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**HEARTS ALL AGLOW:** Gleneagle students will be receiving their Valentine's gifts a day early as Talontines will be delivered today due to the school being closed tomorrow. This event allows students to express their feelings towards one another with a friendly or romantic gesture and support the student council, as well as the Me to We club.

## Next year's course planning forms due next week

**NOAH BREAKSPEAR**  
Staff reporter

Students only have a few more days to complete course selections for next year. Grade 9-11 students attended the course selection assemblies last week in the MPR.

The assemblies were a reminder on what required courses are needed but quite a new experience for the grade 9s, now having more courses to choose from.

According to **Victoria Butterfield** during the assembly, no new courses were added for the new school year. A couple of courses have been removed or adjusted. Earth Sciences 11 is no longer available and trade courses have been altered to offer more hands-on experiences for students.

Teachers and counsellors urged interested students to take part in trade courses as many have the chance to win scholarships in their specific trade.

Gleneagle provides the trade for cooking but most trade courses are run by schools all over the Tri-Cities.

Students were advised to take this selection process seriously as many of the choices they make will affect post-secondary requirements. All students must graduate with 80 credits among certain assessments such as the literacy and numeracy assessment.

If students have missed assessment, make-up sessions will be held on April 15 for the numeracy assessment and the literacy assessment will be held on April 16. Assessments are compulsory and required in order to graduate.

All course planning forms for the 2020-2021 school year are due next week on Wednesday, February 19.

Counselor department head **Kevin Henry** and the rest of the counseling department encourage students to ask them any questions about their courses to make sure everyone is eligible to graduate.

All 2020-2021 course information can be found below.

See your copy of the 2020-21 Course Planner that lists graduation requirements, course offerings, special programs, and much more information to help students and parents.



## Talons set to get Talontined today

**ABAGAIL STAFF**  
Staff reporter

Classes all around Gleneagle will be feeling the love today as the annual Talontines, the school's version of Valentine's gifts, will be delivered.

Students will receive chocolates or a rose along with a personalized card.

Talontines were sold by student council last week from February 3-7.

Students could purchase either a chocolate, a rose, or both and a personalized card that will be delivered today during block 3.

**Michelle Yung**, grade 11, who is a member of student council said that "Talontines are a good way to give back to a friend."

**Neeka Yazdani**, grade 10, who purchased Talontines said that they were "pretty cool" and that purchasing one "shows active kindness towards classmates."

To complete the purchase of a Talontine, the recipient's name, block 3 class and teacher were needed.

**Anna Her**, grade 10, also purchased a Talontine and said that they "are a convenient way to get a nice gift for someone special."

A single chocolate or rose were \$3, and both could be purchased for \$5.

Every purchase came with a card. This year there were two designs offered.

The first design had a dog holding a small card in its mouth with *Happy Valentine's Day* written above the dog. Her thinks that this design is "very cute."

The second design showed two fingers reaching for each other with a heart connecting them. Yazdani describes this card as being "similar to a cute romance book cover."

Student council partnered with Me to We

to use ethically sourced chocolates for the event.

Yung says that purchasing Talontines is a "great way to support student council"

the profits from these talontines are used to create them, the profits from the chocolates purchased from Me to We are donated to Kenya.

Yazdani said that these chocolates are an "awesome way to try something unique and show how you feel."

**Zackary Wilensky**, grade 11, received a Talontine last year. He said that "it was nice to know that someone was thinking about me", and that he "enjoyed the chocolate" that accompanied his Talontine

These cards can be purchased for any student, a friend, someone special, or even for yourself.

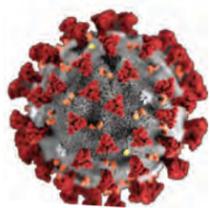
Talontines are sold each year around Valentines day.

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## ONtheCALENDAR

- FEBRUARY 14 School Not In Session
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- FEBRUARY 29 Jazz Gala
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- MARCH 30 First Day of School after break



## Social media bandwagons show lack of genuine care

Amazon forest fires. Kobe Bryant's passing. The spread of the coronavirus. Post after post, story after story, social media platforms are flooded with support for modern-day tragedies. But are people posting because they care about the event, or are they trying to fit in with society's news 'trends'?

It appears that when a globally impactful news story gets published, people jump to spread it and show support. Organizations create campaigns and strategically market them in a way so that people are incentivized to donate or share their social media posts. It creates a false sense of contribution for the viewers as they believe they are acting in goodwill for the greater good of society.

Sure, some donations, like funds from the Red Cross for Australian bushfires, do help with the crisis. But for others, does sharing a post really raise money for initiatives? If sharing posts generate money, what is the mechanism behind it?

When one sees multiple posts online for a social, economic, or political cause, they immediately think that they should share the post as well for the sake of "fitting in" and "showing others that they also support the cause." For a while, the issue becomes a widespread topic with people globally discussing the matter.

However, once a new global current event appears, the previous news becomes a part of the past for many, and they jump on board to the new story. Again, organizations create campaigns, people

share posts on their social media page, and it becomes a perpetuating cycle. People eventually move on and become less and less interested in older news, even if it is still prominent to date.

Social media also becomes a competition. People are coerced into thinking that if they don't donate or aren't aware of such news, they are bad people because they're not contributing to resolving the issue. What makes it worse, however, is that many legitimize such thought by posting that they donated or contributed on their social media pages, making the viewer who didn't feel bad about themselves.

Proponents of social media bandwagon may argue that being parasites on the media is beneficial as it gets many people engaged and updated on current events.

However, this impact is only short-term. Once the news dies down, people transfer over to other news events and gradually distance themselves from the initial story they were posting about.

Since people are so extrinsically motivated to portray themselves as a supporter for selective trending news only, oftentimes they forget about why they are sharing the post in the first place.

Posting to spread awareness for different problems is not bad. But society needs to also have in-depth conversations that spark someone's critical thinking over gaining satisfaction from a click behind the blue luminescent screen.



## Coronavirus city quarantines in Canada: illegal or necessary solution

ALBERT RADU  
Edge columnist

In light of the Coronavirus outbreak in China and lock-down of the Hubei province including the cities Wuhan, Huanggang, Shenzhen, and Zhijiang, many Canadians have been worried about the implications of a city lock-down, and how it would affect life in Canadian cities if an outbreak occurred.

Fortunately, Canada's charter of rights makes such a quarantine illegal, but is this truly a good trade off? Would Canadians benefit more from a complete quarantine or having their right of free movement in the case of a Coronavirus outbreak within Canada?

Historically, large scale quarantines are mostly ineffective, due to the massive amount of resources

required to conduct one.

The only situation where a wide-scale quarantine would be effective is when the virus in question is highly transmissible, but only after a very short incubation period, Coronavirus does not fit these parameters.

In this modern interconnected world, it is easier than ever to get from one place to another, and despite rigorous quarantine, the Coronavirus has been able to escape Wuhan and spread to the rest of China, and in some cases, other countries.

A similar quarantine in a country like Canada where transportation methods are much more

widely available, and the infrastructure between different cities are far better established is bound to be extremely ineffective, as well as disruptive to the population.

supplies means that citizens need to be spending more time outside looking for supplies, thus giving them a higher chance of contracting the virus.

take special measures to guarantee the safety of the Canadian public during a national emergency.

Thus, if deemed necessary, parliament can vote to quarantine a city and restrict all movement within the nation.

A quarantined zone would allow the government to keep track of infected individuals, and enact large scale reforms within local areas, greatly increasing the rates at which the government could implement changes and increasing the effectiveness of government actions.

As the virus continues to spread to other countries, and researchers continue in the race to develop a treatment, people can only wait to see if the Canadian government resorts to drastic measures in the case of an outbreak, and how that would affect their daily lives.

“If deemed necessary, the parliament can vote to quarantine a city and restrict all movement within the nation.”

—Albert Radu  
Edge columnist



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Another problem with a large-scale quarantine similar to China's is the inevitable lack of supplies within the quarantine zones.

Stores and grocery markets are already struggling to keep up with demand in Chinese cities such as Wuhan, and a lack of food

more time to attempt to develop a treatment.

Additionally, the freedom of movement can technically be infringed in specific circumstances by the Canadian government. The Emergency Powers Act of Canada allows the Canadian parliament to

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# TALONSTalk

In response to people profiting from the selling of face masks with the Coronavirus, The Edge asked: *"Do you think people should be allowed to profit from disaster?"*

“The people who suffered should be allowed to profit in some way.”

—Emily Lawson  
grade 11



“I think it's kind of inevitable for any situation, I mean of course there are people that would step in who are very charitable.”

—Elyjah Del Bianco  
grade 12



“I kind of have mixed reactions, I think if you are a big box retailer, to increase your price during this kind of crisis is pretty low.”

—Mark Liao  
science teacher



“I think in the coronavirus situation it's a choice for the masks, so that is on the people, but if there was a big tornado then relief should be cheaper.”

—Michelle Bettauer  
grade 11



“I don't think that it's right or wrong because it's something that they already sell, they don't go out of their way to produce this.”

—Catherine King  
grade 11



“I don't think it's ever going to be possible to ban companies from profiting off of a disaster because that's the nature of a company.”

—Caitlin Owens  
grade 11

## Profiting off tragedy as face mask sales surge across Canada



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**MASKS EVERYWHERE:** Passengers wear protective face masks at the departure hall of the high-speed train station in Hong Kong. Face masks have been purchased in bulk all over the world and have seen many re-sellers increasing the price to profit off the increased fear of the coronavirus worldwide.

**QUINN MACMILLAN**  
Staff reporter

With the recent outbreak of the feared coronavirus, the people of BC have taken to the stores to buy face masks as a precaution in fear of catching the coronavirus. But with this fear comes people looking

to profit off of this mass panic.

There have been multiple reports of people buying face masks from stores and selling them for a higher price to people who are afraid of catching the virus.

This very ethically questionable reselling game is taking advantage of the fear of uneducated or uninformed people who

are looking to stay protected during this crisis.

Along with people buying and selling the face masks, stores have even increased their prices.

In Richmond on January 31, there was a report of a man selling boxes of masks to people from the back of his van for \$40

a box.

Reports have stated that these people who are re-selling these masks wait outside of sky train stops, store fronts, and bus stops hoping to catch frightened people off guard and pressure them into buying these masks.

But instead of falling for these scams, Canadians should educate themselves and listen to the facts first.

As of February 3, in Canada there are only four confirmed cases of the coronavirus, which are all being held in quarantine.

But no one should be living in fear of everyone having the virus. The four people infected in Canada got the coronavirus after traveling from China before the quarantine in Wuhan was active.

With this virus being very new it is still unclear exactly how the virus spreads, but researchers do know that it is mainly from human contact.

But what is known is that if this virus is left untreated, the virus can be life threatening and has taken close to 900 lives in China as of February 10.

Medical experts have also stated that the effectiveness of face masks varies as some paper masks would have little to no effect if you were to run into someone with the virus, while more expensive, filtered masks would provide better protection if worn properly.

In this time of fear for many, the public should keep up to date with the news for any new information on the virus, avoid being scammed and purchase face masks from a trusted store. Be sure to stay healthy and wash your hands regularly.

## TragedyProfiteers

The coronavirus and people profiting off selling face masks is not the first time opportunistic capitalists have sought to make a quick buck off people's misery.

Unfortunately, it seems to be pure greed that has some individual's exploiting tragic events using sometimes even tasteless and politically incorrect sensibilities.

**'18** On April 6, 2018, a bus carrying the Humboldt Broncos, a junior hockey

team from Saskatchewan, crashed truck driver failed to yield at a stop sign, killing 16 people. An editorial cartoonist's sketch was used without authorization to sell T-shirts for \$42.63.



**'16** On the anniversary of 9/11 in 2016, a Texas mattress store manager asked

"What better way to remember 9/11 than with a Twin Tower sale?" and then two employees proceeded to knock down two piles of mattresses.



**'13** A Red Bull advertisement in 2013 suggested that passengers on the Titanic would have survived if they had just drunk the energy drink.

## 21<sup>st</sup> century teacher more than just being tech savvy

**NOORA SHIRAZI**  
Staff reporter

A 21st century teacher is a term that is frequently tossed around the media. So beyond being up to date with the latest classroom technology, what does a 21st century teacher look like?

**Lori Gregory**, career life educator, student services, and peer tutoring teacher, thinks as a 21st century teacher, first, “you have to love to be around their energy and the hobnob of kid activity and hear their conversations and listen to them talk about the latest song in their brains” and second, you must “have the passion and fulfillment that comes with helping another human,” added Gregory.

Gregory thinks that in old classes, works were hands on and more involved in the kids and their outside lives, not just their school lives.

“Teachers didn’t always feel this pull to retreat to their desk to keep up with the flow of the emails,” said Gregory.

**Mohammad Honarpisheh**, grade 12 student, thinks young adults socialize less by saying, “there are less people interactions and kids have their heads in their phone all the time.”

Using more technology in class rooms, speeds up the pace of work and uses a lot less paper which is beneficial for the environment.

“It is the future, so your generation has become tech savvy. Because all the jobs no matter what it is, it needs tech,” said Gregory.

According to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, central to today’s teaching and learning are inquiry-based and “student-centered approaches and techniques shaped by networks, collaboration, technology and design.”

**Ramon Kasiri**, a graduated student from Gleneagle and a tutor, on his thoughts about modern teachings, said, “at that time, teachers didn’t sit and work of a computer, they sat in a class of 30 kids and help and had a laugh here and there.”

The  
**4 C's**  
of 21st Century Skills

1. **Critical Thinking**  
Finding solutions to problems
2. **Creativity**  
Thinking outside the box
3. **Collaboration**  
Working with others
4. **Communication**  
Conveying ideas

**TECH ISN'T TOPS:** Even though 21st century skills do involved technology, the real skills revolve around the four Cs.



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**CITIZENS GET THEIR TEMPERATURE CHECKED:** Citizens in Qingdao, China get their temperature checked by quarantine in case for possible infection as part of an ongoing effort to contain the outbreak of coronavirus and maintain a quarantine.

## Quarantines, outbreaks, pandemics nothing new

**YUNMIN LEE**  
Staff reporter

The first month of 2020 drove media outlets busy. From international Conflicts to natural disasters, the news was full of serious events.

Perhaps, the most recent concern is the outbreak of the 2019 Novel-Coronavirus that originated in Wuhan, China. Many people are concerned about catching the viruses themselves as mortality reports have been rising in unsettling numbers. People take masks and good hygiene as a prevention method. We, as citizens, do as we need.

The 2019 Novel-Coronavirus is another form of the many coronavirus types humanity has faced. For example, the common flu was considered a pandemic in 1918 but is no longer considered a danger. Then came Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, or SARS, discovered in Asia in February 2003. Next, was Middle East Respiratory Syndrome, MERS. Now we are faced with 2019 Novel-Coronavirus. In the past, the measures taken by governments across the world were all very

similar. They were divided into two major attempts at a solution: at-home isolation, or quarantine. A common misconception is that quarantine is facilitating already-infected individuals under governmental supervision. Quarantine is for people who have been exposed, but not confirmed ill, whereas isolation is for people who are ill.

most similar to the 2003 SARS outbreak.

Currently, Chinese officials are reluctant to report their infected and dead citizen counts. There are videos floating around on the internet that have testimonies from nurses and workers in China who claim that the outbreak is much worse than what is said. Some videos have noted that about 90,000 people are infected as opposed to some 23,000.

In Vancouver and Burnaby, there are two confirmed people who are infected by the coronavirus. British Columbia officials said they will take necessary measures to contain them, yet have not specified what actions are being taken. They are also uncertain about who those people have come in



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“To avoid another outbreak like SARS or whatever we are faced with, we should be given clear and accurate information.”

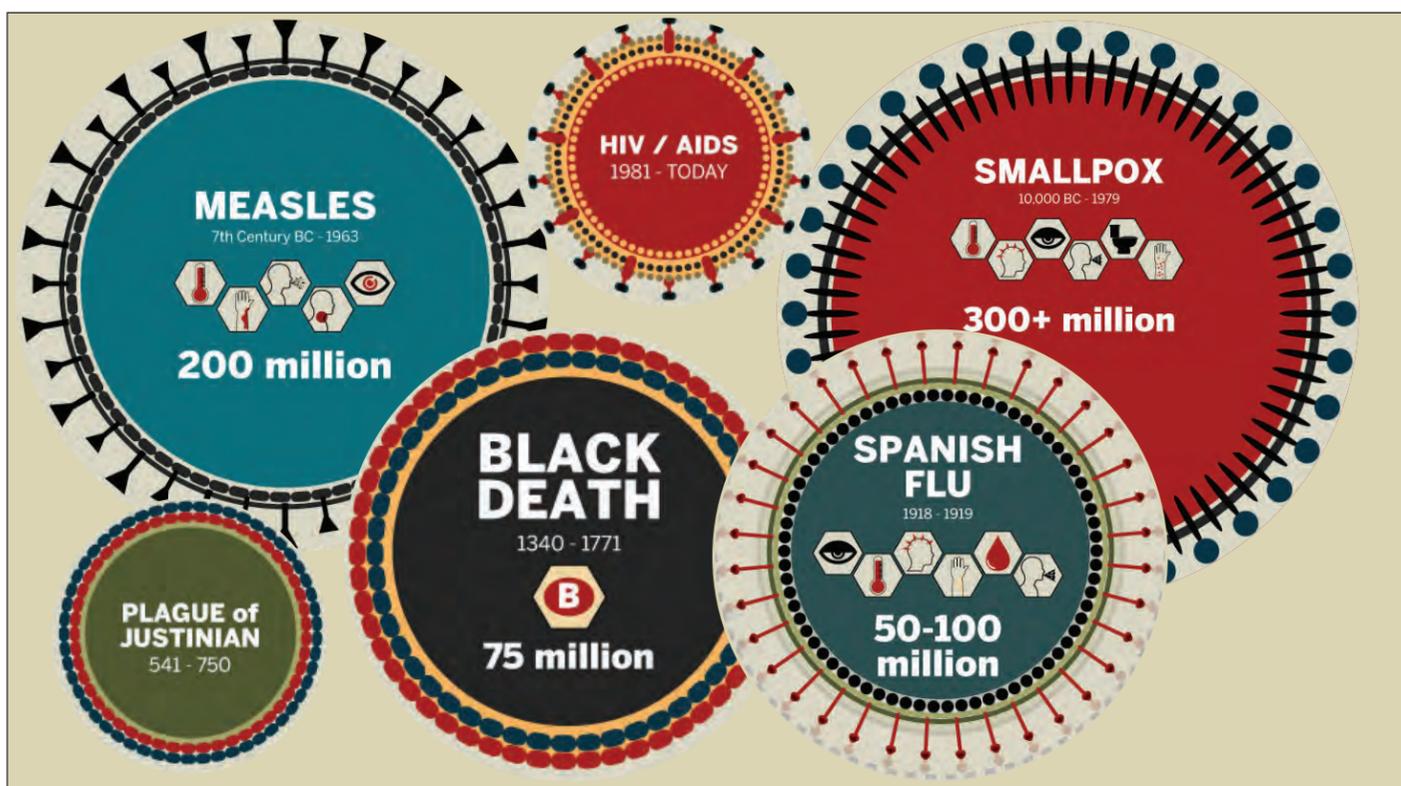
—Yunmin Lee  
Staff reporter

At the time of SARS, the virus spread to more than two dozen countries within months. By the time it was contained, nearly 800 people were killed, with China receiving heavy criticism for concealing the seriousness of the illness. Countries outside of the Asian region did not quarantine individuals for a significant period of time during SARS. Health experts are now reporting that the current coronavirus is the

contact with.

There are many uncertainties about this issue. What we do know, is that we are confused. This indicates that media has been reporting unpromising, inconsistent reports, little to no signs of quarantine or official isolation, and reluctance in transparency.

To avoid another outbreak like SARS, or whatever we are faced with, we should be given clear and accurate information.



**THERE'S ALWAYS A BIGGER BUG:** Human history is full of pandemics and outbreaks that have had serious impacts on countries and entire civilizations. While the current coronavirus is a very serious concern, there have been many viruses that have impacted history.



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**GOING COLD TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE:** *Gleneagle students and staff sleeping outside as part of the annual Sleepout Vancouver events to raise awareness and funds to homeless youth.*

## Youth helping Gleneagle organize annual sleepout

**MELIKA GHASEMI**  
Staff reporter

February 28 will be a wake-up call for some students who will be joining the annual Sleepout to raise awareness and funds for homeless youth.

In some countries, the rate of homeless people are going up dramatically—including Vancouver city. Homeless people who don't have any support from the government and others at all can barely continue their life.

Gleneagle students will join the event for homeless youth, where they sleep a night outside of the school to feel tolerate such a tough position without food and support of their loved ones.

All participating students will bring a blanket, pillows, sleeping bag, and a cardboard box.

This is an event attended by choice. The key goal of sleeping outside as group is to

simulate homelessness for a short period of time, learning empathy by being in a homeless teen's shoes.

People who accept this challenge in the current cold weather with other risks involved such as wildlife will strengthen the understanding of what homeless youth may face every night.

"I think it's quite admirable because there are a thousand of homeless people in downtown Vancouver on the daily [who] sleep outside. Sometimes they do not even have any blankets and cannot stay in a permanent place[s]," said **Jazmine Cabaluna**, grade 9.

"I also think that it is so nice of students and those who showed us what it means to be outside [to] think for a moment about how [...] it would be if we wouldn't have a roof, car, family and [care]," added Cabaluna.

People fundraise for the cause of

homelessness because they believe that changing these people's lives are not an easy job to do. An event like sleepout is valuable because students themselves realize that there are more options to take in order to help homeless youth, helping to create a new life for them.

This is especially meaningful for those who had no choice in their homelessness and are fighting a daily battle for survival. All money raised from the sleepout event is being sent to the Covenant House, an organization based in Vancouver that support and assist homeless youth and other youth in need.

"It is very unfortunate that people our age must spend their life outside, as we can enjoy our comfort and easy life, so we try hard to [...] be a part of their experience. This [event] would not be interesting, but is an important and good cause," said **Lauryn Lee**, grade 12.

## Talons to partake in annual anti-bullying tradition



DIANE HUANG PHOTO

**STAYING KIND:** *Gleneagle secondary alumni Janelle Feng and Dilveen Abi, show off iconic pink shirts in celebration of Pink Shirt Day last year.*

**DEVON JONES**  
Staff Reporter

Students will be seeing a lot of pink on February 23 when the annual Pink Shirt Day for anti-bullying occurs.

Bullying is a problem in schools, workplaces, homes, and online. Pink shirt day, also known as anti-bullying day, is a response to those who have been bullied or take part in bullying.

This yearly tradition has been happening

since 2007, helping people around the world get along, serving as a day of joy for those who are being bullied.

The day spreads awareness in a fun and enjoyable manner. The event is hosted on the last Wednesday of every February and this year will take place on the 23rd. All that is required to celebrate is to wear pink attire.

Bullying is one of the world's biggest problems as it can be done through not only verbally or physically, but online.

Much of modern lives' time is spent online, so it is easy to bully somebody through social media. It is easy to think that online identities remain anonymous, encouraging offenders to carry their hurtful actions. The heartbreaking tragedy known as the **Amanda Todd** incident is a clear reminder of what modern cyberbullying is capable of.

Todd, a Port Coquitlam native, was 12 years old when an online predator took advantage of her and asked for explicit photographs of her body.

Those photographs were used online to hurt her and threaten her. Todd made several cries of help including a video explaining her situation through written flashcards, but unfortunately Todd ended up taking her own life.

Pink shirt day started because of 2 students named **David Shepherd** and **Travis Price**, who stood up for a little kid wearing pink as he was being bullied for wearing the color. This took place in Canada, Nova Scotia in 2007. They distributed 50 pink shirts for others to wear. After the first week they had schools in Nova Scotia supporting the pink shirt cause. After the next week it had spread all across Canada. It was posted online by a nearby bystander and it blew up online ever since. Now, the tradition is celebrated worldwide.

Everybody has most likely dealt with something like bullying, and there are some who think that children need to "grow up and stand up for themselves", and there are also those who think otherwise.

But in the grand scheme of things pink shirt day may have great benefits. Just by participating on this day, students support their peers worldwide.

## Glenfest, escape room for downtown shelter

**CARTER NEWSON**  
Staff reporter

On March 6 Gleneagle will be hosting two fundraiser events for the Downtown Eastside Women's Shelter. One event is the second Glenfest, a district wide music competition, the other is a pair of escape rooms.

Students will continue the tradition of Glenfest, a music competition allowing individuals and groups to display their musical talents. Performances can include original songs as well as covers.

Glenfest is a way for aspiring musicians to have a chance to perform as well as branch out and express their passion.

"It gives performers the opportunity to get themselves out there and perform in front of the school," said **Jewel Epp**, grade 10. "Because of the variety, you get to see someone perform or meet someone you otherwise wouldn't," said **Kayla Price**, grade 11.

People who wish to attend Glenfest will have to make a donation as admission. The charity is about providing support and necessities to homeless women and children.

Escape rooms will be another activity besides Glenfest. One room is pyramid themed, and the other a haunted classroom.

The escape rooms will give people more variety in their experience that night. "We've put a lot of time designing them to make sure people have a fun time," said **Bodhi Jordan**, grade 10, escape room designer.

Production of the fundraisers began back in October. One of the students setting up Glenfest, "We're building off what we've been doing last year, and it went really well so we've been following a similar structure with of course some improvements," said **Amanda Cabralda**, grade 10.

Students will have their chance to shine and find the way out of puzzling escape rooms, all to be put toward charity.

## Talons compete in math contest

**WENDY YANG & ZOE GAO**  
Staff reporters

The Waterloo Math Contest has a long history of about ten years at Gleneagle Secondary school. In the beginning, there were very few students writing the Math Contest. Ail Tootian; Math teacher, started the Math Contest. Tootian says that in university, math will be fundamental, so he wants to improve math during high school for students.

The Math Contest Club will help students in preparation for various math contests before university applications.

Partaking in the contest is as simple as registering in September for the entire year, having access to finalized contest dates. The Math Contest from the University of Waterloo consists of three parts and takes 2 hours to complete.

So far, members of the club have acquired all funding needed to compete in the contest. The club is currently holding last-minute practice sessions lead by student leaders to prepare.

"Every student has different views. This club and writing contests are for those who appreciate the most," Tootian said, "They like to get involved in tough questions. They want to sit and think. People that are getting themselves ready for an engineering course in universities [are] getting stronger and stronger."

## Coffee supports student services

**HADRIAN LAU**  
Staff reporter

A coffee delivery event between teachers and staff, *Coffee On the Roll*, have started their pre-orders sale on January 30.

The Coffee On the Roll event was hosted by **Nick Bolton**, skill development teacher. The students from the skill development class are arranged to make all of the coffees being ordered from the staff and teachers “with EA and teacher support,” Bolton said.

The main purpose of this event is “to let [skill developing students] learn how to make step by step products, and [gain] skills which are transferable to outside of the school,” said Bolton.

**Jay Chen**, languages and guitar teacher, also commented that “it was a great opportunity for not only skill-developing students but for any types of the students to try to make coffee.”

Another purpose is to fundraise for the skill developing department in order to buy learning materials for the students.

The coffee needs to be ordered by sending emails to Bolton a week in advance. “It is a good way,” said Chen, “it is important for people to get into this habit.”

Each cup of coffee costs \$1.75 and there are two options of ordering coffee for the teachers and staff.

The first option is adding money into their own account, for example, giving the skill development department five to ten dollars. Then “it will be added to the [individual] account,” said Bolton. For each time teachers or staffs want a cup of coffee, the cost will be deducted from their own account.

The second option is to buy a punch card for 15 dollars with ten cups of coffee. “[This] ends up being a dollar 50 cents for each cup of coffee and you get more than one cup of free coffee out from it,” noted Bolton.

Different time slots will be set up for the students from skill development class to go around the school to meet the teachers or staff who have ordered coffee to receive money and record what they want, “[skill developing students] can learn how to interact with customers and get more chances to meet other people,” said Bolton.

This event is having a test run till spring break, and it lasts until “people don’t want it,” concluded Bolton.

## TEDx event fuels students’ fires

**DIANE HUANG**  
Staff reporter

A Con-X leadership committee organized the third TEDx Gleneagle event with the theme of “fueling your fire” on January 23, 2020. Speakers came from diverse backgrounds with three being SD43 students. **Jerwin Bautista**, a marketing specialist, reconstructed passion while **Peter Peng**, a grade 12 student at Pinetree secondary, humoured the audience of his cadet teaching experiences. **Maya Tharp**, a grade 11 student at Heritage Woods secondary, opened up the event with her story about failure. **Jess Tang**, outreach leader at SHAD, shared authentic leadership advice while **Kim Venn**, SFU Beedie school of business graduate, described her process of success and **Berry Yan**, a grade 12 student at Heritage Woods secondary, taught the audience the mind-palace technique for better memorization.



**THE LAST SPEECH:** *Karen Jensen, former principal, left, performing her last speech before her departure from Gleneagle at the school spirit assembly on January 31.*

## School solidarity celebrated at spirit assembly

**MISHA BOYKO**  
Staff reporter

On January 31 the school gathered for the Spirit Assembly, where the entire school was split up into five teams for the four grades plus the teachers.

Each team had to wear a colour in support for their team. Nines wearing black, tens wearing yellow, elevens wearing blue, twelves white and teachers grey.

The assembly started off with loud cheers from each team, in support for their representatives that were being called up one at a time. Every team had four or five

representatives that competed in fun games to win points. There were multiple types of games played from trivia all the way to stacking cookies on one’s head.

“The assembly held a good atmosphere and most of the games were entertaining and fun to watch. This spirit assembly was a good way to get people more connected to each other and the school.” Stated **Jackson Cyr**, grade 11. The inclusion of an air-gun that shot shirts into the crowd got a good reception from the students.

Me to We, also had a fundraiser to help build schools in Kenya, so that kids there can have the education they deserve. Many

students donated their spare change to the cause to help the fundraiser.

The games continued and in the end the grade twelves came out on top with their school spirit.

Afterwards the school said goodbye to the temporary principal, **Karen Jensen**, who was here while the school searched for a permanent replacement.

Gleneagle welcomed the new principal, **Wendy Yu**, who was welcomed with open arms to Gleneagle.

Yu wrapped up the assembly with a speech, introducing herself and her values to the students and staff of Gleneagle.

## Chinese culture club celebrates lunar new year

**WENDY YANG & ZOE GAO**  
Staff reporters

Gleneagle Chinese Culture Club had paper cutting and writing spring couplets on Friday, January 31, in order to celebrate Chinese Lunar new year.

**Jiayi Pan**, grade 12, **Alissa Xiang**, **Allen Li** and **Sharif Hebrahim**, all grade 10, are leaders of the Chinese Culture Club.

The original intention of the club was to let everyone genuinely understand Chinese culture and celebrate every traditional Chinese festival.

This activity was about writing spring couplets and Chinese traditional paper cutting. “In China, spring couplets and paper cutting have a long history.

Spring couplets are printed on the red paper and used Chinese calligraphy, on the spring couplets usually as a decoration for the new year, expressing happiness and hopeful ideas for the coming year.

Chinese paper cutting was the same moral as spring couplets.

Even to this day, Chinese people love to hang paper-cutting or spring couplets at their doors.

Chinese culture club always use different activities to attract the students who are interested in Chinese culture and also want to experience Chinese traditional activities. The leaders of the Chinese culture club want more students to understand Chinese culture.

“Although we do not have a lot of activities, we make sure that every event is successful,” said Pan.



**LEARNING THE CULTURE:** *Nicole Comrie, grade 11, Phoebe Hannon, grade 12, and Sarah Fong, grade 11, left to right, learning Chinese calligraphy with Chinese culture club leaders.*

Last year, the Chinese Culture Club hosted a dumplings sale.

“We will hold a variety of food sales and celebrations of traditional Chinese festivals in the future. For example, they will sell cold noodles, celebrate the dragon boat

festival, and also have an activity to draw the facial design of Peking opera

and Beijing opera,” said Xiang.

“The most hardest thing for the leaders of Chinese culture club was handling interpersonal relationships and taking responsibility. The most important thing is to have a happy time with friends,” said Pan.

“What I gain most is to make more connections with people,” added Pan.



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**RIP AND TEAR AT THE OPPOSITION:** *Conner Rae*, grade 9, striving for the dominant position, trying to lock down his opponent on the mat. Rae and two other ones will advance to provincials.

## Wrestlers advance to provincials after tourney

**ERIC KIM**  
Staff reporter

On February 7, the zone championship qualifiers were hosted to decide the wrestlers that would compete to the provincials. **Vanessa Fitzgerald**, grade 11, one of the new wrestlers achieved, placed 3rd in her 51kg weight class, **Arian Khezri**, grade 11, the other new wrestler placed 4th, and **Connor Rae**, Grade 9, achieved 5th place meaning that all three wrestlers will advance into the provincials.

**Arashk Safari**, grade 11, and **Gabriela Cross**, grade 11, could not compete due to skin infection. "The boys have to reach top 5 in their weight class to advance to the provincials... girls advance to the provincials as long as they compete since there are fewer girls participating," said **Brian Hunter**, EAL teacher and coach.

The zone qualifiers will be done in a preliminary, semi-final, final fashion to decide the provincial wrestlers.

Wrestlers took a ferry to Port Alberni to compete in their tournament against the school district on December 31 with two new wrestlers and had great results.

Cross came in third place with one win and two losses, Fitzgerald, 3rd place as well, Khezri, has a walkaround of 91 kg, weight class of 84kg, won two games and lost two coming in fourth place, Rae, Grade 9 with a walkaround weight of 64kg, weight class 63kg and Safari, grade 11, walkaround weight 72, weightloss is 70 both had a win and two losses.

**Nick Reyes**, grade 11, come back from his injury to compete resulting in one win and two losses. The 2020 Alberni Armada invitationals in Port Alberni is an invitationals to all

wrestlers in the area.

"The tournament was one of the biggest ones we've had so far... the tournament is more experience for me in my journey for the years to come," said Rae.

The Port Alberni tournament was Khezri's first experience in the wrestling competitive scene.

"I joined 3 weeks ago and had 3 weeks of preparation for the tournament... I was feeling nervous and had to cut down my weight to compete," said Khezri.

The Port Alberni is a similar tournament to the tournament hosted in Pinetree secondary school and will place the wrestlers in a higher spot in the provincial placement Athletes Rae, Fitzgerald, and Khezri will now compete in their provincial tournament to finish off their wrestling season against their toughest foes yet.

## Tough losses for senior girls' basketball team

**ZACKERY WILENSKY**  
Staff reporter

The senior girls' basketball team had their last regular season game against Centennial on February 3. They had a very close game but ended up with a 38-33 loss. As well the team played on January 30.

They were playing against Terry Fox secondary. It was a tough loss for the team as the score was 70-26.

The team also played Riverside secondary on January 28. Another tough game and a loss of 81-29. Their coach was not happy after the loss.

"I didn't feel like we had any work ethic on the court today. As well we had way too many passes being picked off. Our heads need to be up, so we don't make these simple mistakes," said **Katherine Bilan**, basketball coach.

As the season is coming closer to an end, the team is hoping to apply the feedback in their final games.

"I'd like to see our team improve on communication on the court and not being afraid of contact. We are a small team, but we can be strong and powerful to make big stops and take hard drives," said **Sarah Fong**, grade 11.

Teammate **Nicole Comrie**, grade 11, had similar thoughts.

"Our team needs to improve on the backboard. Boards win games, as we a relatively small team compared to others so to lose defensive boards due to not boxing out which is where we struggle to win," Fong continued.



ZACKERY WILENSKY PHOTO

**GOING FOR THE KILL:** *Megan Kennedy-Spence*, grade 12, trying to pass the opponents defence and make it to the basket.

## SPORTS in Brief

### Rugby boys season starts with practices

The Gleneagle boys rugby has started off the season with head coach of **Nick Bolton**, skill development teacher, rugby coach, and rugby player.

Coaching alongside Bolton is **Oliver Collet** who previously played rugby for Gleneagle and the united rugby club.

The goal of the season is to grow the rugby club with more grade 9 and 10 students showing interest and having a vast turnout for sign up.

The team will be playing a 15-player game as opposed to the Burnaby schools who will be playing a seven player game.

Practices are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday for all grades.

-Elliott Freeman

### Badminton team preps for new season

The Badminton team's practice for February 10th was cancelled due to a basketball tournament and, new information will be added after their meeting in block 5.

Gleneagle's badminton team is about to start their practice for this year's season. 14 girls and 15 boys will be in the team competing this year. First meeting was held on February 6, and the first game in March.

As a Gleneagle student, **Sydney Chan**, grade 10, said, "I wanted to gain new skills as well as represent the Gleneagle community."

According to Chan who was involved in the badminton team last year, "their team was quite small compared to this year." Since the team is not as big, "it gives the opportunity for team members to bond with one another," added Chan.

Their first practice was held on Monday, February 10, after school in the main gym.

-Liz Jung

### Junior boys' bball team season ends

Junior boys' basketball team seasons officially over with 3-6 season records, and place at 7th on the table.

Last week, junior boys' basketball team had two games with Port Moody secondary and Charles Best secondary. They won against Port Moody Secondary with 53-41, however lost against Charles Best with 46-51.

Following the result of two games the Junior basketball team failed to make playoffs this season.

The captain **Sharif Hebrahim**, grade 10, said, "unfortunately we couldn't make playoff this season, but I think we have huge improve on our skills. We tried all our best."

In fact, they lost 4 games just by 2 to 4 points, and most of it was because of the lack of stamina, and experience.

"We are like a family, I feel they are like my sons, so they show good team works during the games, they feel happy while they are playing basketball together," said **Roberto Arciaga**, basketball coach.

"I think we are the top team in the league, we will practice hard to reduce the mistakes, and beat every single team in the league next season. I really proud of my guys. They are my sons," said Arciaga.

-Robert Jang

## Murder mystery fundraiser in MPR after date shift

KASRA ESFAHANIAN & NADIA HOJJATPANAH  
Staff reporters

Murder returns to the MPR in the form of the annual mystery night fundraiser for the musical theatre program.



**Justin Maller**  
drama teacher

The murder mystery is a unique fundraiser that is “designed as a fundraising evening for our musical theater and theater program,” said the organizer of the event **Justin Maller**, drama and musical theatre teacher

This event was meant to happen on February 7 but due to conflicts with other events in the MPR for the musical department it was postponed from February 7 to March 13.

“The date of the event has been changed due to the schedule conflict that the department had and because of that we had to move the date to make it fit within the schedule,” said Maller.

This event is about teachers doing a performance where one of them is the murderer and the audience have to figure out which one of the teachers are the murderer.

“We map out a story and teachers perform the play that has one of the characters being murdered and the audience members coming to the show have to observe the acting and figure out by the end of the show who they think the murderer was and the audience who choose the right character will be rewarded at the end of the show,” explained Maller.

“The murder mystery is connected to the musical. And this year’s musical is *Legally Blond*. So, the murder mystery will have a theme based on the sorority hazes at UCLA but we still working on that theme,” added Maller.

This event includes other games such as raffle and the best outfit.

“There is going to be other things happening during the show such as a raffle that happens at night and bunch of other games that are going to be played and also we will choose the best outfits between the audience because we have encouraged audience to dress up and this year’s theme is legally blonde and the audience have to compete to be admitted to the house,” said Maller. “The audience will also be served dinner.”

“We encourage the audience members to come dress up in their own personal costumes. Because there is an award for the best costume,” said Maller.

Some of the prizes that will be given are tickets to the VIP nights or gift baskets that they create for them. There’s also some nice bottles of wine since its an adult evening.

This performance is going to be a fundraiser for Gleneagle’s musical theater production so that the department can afford to build sets and buy techs and bunch of other stuff for the shows and do our productions.

“It’s a really fun evening for the audience and for the teachers,” said **Scott Findley**, English teacher. “I’ve been involved as part of the performance since it started in 2013 and each year has been wonderful for everyone involved.”



ZOE ZHENG PHOTO

**DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY:** Gleneagle international community puts on many talent filled performances at the latest celebration of the lunar new year.

## International club kicks up heels at new year event

**ZOE ZHENG**  
Staff reporter

On January 31, Gleneagle International Community Club hosted their second Lunar New Year Gala starting from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the MPR. Students were able to watch performances, play games and eat traditional Asian food, such as dumplings and sweet soup balls.

This event is aimed to share Asian culture with all students at Gleneagle, whether they are Asian or not.

**Sienna Liu**, grade 12 and International Community Club leader, said the reason she wanted to host the event was that she “hasn’t seen many activities in Gleneagle that are targeted towards celebrating cultural diversity in a community.”

Before the Lunar New Year Gala started,

students could experience writing couplets and Chinese paper cutting, which were planned by Gleneagle Chinese Culture Club. This is the first cooperation between the International Community Club and the Chinese Culture Club.

“We think it is a cool idea because people can experience the culture through hands-on activities,” said Liu.

All the club leaders and members who showed their interests to lead the club next year and other members who were willing to assist in the event volunteered to do different tasks, such as setting up, selling tickets, serving food and making posters.

“Club members have almost taken the full ownership of the event,” said **Heidi Upton**, International Community Club sponsor teacher. “I’m here to support their ideas.”

The club made some changes to this year’s

Lunar New Year Gala. The club members were trying to get whole school community to involve. They also added some Korean aspects to the event as well.

“We really focused on the performances that could help people learn about Asian culture,” added Liu. “We selected our performances based on cultural elements.”

“The only thing I wanted to bring to audiences was happiness,” said **Nina Lin**, grade 12 and one of the performers.

**Alicia Cheng**, grade 12, who watched both last year’s Lunar New Year Gala and this year’s, thought there “were more snacks, and tables were decorated this year.”

The biggest prize for the game part was a Fuji Instax Camera. “I love the games we played,” added Cheng. “Even though I did not win the prize, it was fun to play and participate.”

## Jazz gala preparation set for month end concert

**JORDAN SUTHERLAND**  
Staff reporter

The Gleneagle Jazz programs have been working hard for their annual Jazz Gala on February 29.

The event is catered as parents and guests are invited to spend an evening listening to performances by the Jazz students as well as guest performers.

**Edward Trovato** has been working on the gala repertoire with the students since the beginning of the year. The gala will feature songs from the fall concert as well as new pieces.

“It’s always a bit of a time crunch because of the timing of the gala, however we always pull together.” Trovato explained.

The show will showcase guest performer **Bryan Vance**, tenor saxophone player with backup from Three city jazz. Solo sections and pieces from **Kayla Price**, **Liam Northcott**, **John Song**, **Amanda Ding** and many others will be showcased.

This is the 12th annual Jazz Gala which also features a silent auction. Prizes such as tickets to the symphony and the BC Lions as well as some donated art work from Ontario.

Unfortunately, ticket sales have ended, however VIPs at the Gala include Mayor **Richard Stewart**, Assistant Superintendents and among them, a past Gleneagle principal **Gerald Shong**.



EDGE STAFF MEMBER PHOTO

**SCATTING THEIR HEARTS OUT FOR JAZZ:** Students from previous year’s Jazz gala concert perform for guests and invited VIPs. This year’s jazz gala will take place on February 29 in the MPR at 7 pm.