

The Grove

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

April really leaned into spring at NGS, and we were right there with it. The energy picked up, the days felt a little brighter, and both our campuses were buzzing with the kind of curiosity, creativity, and connection that make our school so special. From the confidence and poise on display at *The Art of Speaking*, to our two music evenings, *Star Rise and Star Dance*, that were equal parts of joy and jaw-dropping talent, our students found so many ways to share their voices, and they did not disappoint!

And the learning? Just as lively. Our Grade 10 students rolled up their sleeves for hands-on scientific discovery (dissections included!), while our younger learners welcomed *Scientists in the School* and asked the kind of big, wonderful questions we love to hear. At our Etobicoke campus, spring planting got underway - a perfect, muddy-handed reminder of growth, care, and our connection to the world around us, especially as we marked Earth Day together.

On the fields and courts, our teams showed real grit and teamwork, bringing home championship titles, while the Senior School semi-formal gave students a chance to connect, celebrate, and enjoy a well-earned evening together.

In short, April was in full bloom - busy, joyful, and full of the moments that remind us what NGS is all about: engaged students, passionate staff, and a community that truly shows up for one another.





ART OF SPEAKING

THE POWER OF VOICE



Our Art of Speaking event for grades 1 – 12 was a powerful reminder that public speaking is more than a skill - it is a lifelong asset. As I said at each event - the ability to communicate ideas clearly, confidently, and with purpose empowers our students not only in their academics, but will set them up for success after graduation. Whether presenting an argument, sharing a story, or inspiring an audience, strong communication builds confidence, critical thinking, and leadership. It was inspiring to see our students rise to the occasion, finding their voices and using them with clarity and courage! Congratulations to the following students:

Grade 4:

1st: Anaya S
2nd: Neeve P
3rd: Paaras D

Grade 9:

1st: Gurnoor D

Grade 10:

1st: Sofia V

Grade 11:

1st: Amanda Y

Grade 5:

1st: Wisam E
2nd: Azaad D
3rd: Delvero K

Grade 12:

1st: Hala E



Annual Visual Arts Showcase

TUESDAY, MAY 5TH



Just as inspiring as last year, please save the date for our Annual Visual Arts Showcase on May 5th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. This evening will celebrate the creativity and dedication of our students across all grade levels as we transform our school into an immersive museum showcasing their amazing work. This year we will be hosting a “Coffee House” (cash only), and all proceeds will go back to the Arts department! No sign up is necessary – just show up!

What to Expect:

- K-2: Exploring Pattern
- Grades 3-5: Art and Identity
- Grades 6-8: Pop Perspectives
- Grades 9-10: Traditional Mediums
- Grades 11-12 and Film and Photo: Independent Inquiry





Music Nights:

CELEBRATIONS IN RHYTHM
AND MOTION!



Our two music evenings, *Star Rise and Star Dance*, were nothing short of spectacular celebrations of talent, creativity, and joy across Grades 5 (and some grade 4's!) through grade 12. From the first note to the final bow, our students truly shone, filling the stage with energy and confidence. Both music nights with the underlying theme of "Dance" brought rhythm and movement to each evening, reminding us that music is not only something we hear, but something we feel and express!

These evenings would not have been possible without the dedication and passion of our Music Teachers, Ms. Dupuy, Mr. Michalski, and Mr. Alonso whose leadership continues to inspire a love of the arts in our students. Thank you as well to Mrs. Mehra and Mrs. Hewitt and their team of teachers, along with the backstage crew of students who brought these performances to life - your efforts ensured that each night was as seamless as they were memorable.

Congratulations to Japman on receiving the Graydon Foster Award - a truly significant and highly respected honour at NGS. This recognition speaks volumes, and Japman is a most deserving recipient.



Celebrating Earth Day at the Etobicoke Campus:

SMALL HANDS, BIG IMPACT!




In celebration of Earth Day, our students at the Etobicoke Campus quite literally got their hands dirty - planting vegetables in the school garden and bringing learning to life in the most meaningful way. This hands-on experience connected students to the life cycle of nature, deepened their understanding of sustainability, and highlighted the care and responsibility that comes with nurturing our environment. There was a wonderful sense of pride and purpose as students worked together, knowing that what they planted today will continue to grow in the weeks ahead - a perfect reflection of the learning and growth we value every day at NGS. Let's see what the radish plants look like in a few weeks!



Hands on Learning

GRADE 10 SCIENCE RAT DISSECTION!



Hands-on learning came vividly to life in our Grade 10 Science classes through the rat dissection experience. There was, understandably, a moment of hesitation as students first approached the task - but that quickly gave way to intense focus and curiosity (and, in many cases, a surprising level of enthusiasm!). While challenging, this work offered students a meaningful opportunity to deepen their understanding of anatomy and biological systems in a way that textbooks alone cannot provide. Mrs. Hariri and Mrs. Mehra provided the students with an opportunity to engage directly with real specimens, which fostered curiosity and critical thinking, while examining the complexities of living organisms. It is through experiences like these that NGS students move beyond theory and develop scientific skills, confidence, and a deeper appreciation for the study of life itself.

Junior School Musical Production

SUMMER CAMP: JK - GRADE 4: WEDNESDAY, MAY 27TH

Summer Camp: The Musical is in full swing! Our students are hard at work rehearsing during music class alongside our amazing music teachers, Mr. Michalski (Director) and Ms. Dupuy, with additional support from Ms. Hewitt and Ms. Mordi (Co-Director). We invite you to mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 27th at 5:00 PM in our Athletic Centre. More details regarding purchasing tickets will be sent out shortly”.

Parent Workshops

DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO
LEARN TOGETHER AS A PARENT
COMMUNITY!



Workshop #1: Growing Up Safely Online, Thursday, May 21st @ The Main Campus

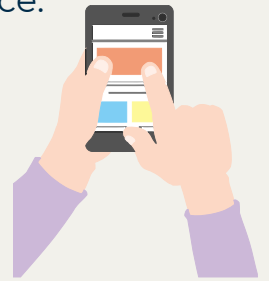
In response to parent feedback and a growing interest in learning more about effective tools and strategies to safeguard children online, we are pleased to offer an upcoming parent workshop, Growing Up Safely Online on Thursday, May 21st at 9:15am. Together, we can ensure our children are not only safe online, but also confident, thoughtful, and responsible digital citizens.

What you'll learn:

- Practical tools to monitor your child's devices
- How to build critical thinking, resilience, and responsible digital habits
- How schools and families can work together to keep kids safe online

We are especially excited that this session will be led by one of our own parents, Rob Di Ciano, making this a meaningful "parent-4-parent" learning experience.

[Register here for the Workshop](#)



Workshop #2: Supporting your child's emotional world, raising calm, confident, and capable children @ The Etobicoke Campus

Join our Principal, Dr. Diab, for an engaging, practical conversation where we'll unpack how to support our children emotionally and socially, and what they need from us to grow into confident and resilient learners. Walk away with meaningful and simple strategies to support stronger connections at home.

[Register here for the Workshop](#)





NGS Athletic Awards

HONOURING HEART, HUSTLE, AND TEAMWORK!

Athletics continues to be a vibrant and integral part of life at NGS, with our student-athletes demonstrating commitment, dedication, and school spirit across every season. We are looking forward to celebrating these achievements at our upcoming Athletic Awards Ceremony on May 21st at 6:30pm, where we will recognize more than 60 varsity teams. It promises to be a special opportunity for our coaches, who are eager to come together, to honour the hard work, growth, and successes of our athletes. Stay tuned for more information from Mr. Nick Zero regarding the timing and details of the event.

Credit Courses and Camps!

As you plan for the summer months, we encourage our senior students to consider taking a Summer Credit Course through Newton's Grove. Earning a credit over the summer is a valuable opportunity to get ahead and open up greater flexibility and choice in course selection throughout high school. Another important advantage of completing your summer credit at NGS is that the course is fully integrated into your Newton's Grove transcript. This ensures continuity in your academic record, so that when your transcript is shared with universities, it reflects your work within your home school community.



Summer learning at NGS is both focused and supportive - helping students make meaningful progress while maintaining balance in their schedules. Should you need any further information, please contact Dr. Diab @ ediab@newtonsgroveschool.com.

As well, please log on to our website and check out our amazing Summer Camps!

Be sure to register early for the Summer Credit Courses and Summer Camps!

[Register Here](#)

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Inspired Global Summer Camps enrolments are open!
Don't miss out - Inspired families get a **10%** discount




Discover all day and residential camps [HERE](#)

 **9 Camps available, 6 countries**




 **Discover Portugal** Discover more [HERE](#)

Get ready to discover the Portuguese coast through coastal adventures such as coasteering, dolphin watching, surfing and rafting, combined with cultural excursions across Lisbon, the Algarve and beyond.

 **Cascais, Portugal** Discover more [HERE](#)

In scenic Cascais on the Portuguese Riviera, campers take part in Academics and aquatic and outdoor activities such as kayaking, climbing, hiking, sports and excursions to Lisbon, Sintra and local natural parks.

 **The Bahamas** Discover more [HERE](#)


At King's College School in The Bahamas, students enjoy marine-focused experiences including scuba diving and marine science, or sports of Football with Real Madrid Clinics with skills soccer, Tennis or Rowing set against the backdrop of Nassau's beaches and tropical environment.

 **Montreux, Switzerland** Discover more [HERE](#)


The St. George's International School camp in Montreux combines lake and mountain sports, Football with Juventus Academy, Tennis and Academics with excursions and water activities amid the Swiss Alps and Lake Geneva

 **Berkshire, England** Discover more [HERE](#)

In the English countryside at Reddam House Berkshire, the camp offers a broad programme of skills development in sports, wilderness adventure, Performing arts with West End professionals and academics while building teamwork and cultural activities in a historic rural setting.

 **Milan, Italy** Discover more [HERE](#)

The International School of Milan's summer camp centres on creative and cultural exploration, with fashion, art, Italian language and design activities complemented by visits to Milan landmarks.

 **Sotogrande, Spain** Discover more [HERE](#)

At Sotogrande International School in southern Spain, campers are immersed in sports, outdoor pursuits and creative activities within a Mediterranean context surrounded by golf courses and coastal landscapes.

 **Toledo, Spain** Discover more [HERE](#)

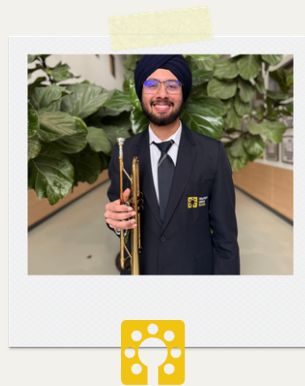
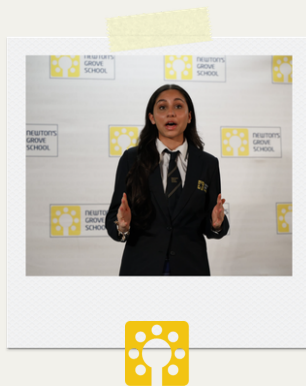
The International School San Patricio Toledo camp marries language learning, Robotics and coding or creativity with Photography and visual arts with adventure and skill development activities against the historical backdrop of Toledo's cultural heritage.

 **Madrid, Spain** Discover more [HERE](#)

At King's College School Soto de Viñuelas in Madrid, the summer programme spans Multi Activity Sports, Football with champions league football coaches, performing arts with Glee Club academy industry leaders and academic-enrichment opportunities on a sprawling, nature-rich campus.

Important end of School Dates! Mark your calendars for the end of the year celebrations!

- JK/SK Closing Ceremony: Wednesday, June 10 @ 9:15am
- JK – Grade 1 Closing Ceremony (at EEEYC): Wednesday, June 10 @ 1:00pm
- Grade 1 – 3 Closing Ceremony: Thursday, June 11 @ 9:15am
- Grade 4/5 Closing Ceremony: Thursday, June 11 @ 11:30am
- Grade 6 – 8 Closing/Graduation Ceremony: Thursday, June 11 @ 2:30pm
- Grade 9 – 12 Awards/Graduation Ceremony: Friday, June 12 @ 1:30pm



April was a full and energizing month at NGS, with so many moments of growth, learning, and celebration that truly captured the spirit of our community. As we head into May, there's a great sense of momentum and plenty to look forward to, both in and out of the classroom. I'm excited for what's ahead and grateful to be part of such a vibrant, engaged school community. A sincere thank you as well to all of our parents who contributed to the Faculty and Staff Appreciation Week (May 4th–8th). Your generosity and thoughtfulness mean a great deal. Our faculty and staff bring extraordinary care, energy, and dedication to their work each day, and it will be wonderful to see them recognized next week!

Warmly,



Cheri Grogan
HEAD OF SCHOOL

Should you have any questions or suggestions,
our doors are always open to you!

