



Gleneagle Secondary NEWS

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Message from the Principal

On behalf of all new students and staff members to our community I would like to thank the Gleneagle community for such a warm introduction to the Gleneagle culture. An impressive number of our new students have already made meaningful connections with classmates, staff, and they are participating in many of our extracurricular and club activities. Our spirit week, which included Halloween festivities, was an amazing demonstration of the caring inclusive culture at Gleneagle.

Our student newspaper, The Edge, is back! Congratulations to the journalism students on the October issue released October 29. It was informative, current, and reflective of the diversity in our school community. The next issue of The Edge will be available Thursday, November 19. This upcoming issue will contain an opportunity for students to put their voice into the graphic design targeted for our school reusable utility bag.

Thank you to the Gleneagle PAC for their continued support of staff and students and the many curricular and extracurricular programs at the school. At the most recent PAC meeting the parents graciously distributed close to \$30,000 of gaming funds to over 20 different departments, clubs, or programs making a difference for every student at Gleneagle. Our next PAC meeting is Monday, December 7 at 7:00pm and all parents are welcome.

We are now approaching the halfway point for semester one. The first formal report card will be distributed to students on Monday, November 23. This is an excellent opportunity for students to reflect on their learning to identify what's working and what they would like to change. There is time and opportunity remaining in first semester for students to maximize their learning success. We encourage students and parents to work with classroom teachers and members of our student services team regarding student progress.

Thank you for your continued support.
Ken Cober

On Wednesday, November 4th, all grade 9's participated in Take Our Kids to Work Day. Students were given information in their block 1 classes. They are expected to return the required assignment to their block 1 teachers as soon as possible. Take Our Kids to Work Day is a key component of HCE 9. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Horvath (jhorvath@sd43.bc.ca).

Grade 12's - Grad Transitions

GT is a requirement for graduation and is worth 4 credits. All students must complete the assignments by February 11th, 2016. Exit Interviews will be booked for students on April 13th. Students should go to www.gleneagle.org → "programs & services" → "grad transitions" and follow the instructions on the site. Contact Ms. Horvath at jhorvath@sd43.bc.ca if you have any questions.

Early Grads - Grad Transitions

If you are graduating after semester one, you need to complete the GT assignments and Exit Interview BEFORE the Winter Break. Come down to the Counseling area to talk with Ms. Horvath or email jhorvath@sd43.bc.ca if you have any questions.

Grades 9-11 – Daily Physical Activity

DPA completion is a requirement for all students and must be completed every year. Students should go to www.gleneagle.org → "programs & services" → "grad transitions" and follow the instructions on the site. Contact Ms. Horvath at jhorvath@sd43.bc.ca if you have any questions ***Note: the actual assignment has been updated. DPA reflections should be completed by students by the end of semester one.

Art Department

Our 'Art Careers 12' students are busy putting together their portfolios for application to art school early in the new year. This month, they will be visited by representatives from two prestigious art schools to talk about their programs and to give the students individual advice about their portfolios.

On November 12th, Victoria Dalziel from the University of the Arts, London, UK will visit the class and will give portfolio reviews followed by Rachel Pope from the Emily Carr University of Art & Design who will do the same on November 26th.

These visits give our students valuable insights into the options and possibilities for post-secondary visual arts education after they graduate from Gleneagle.

Math Department

There are two important dates this month for students who have registered to write Math Contests in November:

Thursday, November 5th – COMC

Wednesday, November 25th – CIMC and CSMC.

More details about the classroom locations and exact times will be announced on the TALON talk at the start of respective weeks. The lists of registered contestants for these contests are posted in classrooms 208 and 211. Registration is still open for February and April contests.

International Mentoring Club

Carving pumpkins was something new for Gleneagle's International contingent. Over 40 students showed up on the Thursday prior to Halloween, with little or no idea as to what was involved. Teachers, Lori Gregory and Peri Morenz, taught them to first cut the top, then scoop the goop and finally to create a face. Once they got the idea, some went so far as to use detailed templates creating incredibly spooky images, while others just kept it simple and designed smiley, happy faces. All had fun doing something many had never done before. The International Mentors joined us to hang out, help out and field any lingering questions. Hopefully, someone told them that pumpkins rot after a couple weeks!!!



A BIG thank you goes to the Westwood Plateau IGA for donating all the pumpkins!

Sports



The Jr. girls volleyball team has had a successful run this season so far. The girls' hard work, dedication and amazing attitudes are paying off with some big wins under their belts. The team is gearing up for the district championships and hoping to secure a spot in the Fraser Valley Championships. Keep up the great work, ladies! You have made your coaches very proud.



Congratulations to the senior girls field hockey team, who played like true Talons in every sense of the word. The girls were fierce, passionate, tenacious, and played completely together. Every single girl on the team gave a spectacular performance to bring home the coveted Fraser Valley championship banner by beating their rivals, South Delta, 2-0. The girls will now move on to the BC championships November 11-14 on the island.

Coast 2017

Dear Parents of Grade 9 students:

COAST 2017 application forms and pamphlets will be available starting this week. During November, ex-COAST students will be visiting grade 9 classrooms to handout pamphlets. Also, on Monday Nov 9th at 3:15pm in the MPR, grade 9's are invited to attend an information session run by ex-COAST students and the teachers. If students are unable to attend the after school information session, there will be a pizza information lunch on Wednesday November 25th in room 104.

The Parent Information Night is on Wednesday December 2nd in the library at 7:00pm- 8:00pm. We will share details on the COAST Program, how to apply, and the student selection process.

Applications for COAST 2017 are due to room 104 before 3:00pm on Friday December 18th. For more information please email scsmith@sd43.bc.ca or kbogen@sd43.bc.ca



The Gleneagle Outdoor Club hiked to Garibaldi Lake, a glacial fed lake near Whistler, on the October 25-26th weekend. For some of the students, it was their first major hiking trip. Our goal is always to work well as a team. With no TV or Internet to entertain during the evening, the students played cards, told stories, and made new friends. Gleneagle is known for its clean learning environment and during the trip, the students continued the tradition. We strive to leave a place a little nicer than when we arrived. All of the students made us proud.

Orlando Educational Adventure

Gleneagle's Science Department is planning our school's first science-oriented field trip to Orlando, Florida, for students in grades 10 and 11. This week long trip will take place tentatively April 23 to April 30, 2016. This trip is an excellent opportunity for students to gain hands-on, practical experiences in a number of the branches of science. Students interested in being considered for inclusion in the 2016 Orlando trip, should pick up an application form from Ms. Chung. An information meeting for parents (and students) is scheduled for November 19 at 7:00 pm in Room 225.

S-trip

Over the last week or two, we have received a number of communications from parents inquiring about the S-trip organization and we feel, at this time, that it is important we clarify information with our parent community. Gleneagle Secondary School is not connected with, nor do we support, the student organized S-trips. We believe that there is a potential S-trip being planned now for next year by some students at Gleneagle. S-trips are organized by a private company that specializes in student travel, and the company operates completely independent of the school. The S-trip company usually makes contact with students in the schools to recruit their classmates for the trip, often at school or on Facebook, Twitter, etc. We do not sanction or allow S-trip meetings to occur at school. The information we have about past S-trips indicates that there is a definite difference between both supervision and behavior standards for an S-trip as compared to a school authorized trip. We recognize that it is a family decision about participation in an S-trip activity. We want to make sure families are able to make an informed decision. To that end, we want to make it clear to our parent community that the school is not connected in any way to an S-trip activity.

Important dates to Remember

November 10, 2015	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 11, 2015	Remembrance Day – No School
November 19-26, 2015	Grad Photos (by appointment)
November 20, 2015	School not in Session
November 23, 2015	Term 1 Report Cards
November 27, 2015	Me to We Coffee House
December 7, 2015	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm.
December 16, 2015	Winter Concert 7:00 pm.
December 18, 2015	Last day of school before Winter Break
January 4, 2016	School resumes after Winter Break

Grad 2016 Photos

Grade 12's, book your Grad Photo online at www.artonagroup.com or go to www.gleneagle.org and Click on the **Grad Photos** button and follow the instructions for grad photo sessions November 19th to November 26th. Individual and group photo session appointments are available.



Now is the time to purchase your 2015-2016 yearbook for \$55.00. Yearbook prices will increase to \$60.00 if you purchase after January 2016. Please pay and order one in the office before it is too late.



Winter Weather Ahead!

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if at all possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.

However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure, affected schools will be identified.

The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs **before 6:30 a.m.** so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

While the District tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather does change quickly. Therefore, when schools remain open, decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family.

Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website: <http://www.translink.ca/>

We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: www.sd43.bc.ca

Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>

