contact information if you would like a response.

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