

Cedar Heights Middle School IB Students of the Month - January 2021 - Open-Minded

Grade	Student	Reason
6th Orange	Caroline Wise 	Caroline uses critical and creative thinking skills to analyze and take responsible action on complex math problems. Caroline is writing her own book called The Broken Oaths. Caroline makes reasoned, open-minded ethical decisions. Caroline is responsible, kind, excellent mathematician, welcomes classmates, and listens to ideas from all in science.
6th Yellow	Gabe Straws 	Gabe Straws is a great representative of an Open-minded student for our class. For example, he recently recognized similarities between Ancient India's healthcare system and modern Canada during our studies. He's also very appreciative and supportive of other students' personal experiences when they share with the class. The way he values others' opinions and shows encouragement is contagious.
6th Blue	Allison Hall 	Allison continually reaches for new heights when learning. She does not hesitate to ask for help during Zoom or to help someone else if it is needed. She is truly open-minded about accepting her mistakes, as well as those made by others. During her ELA class, Allison has been studying the time period of the Great Depression, a time of impoverished social classes and racial divide. She has offered deep, insightful conversation that has demonstrated an open-mindedness and sensitivity towards the conditions of others. Allison is an easy choice for our Open-minded Student of the Month!
6th Black	Aidan Lieske 	Aidan Lieske is our Open Minded student for January. Aidan seeks out feedback on his writing assignments, and he uses feedback to grow and improve as a writer. He is always kind and respectful to his teachers and classmates. Aidan demonstrates an open mind in his willingness to share his thinking during class while also remaining open to the opinions and perspectives of others. Additionally, Aidan has been very open minded to Mrs. Myers and her new teaching styles and learning platforms.

7th Black	Xavior Thiele 	Xavior loves to moderate our classroom discussions. He listens to everyone's point of view and is always very respectful of differing views. Xavior is open to new ideas that differ from his own and seeks to understand all sides of an issue.
	Angeles Villasenor 	Angeles is in the immersion program and loves the ability to link her heritage with the world. She looks for ways that her Mexican heritage might match or be different from those of others in Spanish speaking countries. She seeks to understand the students in her class that are different and does not judge them or criticize their view point.
7th Orange	Paige Fairfield 	Paige is a newer student to Cedar but has joined my Humanities class as a positive, contributing member who has insightful perspectives. She approaches topics with an open mind and willingness to learn, and her kind, respectful point of view adds to class discussions.
	Brennen Williams 	With the events of the past year, there has been ample time to discuss controversial issues. Throughout these discussions, Brennen has demonstrated respect for classmates with different opinions and has shown an open mind when learning new information that may contradict previously held thoughts. His contributions to our discussions have been valued by his peers because of the respect he has shown others. Brennen stands firm when the information supports his thinking, but is also able to be flexible as new information is shared.

<p>8th Orange</p>	<p>Decan Mulligan-Bowers</p> 	<p>Deacon Mulligan-Bowers is a very well rounded, strong, open-minded student. He always asks the right questions and always participates in discussions thoughtfully. He is open to the ideas of other people, staff and student alike, and carefully considers new ideas and information to fully develop his world view. Deacon is a perfect candidate for this award.</p>
	<p>Mercer Evans</p> 	<p>Mercer is a great student example of being open minded. He listens intently to student and staff opinions with respect. He is willing to ask questions when another's view may differ from his, but he appreciates what other people have to say. Mercer clearly understands that every person comes from a unique set of experiences and seems to like hearing about what others have learned. He is always looking for ways to grow from every experience and clearly wants others to be happy and growing as well.</p>
<p>8th Black</p>	<p>Brianna Kirkhart</p>	<p>Brianna is openminded and she is a student beyond her years. She is kind and considerate, and it amazingly shows on Zoom. She always asks great questions, as she has a zest for knowledge and understanding. This semester, I have seen her grow as she tackles this turbulent year with her open mind and her positive attitude.</p>
	<p>Isabel Haglund</p> 	<p>Isabel Haglund shows how openminded she is in many ways. She is all about learning new things and doing them well. She loves anything about what other countries or people do. She is consistent in her work and does not stop until it is just right, without worrying about getting a better grade, just more knowledge and information. She happily works with any group and leads well, encouraging and helping.</p>