

Announcements for Thurs. Feb. 3, 2022

Grade 10s from Ms. Parker's semester 1 2D visual arts class please come pick up your sketchbooks this week!

There is a rugby meeting in the large gym today at lunch. All teams, girls and boys, seniors and juniors please come to the large gym tomorrow for an important meeting.

This is a message from the student council. Today's club highlight of the day is Best Buddies. Best buddies club is a global organization that aims to reduce the stigma surrounding intellectual disability. Our club hosts fun interactive meetings to form meaningful friendships with the special needs community at Carson. Join for service hours and for a deeper understanding of communicating with the special education community! If you are interested in signing up, contact Mr. Bronson on Microsoft Teams.

Hey Carson, want to take part in a Waterloo math contest? The Fermat, Cayley, and Pascal contests are open to grade 9 - 11 students. The contest can be completed either online or in person. See Ms. Dai in room D312 to sign up. Registration forms are due February 7.

Hey Grads! Do you want a baby picture in the yearbook plus Parent Displays of Affections? Deadline is February 7

Elijah McCoy

Elijah McCoy was born on May 2, 1844, sometime after his parents arrived in Colchester, Ontario, after escaping slavery in Kentucky, on the famous Underground Railroad network. The McCoy family returned to the USA, like many other runaways, after the end of the Civil War, and settled across the Great Lakes, in Detroit, Michigan.

Although Elijah received an engineering degree in Edinburgh, Scotland, he was refused work in this field after returning to the United States, due to racist practices. So, he accepted a job as a “fireman” on the Michigan Central Railroad, which meant that he shoveled coal into the train’s furnace. My maternal grandfather did the same job on a train line that operated between Houston, TX and New Orleans.

After awhile, Elijah noticed that trains had to make frequent stops in order for some parts to be manually lubricated. In 1872, he patented a “lubricating cup” that automatically dripped oil onto the machinery. This invention soon became in much demand, around the world. It was also adapted for ships, farming equipment and later automobiles.

Many imitations followed but didn’t work as well. So, customers began asking for the “real McCoy”. This term has since come to refer to any genuine quality product. Before his death in 1929, Elijah McCoy had accumulated 57 patents, mostly related to the railway industry. “He was a son of one railroad, a father of another.” Ingenious Magazine. (2017) **Black History. Learn about it!**

