



DT ODYSSEY PROGRAM - JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

Hello to all Odyssey students and parents,

Summer is fast approaching, and we are all looking forward to some relaxing times. Students and parents are asking what the next school will look like as COVID has changed many things in our lives. This school year, staff, students, and parents adapted to many changes. The 2021-2022 school year will also be different as the VSB is moving to a semester system. Stay tuned for more VSB information on what the semester system will be like in August.

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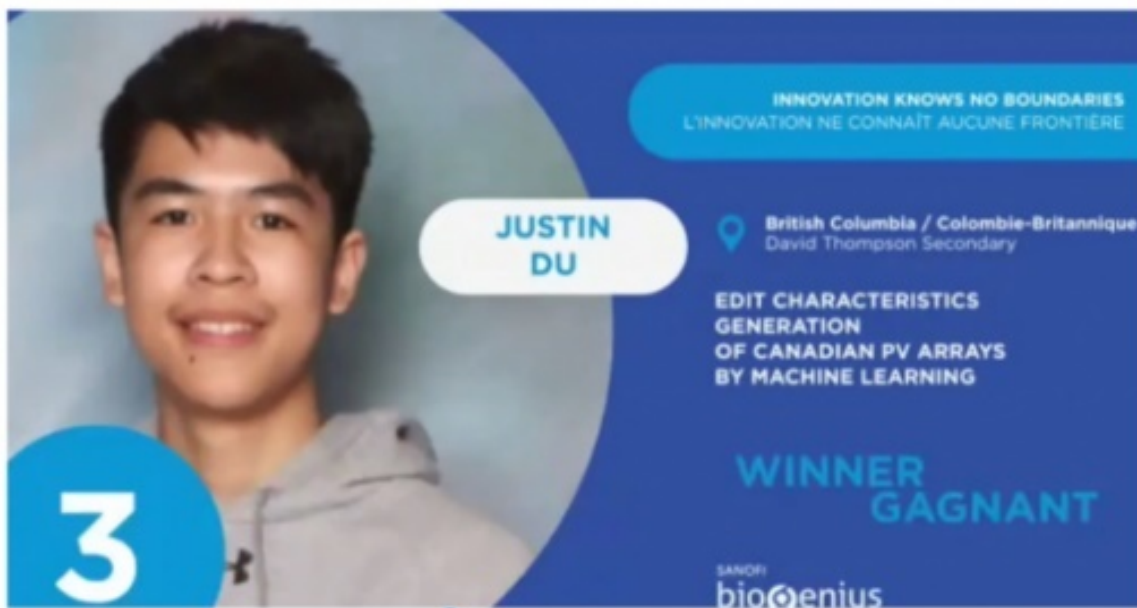
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SCIENCE NEWS

The Odyssey students worked on their Science Fair projects and displayed their passion in their presentations. Some students advanced to the Greater Vancouver Regional Fair, the Canada Wide Science Fair, and Biogenius Sanofi Canada Fair. Results can be found on the DT Odyssey Program website (<https://blogs.vsb.bc.ca/thompson-odyssey/science-fair-2021/>).



Congratulations to **Justin Du (Grade 10)** for winning 3rd place at the Sanofi Biogenius Canada competition! Cheers to our young scientist!



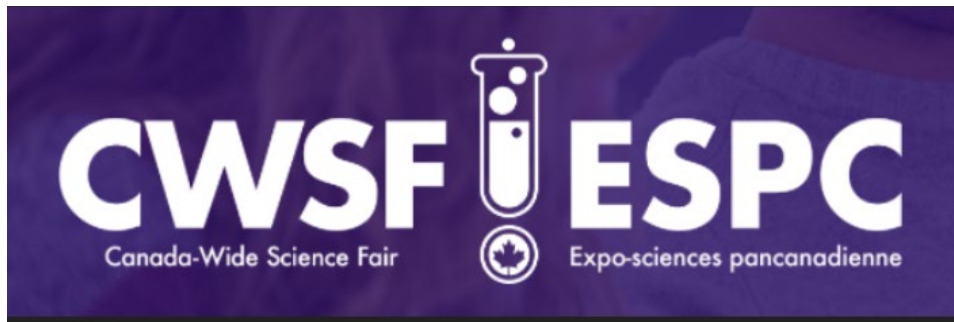
2021 Greater Vancouver Regional Science Fair Medal Award Winners



Top row: Pari Goyal, Justin Deng, Matthew Moi, Viduni Siriwardana, Amy Li

Second row: Patrick Huynh, Edwin Lui, Justin Peng, Stephanie Tamkee, Rachel Leong

Third row: Tara Zhan, Selena Du, Lucas Jung, Yolanda Tan, Devraj Chakraborty



2021 Canada-Wide Science Fair Award Winners



Junior Bronze

Viduni Siriwardana

Tara Zhan

Junior Silver

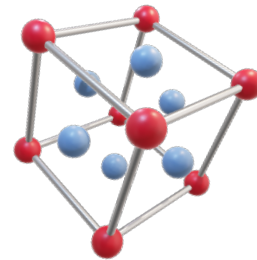
Matthew Moi

Junior Gold & Youth Science Canada Challenge Award (Digital Technology)

Jing Quan (Justin) Peng

Intermediate Bronze

Justin Du



Stay tuned for more updates at DT Odyssey Science Fair updates
<https://blogs.vsb.bc.ca/thompson-odyssey/canada-wide-science-fair/>

Get started this summer...

Students are highly encouraged to work on their science fair projects during the summer break. This allows students to get a head start on their project before the heavy burden of course work that comes during the regular school year. Please encourage the students to reach out into the community to find mentors in specialized fields. Students can connect with the **DT Science Club**, with over 70 members, throughout the year to make new friends, listen to guest presentations, and participate in social activities. To join, send them an email at dtscienceclub@gmail.com.



The DT Science Club is expanding and forming a branch, the [DT STEM Sorority Group](#). Currently, the executive team is working on setting up so that it will be up and running in September 2020. The goal is to reach out to the ladies, encourage them to participate in STEM activities, connect with local elementary schools, and to build leadership skills. Please check out the [DT STEM Sorority Group](#) website or contact them at dtstemsorority@gmail.com for more information.

Submitted by Ms. S. Leong

DT Science Club Hosts the Bottle Rocket Launching Competition



MATH NEWS

Congratulations on completing Math 8E, 10E and 11E! For those in Math 8E, in 10 weeks, we covered the grade 8 and 9 curriculum. Students in Math 10E are in grade 9 but completed the Math 10 curriculum. Grade 10 Odyssey students completed the Math 11 curriculum in Math 11E. Many of you also joined the Math Challengers school team to compete virtually against other BC secondary schools. Ms. Rieder's Math 11E class wrote the Cayley and Galois contests. The Math 10E class wrote the Pascal and Fryer, and the Math 8E students wrote the Gauss contest on May 12. Our students did well, with many of them exceeding the mean score of all national and international participants.

To the Math 8E class: You should be proud of yourselves for starting high school under challenging circumstances! Over the summer, please review (fractions, decimals, percentages, integers, exponent laws, algebra, linear equations, and polynomials) to prepare for Math 10E.

To the Math 10E class: It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have worked with you for the past 2 years. I know you will continue to work diligently and enjoy success from your efforts.

To the Math 11E class: Ms. Rieder enjoyed teaching you and looks forward to seeing you in Pre-Calculus 12!

Submitted by Mr. P. Chan





Math Competition Winners

A BIG congratulations to a group of grade 8's and a grade 9 who rocked the **Math Challenger Competition** earlier this year! The contest took place on the Monday and Tuesday before Spring Break and the results have finally come in, along with awards of medals and plaques. Out of 25 students who took part here at DT, 8 placed one or more times either individually, with a team, or both. Ms. M. Rieder (sponsor teacher), Ricky Bai (student coach) and Joseph Soo (student coach) did an awesome job in supporting our DT team.

The Regional Competition was between all students taking part in the Lower Mainland. The Provincial Competition was between all students across all of BC.

The winners from DT were as follows:

Colin Wang

Medal – Regional – Grade 8 – Finalist
Plaque – Regional Individual – Grade 8 – 3rd Place
Medal – Provincial – Grade 8 – Best in Province
Plaque – Regional Grade 8 Team – 2nd Place

Leeya Zhang

Plaque – Regional Grade 8 Team – 2nd Place

Viduni Siriwardana

Plaque – Regional Grade 8 Team – 2nd Place

Nathan Ngai

Medal – Regional – Grade 8 – Finalist

Tara Zhan

Medal – Regional – Grade 8 – Finalist
Plaque – Regional Individual – Grade 8 – 3rd Place
Medal – Provincial – Grade 8 – Best in Province
Plaque – Regional Grade 8 Team – 2nd Place

Addison Wong

Plaque – Regional Grade 8 Team – 2nd Place

Cody Chau

Medal – Regional – Grade 8 – Finalist

Edwin Lui

Medal – Regional – Grade 9 – Finalist

Submitted by Ms. R. Rieder

Canadian Mathematics Contest

Intermediate level

- Disha Patel (medal)
- Alex Wang

Senior level

- Ricky Bai (medal)
- Amy Li
- Felix Zhou
- Frank Wu



Euclid Mathematics Contest

- Ricky Bai (medal)
- Amy Li
- Frank Wu

Pascal Mathematics Contest

- Athan Chau (medal)
- Stephanie Tamkee
- Terrance Wen
- Selena Du
- Pari Goyal

Cayley Mathematics Contest

- Nevin Tsui (medal)
- Justin Du
- Kevin Chan
- Alan Zhou
- Marcus Kan
- Nathan Ma

Fryer Mathematics Contest

- Athan Chau (medal)
- Franny Chen
- Selena Du
- Stephanie Tamkee

Fermat Mathematics Contest

- Ricky Bai (medal)
- Joseph Soo

Hypatia Mathematics Contest

- Ricky Bai (medal)

Galois Mathematics Contest

- Kevin Chan (medal)

Submitted by Mr. R. Maddalozzo

Meet some of the math award winners!



First row: Tara Zhan, Colin Wang, Addison Wong, Nathan Ngai

Second row: Viduni Siriwardana, Leeya Zhang, Ricky Bai, Joseph Soo

Happy Retirement!

DT staff and students wants to wish Mr. Maddalozzo a wonderful retirement. He has been working as a teacher for 32 years and has contributed so much! We will all miss him here at DT!





DT Odyssey Grads 2021 and Alumni



Congratulations DT Odyssey Grads of 2021! DT wishes all students a successful journey in whatever they decide to pursue in their life. Lots of memories have been made during these five years at DT. Staff and students would like to hear your thoughts. Click on this link to complete a survey <https://forms.gle/ah3iABTNysbSW5zD9>



DT wants to stay connected with all alumni. We love to hear your stories and thoughts. Click on this link to reach out to us, <https://forms.gle/Pj8exY9pXrjBMDos5>.

Grad 2021: Good times at DT!



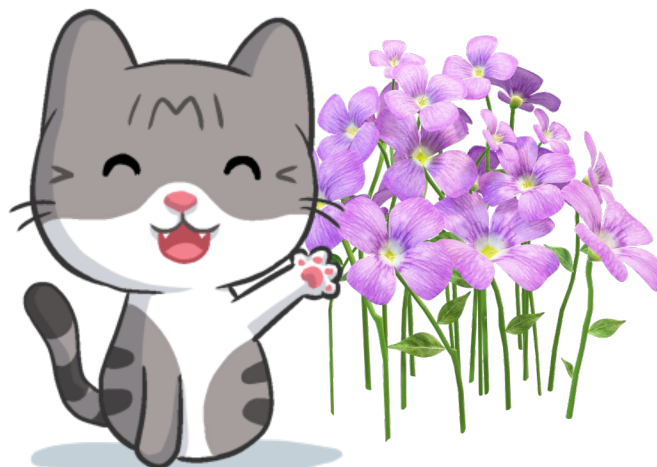


TO THE NEW ODYSSEY STUDENTS 2021-2022

Congratulations on finishing grade 7 and elementary school! Enjoy a well-deserved summer vacation and we look forward to meeting you in September. David Thompson Secondary School's administrators will send out more information in late August 2021.

Keep up with the DT Odyssey Program by visiting our website!

<https://blogs.vsb.bc.ca/thompson-odyssey/>



Have a great summer break!



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