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Eden Boys Volleyball Team Places at OFSAA

Written By: Claire Terrio

Edited By: Rebecca Koole

It's no secret that Eden Boys Volleyball has quite the legacy and the reputation when it comes to OFSAA. This year the boys once again maintained this legacy by medalling at OFSAA for the 11th year in a row. They played hard in representing Eden to take home the bronze medal. Coaches Bill Markham and Mr. Steele did an excellent job filling the large shoes Mr. Pereira left behind and the tradition was upheld.

The boys were ranked 2nd coming into OFSAA, behind Franco Citee, Eden's long time rival, also the team Eden beat in the gold medal game last year. The boys played hard through some tough games in pool play, fighting for every point and coming out on top of their pool. The boys continued to work hard and made it all the way to the semi final match where they versed Stratford. It was a difficult battle right until the very end, but unfortunately Stratford came out on top in the fourth set 25-17. Our boys went on, rallying together one more time to play in the Bronze medal match against LaSalle, and finished off the tournament strong by sweeping all three sets and claiming 3rd.

The boys had their eyes on gold coming into the tournament, but should nonetheless be very proud to bring home

the bronze and maintain Eden's excellent reputation in the sport for the 11th year in a row. Congratulations to seniors Garrett Markham, Thomas Whitty, Braden Reschke, Eric Foster, Adam Bovine, and Jacob Martens on their amazing volleyball careers and contributions to the sport here at Eden. Thomas Whitty, team captain, weighs in on the impact his volleyball career here at Eden has had on his high school experience:

"Eden volleyball for me has been so much more than just volleyball. Since coming to Eden, through playing volleyball I have gained lifelong relationships and learned great work habits. I have played Eden volleyball all 4 years of highschool, been to 3 OFSAAs, and now have 3 OFSAA medals. Although it's sad that my Eden career has come to an end, I'm grateful for all the experiences it brought me along the way and happy to end on a high note."

The team had a great year and Eden is proud of the boys for bringing home another medal. The torch will be passed on now to the grade 11's to hopefully work towards a 12th year of OFSAA senior boys volleyball medals in 2017 and to carry on the legacy.

Eden's 2017 Play Is Revealed

Written By: Christian Roethling

Edited By: Iain Lockhart

In November, the official cast for Eden's 2016-17 production, *Don't Drink the Water*, was revealed. After a week of auditions during lunch and after school, some of Eden's most talented actors came forward to play the roles, selected by director Jenny Wubs, stage managers Paige Bosse and Bridget Dorey, and our Drama teacher, Mrs.

Sherwood. The play features **Carson Suggestt** as Axel Magee, **Jesse Klassen** as Walter Hollander, **Bailey Grigg** as his wife, Marion Hollander, **Diana Karapetyan** as their daughter Susan Hollander, **Emily Orr** as Kilroy, **Braeden Miller** as Krojack, **Elizabeth Chernyak** as Burns, **Christian Roethling** as Father Drobney, **Alex Sanko** as the Bodyguard and Kasnar, **Rawan Hegi** as Chef, **Stuart Huebert** as the Sultan of Bashir, **Karolina**

Miralles as his wife, **Jon Huys** as Ambassador Magee, and **Yusra Sharif** as Countess. *Don't Drink the Water*, directed by Jenny Wubs, revolves around a family of three tourists that take pictures while in a restricted area in a Communist country, and find themselves being chased to the American Embassy where all sorts of crazy antics ensue. Stay tuned for more information.

Epereia Leadership Retreat

Written By: Rebecca Koole

Edited By: Owen Jefferies

As students from the Epereia leadership team prepared to leave for Muskoka Woods on Friday, December 9th for a leadership intensive retreat run by the SLC, the excitement in the air was almost tangible. In September of last year, a collection of students came together to create the SLC's very first Epereia leadership group. Over the course of the year, the group of 15 students learned how to be effective leaders in their community as well as how to strengthen their spiritual life.

This small group received more response and excitement than the SLC had anticipated, and currently, students must submit an application in order to be considered for the program. Jenny Wubs, former Epereia member, stated, "I was so glad I joined Epereia last year! I honestly learned so much about leadership and God in general. I would definitely recommend it to anyone who really wants to dig into God's word and

make some truly amazing friendships while learning how to become a 'rise above' leader."

The program consists of several conferences and retreats throughout the year, as well as one-on-one mentoring and weekly meetings. While many enlightened students remarked on what an enjoyable experience they had last year, new members also shared their anticipation for the upcoming weekend. Josh Wilkinson remarked, "I have heard so many great things about Epereia, and I am so excited to be able to be a part of it this year. This upcoming weekend in Muskoka Woods is going to be so much fun. I cannot wait!"

Epereia, a Greek word, means to 'lead with passion'. Students may only participate in Epereia for one consecutive year, as space is extremely limited. Many students expressed their regrets that they couldn't return to the Epereia program again this year. It is not only the lives of these aspiring young leaders that will be impacted by

this program, but the lives of the millions more that they each will touch. Hopefully, the impact of Epereia on these students will continue to help them grow for the rest of their lives and help them to better emulate Christ.

The SLC staff work hard to help creative ways for students to develop their faith over the retreat, and this year produced yet another group of enthused and excited young leaders. The retreat turned out to be another great success with more fun and learning experiences than the students had ever imagined.



**This year's group after completing a mock pit crew team building activity.*

Melvin's Christmas Catastrophe

Written By: Aaron Friesen
Edited By: Iain Lockhart

Buying a Fender Stratocaster with all the Halloween costume contest prize money might not have worked out, but Christmas was coming up and I was pretty sure I could convince my parents to buy it for me as a present. You see, Andy and I started a band with a couple of other guys a few years ago. Until now I'd been playing one of those poorly made, cheap beginner guitars, but now that I was in a band, I needed to get a new guitar. And I really wanted a brand new Fender.

I decided to ask my parents about it. As usual, my dad was on board with the idea and my mom thought it was ridiculously expensive. After plenty of rationalizing and a little bit of begging, mom finally started to come around.

"Well, I guess if you really think you need one of these... What's it called? Bender something-or-other?" my mom muttered.

"Fender Stratocaster," I reminded her.

"Right. Well, you're going to have to earn this guitar. I think it'd be reasonable to say that to get one, you'd need to have at least a 75 in all your classes by Christmas break, be at school on time every day, get all of your homework and assignments done on time and..."

So far I thought none of this would be too hard until...

"Get along with your sister. I don't want to hear her scream ONCE between now and Christmas."

That could be the deal breaker. My nine year old sister Mary had a blood curdling scream that she unleashed whenever something didn't go her way. Keeping her happy would be tough.

"Fine," I groaned, "If it means I get a Stratocaster, I'll do it."

I went upstairs to my room and started to practice guitar when I saw my sister come through the door.

"Melvin, come play Barbies with me!" she shouted.

"Mary, I'm kind of busy, I want to practice a few songs on the guitar and..."

Then I saw it. She sucked the air out of the room and held it, her face turning purple. She was about to scream. Loud.

"Okay, okay! I'll play Barbies with you, just don't scream!"

"Come on Melvin, you can be Ken!" she yelled excitedly as she dragged me to her room. There were Barbie dolls all over her floor and she had three different Barbie "Dream Houses". It was like walking through a minefield; if I stepped on a doll, my sister would blow up. Luckily I made it to the other side of her room without stepping on any, although there were a few close calls.

Mary handed me a doll. "This is Ken," she exclaimed, before leading me over to a big pink doll house, "This is his

house and this is his closet!" She opened up a door on the top floor to reveal row after row of little outfits for Ken.

"Barbie and Ken are going out for dinner, so you have to pick out a nice outfit for him!"

If this was what I'd have to do to keep my sister from screaming, getting my new guitar was not going to be easy.

The next day in French class, Madame assigned a big project and I knew it wouldn't be easy to do well enough that my average was at least a 75 in French class.

After school I sat down and started reading the book for my French project when my cell phone started ringing. It was Andy asking about our band entering the school talent show.

"We should try to get together with Steve and Tom for practice once a week, to make sure we're ready for the show," Andy suggested.

"Sounds good! I just hope this doesn't interfere with another one of Ken's dates," I remarked.

"What?"

"Yeah, that probably sounded weird. I have to keep my sister happy between now and Christmas or I don't get a new Fender Stratocaster. Last night she made me dress Ken up for 'his date'. It was horrible."

"That's rough."

"You don't know the half of it. My mom says she doesn't want to hear my sister scream even once. You know Mary, her

scream is like a ticking time bomb, just waiting to go off!”

“Well, good luck, you’re going to need it.”

“Thanks.”

I hung up and grabbed my book again when my sister walked into my room.

“Sorry Mary, but I’ve got a really important French project. I can’t play with you tonight.”

“Oh, I have a bigger request now,” she stated as a grin crept across her face. There was an evil glint in her eye.

“Well, then what do you want?”

“I heard you on the phone. You won’t get your guitar if I’m not happy!”

Well, it looked like now she knew.

“Okay, yes, I need you to keep that shriek of yours away until Christmas so that I can get a new guitar. Can you do that for me?”

“Sure, as long as you do some things for me.”

“Fine, just name it.”

“Well, I want you to help me with my homework every night, take me for ice cream every week and…” she stopped to think about what other torturous things she could make me do, “You have to buy me that new Barbie that came out! The one in the Christmas outfit.”

“That’s not exactly what I would call a fair bargain…”

But before the words were even out of my mouth, I saw holding her breath like she had done so many times before.

“... But I’ll do it! As long as you promise not to scream.”

“Deal,” she said, making that maniacal grin once again.

As she left my room, I was immediately regretting agreeing to her terms. What had I gotten myself into?

A month later, after working incredibly hard to be on time and get all my homework done, and spending a ridiculous amount of time with Mary, I was feeling pretty confident that the Fender Stratocaster was a sure thing. At dinner, my sister started rambling about how well we were “getting along.”

“Melvin’s been playing Barbies with me and helping me with my homework! And tonight we’re going for ice cream!”

“Oh, that’s great!” my mom rejoiced. She seemed so happy that I was being so nice to Mary. She had no idea that I was being blackmailed.

“Yeah,” I muttered, trying to act like everything was great between my sister and I.

After supper I walked with Mary to the nearby Dairy Queen for our weekly ice cream and bought a blizzard for each of us. As we ate, I thought about how great Christmas break was going to be and how close I was to earning my new guitar.

The next day in French I got my project back and I actually did really well. It

boosted my mark well above a 75, which was definitely good news. There were only a few more school days left and everything seemed to be going pretty well.

That night I went to Toys R Us and bought my sister that Barbie she wanted for Christmas and wrapped it up to give it to her on Christmas morning. I even checked my math mark online and it looks like the extra work I’d been doing had boosted my mark in that class as well. That meant I’d gotten above 75 in all of my classes!

Finally, on Christmas morning I ran downstairs to see a big wrapped box, definitely shaped like a guitar case. I put my sister’s Barbie under the tree as well as she and my parents came down the stairs.

“Merry Christmas!” my dad called, “So, who’s opening their gifts first?”

“Oh, me! Me!” my sister shrieked.”

“Alright, fine,” I sighed.

She got pretty much all of the stuff she’d asked for, and was really happy about the Barbie I’d gotten her.

“Okay Melvin, your turn!”

I tore off the wrapping paper off of the big wrapped box, and sure enough, the Fender logo stretched across the case. I flicked open the clips on the side and threw open the case to reveal the shiny black guitar.

“It’s a real Fender Stratocaster! Thanks so much!”

“Now wait one second, Melvin,” my dad started.

Oh no. There couldn't be a catch to this. I'd already done everything they'd asked of me! I'd worked really hard on all of my school work, staying up late a few times to get it done, completed fourth grade homework, taken my sister for ice cream and bought her a new Barbie! And that doll was not cheap!

“Since you and your sister have been getting along so well, we wanted to give

you more opportunities to spend time with each other!” my mom explained,

“And so, we got this guitar for both of you to share and signed you up for guitar lessons together!”

She couldn't be serious. I could feel the anger raging inside me. After all that hard work? After being blackmailed by a 9 year old? I get a *shared* guitar?!

I was about to fight her on it when I looked over at my sister. She seemed so

happy, and even though I no longer had to keep her from screaming, I realized I didn't want her to be upset on Christmas. Deep down, I realized that I didn't want to ruin the holidays by being ungrateful.

So I smiled at Mary, thanked my parents and waited patiently for my turn to try the guitar. I winced as Mary yanked on the guitar strings and kept telling myself that sharing a Fender Stratocaster with my little sister was better than no Stratocaster at all. ---THE END---

Best Buddies' Christmas Movie Night

Written By: Owen Jefferies

Edited By: Eva Ren

On Thursday, December 15, the students from Eden's SSTC (Student Success and Tutoring Centre) program hosted a Christmas movie and pasta dinner event at Eden High School. The invitation was free of charge and was open to all Eden students.

The event began at approximately at three in the afternoon, with a visit from the Eden mascot. This was a pleasant surprise to all the students hosting and attending the event, and the mascot's visit was accompanied by appropriate

distribution of candy canes to the enthusiastic crowd.

After the departure of the mascot, the students made their way to the seminar room to watch a holiday favourite, National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, on the big screen. It was a great moment where all Eden students, regardless of their age, could come to just unwind in front of a hilarious movie with their friends.

Before the movie had ended, dinner was served in the SSTC common area. The SSTC staff had generously prepared

salad, garlic bread, and delicious pasta for the attending students to eat, which

they did with great enthusiasm.

Once dinner had been served, the students returned to the seminar room and finished watching Christmas Vacation. We hope the SSTC students and staff will be willing to host such a fun event again sometime soon!



I Matter Christmas Concert

Written By: Iain Lockhart

Edited By: Jessica Glanzmann

Students fortunate enough to be eligible for the buyout or those who attended the buyout on December 8th witnessed the annual winter concert put on by the music department, which was led by

Mr. Gay and Mr. Moccio. Both shows were held in the chapel area and were a massive success. The acts were a mix between class bands including grades 10 and 11/12 instrumental classes, and extracurricular groups such as the chamber and concert choirs, and the concert band and the jazz ensemble. Altogether this represents about 120-150

students, close to 20% of the school's population. The preparations for this concert were under way as early as late October, so the success of the concert was very important.

According to Mr. Gay, there are many reasons as to why the concert was put on. “Music is referred to, along with

dance and drama, as a performing art.” he explained. “The art is meant to be performed, and you can perform for yourself and yourself only, but it’s really nicer to be able to share your gifts with an audience.” For the students representing the music classes, this also served as a culminating activity for their course. Despite the history of the concerts, Gay finds that they have been all equal; “They’re always really strong, I would say it was as strong as any of the previous concerts.” Despite this, the concert *was* attended much better than last year; when attendance hit a more noticeable low.

Slice of Advice

Written By: Bailee Huebert

Edited By: Braeden Miller

Q: I don’t have a job and I’m really broke. Christmas is right around the corner and I don’t know how to buy on a budget. How can I give great presents with little cost?

A: Finding cheap but amazing Christmas presents is really hard, especially when you don’t have a job, or a car to go shopping. Plus school gets in the way sometimes. I know that the holiday season can bring stress to a lot of people gift wise, so here are some tips and tricks to keep yourself on a present budget.

My friends and I always do Secret Santa every year. This way you can set

Boys Basketball Standard Tournament

Written By: Rebecca Koole and Claire Terrio

The St Catharines Standard Basketball tournament has been a tradition in the

Despite the immense opportunity to up the ante and step things up further next year, Mr. Gay found things satisfactory at the point at which the concerts have been for a number of years. “We (Mr. Moccio & I) want to make the program interesting for the students. If the students are playing music they’re not excited about, the music doesn’t sound exciting.” This represents how much the concert is not only for the audience, but for the students as well. Live performances are an invaluable experience for any aspiring musician. The musical program at Eden is also built

a low limit for how much you can spend and you don’t have to get every friend or family member a present. Plus Secret Santa is super fun, and the mystery keeps you on your toes.

I would also like you to introduce you to my best friend: Pinterest. Even if you are not very crafty, it has millions of great do-it-yourself presents that are super easy to make. Even if your creation doesn’t turn out perfectly; like when you try and make a reindeer thing but it turns out looking like a candle, it’s the thought that counts, and I’m sure your mom will love it.

Another way to stay on budget is to do group gifts. It’s pretty common to do it with family members. Let’s say that your mom wanted this blender, so all the

community for a long time, and this year was no different. Eden’s senior boys basketball team had yet another strong go at it this year. The starting line up included some of our strongest and most experienced players on the team. These players included: Tom Whitty, Isaiah

around the philosophy of being accessible and exciting, but sounding great as well.

Luckily for music enthusiasts or anyone who missed the afternoon concert, the music department is also planning a spring concert in association with the visual arts department that will contain excerpts from the most talented musicians and artists within the school. This will be set in the gym and be accessible to the *entire* school. Whether it will be able to surpass the winter concert, however, remains to be seen...

kids pool their money and get it for her. It’s really perfect. You don’t need to buy multiple gifts for one person and the more people in on the gift, the less money you have to spend.

Lastly, try and be a smart shopper. Look through that stack of newspapers on your kitchen table and watch extreme couponing. Coupons are a really great option if you want to get someone something that may be over your price range. You should also always keep your eyes open for that big red sale sticker.

Good luck to all those who are doing their last minute shopping and to those who are looking in the bank account not knowing what happened to all that money. Merry Christmas!

Lindsay, Steven Rosts, Eric Foster, Ryan Gilbert. In the first pool play game, Eden played well beating Ridley 40 to 37 with Steven Rosts being the player of the game. Eden continued to push ahead in the second pool play game beating Denis Morris 41-28 with

Eric Foster being dubbed player of the game after scoring 11 points. Eden continued their streak by making it to the Semi-final game. In a neck to neck game, Eden came out ahead over Sir Winston, winning 47 to 45. All this was thanks to Ryan Gilbert, player of the game, who hit the three right at the buzzer. Many remarked at how the

teams were so evenly matched. Thankfully though, Eden came out ahead thanks to the hard work of everyone on the team. Coach MacIsaac remarked, "It was a good start to the season and I'm very proud of how we competed and came together as a team." Eden looks forward to celebrating more successes with this

extraordinary team in the future,



Zone Swim Meet is a Huge Success

Written By: Claire Terrio

Edited By: Rebecca Koole

Tuesday December 8th, Eden's Swim team competed in the Zone Swim Meet for the opportunity to advance to SOSSA and it was a huge success. The meet took place at Brock Pool and the Eden team placed an impressive 5th out of 23 teams lead by coaches Mr. White and Mrs. Doppenberg. The team looks stronger than ever this year with the Senior Girls Relay Medley leading the team by taking first and setting an Eden club record breaking time.

With 23 teams competing in the meet, Eden knew they had to bring their "A" game, but came more than prepared after their many hard practices at the Kiwanis Aquatic centre. Winners of their events were Kylie Arsenault who took first place in 100m Freestyle,

Bailee Huebert, who swept first in 100m Backstroke, 50m Freestyle, and 50m Backstroke, and Grace Coveney who came out on top in 200m Freestyle, 100m Fly, and 50m Fly. Also, in the Boys and Girls Para events Reece Doucett and Brandon Bigger took first in 100m Freestyle. It was an incredible day for the team to see all their hard work paying off in the pool, as many others on the team competed and found success. An unprecedented 18 swimmers qualified for SOSSA, proving Eden is a force to be reckoned with in and out of the water.

The Senior Girls Relay Medley event was dominated by our Eden veterans, Kylie Arsenault, Bailee Huebert, Grace Coveney, and Jordan Loon. The girls quite literally swam away with first place and a record breaking time for our Eden Club. Kylie Arsenault comments on their success and goals for the rest of the season, saying:

"All of our hard work and dedication paid off in the pool when it counted and I'm so excited to have the chance to compete for the third year in a row at SOSSA. The relay girls are very proud to have broken the club record and are working hard at our goal to break our OFSAA time. We have our eyes set on OFSAA finals and with continued hard work we believe this is attainable."

Congratulations to all who competed on your success and good luck at SOSSA on February 8th. Eden couldn't have asked for a better team to represent us so well in and out of the pool. Good luck Flyers!



Student Council Update:

Student council is in full swing as the Christmas season approaches. While Abby Miloud is working with her team to bring us yet another spirited assembly, Owen Jefferies works hard to bring us the much anticipated annual

bake sale and renowned Market Day. Similarly, PR, run by Eva Ren, as well as Spirit, run by Matt Puglisi, are working hard to promote and encourage the Christmas spirit. Athletics (Connor Van Tol) as well as Service (Rebecca Koole) are also giving their all to insure

yet another awesome Christmas season. From bake sales, food drives, assemblies, and fundraisers galore to fun activities and more, student council has their hands full. As the year nears the end, Eden's student council executive wishes everyone the best of

Merry Christmas!

-FROM YOUR STUDENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE TEAM

times during the holiday season and an enjoyable break.

"I am so excited for this year's market day and Christmas assembly. We have been working so hard on everything and I sincerely hope everyone is enjoying Christmas at Eden!"-Owen Jefferies (Head of Fundraising)

"This has no doubt been one of the wildest and most fantastic school years Eden has ever seen! I can't wait to end 2016 off with a huge bang and a week of crazy awesome Christmas activities!!"-Abby Miloud (Student Body Vice President)



***Student council executives relaxing after a long but exciting few months!*

"Nothing but excitement from our student body as 2016 comes to an end with a lot of Christmas fun! Big things to come in the new year!"-Matt Puglisi (Student Body President)

"Coming into this year I knew it would be something special, but I never knew how extraordinary it would really be. It is so exciting that we have accomplished so much thus far, and hopefully this will continue next semester!"-Rebecca Koole (Head of Service)

"It was an absolute blast promoting the Christmas festivities at Eden, and I cannot be more proud of what every executive and their respective committee have accomplished this year. Cannot wait for what's in store for us after the holidays!"-Eva Ren (Head of Public Relations)

Jokes:

By: James Maier, Victor An, Owen Lailey, and Rebecca Koole

For when you need a pickup line:

For people who like Chem:

If you were a nucleus, I'd be an electron, because my whole existence revolves around you.

For people who like LOTR:

Are you wearing a ring? Or have you just always been my precious?

For Christians:

I was reading the book of numbers today, and realized that I did not have yours.

For Jazz band:

Hi my name is Bassel. I love soloing but since I met you, I'd rather do a duet.

For Napoleon Dynamite lovers:

If I was Napoleon Dynamite I would share my tater tots with you.

For Donalds:

I asked Donald Trump for a pick up line. He just showed me his bank balance.

For Card Players:

I have a whole deck of cards but I am missing one. You wouldn't happen to be the Queen of my Heart would you?

Q: What ailment are people most susceptible to around the holiday season?

A: *Tinsil-itis*

Q: What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?

A: *Claustrophobic*

Santa's elves are just a bunch of subordinate Clauses.

When someone tells you they forgot to get you a present you just tell them....
"All I want for Christmas is your presence."

