

## **Lindsay Mark for 2017-2018 Co-Prez**

I knew on my first day of grade nine, when I saw the Co-Prezs up on stage greeting us, that I wanted to be up there one day, setting a group of grade nines up for the best possible high school experience. My time at Bluevale has been an amazing adventure, and that was all made possible by the students before us that made their mark on the school. Well - now it's OUR time. This is our chance to make our mark, and I hope to lead the way!

My name is Lindsay Mark and I want to be your 2017-2018 Co-Prez! Ever since grade 9, I've been a spirited Bluevale student, involved in a variety of extracurriculars, such as Choose To Lead, Bluevale Singers, Chamber Choir, FedProv, DECA, Curling, KRT, volunteering for 200+ hours in the community, attending the Canadian Student Leadership Conference and being a Spirit Leader for next year's conference, as well as being a member of KW Glee.

My past two years on KRT have made me understand what it takes to lead the school to a successful year. During my time on KRT I have run Spiritwear sales, the Spirit of Waterloo Pep Rally, and for the past two years the school-board wide Carnations fundraiser! Not only that, but I attend pretty much every school event, and that means that I know what makes a great event, and what we can do to make them even better!

Through my various experiences I have learned the importance of "leaving the campsite better than you found it" and that's what I plan to do - leave a positive legacy and make my mark! I know that with my skills, specifically that I am reliable, passionate, creative, and have experience, that I can make my mark, and help you make yours too! My main goals as your Co-Prez would be to help students connect with more post-secondary resources, showing more support for *all* Bluevale clubs and teams, as well as increasing school spirit and pride.

Through reaching out to alumni and community members, I want to start a program that connects students to real people who work in fields that may interest them. It could help grade

12's narrow down programs to apply to, or schools to check out, and even inspire grade nines to see new possibilities while choosing courses, plus help everyone in between! I know this would really help me, as well as many others, ease their minds regarding post-secondary options.

Since Bluevale really prides itself on being a well-rounded, inclusive school, I think we need a way to showcase that! By creating a seasonal board that highlights all sports, clubs, and activities, plus adding a "Bluevale Suggestions" box for events, announcement music requests, and more, we can really demonstrate how Bluevale truly does value each and every student.

Finally, to better the school community, I hope to create murals in the halls and staircases to create a school environment that really reflects how unique our school, and everyone in it is. I also plan to add more benches around the school so student can have even more places to socialize and hang out with their friends. I would also like to start a school-wide yearly banquet called "Celebrate the Knight" that celebrates and awards excellence in Bluevale academics, sports, clubs, and activities which really demonstrates how Bluevale values every aspect that makes up our school.

By focusing on helping students realize their post-secondary options, showcasing all of Bluevale's amazing extracurriculars and valuing student feedback, as well as increasing the school's sense of community, I know that I can lead Bluevale to an amazing year. Vote Lindsay Mark for your 2017-2018 Co-Prez, and let's make our mark!