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SILENCE IS GOLDEN: Grade 9 Me to We members sell white ribbons to support the Vow of Silence event at school today. Students will wear a ribbon to raise awareness for those children in the world who are not allowed to have a voice.

Volunteer fair helps students find options

BORIS KIM
Staff reporter

Students were welcomed to connect with fifteen organizations at Tuesday's volunteer fair hosted by CON-X.

Students, especially those who are nearing graduation, were welcome to stop by the gym during lunch time and in block three. The event was focused on educating students on opportunities and the types of volunteer opportunities available.

The CON-X volunteer fair committee consisted of **Chris Culhane**, grade 11, **Shem Nashat**, and **Rebecca Suchodolski**, and leader **Zahra Bharucha**, all grade 12. The committee organized and planned the event with organizations including St. John's Ambulance, David Suzuki Foundation, Me-to-We, and the Coquitlam Animal Shelter.

"When I heard about the volunteer fair, I was interested to go because I was told since middle school that volunteering is a big part of getting into university, but I never really knew how and where to do it," said **Jamie Kang**, grade 11. "I found the Coquitlam Animal Shelter interesting because I have a pet of my own and I really like dogs and cats. I think that the volunteer fair was two birds with one stone for me," added Kang.

The volunteer fair not only helped students connect with local groups to help achieve their volunteer hours, but it also opened an opportunity to explore what is available for them in the local community.

"I've always been interested in helping both locally and globally. I, however, was unaware of what organization would satisfy my passion for service the most," said **Diane Kim**, grade 12.

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Students vow to be silent to raise their voices

ASHLEE AHN
Staff reporter

Gleneagle halls will be much quieter today as students take a Vow of Silence to speak out the children who don't have a say in basic rights.

The event sponsored by Me to We club has participating students wear white ribbons and withdraw from all communication including social media for 24 hours.

All proceeds from the fundraising and awareness campaign go towards Free the Children and their adopt-a-village campaign.

"I'm really excited for it because I know we've tried to organize this in years past, but not a lot of people knew about it," said **Jessica Seeman**, grade 11.

"Now that it's actually going to be a thing, hopefully it'll raise much more awareness throughout the school and make a difference"

stated Seeman.

Students participating in the vow of silence can purchase a white ribbon in the foyer for \$1.

The purchase donations will help children from poverty, illiteracy, and happenstance. Donations will go to one of the five pillars: agriculture, water, alternative income, health or education for the children in need.

A list of participating students will be given so teachers are not confused by unresponsive students in class. Teachers have also been asked to schedule activities today that do not require verbal interactions.

"I'm looking forward to seeing an increase of awareness in our school for those without a voice all over the world," said **Alison Kim**, grade 11.

"Hopefully the vow of silence will bring light to some new perspectives!" added Kim.

58 million children aren't in school and 25 million will never have a chance to enter a classroom. "I hope that people will understand how hard it is to not have a voice, even for just one day in our world" said Kim. "By participating in the vow of silence as a group, we make a

more powerful statement to the community, and not only those that are participating are affected. Those surrounding the participants will find themselves affected by the silence as well," stated Kim.

"I expect people to take some time to really think about why they're being silent and what this is really for rather than just being silent and not really knowing what this is all about," said **Eunice Yi**, grade 9.

"This is a good way to open the

"I hope that people will understand how hard it is to not have a voice, even for just one day in our world."

—Alison Kim
grade 11

eyes of many people, and I hope everyone learns something during this whole experience" added Yi.

"Going silent can spark many questions from people. This way, the people that are silent can explain after what the vow of silence is really all about, and it will spread awareness" stated Yi.

The Me to We club seeks to empower youth and help their lives and communities. Their next event will be a coffee house fundraiser on November 27.

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Social media response to Paris attacks raises racist concerns

Today the world is still mourning for Paris after terrorist attacks killed more than 120 people on November 13. Three teams of terrorists planned attacks in public areas such as Stade de France, restaurants, and the Bataclan concert hall. It was of little surprise when ISIS claimed responsibility for the massacres.

In response, France carried out air strikes on Monday against targets in Raqqa, Syria; the militant organization's capital. French attacks were on command and recruitment centers, ammunition storage bases, and a training camp.

Many countries, including Canada, have vowed to stand with Paris and support the French. "We have offered all our help and support to the government of France, to the people of France at this time," said prime minister **Justin Trudeau**. "We'll continue to engage with our allies around the world in ensuring the safety of Canadians and others both here at home and around the world."

While the Paris attacks are horrific, it is even more tragic to see the world and social media express great sadness and unity only when terrorists target a major western city.

Where was the Facebook Kenyan flag overlay when 147 girls were killed by Islamist gunmen in April 2015? Where was the Facebook safety check feature, which allows users to check in to show that they are safe, after the ISIS bombings

in Beirut, Lebanon also on November 13?

Terrorist attacks in non-western countries don't get the numerous Tweets and Instagram posts by celebrities that express their prayers for these victims. Nor do they receive the support of millions of people with their national flags on their profile pictures.

The Paris attacks did spark an international "Pray for the World" trend as some people realized other countries were subjected to terrorism. However, many status updates and #prayfortheworld focused on natural disasters. 1.6 million #prayforJapan tweets followed the 7.1 magnitude earthquake on November 14. Yet unlike the incident in Japan in 2011, which left 18,000 dead or missing, there were no injuries, damage, or even a tsunami warning.

Also emerging through the media are misconceptions. Though undeniable that the actions of the Islamic State are based on their religion, it is misguided to group all Muslims together. Nobody views every Christian as a member of the KKK, or every German as a Nazi.

The hysteria has even caused some northern BC communities to start petitions refusing to accept Syrian refugees, believing that extremists might be among them.

Instead of refusing to accept Syrian refugees, we have to view them with compassion. The same way we should view all victims of terrorism regardless of where they are from or what they believe.



Government propaganda prevalent even in modern media age

CHARLES LEE
Edge columnist

In this world of social media, broadband internet, and unlimited access to news, one would think that using political propaganda would be more difficult. That governments and groups can no longer blind citizens with false images and information because now they can just Google to get the truth.

Or are today's governments and groups any better than those of the past?

Media propaganda used to be widespread, and was especially seen during the world wars. Countries on all sides used propaganda to spread fear and hate. Enemies were openly

mocked, and film footage chosen to make the enemy seem ruthless and relentless.

Billboards, films, and even comics were made to brainwash people into believing their government's cause. Even the first issue of Captain America, a propaganda poster-boy, has him punching Hitler in the face.

Propaganda was used to blind people's judgment so they listened to the government. Most people had very few opinions that contradicted the governments.

One can justify that it was war time and a desperate situation. Governments needed to use propaganda as a weapon to push people into supporting and fighting in wars. But do people need such manipulating?

The internet has opened opportunities to hear about others from around the world. Yet governments and media still try to force people to think in extreme ways.

“After the Paris attack, United States Republicans have said they would ignore all Muslim refugees, many of who are innocent.”

Charles Lee
Edge columnist

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The modern media often portrays western countries as the good guys, while other countries are shown to be bad. They often vilify and antagonize Islamic states, and both current and former Communist countries as if the world is simply the same black and white of old world war news reels.

Countless videos and articles are made and posted on YouTube and social media by governments and private citizen's explaining the threat countries like Russia, North

Korea, and Islamic play in our world.

While there are groups bent on harm and terror, this form of propaganda and broadcasting has gone extreme. Social and traditional media writers, politicians and reporters seem to only show the bad side of Russia, China, and other Muslim countries.

In a June 8, 2015, interview, then Canadian prime minister, **Stephen Harper** antagonizes Russia, saying that Russian leader **Vladimir Putin**, "has no place at the table, and I don't believe there's any leader who would defend Mr. Putin having a place."

Harper talks about how evil Russia is, and how their economy is "dominated by oligarchs and criminal syndicates", without actual facts to back up that accusation.

This is causing people to just listen and antagonize based on what the media tells them. People begin hating groups just because of what the media is telling them.

After the Paris attack, United States Republicans have said that they would ignore all Muslim and spoke as if all are part of ISIS, including Syrian refugees, .

Many speaking out against Islam and Muslims, ignoring the fact that the extremists are only one part of the population.

With the recent tragedy, people should

even be more careful about the blind hate that the government is enforcing.

With the internet, everyone can have their voice, and people should use it to get all sides of the story. That way, our society can focus on those who truly deserve to be punished instead of hating innocent bystanders.



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A PROPAGANDA PUNCH: Even Captain America is not immune from being an agent of propaganda in the first issue of the comic published in March 1941.

South Park PC principal shows danger in taking political correctness too far

BRIAN CHEONG
Staff columnist

South Park fans know that recently the show has taken a hard stance against political correctness. A character named PC principal, (literally politically correct), is livid when the term spokesman is used instead of spokesperson.

In usual satirical South Park style, PC principal beats the student shouting that women are just as capable as anyone.

While clearly exaggerating, South Park is raises valid points about the extremity of modern day political correctness.

Political correctness is using words and behavior that will not offend anyone. The original idea is valuable and noble: to live in a world free of discrimination, racism, sexism, homophobia, and other ugly aspects of society.

Yet the effects of political correctness can be harmful, especially when taken too far. One of the most powerful weapons advocates have is labelling others as racists, homophobes or sexists. Sometimes labels are justified, but other times, it becomes nothing less than a misguided witch hunt.

Being labeled racist, sexist homophobic leads to public shame, even if the person is not a bigot.

Racist is a word reserved for

the most heinous of people, yet it seems the word gets thrown around daily, especially against people who tell insensitive and offensive jokes.

Somewhere along the way, we have convinced ourselves that mislabeling someone a racist, sexist or homophobic carries no problems.

By throwing around these words without restraint, it belittles and distills the true severity of these issues.

Unfiltered bigotry is infinitely more unsettling than a person or comedian who tells an offensive joke. By labeling these two people the same, not only does it unfairly judge the joker, it also makes the term bigot less severe.

Increasingly, people seem to roll their eyes when allegations of bigotry are thrown around. After years of baseless accusations, like when P.C advocates call comedians such as Russell Peters racist, the term itself becomes meaningless. It loses its importance and weight, and that is detrimental to combat true, hateful rhetoric.

One of the biggest contradictions

that occur in the movement is that being overly politically correct can result in more hatred and ignorance. The concept is to not say or do anything that can offend others.

Political correctness stifles public debate on controversial topics as people cower at the thought of being labeled a bigot. Some people use these labels as a way to shut down issues that touch on topics such as race. People were being labeled racists when they spoke their minds during the Niqab debate. This results in important conversations regarding race and gender never happening. We need a place where differing ideas can be presented and collide without fear of being labeled.

Believers of political correctness attempts to stop these conversations from happening because they believe people need to be protected and feel safe. We need to be able to handle opinions uncomfortable and offensive to us. The world is not a homogeneous place of one race, sex, or opinions. As much as politically correct people may try to convince us otherwise with their dull, sterilized neutral words, Canada is diverse, filled with people from all corners of the world. It would be a disservice for all of us to fall victim to political correctness.

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Brian Cheong
Edge columnist

More honoring needed for Remembrance

BEATRIZ ROQUE
Staff columnist

For many, Remembrance Day is now just a distant memory. Students are already looking forward to their next day off, or counting down to Christmas holidays. And so, another year has passed with a large portion of students failing to appreciate the sacrifice of countless Canadian soldiers.

Those who have, and still serve in the Canadian military must be honored for their sacrifice. Yet is having a holiday, which many Canadians do not use to remember these people really the most effective way to do so?

Canadians are given the day off on November 11 to allow everyone the opportunity to commemorate the soldiers who have fought for our freedom. However many students use this day to catch up on homework, sleep in, or get extra hours of work with holiday pay.

Remembrance Day is a federal statutory holiday with the exceptions of Nova Scotia, Ontario and Quebec. Some argue that Remembrance Day is better observed in a ceremony at school, community center or workplace. That people would be more likely to spend time participating and keeping the importance of the day with these organized events.

According to a poll by Historica

Canada, 82 percent of Canadians believe the annual day is as important as it was after world war one.

77 percent of Canadians say they're taking part of the two minutes of silence, while 23 percent say they will attend a service.

However, almost half of those polled don't think youth are taking the time to recognize the sacrifice of military men and women who died for Canadian freedom.

It bothers me that I fall under the category of teenagers who have lacked effort to acknowledge those who have died for Canada.

Until now, I have seen Remembrance Day as a great opportunity to relax within the week as opposed to a day of appreciation. I can't recall a single time my family went to a formal ceremony. I've grown up without any experience or desire to attend any of the larger events that occur all around Vancouver on November 11. Every year, the school-wide assembly and two minutes of silence have been the extent of my participation in Remembrance Day.

However, on next Remembrance Day and the ones that follow, I am

going to do more to engage myself into this important Canadian tradition.

I encourage all students to make a change next year and partake in an official ceremony. If this past Remembrance Day you found yourself at home, sleeping in, or working on other commitments, consider doing something different next November. Attend a ceremony, watch a memorial video, explore your family's connection to service.

Forgetting the sacrifices of the 100,000 Canadians who gave their lives for peace is disrespecting the weight of their actions.

Think of the men and women who didn't make it home or were forced to live the rest of their lives with the physical and mental scars of war.

Think of the children who lost their parents. Think of every dinner table that had an empty spot after the war.

We must be grateful for what we have inherited: a peaceful, prosperous and a free nation. But we must not forget what it cost.

Maybe next year there will be a change of statistics where people notice that more youth are engaged on Remembrance Day. It is never too late to take time to make sure that the sacrifices and the aspirations of peace of the Canadians who devoted their lives to this country are realized.

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Beatriz Roque
Edge columnist

TALONSTalk

With Paris attacks on everyone's minds, The Edge asked: "What's the most shocking global event that you've heard of?"

“9/11, because it wasn't just the twin towers, it was the pentagon, which is the military centre. The towers which are the financial centre, and they were on their way to the white house as well.”

—Mike Milliard
socials teacher



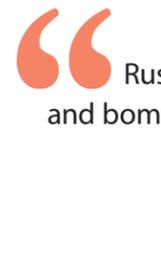
“I'd say USA and Cuba relations taking a step forward, I really wasn't expecting that to happen anytime soon.”
—grade 11



“People spend \$600 billion a year on advertising... and it only takes \$30 billion to end world hunger!”
—grade 9



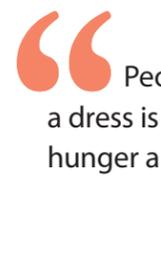
“The entire Syrian conflict, starting from the Arab spring in 2010 to ISIS in 2014 to 2015.”
—grade 12



“Russia invading Ukraine territorially and bombing of the civillian planes.”
—Grace Jensen
science teacher



“The biggest or most shocking global event that I have heard of will have to be the Paris terrorist attack.”
—grade 10



“People think that the colour of a dress is more important than world hunger and religious disparity.”
—grade 12

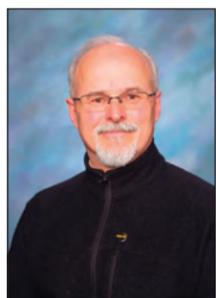


“I would say that, on a historical scale, the most shocking global event I've heard of is the attack on Pearl Harbour, and the following events it sparked.”
—grade 9

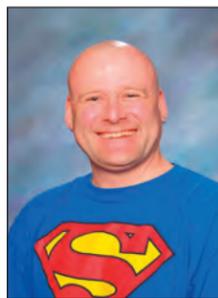
Much maligned mustaches back for Movember

For the last six years, teachers at Gleneagle have participated in raising awareness for prostate cancer. In the month of November, moustaches and beards are grown out to support a good cause. Campaigns will be held across 21 countries and five continents.

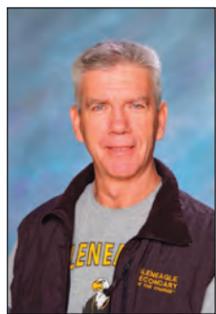
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Andy Albright
English teacher



Scott Findley
English teacher



Doug Mancell
Japanese teacher



Mike McElgunn
Fine Art teacher



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Lifelong memories made at aquarium

ADVENTURE AWAITS UNDER THE SEA: Biology 11 students found themselves immersed in marine animal exploration on a field trip to the Vancouver Aquarium, November 4. The trip allowed a behind-the-scenes look at the Wet Lab where various aquatic species were touched and observed upon by the students. After the lab, students had the rest of the afternoon to experience the aquarium's wide array of shows.

Sacrifices honoured by performers at assembly



A: Mike McElgunn, B: Scott Findley, C: Andy Albright, D: Doug Mancell



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SHOWING THEIR COLOURS: Members of the colour guard showing their true Canadian colours by carrying the flags of their country.

KIUKO NOTOYA
Edge reporter

The annual Remembrance Day Assembly was hosted by the Leadership 12 class on November 10 in the gym. This year's performers included the choir, the musical theatre students, the spoken word poetry club, cadets, a drummer, and a piper.

The concert choir, directed by **Edward Trovato**, performed "O' Canada" and "Bashana Haba 'ah". The drama department performed a piece directed by **Lyle Hendriks** and starring **Hannah Denholm**, both grade 11, and **Max Hall**, grade 12.

The spoken word club performed a piece starring **Jamie Fajber** and **Emma Field**, with violinist **Alison Kim**, all grade 11.

Field said they "hoped to share some of their feelings toward veteran issues in a medium that would be new and fresh for a lot of students, but also high-impact"

Ashlee Ahn, grade 11, one of the main MCs, said "I chose to do the Remembrance Day Assembly as my main event for Leadership 12 not because I have a personal connection, but I wanted to make one ... I felt that I needed something a bit more tangible for me to be more sincere and truthful when pausing for a moment to reflect and remember."

This Remembrance day marks the 97 year since the first world war ended. With the 100 year anniversary approaching the importance of the event becomes heavier.

"I think the main point of the day is to remember all the sacrifices that have been made for our peace. They put their national awareness before their loved ones, homes, traditions and lives. We are the ones living their out their hopes and dreams, therefore I believe we should give them our eternal gratitude," says Ahn.

On the assembly itself, Field commented that everyone did "a great job of honoring student voice and opinion, and I was impressed by the level of student organization and involvement. In the future, I would love to see continued student involvement in spreading awareness to war-related issues, as I believed it contributed a great deal to the success of the assembly this year."

In total, the school raised \$942.81 and received the Royal Canadian Legion School Program Poppy Appreciation Award.

Coffee house offers java junkies entertainment for water piping

ASHLEE AHN
Staff reporter

Java junkies will come together on November 27 for a Coffee House to hear and see students perform with donations going towards their water project in Ecuador. The club is seeking talented Talons from singing to poetry in a coffee house atmosphere to raise funds and awareness.

The annual event is hosted and organized by the Me to We team. The Me to We club has been contributing to build a water system that can provide water for people of the small mountain village, San Miguel; where's it is relatively difficult to have access to water due to elevation and history of not having access to fully functioning water pipe system in place.

"I am very proud to be helping organize this event for the second year in a row as it was hugely

successful last year," said **Anne Yolland**, grade 10. "We have been able to see the positive impact that our donations have had on the community in Ecuador."

The coffee house from the previous year was known to have raised around \$300 with approximately 100 attendees.

"It is also so much fun to be a part of organizing a big event like this as it really becomes a team effort and you get to know everyone else involved and meet many new people" stated Yolland. "I think the audience is going to have a wonderful, memorable evening full of music and food" said **Timothy Song**, grade 10. "Design [committee] is working super hard to make this year's coffee house as snazzy as can be, and of course the performers are going to be unbelievably talented. I mean, they're Gleneagle students after all!" mentioned Song.

The auditions for the performers took place November 2 and 3 with 20 groups auditioning.

"Expect an incredible night! The atmosphere there is indescribable, and you can be sure that you'll have an amazing time watching all the performances and enjoying some delightful cafe style food" said **Hira Lalani**, grade 9. "It's a chance to showcase some of the talent we have at our school, which is a lot! You'll be able to watch performances that have been very well practiced and I can guarantee you will love them! And the food will be great, too. There will be a variety of different treats and beverages" stated Lalani.

The food and drinks prepared in the coffee house come from donations, or are home made by students.

"Quality food, quality music, quality atmosphere: What more can you ask for?" stated Song.



Chemistry students catastrophically destroy crystal growing

SUNGWOO HWANG
Staff reporter

Chain reactions are happening in the science department as chemistry students take part in a national crystal growing competition.

Twelve students in grade eleven participated in the competition: **Boris Kim, Daniel Mun, Dan Cho, Karen Liao, Clement Tsai, Wendy Feng, Tina Doig, Aaron Kuo, Kyle Smolko, Pahsa Shobeiri, Seyed-Amin Shafei-Zadeganefah, and Solomon Song.**

Students have to mail their crystals over to the SFU Chemistry Department by November 23rd and the crystals will be judged on November 28th in Crystal Works in Vancouver.

The competition allows students from all over Canada to participate in growing crystals.

Students are allowed to grow them for five weeks in October and November. 100g of aluminum sulphate (salt) was given to them for the crystal and they received a package with the information and instructions.

The competition is sponsored by

the Chemical Institute of Canada.

It was Gleneagle's first time involved in the competition. Since it was their first time, the preparation process was not as successful and they expected.

"They didn't give us the instructions like the exact amount of salt and water, so we searched on the internet and YouTube to get the information," said **Pasha Shobeiri**, grade 11.

The process of preparing for the competition was rough. Some had a lot of difficulties to grow the crystals and had to restart it over again since it didn't grow properly.

"We started working on it late because the school didn't give us the equipments because it wasn't here," said **Seyed-Amin Shafei-Zadeganefah**, grade 11. "They had to order it so we started around 12 days after the competition has already started."

"At first I was really excited because I remember growing crystals in elementary school," said Kim. "I thought it would be as easy as it was then because everything was very straightforward. However our first attempt was an absolute failure and even after

when we thought we identified the problems, it turned out that we just made things worse and the result from our experiment was catastrophic."

Some groups' crystals didn't even grow so they had to discard them. "I wouldn't say the groups are doing well," said **Mark Liao**,

Con-X offers volunteer opportunities

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"Then, I heard about Me-to-We. I know about local volunteering such as crowd pumping at the annual We Day through Me-to-We Club, but I'm looking forward to hearing about global volunteering such as visiting third world countries like Kenya, India, and China to help build water wells through the volunteer fair. I'm sure that through these wonderful programs, I can make a difference both to myself and both to others," Added Kim

"I think the David Suzuki Foundation is great because I heard a lot about climate change on the news and social studies and I wanted to somehow contribute to help prevent it. If I have

science teacher who's in charge of the competition."

Some groups have tried several times but they hit some obstacles. It's not as easy and you'd think. Some were keen and started working on it early but they still didn't have any luck. I told them that this year we're just having a trial run,

to volunteer for my grad requirements, I would go for the DSF. Also, I'm Japanese like Suzuki" said Shoma Asano, grade 11.

According to committee leader Bharucha, she "organized this event last year with a committee through Con-X and it was a huge success. The students loved it. It allowed for students to realize how many different organizations there are in our local community," added Bharucha.

Committee member Culhane added that it was planned to "allow organizations to get more volunteers and for high school students to get more connections to organizations to volunteer for, which is a big part in graduating;

but we'll definitely be more ready and start earlier next year," said Liao

"There is an old Korean saying, 'failure is the mother of success'. We had this year to learn from our mistakes so we can do better next time," added Kim.

having enough volunteer hours."

The purpose of the event was to support local organizations in our community, as well as build a community around our school.

The event benefited many organizations with more supporters, as well as aiding our students by earning them volunteer hours. However, students could get a lot more out of volunteering than just a couple numbers of hours.

"Chances come and go. Don't choose for the average, 'what looks good on the resume'. Go for what you're truly passionate about because nothing can be accomplished without a genuine desire or even the basic concerns," said **David Shao**, grade 12.

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Plays showcase Talon talents in matinees, district MetFest

AUDREY HAR
Staff Reporter

Student actors will take to the stage on Wednesday November 24 for their first public drama performances of the year. Three classes, under the direction of new drama teacher, **Amy Clausen**, will perform one act plays in the MPR at 7 pm.

"I'm really proud of the work that the students have done over the course of the year," said Clausen. "They worked really hard on these productions."

Clausen credits former drama teacher **Ashley Freeborn**, for the directing. "I'm coming to the last stage of the game, and I'm really happy to be helping, and I'm really excited to see them perform on stage for the first time and definitely eager to see how the whole performance comes together," added Clausen.

"This is my first drama performance here at Gleneagle, and I must say that I am psyched about it!" stated **Kaori Yam**, grade 10.

Nikki Tran, grade 12, said, "Yeah, [I'm excited] because grade nines are having their first ever

evening performances and performances in front of classes-performances and stuff, and I've been directing them since September, so I'm excited to see them perform and see how they can handle it."

Three classes will be performing "The Spice of Life", "The Princess of Paragonia", and "Us and Them."

"The Spice of Life," written by **Jamie Fajber** and **Lyle Hendricks**, both grade 11, will also be performed at METfest, district 43's own drama festival on December 4 at Heritage Woods.

"I'm really excited to have it appear in provincial festival; we weren't expecting that to happen, so it's been a really cool journey," said Fajber.

Fajber and Hendricks have written the story "with many basement writing sessions and late night phone calls", bearing "more than one week of a lot of stress," said Fajber.

With teacher permission, classes will be able to enjoy watching the plays in matinees, prior to the actual performance date. Tickets for the evening performances will be \$2 for students and \$5 for adults



AUDREY HAR PHOTO

FROM PAGE TO STAGE: Grade 10, gestures towards the audience in a practice for the upcoming matinee performances of the various drama classes. An evening performance happens on November 24 that is open to the public. One of the plays, "The Spice of Life", will also play at the district Metfest on December 4.

at the door for cash only.

This is only the first round of class plays and performances with the next round in January.

"Drama was not one of my electives last year, but I wish that it was, because I didn't realize how much fun I was missing out on. In

drama class, you really get to express yourself. You feel very free to do whatever you are capable of doing," Yam continued.

New drama teacher Clausen brings world experience to Glen



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CLASSES IN SESSION FOR CLAUSEN: New drama teacher Amy Clausen manages to find a moment to pose for the photo amidst her busy schedule of preparing three class plays and one mainstage musical theatre show.

AUDREY HAR
Staff Reporter

Drama and musical theatre students welcomed a new teacher and director with the arrival of **Amy Clausen** on November 2. Clausen replaces **Ashley Freeborn**, who quit at the end of October, marking an end to her six years of teaching in Gleneagle.

Janine Close, vice principal, interviewed Clausen for the job and felt "pretty excited to interview her to see if she'd be a good fit for our theatre program."

Close continued that Clausen "was pursuing a lot of her own interests, which involved working

with kids, and working in theatre and drama, and her background, she had a bachelor's in theatre, masters in theatre, and she worked at San Francisco Shakespeare Festival working with youth."

"I worked as a theatre teacher and director in a lot of festivals and programs but this is my first year as a district 43 teacher," said Clausen, who worked earlier this year at Moody middle.

"This is an amazing opportunity for me. The theatre program here has such an excellent reputation, a beautiful cast and crew, and wonderful opportunity to be involved in exactly what I want to be doing, which is directing at the high

school level and working with students in performance, acting, and musical theatre," added Clausen.

"It's not easy with a program like drama where it's so personal and people put themselves out there; it's not easy to change teachers partway through," said **Mike McElgunn**, art teacher and fine and performing arts department head.

Clausen's arrival has proceeded smoothly. "I think Ms. Clausen has done a good job by smoothly transitioning the class; she lets us do the work we learned with Ms. Freeborn, and continue things like students doing warm-ups each day," stated **Sarah Nelson**, grade

10. "She has done a really good job of integrating herself in without tearing Ms. Freeborn's work down."

"We're so glad she came. She has new ways of teaching and it's very interesting for us. The way she teaches us how to project and other drama skills is very useful. I have to say we're very lucky to have her," said **Sungwoo Hwang**, grade 10.

"I'm so impressed with the spirit, I am seeing so many kind and helpful students and students who seem really engaged in our community, which is wonderful," said

Clausen.

"All the students I've met through my classes, or even students that I just see in the hallway are saying hi to me, are respectful of each other. I see a lot of people cleaning up after themselves and taking care of the school in a really nice way," added Clausen.

"I think she's going to be a really good addition to our staff," said **McElgunn**. "She's energetic, she really knows what she's doing in the drama field. I think she's got a very nice, outgoing personality so I think she'll fit in well, I'm pretty sure the kids are going to really enjoy working with her",

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YOU PUT YOUR LEFT HAND IN: Theatre students are not actually doing the hokey pokey, but instead are warming up for Gleneagle's first-ever meeting of the Improv club. This style of theatre has the actors improvising dialogue, action, story, and character collaboratively based on suggestions that are provided from the audience. The club will continue to meet throughout the year.

Relay swimmers beat personal best at finals

PORSHA SCHAFFER
Staff Reporter

Student swimmers, including three relay teams competed in the BC high school championships on November 13 and 14 to each bring home personal bests.

Alice Feng, grade 12, placed 14 in the 50m backstroke. Three different relay teams, placed 12, 15, and 16 in the consolation finals.

“What it comes down to is personal best” said coach **Mark Tustin**. All members of the team achieved their personal best in this competition. “It was fun to do,” said **Arden Nelson**, grade 12.

Eight members of the team qualified for the BC championships following strong results from the Fraser valley championships. Qualifier included **Alice Feng**, **Theresa Lee**, and **Nelson**, all grade 12. Along with **Kristen Edwards**, **Sara Knowles**, both grade 11, and **Ursula Lee**, **Marcus Kwok**, and **Jackson Hamanashi**, all grade 10.

The swim team has been working hard since September competing in the Coquitlam Championships and the Fraser Valley championships in October.

Tustin commented the swimmers “identified the strokes that they need to use in either individual or relay teams that will help them perform to the fastest of their ability; using proper dives, proper strokes, proper turns, for their individual relay team events so they can have a stronger time than other schools.”

Lone Talons runs in BC finals

VICTOR XU
Staff Reporter

The cross country season ended at the provincial championships on November 7 with only one Talon competing. Over 200 BC runners competed in the last meet with

Nicole Huang, grade 10, finishing 84 with a time of 21:17 in the final provincial race.

Competition was tight for all runners are at the top of their provincial level. Huang was in the top 25 runners in her Fraser Valley race which earned her a spot in the final race at Jericho beach.

“I tried my best in the last race of the season,” said Huang who felt that while she was tense said that there is no race that she doesn’t feel nervous about it.

The 4.7 km competition route was across Jericho park with two 2.3 km loops and an extra 0.1 km of sprinting. The race was held on a rainy Saturday and the grass field augmented the difficulty of the race. “It was really bad weather, especially for running since it had been raining for so long, so the ground was all puddles and mud,” said Huang.

Coach **Katherine Chung**, noted of Huang that “When she is not racing, she is always on the side cheering other athletes on. She is very encouraging to the other members of the team.”



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READY TO BLOCK: Grade 12 field hockey team members line up to stop a shot from in the provincial tournament held at Shawnigan Lake on Vancouver Island on November 11-14. Despite an undefeated record in season, district, and Fraser Valley play, the girls single loss to Kelowna in game four left them placed fifth

Field hockey takes fifth spot in BC tourney

BEATRIZ ROQUE
Staff Reporter

Following a heartbreaking 3-2 loss against the Kelowna in game four, the girl’s field hockey team ends their season ranked fifth after last weekend’s provincial tourney.

The girls competed in the highly intense tournament at Shawnigan Lake on Vancouver Island on November 11-14.

“This group of girls we had is irreplaceable; the seven seniors we have are just going to be missed so much” said **Patty Anderson**, coach and teacher. “Their ability to pull together a team for the last two years that I’ve been involved has just been unbelievable”

The girls had a successful start to the tournament, despite playing in the rain, their spirits were high according to coach Anderson.

In their first game they outplayed Charles Best winning 5-0 and Churchill the next day winning 3-0.

“We had a lot of our younger playing and they played their hearts out the whole time and that’s pretty much the best we could ask for, everyone doing their best and they did.” said **Morgan Anson**, grade 12.

Gleneagle went through pool play undefeated and won 3-0 against second ranked Argyle.

In a tight match against Kelowna, a team that Gleneagle has already beaten twice this year, the girls were defeated 3-2.

“The start of our game what happened was we weren’t talking and they scored a goal early and it kind of brought us down because we haven’t lost a game this season. We played six games in three days, everyone gets tired,” said **Zahra Bharucha**, grade

12 and co-captain.

The girls rebounded after their loss and won in a shootout against McMath 3-2.

In their final match the girls were victorious against Shawnigan Lake, placing fifth overall in BC.

October 28 and 29 the team defeated their rivals South Delta 2-0 in Fraser Valleys; to bring home the coveted championship banner.

“Honestly they’re my second family; I’ll miss them a lot because I’ll be done. But I wish them the best luck next year.” Said **Zahra**.

SPORTS in Brief

The boys volleyball team ranks fourth

They boys were tied for third and almost made it into provincials, but they ended up ranking fourth. The season ended with 3 wins and 7 losses, being fourth in the district.

– Charles Lee

Swimmers at the BC championships

On November 13th and 14th, eight Gleneagle students competed in the BC high school championships. There, Alice Feng, grade 12 placed 14th in the 50m Backstroke. Three different relay teams, all from Gleneagle placed 12th, 15th, and 16th in the Consolation Finals.

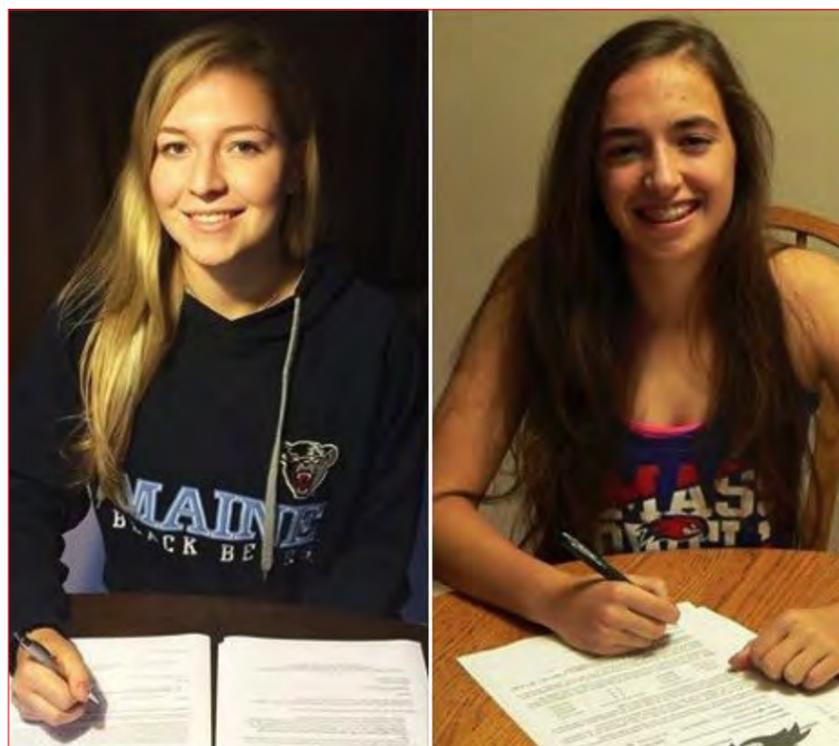
– Porsha Schaffer

Senior girls’ volleyball soar through adversity

The senior girls’ volleyball team had a tough start to their season, facing the top teams in the province. However, the girls came together as a team pulling off several wins at the Annual Cake Tournament.

– Erika Lee

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TWO TALONS EARN FIELD HOCKEY SCHOLARSHIPS: Grade 12s who will be joining the University of Maine Black Bears, and will fly away with the University of Massachusetts Lowell Riverhawks. Both girls were key in the team’s undefeated league play and fifth place provincial finish.

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