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Students of the Month – December & January

List compiled by HCS Staff.

Kinder- garten	Brynn Prosser Anna Munro
Grade One	Oliver Till Eli Mack
Grade Two	Cage McHatten Lilianne Connor
Grade Three	Liem Barrett Natalie Wright
Grade Four	Zain Limani Kyleigh McElhinney
Grade Five	Sophia Razon Isabella Essensa
Grade Six	Tess Green Mariyah Sargefield
Grade Seven	Tegan Mortensen Tovey Rideout
Grade Eight	Patrick McKeil Mary Verner
Grade Nine	Abigail Campbell Alicia Trites
Grade Ten	Haylee Boone Jade Shaw
Grade Eleven	Elisha Neron Bryan Green
Grade Twelve	Sammy Vail Abigail Noble

Sportsmanship Award – December & January

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December	Camden Hathaway Taylor Delong
January	Kylie Markey Mariyah Sargefield

Volume 1, Issue 4 – Student Success

By Abigail Noble, Grade 12



This issue of The Husky Howler is dedicated to the success of our students. Through personal and professional accounts, our articles will detail how anyone can become a successful student.

How to Format a Scholarship Essay – Tips

By Abigail Noble, Grade 12

It's that time of year 2021 grads. Hundreds of students around the province are applying for their chance to win some big bucks. With most deadlines coming up in March, the pressure is on. Whether you have already started applying or are about to, one question is undoubtedly on your mind – How do I set myself apart from other students? Using resources from guidance counsellor extraordinaire Ellen Hatt and other tips, I will tell you exactly how.



First and foremost, you should read all the information available pertaining to the scholarship that you are applying for. This will familiarize you with the type of student they are looking for, as well as give you a sense of their overall values. Ensure that you address all or most of these aspects in your application and incorporate key phrases or words that will align yourself with a quality candidate.

The application itself should be formal, but engaging in nature. Make sure that your voice and personality shine through each word. After all, you are the most unique aspect of your application. There is a typical five paragraph format that can be followed –

- 1) **Introduce yourself:** *Your name, your program of study, future plans, etc. It is also a good idea to start by thanking the organization for considering your application.*

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2021 Yearbooks – For Sale Now

By Abigail Noble, Grade 12

The 2020-21 yearbook is now on sale! For only \$50, you will receive a detailed account of the crazy year that our students and staff have had. This is a one-time sale ending February 29, 2021, so make sure to order your copy!

Link:

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1113649/Hartland-Community-School/2021-Yearbook/2020082904332162777/C>
[ATALOG SHOP/](#)

Nobody's Perfect: Thoughts on Being a Realistic Student

By Tori Ross, Grade 12

Academic pressure and stress are prevalent factors in every student's life at one point or another. Getting told that if you get good grades, you are smart and if you do not... well, good luck. But that way of thinking is very outdated and false.



- 2) **Academics:** *Listing your academic achievements/improvements is of great interest to most organizations. Do not forgo mentioning something just because you think it "doesn't matter".*
- 3) **Extracurricular Involvement:** *Academics are mandatory to graduate; extracurriculars are not. Listing your voluntary involvement in school activities and programs can be even more influential than numbers on a report card.*
- 4) **Volunteer Efforts:** *If you have ever volunteered in your community or school, now is a great time to flaunt it! No matter the specifics, any mention of helping others and selfless action is important.*
- 5) **Academic Funding:** *Discussing your monetary situation and efforts to fund your own education can be influential in most scholarship decisions. If you show that you are conscious of money and have a strong work ethic, you are more likely to be considered.*
- 6) **Thank You:** *Always end any application by thanking the organization for their time and consideration.*

A form further detailing these paragraphs can be provided by high school guidance

If you find yourself lacking in any of the forementioned areas, focus on your personal achievements. How have you grown as a student, community member, and person? How do you intend to continue your growth in post-secondary studies? A strong sense of confidence can go a long way. If you are not confident in your own strengths, you cannot expect a scholarship committee to be.

When you complete your first draft, always have a second set of eyes – preferably ones that are experienced in the art of the scholarship essay – look over your work. They can provide valuable feedback that may improve your chances.

Though there are many scholarships that are only available to incoming first-year students, remember that additional scholarships and bursaries are offered to students in their subsequent years of education. The money that you receive now is not a static number or determinant. You can work to earn more support in the future.

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I think that we should be upfront and honest - This standard is damaging. So, let me walk you through the thoughts of a realistic student.

- ❖ **Grades are NOT the best way to measure a person's intelligence.**

Pressure and anxiety can affect memory. Instead of a grade being based on everyday classes, it is based on a couple of big tests, an exam, and perhaps a midterm. That is four days out of a dozen or so weeks that carry the bulk of your grade. How is that rational? So, you get one bad grade. That does not undo the achievement of all the other great grades.

- ❖ **I failed an assignment/test/etc. Now what?**

Take a breath. Do not focus on the failure. So, what? WWI was not your strongest suit or Pre - Calc is driving your head through the wall. The first and best thing you can do is reach out to your instructor, put your pride aside, and be honest with them. Something as simple as an email or meeting with them can make a huge difference.

Perhaps the most important tip that I can give you is this – Never let the thought that there is someone “better” or “more qualified” stop you from applying for a scholarship (or anything for that matter). You could be exactly what they are looking for, but you won’t know unless you put your name out there.

Good luck, grads!

How to Take Good Notes & Stay Organized

By Sabrina Samuel, Grade 11

Note taking is something you have probably been doing since middle school and you will continue to do all throughout high school, college, and university. It can be difficult to take notes and organize your work if you have never been taught to, so I am going to provide a couple tips for both aspects!



Tips for taking notes	Tips for staying organized
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Don't write things down that you know by heart. Instead, write down information that is new to you so that you can study these pieces.• Use shorthand abbreviations in your notes to shorten the amount that you have to write.• Illustrate the most important points of the lesson by bolding or underlining them for later reference.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Label what you are writing about (class, lesson, and content).• Keep your notes in a binder with a specific class section or digital folder.• Organize your tasks in a daily planner and cross off points as you complete them.

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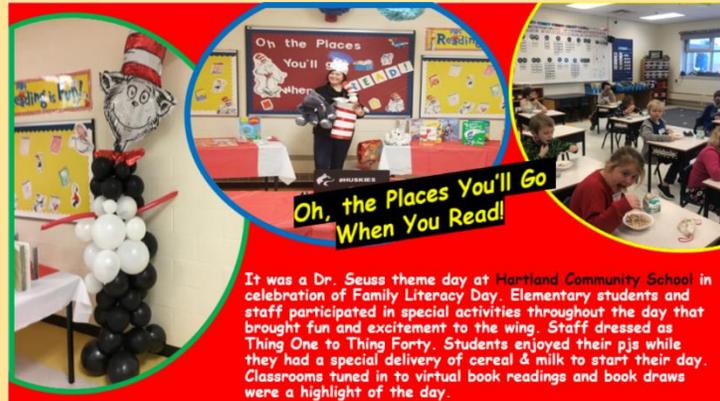
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What we always seem to forget is that good teachers do not want their students to fail. We also forget that they are not privy of what goes on in our head, so let them in the loop. Let them know that you are not understanding something, then ask if once you get a better grasp on the content you can redo the test. Remember, even Einstein flunked math.

- ❖ **Burning both ends of the candle is NOT efficient.**

Eventually, you are going to run out of candle and end up with a mess of melted wax and no way to clean it up. To put this into perspective, consider this - Preventing burnout is similar to a broken leg. If you have a broken leg and you keep walking on it, you are going to cause irreparable damage and pain, which will in turn hinder your life and work. You must give your body time to heal and correct itself. This is synonymous with burnout. Map out your workload, make lists and schedules, and do what you know you can accomplish without drowning. A solid sleep schedule and diet are also huge factors in preventing burnout.



It was a Dr. Seuss theme day at Hartland Community School in celebration of Family Literacy Day. Elementary students and staff participated in special activities throughout the day that brought fun and excitement to the wing. Staff dressed as Thing One to Thing Forty. Students enjoyed their pjs while they had a special delivery of cereal & milk to start their day. Classrooms tuned in to virtual book readings and book draws were a highlight of the day.

Connection is Key to Student Success

By Layney Ross, Grade 10

Though academics are important to a student's success, a healthy balance of social interaction between family and friends must also be maintained. In these times it is hard to keep in touch physically, but there are so many ways to stay connected virtually! Here are a few:



Watching Netflix, Disney+, or YouTube - *There are many apps that you can use to watch TV with your friends and family virtually! I recommend using Screener or Netflix party! They are very simple to use and work great!*

FaceTime Dinner - *You can have dinner together through FaceTime! Although it isn't the same as being face to face, it's the safer alternative without breaking COVID-19 rules.*

Video Games - *Playing video games is something most of us have thought of doing or are currently doing. Playing video games - even for a little bit - with friends allows you to communicate while working together to accomplish a task.*

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You do not have to be the next Dwayne The Rock Johnson, but taking care of yourself is a huge factor in success.

And, more than anything else, if no one has said it to you today, I am proud of you and you are doing amazing. Keep going.

This Month in History – February Scholar Edition

By Sammy Vail, Grade 12

Important Events

-Mary, Queen of Scots was beheaded after 19 years of imprisonment – *February 8, 1587*

-Nelson Mandela was released from prison at age 71 – *February 11, 1990*

-The Canadian Maple Leaf flag design was inaugurated – *February 15, 1965*

-The tomb of King Tutankhamun was opened – *February 16, 1923*

-Dolly the cloned sheep was announced to the world – *February 22, 1997*

Virtual Book Club - *Most of us have quite a bit of free time on our hands, so why not start up a little book club? Grab a book to read, and a friend to read it with! Set a day in the week to FaceTime and share how you feel about the book!*

Homework - *If you have a lot of homework to get done, sit down and FaceTime your friends to complete your homework together!*

Support from those important to us can serve as a great motivator in our personal and professional lives. Plus, we all deserve an occasional break. Staying in touch is key, especially if you can't visit the people you love in person. Hopefully these tips will improve your social life and ensure that you stay safe in these trying times.

Procrastination – The Student's Nemesis

By Abigail Noble, Grade 12

At one time or another, we've all fallen victim to procrastination. We put off our tasks and commitments for a variety of reasons only to end up feeling bad about ourselves and rush our work. Though there is no known cure for this parasite that so affects our lives, there are ways that we can lessen its impacts.

Some would simply say “**just do it**” and call that an airtight solution. Well, you are not Nike, and you are certainly not a common shoe. You are a human being with complex feelings, motivations, and strengths. To understand your dilemma, you must analyze the cause, the effects, and possible solutions.

First, ask yourself, “Why do I procrastinate?” Are you unsure of how/where to start? Are you overwhelmed with stress and commitment? Do you simply not want to do it? Whatever the reason, finding the root cause of your procrastination will help to identify possible solutions.

An additional aspect to consider is the effect that unhealthy habits are having on your life. Often, putting off tasks can lead to increased stress - especially as deadlines approach.

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-The DNA double helix was discovered – *February 28, 1953*

Famous February Birthdays

- Charles Dickens – *February 7, 1812*
- Thomas Edison – *February 11, 1847*
- Charles Darwin – *February 12, 1809*
- Galileo Galilei – *February 15, 1564*

Disclaimer: Solutions Are Subjective

By Abigail Noble, Grade 12

Note: The student success articles in this issue provide objective solutions to student problems, meaning that they might not work for everyone.

Each person will require different measures and strategies to maximize their academic potential. Some people will look at a positive Pinterest quote and be raring to go; most of us need more than rhymes and cliché phrases to motivate us. The key is in understanding and respecting yourself enough to identify and solve your personal hurdles.

This stress can have far-reaching impacts on your life, including your attitude, appetite, physical and mental health, and sleep schedule. Therefore, procrastination does more harm than good.

The question still remains: “How can I stop procrastinating?” Each person will require different solutions, but here are some general tips:

Make To-Do Lists – *Listing out your daily/weekly tasks will give you a visual illustration of what you must complete. Make sure that your goals are realistic. An added bonus is the amazing feeling of checking off a task!*

Start Tasks Early – *Instead of putting off your responsibilities, start working as soon as you receive them. If you slowly chip away at them, you are less likely to experience stress and burnout.*

Avoid Unnecessary Distractions – *When you are working, keep your physical and mental areas clear of any distractions. This could be anything from technology (phones, tablets, etc.) to negative thoughts.*

Take Breaks When Needed – *Completing a task in one sitting is often an unrealistic goal. If you need a break, take one. Let your mind breathe for a bit. Just ensure that each break does not turn into an overindulgence in distraction.*

Manage Your Time – *If needed, set aside certain times as work periods.*

Control Your Commitments – *Some commitments are necessary; some are not. Make sure to allocate time for your studies, as well as resting periods.*

By identifying your personal struggles, you are more likely to overcome them. Do not be discouraged, however, if your journey takes longer than expected. As your life evolves, so will your challenges. The true skill is in adapting to these changes with a positive attitude and an aptly equipped mental toolbox.

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So, take some time for yourself. Reflect on your life at this moment. What can you control? What can't you control? How can you make your life better? Self-discovery is a long, evolving practice, but the "finish line" is not the goal. The goals are the lessons you learn on the way. With each milestone, no matter the size, you become a more conscious, more confident version of yourself.

Most importantly, don't be discouraged by failure. To fail, you must try, and to try is to accept failure. Learn from your mistakes, seek clarification – whether from yourself or from others – and try again.

Though our paths may vary, we are all heading in the same direction. If anything, take comfort in that fact.



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