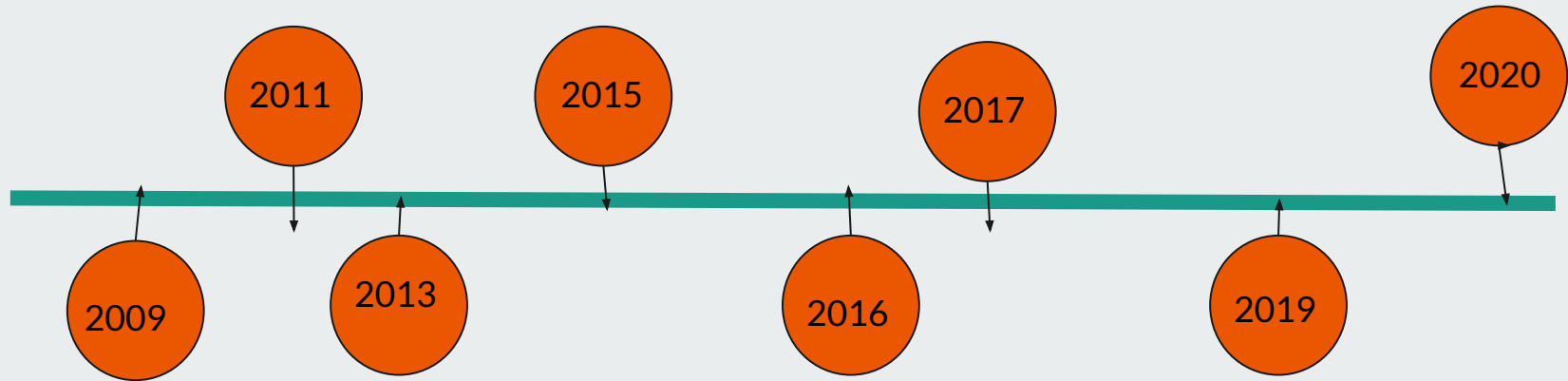
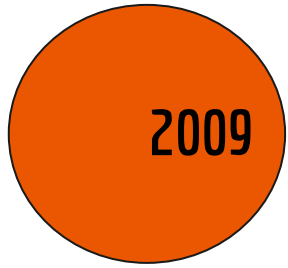




My Education Timeline





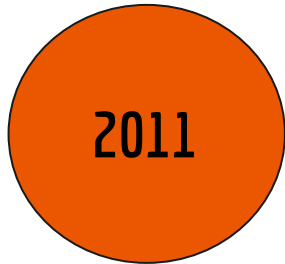
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Grade 4 with Mrs. Rhodes

The first stop on my educational journey is with Mrs Rhodes in grade four. This year I started learning information that wasn't only important to my success as a student but also information regarding my future. Mrs. Rhodes was the perfect mix of caring but also hard enough to push one to produce their best. She allowed me to see success, failure and acceptance all in one year and because of this I pushed myself continuously knowing that I could always fall back on my teacher.



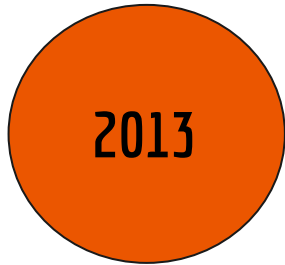
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Grade 6 with Mrs. Venables

My next big step in my journey came two short years later in grade six with Mrs. Venables. Similarly to Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Venables pushed her students to produce their best work. The difference was that Mrs. Venables showed us how to have resilience and compare ourselves to only ourselves and not the outside students. She taught me more about life skills rather than educational materials. She changed the way the rest of my journey has gone, I am only racing myself to achieve a personal best rather than comparing the end result to others.





Grade 8 with Mr. Humphrey

My first year of highschool I had Mr. Humphrey as my social studies teacher. He made the classroom a safe and inviting place for a group of scared eighth grade students. He allowed us to show our learning in a variety of different ways as well as connected the lessons to real life and his personal life. He allowed for education to be a way of connecting with others, interactive and not be restrictive to one learning way.



Actual grade 8 me..



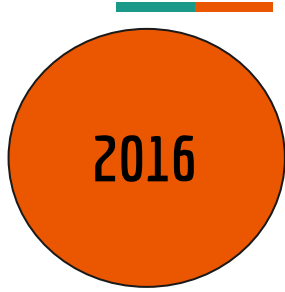
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Grade 10 with Paccagnella

Grade ten was a big year for me, all of my friends and peers started thinking about life after high school and what they wanted to do. The only thing I knew is that I loved school and kids but never really thought about teaching as a career path. Teaching wasn't a possible career path because I would constantly hear about the lack of pay and how anyone could be a "glorified teacher". Ms. Paccagnella changed my thoughts on teachers, she went on trips every year, loved her job and highlighted both the good and bad of teaching. She allowed me to think about the possibility of teaching as a career.



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My Mom

Out of all my influences on my education my mom has to be the most important. My mom is a foster mom and growing up I can't remember a time where we did not have children in the home. I got to experience children of all ages, social backgrounds and ethnic groups learn and feel safe in an environment. I quickly learned that what has happened in the past does not define you and in a safe and encouraging environment everyone has the ability to not only learn but flourish.

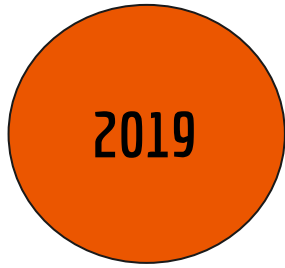


2017

Coaching Volleyball

My experience coaching high school volleyball allowed me to get a peak of what teaching could be like. I got to know the girls on a personal level as well as they looked at me as a role model. This was important for my development as I no longer could be close friends with the girls, I needed to put my professional shoes on and look at what I was doing and saying. The responsibility and tasks that I was expected to do solidified that teaching is what I wanted to do.

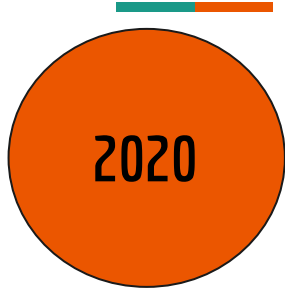




Greece

Going to Greece was an eye opening experience for me, it allowed me to feel like a student again as well as develop a deeper understanding of different cultures and people. It engaged a deeper meaning to travel for me, not just for enjoyment but an immersion of culture and learning. The ability to go somewhere and learn about their culture is such a privilege that I hope to be able to do if I get to teach abroad.





My First Three Years of University

The last three years of my education journey have been so amazing. I have been able to discover so many new courses, make friends from all over the place and solidify the fact that I want to become a teacher. University has allowed me to find my interests and develop who I am and who I want to become. From the lessons Mrs. Venables taught me about being on my own path, I have been able to apply those here and for the rest of my education degree.

