



Gleneagle Secondary

NEWS

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Principal's Message:

We are now settled in to second semester and students are looking forward to Spring Break. Counselors are just finishing up course selections for the next school year. We are hoping to send you confirmation of the courses that your son or daughter has made for next year. We do give students alternate choices to better program them into courses they want. However, parents are reminded that placement in courses is done on an availability basis and at times, students may not get the exact courses that they requested. Students must take eight classes in the timetable (periods 1 to 4) and may opt to take additional courses outside the timetable. Grade 12 students who are taking a heavy academic load may apply for one study block during the year.

Grade 12 students are reminded to take care of business and ensure that they are meeting grad requirements, meeting important deadlines and preparing for their Grad Transitions exit interviews.

All students are encouraged to give their best efforts in their classes to ensure success. Students do have the option to get ahead in some subjects or repeat courses that they were unsuccessful in during summer school. Students should see their counselor for more information about summer school.

Gerald Shong, Principal

HEALTH AND SAFETY

This Friday March 1st, Gleneagle Secondary will practice a Code Yellow lockdown drill in conjunction with Scott Creek's Code Red drill. A code Yellow lockdown is intended to keep students in the school building in the event of minor risks that may occur outside the school such as a bear in the neighbourhood, a traffic accident near the school or police business near the school. In a Code Yellow lockdown, students still participate in their school lessons. On Wednesday February 13th, the school practiced a Code Red lockdown drill with the RCMP. The Code Red lockdown is to provide a safety protocol for imminent danger to student safety. The drill was a success and the RCMP debriefed the drill with the students at an assembly that immediately followed the drill.

GRAD NEWS

*Grade 12s: complete your Grad Transitions (GT) assignments **before** April 12th. Students must complete their GT assignments before they are able to purchase Grad Dinner & Dance tickets. GT Exit Interviews will be held on May 13th.*

BLOOD DONATION OPPORTUNITY

Attention all parents and grade 12 students: There is a blood donor clinic on **Friday March 8th** at the Christian Center on Runnell Drive (located across the street from Tim Horton's). If you would like to donate blood, please call 1-888-2-DONATE. The clinic will be open between 12pm and 7pm. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the same phone number and a health nurse will be happy to help you. Phone lines are open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. A single blood donation can save up to 3 lives.

SOCIALS STUDIES NEWS

Students from our Socials Studies 11 Honours class recently visited the BC Legislative Assembly during their field trip to Victoria. Students had the opportunity to meet Coquitlam-Burke Mountain MLA Douglas Horne. The students had a tour of the assembly and got to view the question period in the legislature the day after the new provincial budget was presented. The students had a quality learning experience and a great time. Their guide commented on the excellent behaviour of our students.



GLENEAGLE ATHLETICS



The fall season is coming to a close and the spring season is just beginning for Gleneagle athletes. Our Wrestling team is preparing for the BC Championships that are being held this weekend at Island Savings Center in Duncan. Twelve of our wrestlers will be striving to medal at the meet. Our Gymnastics team will be sending Daniella Letourneau, Ally Mandley and Arden Nelson to compete in the BC Championships at Brooks

Secondary School in Powell River from March 7th-9th. On the basketball front, the Senior Girls team just finished their season and placed 8th in the Fraser Valleys. The Senior Boys are playing a must win game this Thursday night to try and earn a berth in the BC Championships.



Our spring seasons are beginning and Gleneagle is offering a full slate of spring sports. We are running a Girls and Boys Rugby teams, Tennis, Golf, Netball, Badminton, Girls Soccer and a Track and Field team. Students interested in participating can contact the coaches listed below for more information.

Badminton	Ms. Cridge	Golf	Mr. Unger
Netball	Ms. Anderson	Girls Soccer	Ms. Faedo (student teacher)
Girls Rugby	Ms. Cooper	Boys Rugby	Mr. Turpin, Mr. Richardson or Mr. Poka
Tennis	Mr. Abram	Track and Field	Ms. Demonte and Ms. Wilson

GLENEAGLE HOSTING THE BC TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Gleneagle Secondary School is proud to announce that we are hosting the BC High School Table Tennis Championships on **Friday March 15th and Saturday March 16th**. We encourage all students and their families to take in the exciting action. The action takes place in our main gym and there is plenty of space in the bleachers for everyone to watch the event.

MUSIC NEWS

The Music Department will have its annual Spring Concert on Wednesday March 13th at 7pm in the MPR. Admission for the concert is free by donation. We encourage all our parents, family, friends and music students to attend this special concert as we prepare for a major music festival in Disneyland, California during Spring Break! Your attendance and support is very much appreciated!

Dates to Remember

March 1st Interim Reports sent home
March 13th Parent Teacher Interview from 4-7pm. Early dismissal
March 15th Last day of classes before Spring Break
March 29th Good Friday – School Closed
April 1st - East Monday – School Closed
April 2nd School re-opens after Spring Break
April 15th PAC meeting at 7pm in the Library
April 19th District Pro D Day, no school
April 24th Formal Reports sent home