

# FEATURED STUDENTS



**AVERY DURHAM, ARIANA SWANSON,  
& DESTINY PADAR**

**JUNE 2025**

We are incredibly proud of three remarkable young ladies from the Davison School's Grade 4 classroom who have truly embraced our Mental Health initiatives in a meaningful and inspiring way!

With a shared love for music and dance, they created an original song inspired by a classroom activity focused on mental health and well-being.

What makes this even more special is that stepping into the spotlight was a big leap outside their comfort zones. None of them are typically the first to volunteer for the stage, and two in particular showed tremendous personal growth by not only performing but also agreeing to have their performance recorded and shared with the entire school.

Their courage and enthusiasm were both unexpected and deeply moving!

These students were inspired by a powerful moment during Mental Health Awareness Week, when staff wore masks to spark conversations about emotional well-being. Their curiosity led to thoughtful questions, and from there, their creativity took flight. By the very next day, they had written a song, choreographed dance moves, and practiced during recess. They even asked their teacher if they could perform it for the class—and that was just the beginning!

They added costumes, refined their routine, and prepared to share their message with the whole school. Their music video debuted at our Monthly Value Awards assembly and was an instant hit—students were humming the tune long after the event!

These three students have demonstrated outstanding leadership, initiative, and empathy. Their project reflects all of our School and Division Values—especially curiosity, inclusivity, and the courage to break down stigma around mental health. They've shown that everyone belongs, and that diversity and self-expression are strengths to be celebrated.

We are so proud of these young leaders for using their voices—and their talents—to make a difference.

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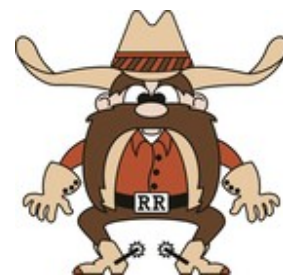
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**KASHTON HILLIER-SASS & KINGSLEY HERMAN**

**MAY 2025**

MusicFest Canada recently held auditions for the prestigious Ellison Canadian Honour Choir (EHC), and we're thrilled to share that Kashton and Kingsley were selected to join this elite ensemble from May 17 to 24, 2025!

The EHC is a national-level honour choir for talented vocalists aged 14 to 24. Members not only gain invaluable musical experience but also become eligible for over \$50,000 in industry-sponsored scholarships. This year, the choir gathered at York University in Toronto for intensive rehearsals and delivered two outstanding feature concerts on May 16, 2025.



Kashton shared: "We were under the direction of Scott Leithead and Kitbielle Pasagui, and Kingsley and I were two of seven people from Saskatchewan. The EHC is a national level choir of 40-50 members, that learn 10-13 pieces a year that should be fully memorized by the end of the week. It moves between Toronto and Niagara every year. We performed twice in one day after four days of learning the music."

Congratulations to Kingsley and Kashton for being selected to perform in a choir of this magnitude - an incredible honour that reflects their dedication, talent, and passion for music at the highest level.





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**BLAKE BILY & BETHANY ROOKE**

**MAY 2025**



Blake and Beth are exceptional students at Churchbridge Public School. As grade 10 students, they have actively contributed to the Student Representative Council (SRC) by organizing events and leading assemblies. Their dedication and enthusiasm make them outstanding candidates for future SRC leadership roles.

In addition to their SRC involvement, they are avid participants in school sports, including volleyball, curling, badminton, and track. Their commitment helps sustain the spirit of team sports in our small school community.

In the senior band class, they lead by example and have been incredibly supportive of our new band teacher. Their efforts culminated in a performance at the honor band in May. As high-achieving students, they embody our school motto, "Lead the Charge!"

## CONGRATULATIONS!

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**JORJA STANLEY**

**MAY 2025**

Jorja Stanley is a Grade 6 student from Saltcoats School. Jorja has achieved remarkable success by winning her second consecutive National Archery in the School Program (NASP) Provincial Championship. Last year, she was crowned the Elementary Champion, and this year, in her first year of eligibility, she has become the Middle Years Champion.

Her outstanding performance also propelled the Saltcoats Mustangs to victory in the Provincial Middle Years Team Championship.

Beyond her archery accomplishments, Jorja excels academically and is an award-winning gymnast.

*Congratulations, Jorja!*



Saltcoats Mustang Middle Years Archery Team



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## TIA AND TESSA KESHANE

APRIL 2025

These sisters are quiet leaders at Dr. Brass school, setting an exemplary standard for both their peers and younger students. They lead by example and are role models in every sense.

Their active participation in extracurricular activities and willingness to volunteer for leadership roles, such as assisting at assemblies and making morning announcements, is truly commendable.

Tia is a dedicated member of our Performing Arts Academy, where she has taken on a leadership role as a second-year student. Her commitment to learning new skills is unparalleled, and she is currently spending extra time after school with Miss Tammy to enhance her dance abilities.

Tessa is a talented student in our Visual Arts Academy, consistently producing high-quality artwork that amazes everyone. Both sisters are actively involved in school activities, having been leaders on the basketball court and dedicated members of our girls' basketball team.

When we teamed up with Columbia School halfway through the season, they welcomed and supported our new teammates. Additionally, Tessa participates in the school curling and badminton teams.

Both Tia and Tessa serve as representatives on our school SRC, with Tessa also being a student rep on our SCC. Tessa has represented our school at the centralized student senate and is a member of the school band program.

Outside of school, the sisters are involved in Boys and Girls Club programming and have taken guitar and drumming lessons. Together, they manage a weekly paper route. Tia also participated in the girls' community basketball program this year.

**These girls are shining examples of what it means to be well-rounded students and community members!**



Tia Keshane



Tessa Keshane



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**SAGE MANKO & MARION AJIBOYE**

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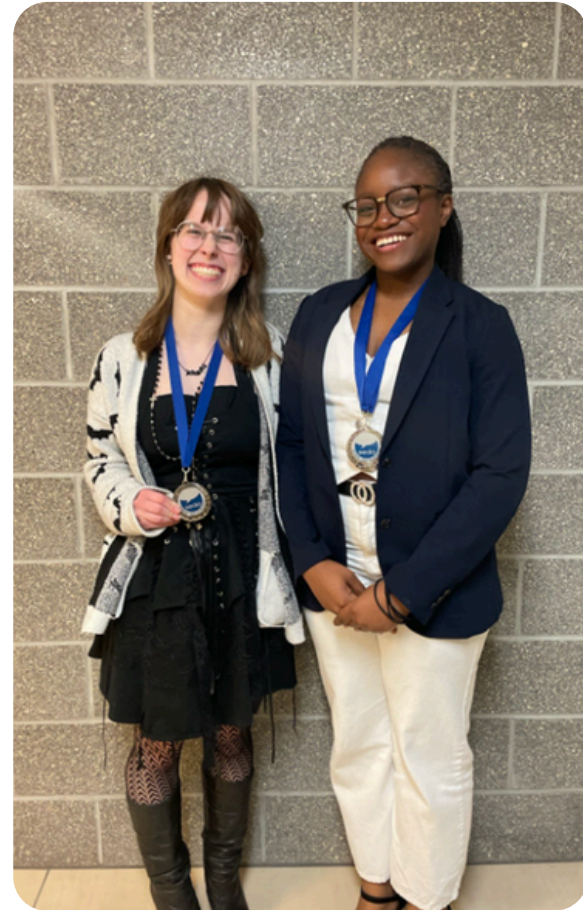
Marion Ajiboye and Sage Manko are a dynamic debate duo who have helped put Melville Comprehensive School back on the debate map in our province!

Sage and Marion partnered up in early fall to begin competing in the Saskatchewan Elocution and Debate Association's (SEDA) tournaments. They competed in five regular season tournaments on prepared topics like energy conglomerates and the nationalization of resources in Congo, as well as motions they didn't know about until only thirty minutes before the debate, such as the intention of thrifting and whether Santa Claus' nice and naughty list should be abolished.

Marion and Sage were undefeated in the regular season, winning first place as a team in each tournament they competed in, and taking turns bringing home first place speaker medals in every tournament as well. Marion and Sage finished second place as a team at SEDA's provincial tournament, which was held in Regina on March 15, 2025.

**Competing in debate requires mental acuity, hours of preparation, patience, stamina, and most importantly, confidence. Preparation for debate competitions requires participants to attempt to think ahead to the point of hypothesizing every possible argument the opposing team might come up with and having enough evidence to factually refute it.**

**Sage and Marion have poured their time and their hearts into debate this year and have made both MCS and GSSD very proud. Congratulations!**



*pictured above L-R: Sage Manko, Marion Ajiboye*



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## CORDAE CREE

APRIL 2025



Cordae Cree, a Grade 9 student at Canora Composite School, is a kind, creative, and hardworking individual who brings a positive energy to the school community. He is a natural leader and mentor, always ready to support his peers both in the classroom and during extracurricular activities.

Cordae excels in Arts Education, particularly in drawing and drama, where he showcases his vivid imagination and storytelling abilities. He also puts forth his best effort in other areas, especially in Physical Education, where he demonstrates both skill and great sportsmanship.

One of Cordae's greatest strengths is his kind and caring nature. He is known for always looking out for others and has a unique ability to make people feel included and supported. He naturally steps into mentorship roles, guiding and encouraging others with patience and enthusiasm. Cordae takes great pride in being recognized for his dedication and hard work, and his positive influence helps foster an inclusive and supportive school environment.

*With his creativity, leadership, and caring nature, Cordae truly deserves to be recognized as a Featured Student in the Good Spirit School Division!*



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## KAEL SCHELL

APRIL 2025

Kael Schell is a Grade 8 student at Dr. Brass School, excelling academically. Since Grade 4, he has been a dedicated member of the hockey academy, demonstrating leadership on the ice.

Kael is actively involved in student governance, serving as a Student Senate representative, SRC President, and student representative on the SCC.

An accomplished musician, Kael has taken numerous piano and guitar lessons over the years. His athletic involvement spans across various school sports, including Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Curling, Badminton, and Track and Field. As a first-year player on the U15AA Sask East Oilers, Kael continues to showcase his talent. Additionally, he has played on Tier 1 Baseball teams for the past few years.

**Kael is known for his quiet confidence, making him a respected and well-rounded individual!**





# FEATURED STUDENT



**KAITLYN SLINGERLAND**

**MARCH 2025**



Kaitlyn is a Grade 5 student at Miller School. As the youngest of seven children, one might expect Kaitlyn to rely on others to do things for her. However, that is not the case. Kaitlyn is actively involved and excelling in her academics and extracurricular activities at Miller School.

We are impressed and amazed at how much Kaitlyn has grown this year. As the last Slingerland child to attend Miller School, she has taken on a leadership role, often seen helping younger students with whatever they need. Her biggest contribution is during the hectic end-of-day routine, where she regularly keeps all the Kindergarten and Grade 1 students in check and assists the staff in getting them on the correct bus. Thank you, Kaitlyn, for making life so much easier!



Kaitlyn is also very active in 4-H and participates annually in the oratory competition and is dedicated to her farm life and family.

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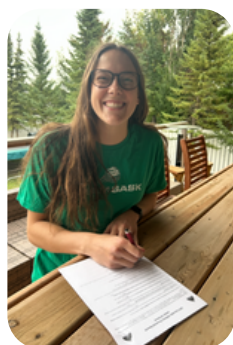


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## BREE UNCHULENKO

MARCH 2025



Bree Unchulenko, a Grade 12 student from Esterhazy High School (EHS), stands out for her drive, enthusiasm, work ethic, and commitment to volleyball and her studies.

Bree has been involved in various activities, including volleyball, track and field, cross country running, basketball, badminton, intramural curling, archery, and school reach. She has shown exceptional leadership by organizing and leading the Volleyball Heat camp for the past three years, securing sponsorships to offer it free of charge. Bree has been the captain of her EHS volleyball team, Team SK, and her Club Volleyball team, and she assisted the Junior B girls' volleyball coach for a season.

Bree consistently earns a place on the Principal's List and achieves Honour Roll status each year. She has been named MVP in volleyball, is a national volleyball bronze medalist, secured 5th place in Club Volleyball, and was named EHS Athlete of the Year in 2019/20. Bree is goal-driven, self-disciplined, and strives for academic excellence.

Bree's polite and respectful nature, positive attitude, and strong decision-making skills make her a natural leader. She balances schoolwork, extracurricular activities, and other responsibilities effectively. On the court, Bree is positive and encouraging with her teammates, quickly identifying areas for improvement and supporting her team to succeed.



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## BRAYDEN WALKER

MARCH 2025



Brayden Walker is a driven and athletic Grade 12 student at Esterhazy High School (EHS), known for his enthusiasm, leadership, and passion for volleyball. He has been selected to play competitively at Toronto Metropolitan University.

At EHS, Brayden has participated in various activities, including senior volleyball, track and field, golf, badminton, curling, and senior ESA. He captained the senior boys' volleyball team for three years and coached junior boys' volleyball. Additionally, he has mentored younger students through the Big Brothers and Sisters program and played Club and Team Sask. Volleyball for three years.

Brayden consistently makes the Principal's List and Honour Roll. He played a key role in the senior boys' volleyball team winning SHSAA Provincial Gold Medals for two consecutive years and Team Sask. Volleyball earning the SVA Provincial Club Gold Medal in 2024. He was named EHS Boy's Athlete of the Year for the last five years.

Respected by coaches, teachers, and peers, Brayden is well-mannered, mature, and empathetic. He balances academics, athletics, and other activities effectively. His strengths include his endearing personality, encouraging manner, and friendliness.

Brayden is a leader, critical thinker, and excellent problem solver who values feedback for growth. He is committed, respectful, and inclusive.



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## ABBHEY NOREK

MARCH 2025

Abbey Norek is a kind and talented Grade 12 student at Esterhazy High School, known for her drive, enthusiasm, and passion for improving her school and community. She is friendly, always willing to help, and brings positive energy with her creative ideas.

Abbey designed a detailed plan for school container gardens, securing donations for materials and funding. As co-president of the student association, Abbey demonstrates exemplary leadership, organizing events and activities to boost school spirit. She is involved in numerous extracurricular activities, including sports, drama, music, and various clubs, holding several leadership roles.

Abbey is an outstanding actress, performer, singer, musician, and athlete, winning numerous awards. Academically, she consistently earns a place on the Principal's List and Honour Roll with averages over 90%.

Abbey balances her commitments flawlessly and is respected by peers and teachers for her excellent attitude and passion for making a positive difference!



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EMSLEY VAUGHAN & AVA ZAWISLAK

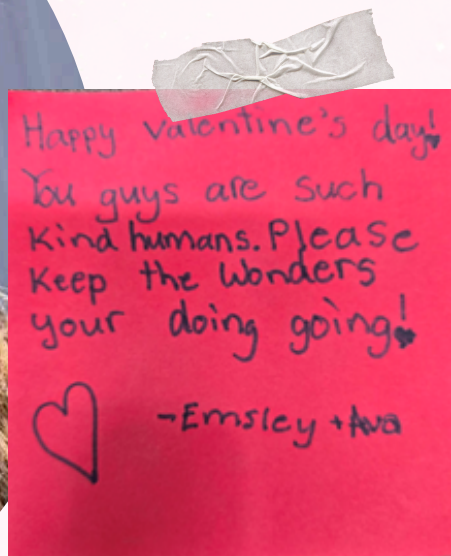
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On Valentine's Day, two thoughtful girls took time out of their busy schedules to spread joy by writing personalized, kind notes for each staff member at M.C. Knoll School.

Their small yet profoundly meaningful gesture not only brightened the day for the staff but also highlighted the girls' remarkable character and empathy.

This act of kindness serves as a beautiful reminder of the impact that simple, heartfelt actions can have!



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## MAKAYLA BONE

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Makayla Bone has distinguished herself as a leader at M.C. Knoll School. She played on the City Championship Volleyball Sr. Girls Team, serves as co-captain of the Sr. Basketball Team, and volunteered as M.C. for the Christmas concert. She also represents our school on the Good Spirit School Division Student Senate and is an active member of the Knights Leadership Club.

Through hard work and dedication, Makayla maintains high academic standing and exemplifies our school values of Relationship, Growth, and Community.

Makayla is known for her respectful treatment of both students and staff, and she actively fosters a positive school culture by welcoming others, encouraging teamwork, and setting an example of kindness and integrity. Her empathetic leadership ensures that every student feels valued and included in school activities!



*Outstanding!*





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## BLAKE ERICKSON

FEBRUARY 2025

Blake Erickson is a Grade 4 student at Preeceville School. He was named as a national ambassador for Breakthrough T1D (previously known as JDRF Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation), a walk that is held each year to help raise funds for T1D research.

Blake has significantly raised awareness about Type 1 diabetes in our school and community. He has even visited our senior science classes to share his insights. Below is the script from a video Blake made, which will be featured on the T1D website.

*"Hi, I'm Blake, I was diagnosed at age 2. I'm 9 now and I don't even remember life before diabetes. I'm excited to talk to you about Breakthrough T1D Walk! It's an annual fundraising event to support type 1 diabetes research, and it's a chance for all of us to come together for a great cause. This year is my 8th Walk. I got involved because I wanted to spread awareness & show support to all those living with Type 1 Diabetes."*

*Type 1 Diabetes impacts an estimated 300, 000 Canadians, and research is crucial to finding a cure. Every step we take in the walk helps fund the life-changing research. You can get involved by signing up to Walk, fundraise, donate or sharing the event with others to spread the word.*

*Join me at Breakthrough T1D Walk or donate today to help end T1D. Thank you for your support. See you at the walk!"*



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## AUSTIN FEHR

DECEMBER 2024

Austin is a Grade 10 student at Canora Composite School. Austin's kind heart and thoughtful nature make him a truly remarkable student. He has a special gift for forming meaningful connections with others, whether writing heartfelt emails to staff members or striking up conversations and expressing genuine interests in others lives. These thoughtful gestures brighten the day of everyone who receives them and reflect his empathetic and caring spirit.

In addition to his interpersonal strengths, Austin has shown tremendous growth in his academic skills and loves learning new things. He has incredibly strong technological skills, such as navigating Google Classroom, and uses technology to guide his communication and his learning.

Austin lifts the spirits of everyone he interacts with through his thoughtful words and actions.

*Austin's growth, kindness, and enthusiasm for learning inspire everyone around him, demonstrating that a love for learning and a kind heart can lead to incredible success!*





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## NASH WANDY

NOVEMBER 2024



Nash Wandy joined Melville Comprehensive School (MCS) as a Grade 7 student this year, and in just a few months, he has made an outstanding impression.

In September, Nash became a key member of the Cobra Cross-Country Team, dominating the 3K U13 boys' category with an undefeated record. Competing in three races, he delivered impressive times, including Deer Park (11:30), Saltcoats (11:43.29), and the East Central Athletics Association District Meet at Yorkton (11:52).



Nash's athletic talents extend beyond running. As a right-side hitter on the Junior Boys' Volleyball team, he quickly established himself as one of the starting players. During the same season, he showcased his versatility by winning the local Pass, Punt, Kick Competition with the farthest kick. His success continued at the regional level, earning him a spot in the provincial competition.



On October 20th, Nash secured the title of Provincial 12-and-Under Kick Boys Champion with a remarkable 98' 2" kick at the 2024 SaskTel Pass, Punt, Kick Competition in Regina. Looking ahead, Nash is excited to represent MCS in junior boys' basketball, badminton, and track and field, all while continuing to proudly wear Cobra purple.

Beyond his natural athleticism, Nash stands out for his work ethic, humility, and sportsmanship. He embraces constructive criticism and uses it to improve, thriving on the opportunity to learn and grow. Whether cheering for teammates or competitors, shaking hands with officials, or being the last to leave the gym, Nash exemplifies what it means to be a true athlete.



**MCS is incredibly proud to have Nash as part of our Cobra family, and we can't wait to see what he achieves next!**