

Windsor Hall's Monthly Newsletter

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Our first month at Windsor Hall

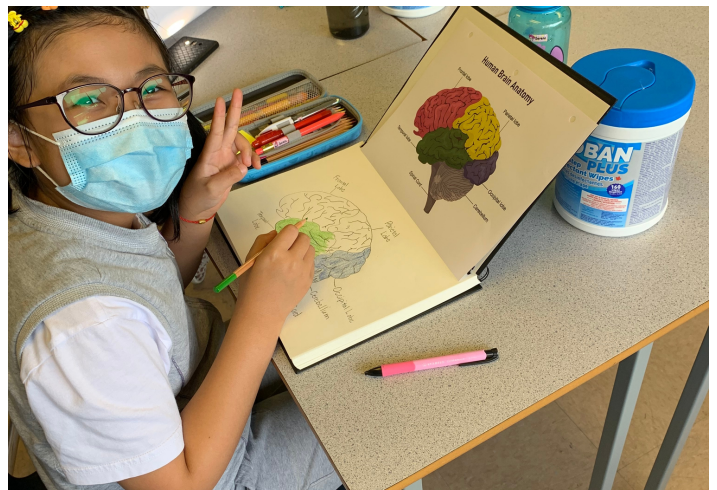
Welcome to our first-ever Windsor Hall Monthly Newsletter.

I can't believe the first month of school has already finished!

I am sure you're going to enjoy your first year at Windsor Hall and I want to encourage you to follow our motto which is "Learn, lead, change the world". The secret is to always be curious and to take initiative in your school projects while treating your teachers and classmates with respect. Get involved in everything you can and not just the activities you like "best". If you practise these few ideas you are in for a great year.

Have a fantastic year, get involved and Take Care of Each Other!

Fabiana Martinez - Director of Admissions



Letter from the Head of School

September 29, 2021

Dear Parent / Carer:

Welcome to the 2021/22 school year! We have already finished the first month of an exciting school year! We are so excited that Windsor Hall is now a reality, and we feel that the Windsor Hall students are truly special and destined for great things! We are also so proud that we have already obtained candidacy status as an MYP (Middle Years Programme) IB (International Baccalaureate) school.

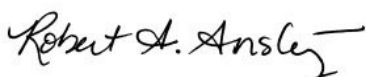
Although there are still strict COVID-19 protocols we must follow, we are also happy to see a return for most of our regular events and activities. For as much as we were hoping for a complete return to "regular" operations, COVID-19 protocols continue to play a significant role in our lives. We depend on our entire school community to help keep our students, staff, and families healthy and safe.

We have a dynamic and talented school staff. Our two teachers, Mr. Daniel Hanley and Mx. Braydee Procillo have already made incredible connections with the students and are doing a fantastic job seeing that the students are actively engaged and happy. We do so appreciate their weekly bulletin that they send home to the families.

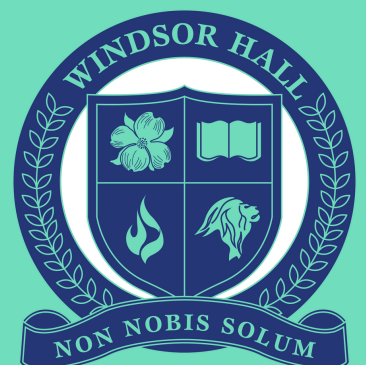
Our goal at Windsor Hall is to continue to facilitate a strong school culture that focuses on providing a safe, nurturing environment of active learners, where all are welcomed, valued, and appreciated for what they can bring as individuals to the classroom, school, and community. This year we will focus on social emotional learning and mental health, given the strains and impacts that COVID-19, wildfires and global issues are having, not only on our youth, but on adults as well. There has never been a more important need for teaching the heart as well as the mind.

In the months ahead we will be working closely with International Baccalaureate to ensure that our students are obtaining the best education possible as we carefully follow the IB MYP model. Here's to a fabulous school year, filled with new friendships, new adventures, and exciting learning opportunities!

Sincerely,



Dr. Robert Anstey
Head of School



In the classroom

ELA

As September has come and gone, students have had the chance to dive into literature concepts in full force. From creating beautiful genre posters, to collaborating on stories of their own, to taking a break to participate in D.E.A.R time (Drop Everything And Read,) students have really come into their own as writers, readers, and scholars.



MATH

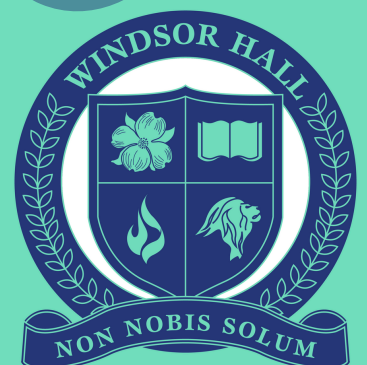
Students have been hard at work building and strengthening their computational skills. Showing off their flexibility with numbers, students have worked on multiplying and dividing decimals. In the upcoming month, students will embark on an Indigenous-inspired Winter Harvest project where they will apply and showcase their computational and critical thinking skills.



LEARNER PROFILES

As part of the IB curriculum, students are encouraged to exemplify ten characteristics, known as Learner Profiles. These are traits that are considered the blueprint of a successful IB student. Each month, we will select a learner profile trait as our focus. The month of September was 'Risk-Taking' and students put themselves out there by sharing new ideas, getting bold in their theatre skits, and expressing their joy out on the playground. We can't wait to see what next month holds in store for us!

Mx. Braydee Procillo -
Grade 6 Teacher



"September has been a month of new beginnings for our founding class at Windsor Hall. We are a small class of 5 but anticipating growth over the next month as our school attracts more positive attention. Our science class has been exploring body systems and the big idea that "Multicellular organisms rely on internal systems to survive, reproduce and interact with their environment". We have been exploring ways to incorporate art and science together using our art journals to illustrate different body systems and their functional parts. We have also been researching global problems and how NGO's and IGO's are responding to help solve economic, political, environmental and medical problems facing the world today. In art our students have been exploring cubism and practicing watercolor techniques as well as realistic illustrations of body systems from Science class. An area of great excitement for our students is working in the kitchen and cooking up recipes selected by the students themselves. To date we have managed to create a delicious fruit salad and most recently baked some very tasty mint chocolate chip cookies in our ADST (Applied Design Science and Technology) course. We look forward to new exciting moments of learning and adventure as the year unfolds."

Daniel Hanley - Grade 6 Teacher



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