

Gleneagle Secondary NEWS

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Message from the Principal

Wow—time sure flies—we are nearing the end of first semester! The top 5 words shared by students to describe Gleneagle are: Welcoming, Inclusive, Diverse, Fun, and Accepting. In one word, we believe our students and school are sensational! This past semester has been filled with an incredible number of highly successful student and teacher driven learning, athletic, and cultural activities. We would like to acknowledge the elevated energy and attention staff and students have directed toward all the classroom learning activities and assessments in this final month of first semester. As a staff, our goal is to maximize student learning and success and we are appreciative of the consistent parent support received toward achieving this goal. During the provincial exam days (Monday, January 25 – Thursday, January 28) there are a number of learning opportunities for our students. Ms. Horvath and a team of our grade 9 teachers have organized a full day of learning for our grade 9 students on Tuesday, January 26. Grade 9 students are expected to attend school from 8:50am – 2:00pm. There will be a lunch break from 11:10am – 11:45am; however, we will not have cafeteria service that day. Grade 9 students are required to bring their lunch. Students are encouraged to use the exam period to plan for their next year of learning. Our 2016-17 course selection book will be available online and our career centre facilitator, Ms. Devlin, will be available each day from 10:45am - 3:45pm. Typically, grade 11 and 12 course selection is influenced by the admissions criteria for the various post-secondary programs students are interested in attending and often times the conversations students have with Ms. Devlin will influence their course selection. Grade 12 students are expected to take this opportunity to work on their Grad Transition exit interview presentations which are to be officially presented for evaluation on Wednesday, April 13.

Students writing provincial exams are expected to bring picture ID (student go card accepted) to their exams. Students, please confirm exam date, time and location with your classroom teacher before the end of the semester. We wish our students the best of luck with all of their semester end activities and we look forward to another sensational semester starting Monday, February 1, 2016.

Important information for Students

Grad Transitions:

Any grade 12 students who are **graduating at the end of January** need to complete their GT assignments as soon as possible. Students must email Ms. Horvath (jhorvath@sd43.bc.ca) when their assignments are done and to book a date ASAP for their Exit interview. GT is worth 4 credits and is mandatory for graduation.

Students graduating in June 2016 are encouraged to complete their assignments and exit interviews early. The final due date for GT assignments is February 11th, 2016 and the Exit Interview will be April 13th. All information is on the Grad Transitions website. Contact Ms. Horvath (<u>jhorvath@sd43.bc.ca</u>) if you have any questions.

All students (gr.9-12) must enter their DPA on the GT site. The whole assignment should be completed by the end of semester 1 and progress will be noted on the semester 2 report card. Contact Ms. Horvath (jhorvath@sd43.bc.ca) if you have any questions.

All grade 9 students will be participating in the Economics for Success presentation on Tuesday, January 26th as part of the requirements for HCE 9. As well on that day, grade 9's will have a presentation by Reach Out Psychosis. More information will be delivered through grade 9 block 1 classes. Contact Ms. Horvath (jhorvath@sd43.bc.ca) if you have any questions.

Art Department

EMERGING TALENT EXHIBITION 2016

This annual art show at the Evergreen Cultural Centre showcases the work of District #43 grade 12 visual arts students who are applying for admission to various post-secondary art schools and programs this spring. Student artwork for the show is selected by a panel of three judges (retired art teachers) for exhibition at the Evergreen Gallery. Students from six secondary schools are participating this year. Works include examples of drawing, painting, pastel, mixed-media, photography, digital media, and sculpture.

Gleneagle students Terra Bae, Andrew Hong, Yasaman Hoorfar, Eileen (Seo Young) Hwang, Blake (Jia) Ruo, Michael Kim, I Jun Kim, Claudia Lam, Ivan Liu, Jeannie Mao, Makena Mills, Melody Nejad, Harrie Park, Clara Peek, Gabrielle Poitras, Nikki Salingdong, Amy Salvador, Alan (Yulun) Wu, Olivia Zeng, and Phoebe (Yufei) Zhong are each submitting up to three pieces of original art work to the gallery. In all, 51 art works are from these 'Art Careers 12' students. The jurors will make their selection of works on Thursday January 14th.

The opening reception is at 2:00 pm on Sunday, January 24th at the Evergreen Gallery and the exhibition runs from January 24th to February 21st 2016.

Multicultural Club

The Multicultural Club is going to 'Fly Over Canada/Fly Over China' – a double feature at Canada Place February 24th. All international students, including our newly arriving students, are invited to attend. The cost will be \$5.00. For more information see Mrs. Gregory in Room 214. What a fun way to get to know Canada more!!!

The Enchantment Project

The Enchantment Project is accepting gently used grad dresses from the last five years. If you have a daughter or sister that has graduated within that time frame and has either a floor length or cocktail dress that she would like to donate, please drop the dress off at any of the following schools: Charles Best, CABE, Gleneagle, Heritage Woods and Riverside - Attention Youth Worker/Enchantment Project. Your donation will help to make sure that every young woman in the Tri-City area can attend her grad celebrations. Please contact Erin Watkins if you have any questions, ewatkins@sd43.bc.ca.

Grade 12 students need to submit their grad comments and a baby picture for the yearbook. This is due **Monday**, **January 18**, **2016**. Failure to meet the deadline could result in your picture, etc. not being in the yearbook. Please go to the school website www.gleneagle.org and click on the baby Einstein link for instructions.

Important Dates to Remember

January 18, 2016	Grade 8 parent info session 7:00 pm
January 21, 2016	Cross Grade Exams Double Block 1/3
January 22, 2016	Cross Grade Exams Double Block 2/4
January 25-28, 2016	Provincial Exams
January 28, 2016	Grade 8 Tour
January 29, 2016	School based Pro D – no classes
February 1, 2016	Start of Semester #2
February 4, 2016	Semester #1 Report Card
February 8, 2016	Family Day (School Closed)
February 9, 2016	School Not in Session
February 19, 2016	District Pro D day – School not in session

Winter Weather Ahead!

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

Some of our schools are in very different climate zones from one another and there may be the need for select closings within the district. If there is a partial closure of schools within the district, these individual schools will be identified.



On occasion, full district or partial district closure is required.

Extreme weather can also impact student bussing. School bus schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Change and or cancellations of bus routes will be reported as we receive updated information from the school bussing companies. On some occasions, school bus runs will need to be cancelled, but the nearby schools will remain open.

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

For school bus route cancellation and changes, information will be updated on the School District website as it becomes available.

We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes. Parents seeking information on transit bus schedules need to consult the Translink website: http://www.translink.ca/

Congratulations to the winners of the Gleneagle Wordle Contest.

Grade 9 – Kaithlyn Rockwell Grade 10 – Nicole Huang Grade 11 – Emma Waterhouse Grade 12 – Adrianna Corrado

All students were encouraged to enter the contest by submitting an entry of five words that best describe Gleneagle. We designed reusable tote bags with the Wordle. If you are interested in purchasing one, the tote bags are now available in the office for \$10.00 each. Thank you to all students who entered.





COAST 2017

This note is a reminder to all Grade 9 students who have applied for COAST 2017. The student applicant interviews are scheduled for Thursday January 28th, 2016 (during exam week). Each applicant has been emailed their interview time for the interview day. The COAST teachers are looking forward to meeting with the student candidates. On Friday February 5, 2016 - Notifications will be mailed out to each candidate (the home address provided on the application form will receive the notice). On Friday February 26, 2016 - The Confirmation of Acceptance letters (including the parent signature) are due.



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ITEMS TO YOUR BLOCK 2 CLASS TO
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