



Gleneagle Secondary NEWS

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Message from the Principal

Semester change is a time for students and staff alike to reflect on successes both academically and culturally, which creates an opportunity to set new goals and initiate planning for second semester. Our students had a very strong first semester and we are very optimistic about the results students will be receiving at the end of this month regarding provincial exam performance.

As a staff we have made good use of the two recent non-instructional days. Friday, January 29 was dedicated primarily to individual and department work around professional growth. Tuesday, February 9 was an in-service day dedicated to the school-wide, departmental, and classroom implementation of the revised ministry curriculum. The 2016/17 school year represents the first official year for the revised curriculum at the K to 9 grade levels. The 2017/18 school year will be the implementation year for the grade 10 to 12 revised curriculum.

Our fine and performing arts programs are, once again, having a banner year. Approximately 50% of the pieces in The Emerging Talent 19 art show, currently on at the Evergreen Cultural Centre, are submissions from Gleneagle students. This annual event does a brilliant job of capturing high school student talent across all secondary schools in our district. We encourage all community members to visit the Evergreen Cultural Centre before February 21 when the exhibit closes. This past weekend our drama department hosted the annual Murder-Mystery fundraising dinner. This event always proves most enjoyable for the guests and the staff participants. There are limited tickets still available for the music departments annual Jazz Gala coming up on Saturday, February 27.

Our athletics department is currently in the shoulder season between winter and spring with our basketball teams either wrapping up their season or participating in playoff competitions. Our wrestling team has finished up the season with a number of competitors qualifying for the provincial tournament. The girls and the boys rugby teams are preparing for their March trip to California. Mr. Turpin is in the process of securing teacher sponsors for the very popular and successful Gleneagle badminton team. Congratulations and thank you to all student athletes and coaching staff members for their dedication and school representation.

Our counsellors are working diligently on student articulation and course selection for the 2016/17 school year. All students, regardless of grade, have had the opportunity to attend an information session hosted by our counsellors. Hopefully you have had an opportunity to talk with your son or daughter about their course selections for next year and beyond. All student course selection forms were collected last Friday, February 12. If you or your child continue to have questions about course selection or post-secondary admissions please contact the appropriate counsellor or our career facilitator, Ms. Phyllis Devlin.

Between now and the spring break we will be sending interim report cards home (March 2) and hosting our parent/teacher interviews (March 9). The registration and interview schedules will be consistent with our fall pattern and more detailed information will be sent out to parents as we get closer to the dates.

Ken Cober



Mixed-media piece by I Jun Kim



"Harvest Dance" is an oil painting by Olivia Zheng

The **'Emerging Talent'** student art show runs until February 21st. Both pieces above are among the Gleneagle student artwork displayed in the Evergreen Gallery.

Ceramics 12

When you visit Gleneagle during the month of February, the "Personal Totem" ceramic sculptures you see both in the main office and in the library are the work of first semester Ceramics 12 students. Some totems are conceptual pieces, visually developing a communication around a theme, such as personal life events or environmental issues. Some totems are Grad Exit Interview pieces, constructed of stacked visual metaphors representing the students' growth at each grade level. Each has a short statement explaining the idea(s) behind the totem. We hope you get the opportunity to see and enjoy the works!



Important Dates to Remember

February 19, 2016	District Non-Instructional Day – No classes in session
February 26, 2016	Grade 9 Immunizations
March 2, 2016	Interim Report Cards
March 9, 2016	Parent/Student Teacher Interviews
March 9, 2016	Spring Music Concert 7:00 pm
March 11, 2016	Last Day of Classes before Spring Vacation
March 14 – 28, 2016	Spring Vacation
March 29, 2016	School re-opens after Spring Vacation

Parent Teacher Interviews will be Wednesday, March 9, 2016 from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Signup and registration to book online for parent teacher interviews will begin on Thursday, March 3, 2016 and close at 9:00 am Wednesday, March 9, 2016. Please go to www.gleneagle.org and click on the Parent/Student Teacher Interview button. We recommend you register for this system with an email address other than Shaw. If you registered last year, there is no need to register again. Once registered, you should receive an activation email verifying your correct email address. Activate by clicking on the activation link and login with the email address and password you registered with and sign up for interviews. Note that interviews will be 10 minutes for each teacher.

On the weekend of January 22-24th, five Gleneagle students participated in the **Model United Nations Conference** at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Vancouver, where 1300 students from Western Canada gathered to discuss and debate various international issues.

Gleneagle was very well represented at the conference by AJ Lahouaoula and Reza Zarebidaky , who both won first place in their respective committees, as well as Owen Guo, Jordan Flatman, and Jason Fan.

The conference was sponsored and chaperoned by Mr. Milliard and Mr. Poka, who were duly impressed with the boys' achievements and comporment.



Please Support Gleneagle Secondary's Rugby Team in their Tournament Trip to San Francisco!

Gleneagle has approximately 25 rugby players going to a tournament in San Francisco, March 2016. Parent volunteers are hosting an adult pub night February 28th, 2016 to help raise funds for our athletes' trip. We will also be holding a raffle giveaway that evening sanctioned by the BC Lotteries Commission.

We are hoping you will assist the Gleneagle Rugby Team and their tournament by donating a gift card, prize(s) or service(s) to use for our raffle.

We would like to secure your support by February 26th, 2016. All donations will be acknowledged.

Once again, thank you for helping the Gleneagle Rugby Team build memories that will last a lifetime! If you have any questions about the rugby tournament, please feel free to email their coach Simon Quinto at squinto@sd43.bc.ca.

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JAZZ GALA 2016

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27th 2016

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