

The 2019/20 school year has now come to a close. And what year it was! Due to COVID 19, and the unprecedented times that we found ourselves in, the second half of the school year was certainly very different, and perhaps quite challenging for many students and families. That said, at GLC, the year did end on a positive note for the majority of the members of our learning community, not the least of those, our graduates! A significant milestone for any student is graduation, and the graduating class at GLC was 48 strong! These young people attended school for at least the past 13 years, and persevered through some difficult times, to make it to the finish line. They demonstrated courage, resiliency and tenacity.

The graduation ceremony was held on Monday, June 15th, at Peace Portal Alliance Church, and it was a tremendously successful and memorable event! Once again, congratulations to the “Class of 2020” for bringing your goal of a high school graduation to fruition. We are so very proud of you, and wish you every success with all your future endeavours!

Throughout the year, our learning centre offered a number of activities, ranging from a variety of field trips, guest speakers and fabulous feasts, to sports events and workshops. These events made available to students were designed to enhance their learning, and enrich our culture. Thank you to staff for your careful effort with helping to ensure students were made aware of all these possibilities readily available for them. Your unwavering dedication and commitment to bettering the ‘life chances’ of all our students, through equipping them with the necessary knowledge and skills to be productive citizens, does not go unnoticed. To the students and parents of our community, we appreciate your contributions and willingness to work with us. We are a village! We are a team! It is this community effort (students, parents, families, staff, community partners and agencies), that helps to ensure that GLC is a respectful, safe, and healthy learning environment for all who enter our doors. Good schools just don’t happen. It takes vision, commitment, passion and hard work for all involved. We have a robust culture at GLC, one that we can all be proud of!

Accompanying this newsletter is your child’s final report card for this school year. If a course is only partially completed, an “I” will be in the F (Final) column. When a student returns to GLC, or registers at another learning centre, they will have the opportunity to continue from where the course was left in June. If a student is not returning and the course is not completed, course credit will not be given at the mainstream school. Please contact the school if you have any concerns regarding your child’s report card and/or achievement.

Registration **for the 2020/21 school year begins Monday, August 31, 2020**. Students with plans to return to GLC must re-register. All registrations will be reviewed to ensure that GLC is the most suitable learning environment for each student.

Please note that due to the ongoing pandemic, and how quickly things can change, it is very difficult to predict what the return school will look like for September, or how things will unfold for the 2020/21 school year. In late August, a newsletter, along with our **school calendar for 2020/21** outlining **school start-up dates, the school timetable**, and other relevant information, will be posted to our **school website** as well as emailed to families of students returning to GLC. Too, be sure to check the school district website for current and relevant updates.

Lastly, on behalf of the GLC staff, have a safe, healthy and restful summer.

Regards,

Aileen Kinsella, Principal