## VINCENT MASSEY 2021-2022

## A year in review

June 2022

At the beginning of each school year, we all look forward to being a part of something great. In what was to be our "rebound year" became our "year for re-awakening the Trojan within us". I believe our greatness has come from our resolve to bring back life we once enjoyed, the way we wish to live, and the strength and talent to do just that. This is our motto in action... "Strength in community."

Our yearbook will tell the story of who we are, what we value, what we accomplished, and how we created our own Massey memories in our own "times" within the 60+ years history of our great school. As you leaf through the pages, I promise you will not be disappointed. Thank you to our yearbook committee for their fine work in capturing our story. Yearbooks are distributed at the end of September.

We thank everyone who led and joined clubs, teams, and initiatives that contributed to the daily life and success of our school. Clubs had unprecedented participation. It was incredible to watch how quickly the vibrant life of our school re-emerged as the year unfolded. We congratulate our Diversify Club for organizing our Black History Month cultural celebration and the Massey Video Club for their Film Festival events. We celebrated wonderful concerts held by our Band, Choral, Jazz Band and Guitar programs. Although not performed to the public, the final dress rehearsal of the "Wizard of Oz" musical was incredible. The "Reawakening" Dance show was our first public performance in the gymnasium. It was amazing and fun. The Monty Hitchock Drama Production was hilarious and professional.

We are also so very proud of the accomplishments of our sports programs. We stand amongst tournament champions, zone champions and finalists, and Provincial champions and finalists. Our teams' record of success after success is incredible. Notable accomplishments as each of the seasons unfolded include: Junior Varsity [JV] Boys Volleyball (WWAC Champions), Varsity [V] Boys Volleyball (Provincial Finalists), V Girls Volleyball (WWAC Champions and Provincial Final 4), V Boys Cross Country (WWAC Champions and Provincial Finalists), V Football (Anavets Bowl Champions), Boys and Girls Water Polo (Provincial Champions with an additional Boys Team as Provincial Finalists), JV Boys Basketball (Wpg Tier 1 Champions), JV Girls Basketball (Wpg Tier 1 Champions and Provincial Finalists), Girls Indoor Soccer (WYSA Champions), Girls Outdoor Soccer (WWAC and Provincial Champions), and JV Mixed-doubles Badminton Champions. We are proud of our athletes, coaches and teams. Thank you to enthusiastic fans and parents! Go Trojans!

We are proud and thank students who shared their UNESCO take-action projects in the community and school throughout the year. We thank all student leaders from various clubs who pulled together charity and wellness campaigns in times of need.

As a student-body, you have demonstrated unparalleled agility. You have chosen redefinition through resilience. You are exactly the generation we need. You have shown both thoughtful leadership and collective responsibility. As I stated in last year's yearbook, "Much like in the 1920's, as a generation, you are being afforded the opportunity to "transform oneself and society" which is a 5<sup>th</sup> UNESCO pillar that is not often referenced. We are confident that you are developing the beliefs, courage, education, and values in place to define who we are to become. The 1920's were described as "roaring". I look forward to the word that will define the 2020's!"

For returning students, we look forward to your contributions as we start the new school year and all that you will bring in building, continuing, and creating our culture and traditions. For those who have graduated, we hope you share our stories with the world and remember Massey fondly as you transition through the stages of your life. You will undoubtedly continue to accomplish great things and we look forward to hearing about your accomplishments and stories as your lives unfold. We are proud of you... we believe in you... and, we will miss you. Congratulations again!

We are all Vincent Massey Trojans! On behalf of the Massey staff, megweetch... merci... thank you.

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