

# ODYSSEY NEWSLETTER

We acknowledge we are honoured to be unlearning and relearning on the unceded and traditional territories of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əy̓əm (Musqueam), sḵw̓xwú7mesh (Squamish), and selílwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), nations.

## The Mask We Live In Project

English 10 Enriched focused on the theme of identity over the course of the semester and students' culminating project was to design and label a mask to show who they are at this point in their lives. See the photos on pages 7 and 8.

## English 9E

As a culminating project in their Poetry Studies 9-E did a group project in which they created an original script to dramatize a poem they created themselves, students brought the poem contents to life in a short play depicting characters and story. They rose to the task of becoming fictional characters and showing the characters' different personalities through dialogue, tone, and through contrast. The class was brimming with creative ideas as each student contributed to the project, and the end result was amazing performances of which they should all be extremely proud!



## Semester 2

The start of the second semester was smoother than the first as students and staff had a better grasp of the time constraints, challenges, and rewards of teaching classes that are almost ten minutes longer than on the linear timeline and moving at a different pace.

Odyssey students continued to excel not only academically but also in the spring sports seasons for track and field, spring volleyball, badminton, ultimate, softball, soccer, the end of basketball season. Some of the many events students took part in: Student Council Spirit Days, wore green or hockey jerseys on April 7 to honour Humboldt Bronco Logan Boulet's organ donation and to raise awareness of the pressing need for donors in BC, students participated in Thompson's Got Talent, and attended the year-end Carnival in June. Field trip opportunities included: Skiing and Snowboarding, a visit to the Michael Smith Laboratory at UBC, and the year-end pizza lunch open to all Odyssey students.

## Odyssey English 10 attend the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Virtual Youth Conference

Over two mornings, April 14 and May 12, English 10 Enriched students took part in the third annual Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Youth Conference. Organized by students at VSB secondary schools both mornings gave students opportunities to learn from Ruby Smith Diaz (a Chilean, Jamaican, and Canadian educator who founded the Tierra Negra Arts which offers art workshops to empower youth to build community and explore activism), Chinyere Eni (an Igbo-Indigenous Canadian VSB and UBC alumna who is an executive with RBE can who lost her left leg to cancer as a child and who is an active supporter of War Amps and the Canadian Cancer Society), and Martin Boyce (who was at the Stonewall Inn in New York City fifty years ago when the police raided the Inn and arrested patrons for being gay and who shared his own history and the changes in LGBTQIA2S since the raid.)

## Math Contests

Math Contests this year were another great success! We had so many students partake in everything from the COMC (Canadian Open Mathematics Competition) in the Fall to Math Challengers in the Spring to all of the levels offered by Waterloo and ASMA throughout the year. As always, Odyssey students are keen participants and they represent our program well.

In Math Challengers both our grade 9 and 10 team finished first and third place respectively in the Regional Competition. In the grade 10 Cayley competition, our school was the Zone Team Champion. Among the many other Waterloo contests, we had several students place in the top 25 % earning them certificates of distinction. Congratulations Odyssey students for another successful Math Contest Season.

## Canadian Computing Competition

Junior and Senior Odyssey students participated in the University of Waterloo Computing Competition offered by the Centre for Education in Computing and Mathematics with Colin Wang and Alex Wang scoring 68/75 and 67/75 respectively.

Students who also participated include: Justin Du, Leo Chen, Justin Shim, Marvelous Nwadike, Nickie Mak, Pratyusha Chakraborty, Aiden Leong, Bruce Tong, and Eric Yee.







## Odyssey Students Excel at Canada Wide Science Fair 2022

Congratulations to all our CWSF 2022 winners! Once again DT students had amazing results! The students put in time and effort to showcase to the world how their passion can help build a better world for everyone.

CWSF is the country's largest annual youth science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) event. This event brings together the top young scientists together to showcase the top projects selected from the national network of over a hundred regional STEM fairs in all the provinces and territories. The CWSF was held in Fredericton, New Brunswick and students had to once again virtually navigate the fair due to the pandemic.

### Emily Chan (Gr 9)

Project: Sea Scap Slippers  
YSC Intermediate Division  
Silver Medal  
Western University Scholarship

### Pari Goyal and Lucie Li (Gr 10)

Project: Windblade  
YSC Intermediate Division  
Bronze Medal  
Western University Scholarship

### Justin Peng (Jing Quan Peng) (Gr 9)

Project: Taking Control: A Galvanic Stimulation Device for the Visually Impaired  
YSC Intermediate Division  
Gold Medal  
Western University Scholarship

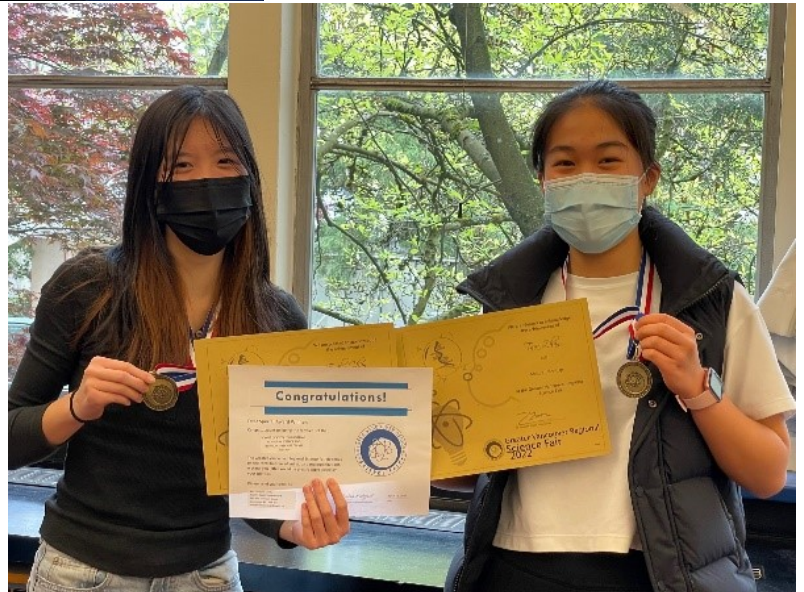
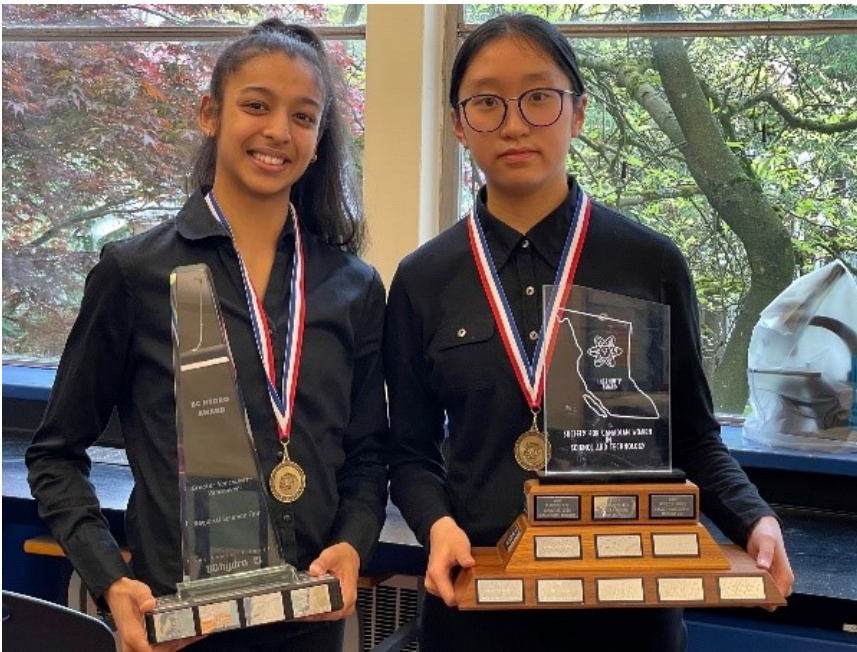
### Viduni Siriwardana (Gr 9)

Project: A Novel and Cost-Effective DNA Extraction Protocol via a Streamlined Automated Device for Facile Access to Forensic Analysis  
YSC Intermediate Division  
Bronze Medal  
Western University Scholarship

### Tara Zhan (Gr 9)

Project: Medical Mo-Cap  
YSC Intermediate Division  
Silver Medal  
Western University Scholarship







**Students in Ms. Pratt's English 9 class**



**The Mask We Live In Project English 10E**





### Other Student News

Odyssey students are typically well rounded, they play on extracurricular teams, many play one or more instruments, and have many hobbies and passions.

Photo below:

UBC Geering Up Engineering Design Competition, Odyssey grade 10 students, from left to right: Patrick Huynh, Terrance Wen, Edwin Lui, Lucas Jung, Kevin Ma.



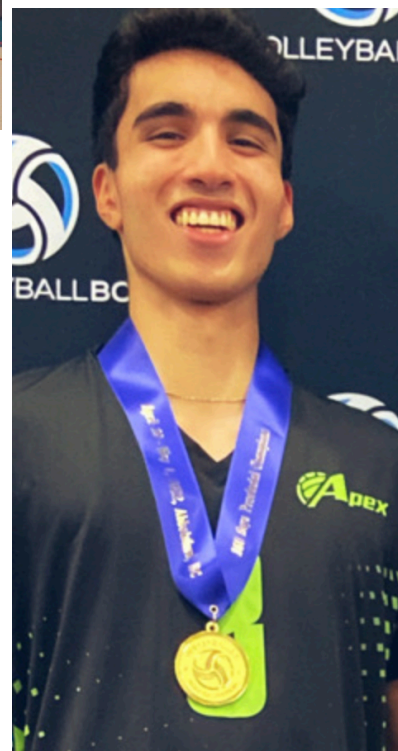


Following her strong performance at Canadian Championships in May, Pari Goyal, grade 10, finished her course work early in mid-June in order to join the Canadian National Team Senior Group for Rhythmic Gymnastics. Pari is currently training for more than eight hours a day as she prepares for the World Rhythmic Gymnastic Championships which will be held in Europe in September.

Good luck, Pari!



Kyle Tsuji and his team U16 Apex ACEL div 1 tier 1 won the provincial championship for club volleyball.



## Farewell Odyssey Class of 2022

After five years we will the class of 2022 all the best as they leave David Thompson Secondary and go forth to conquer new worlds and learn all that they can..

Having spent half of their high school years during a pandemic these students have shown they have the resiliency and grit to weather any challenge or unexpected.

Nos Quoques Exploremus, Odyssey Trojans!

## Welcome Odyssey Class of 2027

The Odyssey teachers would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to the incoming grade 8 class and their families. We look forward to watching you discover new passions, make new friends, and become part of our Odyssey family.



**The Odyssey teaching staff wish all Odyssey students and their families a safe, adventurous summer filled with relaxation, time in nature, and memorable moments.**

**We look forward to seeing you in September!**