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New club inspired by We Day pep rally

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staff reporter

Members of Gleneagle's newest club, the Talons Team Me to We Club, are teaming up with *Free the Children* organization to help build a school in Ecuador. The club's first project of the year will be "to focus on the Brick by Brick Campaign to raise enough funds to build a school," according to **Quirien Mulder ten Kate**, teacher advisor. "On average that's about \$8500," she said. "We could (also) raise funds to pay for the salary of a teach-

age them to fundraise for *Free the Children*. *Free the Children* is an organization started by Craig Keilburger 14 years ago. At the age of 12, he shared an article about child labour murder with his school friends and together they founded *Free the Children*. At this young age, he travelled to south east Asia to learn about working children in their home environments. As a result he wrote a book about his experiences, and has been active in fighting against child labour world wide ever

"...the Dalai Lama for sure... He was just talking with so much compassion"

er...that could be another \$500," Mulder said. **Rebecca MacDonald** and **Kelly Bryant**, both in grade 9, "are the student leaders for this project," said Mulder. The Gleneagle club was inspired when 29 students from our school were invited to the We Day pep rally earlier this fall. This was an event aimed to educate young people about global issues and to be able to encour-

since. This year for the first time , the We Day pep rally expanded to Vancouver and was held at GM Place. Mulder said that, "it was an opportunity for 16,000 youth in the lower mainland and beyond..." to be able to attend and experience We Day." **Katie Fajber**, grade 10, "...got invited to We Day, so I went and by the end of it I was just totally



KAYLA PHILLIPS PHOTO

Outta my way: grade 12 student goes for the goal in field hockey action against Port Moody. The Talons went on to defeat Heritage Woods for the district championship. See story, page 7

astounded and really excited to be in on this project." "We got so inspired. It was so empowering; there were so many speakers," she said. Fajber enjoyed "the Dalai Lama for sure, because I didn't even know he was going and that he was there. He was just talking with so much compassion." Keilburger was also present, and Jason Mraz, a popular singer-songwriter, concluded the show with a performance. Gleneagle's club has about 30 active members, Mulder said. The club meets every Thursday.

Student goblins, ghouls, ghosts fighting hunger door to door



KEVIN CAMTHRA PHOTO

CHELSEA FORSTER
staff reporter

The Global Issues Club is aiming to feed the hungry with the annual Halloween for Hunger fundraiser. "You go out on Halloween and collect cans of food," explained **Paolo Mercado**, grade 10. Instead of going to a party right away, students are encouraged to bring a wagon and collect food for the food bank. "When you go out and collect this food, people will be wonder-

ing why you aren't making trouble at a party. They will get food right away," Mercado said. "It's a great way to get food for people who really need it and to get some free candy too," he said. The Global Issues Club is hoping many Gleneagle students will embrace this project. **Emily Harden**, grade 10, believes the fundraiser can generate a lot of food "if we fully commit to this." Students are encouraged to trick and treat for cans of food. Any food collected will be delivered to

the food bank. The Global Issues Club is involved with this fundraiser in partnership with *Free the Children*, an international non-profit organization started by Ontario student Craig Keilberger when he was 12 years old. Halloween for Hunger is just one of the organization's many projects that encourages young people to become active in making a difference in their communities and their world. For more information, go to www.wefreethechildren.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, November 4
Take our Kids to Work Day (Grade 9)

Friday, November 13
Report Cards

Wednesday, November 11
Remembrance Day holiday
Schools closed

Post-halloween brings worst trick of all... report cards

Students and teachers have settled in, and the school finally gears up for Halloween. The lunch-hour Halloween fashion show receives final touches, and many students will trick-or-treat for a local food bank.

All these exciting events distract us from little pieces of paper called report cards. Although it seems just a few days ago since we caused our parents to despair with an unsatisfactory effort mark on our interms, the first formal report card comes out on November 13.

Being only a few days from mark cut-off forces some teachers to assign assignments and schedule tests.

What does this mean for the students? Although parties and plans probably won't be cancelled, students might have some uneasy feelings while they are enjoying Halloween.

A perfect time for an analogy: Ebenezer Scrooge is to Christmas, as teachers are to Halloween. A stocking full of coal is to Christmas, as a binder full of homework is to Halloween. Teachers are piling more homework on us and students need to focus on their workload, despite all the seasonal distractions.

After the sugar high wears off, and the binders slowly get opened, all the assignments, one by one, may come alive and haunt our souls. More than the scary stories told by our friends, or the horror movie we went to, there is more fear in store for the Monday after.

Having Halloween on a Saturday horrifies staff and parents already for the safety of their children, but after we may all be even more frightened about the schoolwork that will need to be completed.

So stack up on those candies, because with the tests and midterms looming on the post Halloween horizon, a little sugar high might be necessary.



Twilight: entertainment? maybe...greatest love story? never



edge columnist

love story of all time, then we're going to have a problem.

Now, now girls, put down those pitch forks!

I'm not going to spend the next

When it comes down to it, why do so many girls like Edward? It's because his character is SAFE-packaged as a bad boy with no real danger.

He is nowhere near the ideal boyfriend

few hundred words bashing the series. I'm simply laying out a few things.

At my last school, I had to suffer through the entire lunch hour listening to girls giggling about Robert Pattinson's looks and how Edward is the greatest boyfriend ever.

It's that last bit that seems to get me every single time.

Edward?

He is nowhere near the ideal boyfriend. He's only Stephenie Meyer's version of what the ideal male is.

He's handsome, he wants to wait until marriage, and he would do anything to protect Bella.

The young readers (and many of the older) fall for the idea of there being the perfect guy (or girl) out there for them, someone attractive, caring, devoted and sincere.

I've tried to explain to many of my classmates that Edward is merely a character and in real life you'll never find someone perfect.

Even Edward himself isn't perfect.

On numerous occasions he treats his beloved Bella as an invalid, making decisions for her that she is fully capable of making on her own and never asking for her input. He's controlling her.

Their relationship has startling similarities to those of the 40's

where women weren't allowed to work, were expected to obey their husband and devote themselves to no other.

Another thing that irks me is Edward admits to Bella that for the past few weeks he's broken into her house and watched her sleep.

Doesn't anyone find this disturbing?

A young girl being watched at night by a man decades older. Sounds like a case for 20/20.

What's worse is the fact that Bel-

should by no means be the perfect male.

A vampire should be exactly what you expect to see walking down a dark alley in downtown Vancouver.

Vampires are meant to be ravenous creatures, feasting on human blood to survive. They live to hunt and enjoy their kills.

Irritable, rude and selfish.

So what I'm trying to explain is that Edward is being typecast as the ideal boyfriend while he's

In a relationship we should expect three things: love, loyalty and fidelity

la isn't bothered by it.

Wouldn't you be horrified to find out that a man at least three times your age has been sneaking into your bedroom every night and admiring you, while you're asleep?

Who knows what could have happened?

I'm a firm believer that a vampire

flawed and the books lead young girls to believe that they'll land their very own Edward.

No man is perfect and we shouldn't expect them to be.

In a relationship we should expect three things: love, loyalty and fidelity.

Perfection is not on the list.



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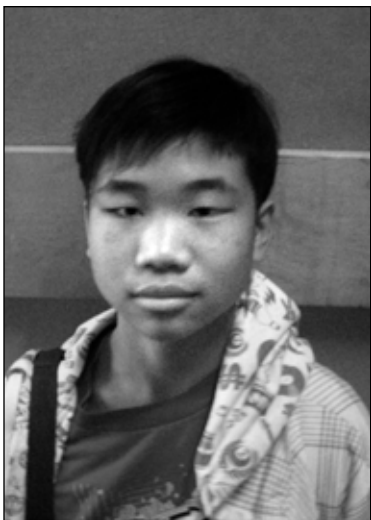
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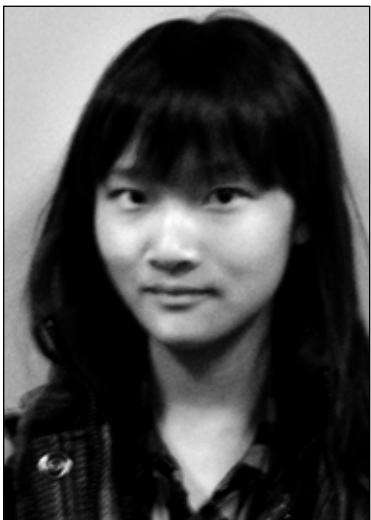
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What is the weirdest treat you have ever received?

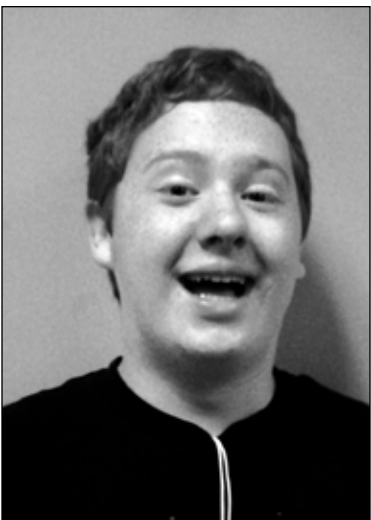
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“Bug soup.”



grade 10
“A bracelet.”

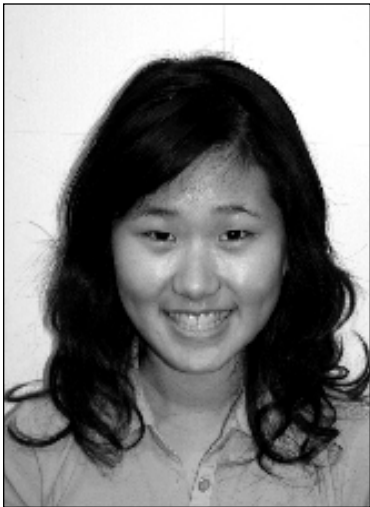


grade 11
“A Finding Nemo Christian pamphlet.”



grade 12
“A cheap train set.”

Students’ study habits: disruptive or constructive?



edge columnist

When I feverishly work on my History 12 assignment, my iPod is blasting inappropriate rap music. Personally, these catchy beats lavished with “bad words” help

me focus on Adolf Hitler and his anti- Semitism.
Once, I was studiously completing my homework, as usual, in the counselling office during my off block.
Had I known he was coming, I would’ve quickly changed my iPod to something more “principal-friendly,” but before I could help it, Mr. Matheson was using the click-wheel, looking at what music had blocked me from hearing him.
Unfortunately, I was working on history at that moment.
I normally don’t listen to that genre of music, and certainly, it was a surprise to many friends, let alone, the principal.
Many find my weird study habits all too foreign, so I decided to observe my peers’ study habits closely.
Fortunately, they are almost as

bad as me.
I am one of the growing breed of cell phone checkers during study time.
Despite the countless promises made to myself not to check my phone until all my studies have been finished, I check my phone
at every notification of a new text. New Text Message 1: it just pulls me into wondering what it says and who it may be from!
Nonetheless, this common practice not only breaks the concentration of the message receiver, but even the vibration alert, disturbs people around the reader, too.
Another concentration breaker

many of my peers are guilty of is talking to themselves or reading their homework aloud.
Also, when friends ask a rhetorical question to themselves, I always wonder whether or not the question is directed to me, and if I’m supposed to answer it.
Common study habits, like listening to music... have been shown in many studies not to be productive
I’m sure many have been victimized for staring at a friend long enough to make the situation awkward because of this common miscommunication.
Another category of irritating study habits is music-making.
This includes the dedicated musicians who perform mini air concerts in the library, or the pencil

tappers whose rhythm can pierce through any ear plugs or bad rap music.
I really do respect my musician friends, but when their continual finger-tapping gets over the top, I secretly make a mental note not to be in a study group with them. No offence.
Common study habits, like listening to music, or being engaged in another matter, have shown in many studies not to be productive. However, if it helps with concentration and engagement with the subject, then it’s okay to have your music on quietly, right?
Whatever floats your boat—if calculating enthalpy in chemistry ‘only’ works with screamo music where the artists sacrifice their vocal cords, go for it.
But let’s be respectful of the people around us, too.

Swine influenza epidemic: get yourself paranoid



edge columnist

Since the opening of the school year, many students have become infected by different types of sickness.

It could simply be a cough and cold, high fever, flu, or the most feared - swine influenza.
What is swine influenza? Swine influenza (also known as swine flu, hog flu, pig flu, and sometimes-the swine) is an infection of any one of the different types of swine flu virus.
Flu viruses that infect pigs are called swine influenza viruses. These are contagious and viral, and cause symptoms in humans. But, what is the cause of this swine flu?
The virus spreads through contaminated water or dust. As a result, different types of the virus could affect both pigs and humans.
So, if you are sick and you are paranoid that you have the swine

flu, read ahead for the relevant symptoms.
It can be very deceiving, as it has similar symptoms to other common ailments.
To most people who have swine flu, these are the symptoms: fever, dry cough, sore throat, headache, chills, body aches, fatigue, vomiting and/or diarrhea.
Unfortunately, in severe cases, swine flu can lead to pneumonia and respiratory failure.
Now, if you are still paranoid, there are some methods of pre-

vention: why not stand a few feet away from people who are sick, or distance yourself away if you are sick? Or, perhaps you could wear gloves when using common keyboards.
If you really want to make sure of complete protection against the swine flu, a vaccination... will be available soon
People who are confirmed to have the swine flu, should quarantine themselves for two weeks.
Covering your mouth and nose when you are just about to cough will help prevent increased sickness.
Cough into your sleeve not your hands. If ever you cough directly

on your hands-wash them.
If you’ve got no possible access to soap and water, having a sanitizing gel handy always helps!
If you suspect you have the swine flu, make sure you consult a doctor who will be able to prescribe Tamiflu which reduces the effects of the flu.
If you really want to make sure of complete protection against the swine flu, a vaccination that fights against swine flu will be available soon.
This vaccine is called Arepanrix, and is recommended to Canadians over the age of six months.
There is a lot more information about the Arepanrix vaccination from many reliable sources.
Refer to Health Link BC site: www.healthlinkbc.ca.



Outdoors Club’s first trip to Long Beach highly successful



Peek a boo: grade 12 students make memories at Long Beach

CLARE CHIU
staff reporter

The Outdoors Club is off to a great start this year. Their first trip was on the professional day weekend in September to Long Beach. “I think everybody had a great time,” said **Rick Thompson**, teacher sponsor. “[The students] seemed to be happy all the time and they’ve been talking about it since they’ve gotten back.”

According to the organizers, the Long Beach trip is a very popular trip where participants get to enjoy a couple of days on the beach. The weather is usually nice and the students get to do a lot of surfing with kayaks and boogie boards. There are various activities to do. This year volleyball nets were set up and there were some walks and small hikes all along the beach. There was also a big crab roast that was held on the beach.

“The best part of the trip was the waves. They were the biggest that we’ve seen for a long time and made for some really exciting kayak rides and boogie boarding,” added Thompson.

“It was wonderful. The weather was perfect,” said Douglas Mancell, teacher supervisor. “The students that came were exceptional. They were all very well behaved and had a great time,” he added.

For some of the students, setting up camp

and organizing cooking and cleaning groups were nothing new. Many of them were ex-Coast students that knew exactly what to do.

One of the highlights of the trip was a stop at Coombs on the way back. Coombs is a small town on Vancouver Island that’s known for the family of goats nimbly grazing on the grass rooftop of the Coombs Old Country Market.

“Inside the building they have lots of food, lots of souvenir articles and it’s just a really neat place to go to and do a bit of shopping,” said Thompson.

Overall, he said, “The whole trip was wonderful ...lots of surfers and everyone just got along really well. There was not a single problem that I can think of. Everything went perfectly.”

A huge thanks goes out to Doug Binns’ wife who volunteered at the last second to go along when **Krista Bogen**, Coast teacher, couldn’t make the trip. Without a female supervisor, the trip to Long Beach would not have gone ahead.

In terms of other trips this year, students will have to be kept posted. The Outdoors Club runs various trips throughout the school year, usually on weekends.

As far as the Long Beach trip goes, it’s receiving a lot of positive responses and will probably be happening again next year. “It’s one of the best trips so we like to keep that going,” said Mancell.

New teachers at Gleneagle welcomed by staff and students

EMMA ROBERTS
staff reporter

New teachers at Gleneagle are beginning to feel at home this year as they are welcomed by the staff and students.

Marina Chugunova, **Ashley Freeborn**, **John Gibney**, **Ali Tootian**, **Katherine Jung**, and **Helen Xue** all feel welcome and are beginning to get accustomed to life at the school.

“Gleneagle has an amazing sense of community,” raved Freeborn, the new drama

teacher. “Administration is very involved, teachers are willing to help one another, and students feel as though they’re part of a team,” she said.

potential in his students.

“They are quite enthusiastic; they’re interested, and they want to have a future,” he said.

“I’ve found everyone here to be exceptionally friendly and welcoming”

Chugunova agrees. “I’ve found everyone here to be exceptionally friendly and welcoming,” she said.

Gibney, Gleneagle’s new counselor, sees

“It’s been so great”, said Xue, who was a TOC before she came to Gleneagle. “The students are wonderful and the teachers are very friendly.”

Tootian, who teaches Math, is already feeling at home. “It only took me a few days to get settled in. The staff is welcoming, the students are welcoming, and the school routine was easy to fit in to,” he said

Freeborn is excited about the year ahead. “It’s going to be great. I look forward to seeing how we can grow as a theatre program,” she added.

“Overall,” said Chugunova, “it has been a very positive experience.”

Andria DiTuri also joined the staff in a part-time position last week, teaching English classes in the afternoon.

Newly formed Green Team starts plastic recycling campaign

DARREN MULDER
staff reporter

The newly formed Green Team will be hosting a reusable water bottle campaign during the second week of November.

Green Team student leader **Thea Ong**, grade 12 said, “We will be encouraging people to bring bottles you can fill instead of buying them from the vending machines or cafeteria.”

“We are doing the plastic recycling bottle campaign to raise awareness about how harmful they can be in the environment, and how much good they can do if they are recycled,” said **Nimisha Mascarenhas**, grade 12.

According to Green Team members, plastic water bottles pose a severe threat to the environment when they are dumped into landfills and other areas in the environment.

“We will be holding a raffle where people bring in their reusable water bottles, and are entered into a draw for a free lunch,” said **Ariana Vaisey**, grade 10. “Hopefully this event will raise awareness to how wasteful plastic water bottles can be,” she said.

The Green Team was formed this year,

and several more campaigns are being planned.

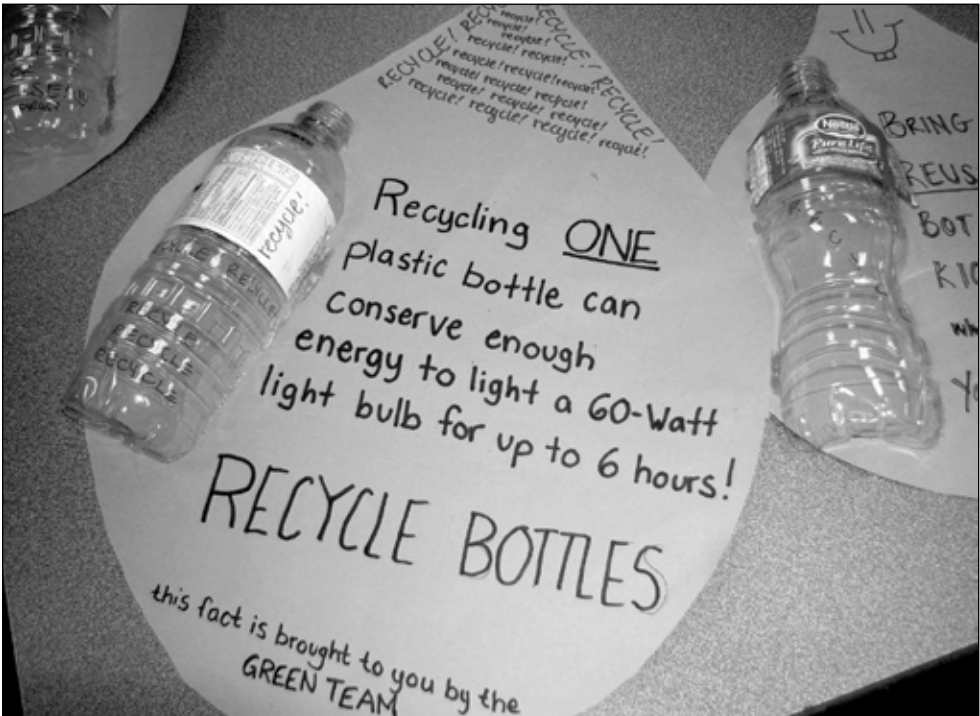
“Hopefully we will be able to get a vegetable garden up in the school by spring,” said Ong. “We also want to create a walk or bike to school event, an assembly on going green, and a lights-out campaign,” she said.

All of these events are planned for later in the year, and are meant to make people more conscious about the state of our planet, and what we can do to save it.

The vegetable garden will hopefully be operational by spring, and the cafeteria will be able to use the veggies in their menu. Walking and biking to school and a lights-out campaign are designed for energy conservation.

“I was talking to Mr. Matheson about this last year in October / November. I mentioned that we didn’t have this kind of group in the school, and there is a school district committee about energy conservation sponsored by B.C. Hydro, so there is a grant for eco projects, and we are applying for it,” said Ong.

So far the Green Team has a dozen devoted members, and they are still looking for more. Since Ong is in grade 12, and the green team is student led, a goal of the green team is also “to create a solid foun-



Recycle, it’s good for you: Gleneagle’s Green Team makes a display out of water bottles to promote recycling

dation for the group, so it can continue next year,” said Ong.

Mascarenhas said, “we really need someone to take Thea’s place next year, and we really want to see the spirit carried into next year.”

Mascarenhas also said that “the Green Team is a great opportunity to get involved and gain more awareness for environmental issues.”

The green team meets every Friday morning at 8:15 in room 204.

Grade 12’s rise to challenge of blood drive competition

KASEY IM
staff reporter

Gleneagle is again rising to the challenge of being the tri-city high school with the most students and staff willing to bleed for a cause. Starting in December, Gleneagle will start the Ashley Brear Challenge.

Claudia Lee, grade 12, organized the blood drive from her own experience in 2008.

“The grade 12’s of [2008] organized the blood drive and actually won the Ashley Brear challenge. I thought that it’d be interesting if I

The blood drive is only for the grade 12’s or students who are 17 or older.

“We do have requirements for [the donation]. 110 pounds is the limit for the weight restriction. We ask that they have [a] full meal and are properly hydrated,” said Asconi.

Also, the students have to have a piece of photo i.d. with them when they are donating blood. They need to be feeling well that day. The donors also need to be at least six months from receiving tattoos and piercing.

There are traveling restrictions for areas that have malaria-risk

Alberta to supply the requirements of B.C. Children’s Hospital because we don’t have enough donations in our province alone. You can save up to three lives and it’s only an hour of your time, so you should all be involved,” said Morenz.

Morenz has donated blood more than 10 times in her life, but she thinks that she should have donated more often. “You can donate every 56 days of approximately two months,” she said.

“I think a lot of students are nervous about giving blood because they think that it might hurt, or they don’t really know what’s going to happen. I’m hoping that by educating grade 12’s about the process and how you go about doing it, that it’ll be less [unnerving] and less intimidating,” added Morenz.



KASEY IM PHOTO

Please Donate: Gary Dhillan from the Canadian Blood Services explains to the grade 12’s how the blood donation process works.

“Also at the same time, it’s empowering to know that you can help save up to three lives”

can bring that back for the grads of 2010 to do something different and make a change,” said Lee.

There was a presentation for grade 12’s on Friday October 16, where two representatives from Blood Services came. **Candace Asconi** and **Gary Dhillan**, Community Development Coordinators, explained the blood donating processes.

“It’s a challenge for the tri-city high schools ... the Ashley Brear Challenge. We’re having students donate in her honour,” said Asconi.

“Last year we actually had about 16 high schools compete within B.C. And at the same time, we collected 2135 units of blood for hospital patients,” explained Dhillan.

zones. The lists of the restricted countries are online.

“I think the purpose overall is to help contribute to the community in terms of social responsibility. Also at the same time, it’s empowering to know that you can help save up to three lives by just setting aside about an hour of your time,” said Dhillan.

Peri Morenz, teacher sponsor for the blood drive thinks that more students should sign up for the donation.

“I feel that it’s really important that people do go out and make a donation because less than 4% of the people who are eligible to donate blood actually go and do it, which is not enough. And every year we have to import blood from

One unit of blood from a student can save up to three lives as three different products are derived from it. In blood, there are red blood cells, platelets, and plasmas, which are all used for different purposes. The blood given by the students will go to B.C. hospital patients undergoing surgeries or treatments.

More than 30 students signed up for the first session starting December 10. The signups for the second session will be held in January.

A school bus will be at the school to drive the students back and forth to the temporary clinics spread out in the tri-cities. The students have to sign in under Gleneagle in order for it to count in the challenge. Sessions continue until February 4.

Justin Yamano, grade 12, thinks that the blood drive is a good idea. “It’s bringing the younger generation to do good for the population,” said Yamano. “[I decided to donate blood because] if there’s a chance someone can live longer, then it won’t hurt to give blood,” he added.

Genieveve Basit, grade 12, decided to donate blood after hearing the presentation. “[I think that] giving blood makes you realize that no matter how little you give, you make your contribution and create a big impact on the community,” said Basit.

“[Bring] people in our community, be it friends and family, anyone who is 17 or older; tell them to go to the clinic and sign under their school name,” said Dhillan. “For more than anything, if you haven’t tried it out, just give it a shot,” he added.

“Try it for the first time, and once they see how easy it is, [hopefully] they’ll do it again,” added Morenz.

There is more information online at blood.ca or students can call Canadian Blood Services at 1 888 236 6238 or go online at www.blood.ca.

Annual senior sail, a chance for grads of 2010 to bond

JAYME PEDERSEN
staff reporter

This year’s Senior Sail was the best turnout in years, despite earlier fears that it might be cancelled.

“We were worried about if there would be enough but it was just because kids were waiting for the last minute to purchase their

tickets,” said **Billy Demonte**, one of the teachers who organised the event.

Dave Matheson, principal, said, “We had four buses which I think is one more than we typically have.” Matheson said that Senior Sail has been an event that has been going on for years at Gleneagle, and was here before he came to Gleneagle eight years ago. So the students of the senior class got dressed semi-formal and took out their cameras in preparation for the sail.

very beautiful,” she said.

Others like **Heidi Randlesome** enjoyed dancing most of all. “It was really fun. I’m really glad I went,” Randlesome said. “Once you got there, it was really fun to get to hang out with all your friends,” she added.

Both seniors enthusiastically recommend younger students to get aboard the ship when they get the chance.

Demonte said the event is designed “for the grade 12’s to get together with their grad class, something just for them.”

“It’s a perfect way for the whole senior class to get to know one another, sort of galvanise and pull them together in a party atmosphere,” said Matheson. “I was really impressed with the nature of the participation; the kids really seemed to enjoy the event,” he said.

The senior students who attended the event strongly agreed.

Sydney Sherwood, grade 12, said, “It was very enjoyable and I had a lot of fun,” a popular view amongst the seniors who attended. “I would have to say going up on the deck and viewing the city lights [was memorable]; it was

It seems the only reason some seniors didn’t want to attend the sail was because of the price of \$50 for three hours of fun and no dinner.

All the seniors who attended seemed to realise there was a sense of togetherness they loved.

“I got to hangout with a bunch of people I just see in the hall and we talked for a bit and danced,” added Randlesome. “It really brings you together with all your fellow seniors, even if you don’t really know them before... It’s the fact that it’s your last year and you’re a senior. You start to kind of bond for a bit,” she said.

Seniors seem anxious and excited to do more events, maybe something “other than dressing up and dancing for three hours until your feet are so sore you can’t stand up anymore,” Matheson added.



JAYME PEDERSEN PHOTO

Smile: grade 12 students strike a pose after a visit to the buffet on the cruise in Downtown Vancouver.

Change for improved junior girls as districts approach

JAIME McLAUGHLIN
staff reporter

Gleneagle junior girls volleyball team has had a rough start to their season, with losses in their first four matches against Archbishop Carney, Heritage Woods, Terry Fox and Riverside. They played Port Moody yesterday, but results were not available at press time.

“I’m proud of how much they improved compared to last year”

According to **Joanna Horvath**, coach, there are a few changes this year. “We do have different people. The core is the same, but we’ve lost a couple of people. I’m proud of how much they’ve improved compared to last year, but they don’t get to feel that very

often, as we haven’t won many games.” **Sara Haghighat-Joo**, setter, also noticed change. “There is more pressure [compared to last year]. Everyone’s more committed because we know we want to move forward. Last year was more of a year for giving [high school volleyball] a try.” Horvath also believes that inconsistency contributes to the losses. “We can, at times, have great serves.....

we know we can do a lot of things well; we just have to put them together. Intensity, focus and consistency [are our main weaknesses].” “We tend to get frustrated, and it messes up our gameplay,” added middle **Emily**

Skills serve 9 girls well, playoff picture getting clearer

JAIME McLAUGHLIN
staff reporter

Despite a 2 and 4 league record, the grade 9 girls volleyball team is off to a decent start, keeping the scores close in their league games. **Jeremy Clarke**, coach, is optimistic about the team. “I think skill-wise, we’re very close to all the teams we’ve played. Out of all the games we’ve played, I think there was only one where the other team was hands-down the better team. In the other games, though, it could have gone either way.” “I think if we just have to learn to stick to our basics and work together as a team we’ll do fine,” said **Jenna Bentley**, setter. The girls recorded their wins vs. Terry Fox, 3 to 2, and Heritage Woods, 3 to 0. Their losses came against Riverside, 3 to 1, Archbishop Carney, 3 to 0, Dr. Charles Best, 3 to 1 and Centennial, 3 to 1. There are a few theories on who is the

biggest competition, however. According to setter **Alex Tanaka**, “Best is our biggest competition and we need to play better defense to beat them.” Clarke thinks otherwise. “I think our biggest competition would be Heritage or Pinetree, because of the school rivalry. A lot of kids on our team have friends who will be playing for Heritage or Pinetree.” The girls have set a number of goals, both individually and for the team. “[My personal goal is] to crack my wrist....when I spike the ball,” said captain **Alicia Cecchini**, who plays power. **Chelsea Noble**, another power, wants “to get really good overhand serves and make them consistent.” Both setter/power, **Breanna Yee** and Clarke named communication as a team goal. The girls face Pinetree at home after school today, which serves as their final league game. The girls will then look to prepare for the Coquitlam District Championships, November 2 to 4.

Harden. There are also a number of different goals the girls plan on achieving. Middle/power **Kathleen Chu**’s team goal is to develop serving consistency, while libero **Gloria Han** noted that she’d like to see an increase in the length and quality of the rallies. All of the girls agreed that they’d like to qualify for the Coquitlam district playoffs. Despite the losses, the girls are enjoying themselves. Haghighat-Joo said her favourite moment of the season “was when we played Carney. We were down by 15 and we caught up extremely fast and we won the

Promising finish for X-country after successful district results

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staff reporter

Yesterday, Gleneagle junior boys and girls cross country teams participated in the Fraser Valley Championships in Hope. The results were not available by press time. If they succeed in securing a good place, they will move onto provincials at Crescent Park in Surrey on Saturday, November 7. Concerning the upcoming challenge of Fraser Valleys, **Andrew Chang**, grade 9, said, “I’m excited, and I want to finish the season well.” On Wednesday, October 14, the same athletes hit the trails at Mundy Park starting

“It’s not that fun running [the races], but it feels good once you’re done”

at two in the afternoon to participate in the Cross Country District Meet. The junior girls cross country team won district championships. The top four runners were **Clare Chiu**, grade 10, who received second place, **Madisson Watt**, grade 10, who received fourth, **Ariana Vaisey**, grade 10, who received sixth, and **Saskia Vaisey**, grade 10, who received seventh place. **Mike Blair**, grade 11, took first place in

set.” **Lisa Snyder**, middle blocker, named their first tournament as her favourite moment. “We did pretty well, and I thought we played fantastic.” The girls are also entered in a cake tournament in which cake is awarded in lieu of trophies, on Halloween weekend. The team practices each Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 7 pm. They have three remaining league matches, versus Pinetree, Centennial and Dr. Charles Best, before the Coquitlam District Championships. “Last year, we didn’t make Districts.....so it would be great if we did [this year],” Horvath said.

district championships for the senior boys, and **Kyle Smith**, Grade 9, was first in the district for the junior boys. The junior girls ran a 4.7 km track while the junior boys ran a 5.3 km track. The senior boys ran 5.9 km. **Lori Gregory**, coach, said, “[I’m] really proud of how hard the kids pushed themselves on as the route was long and hilly.” Saskia Vaisey commented on the group achievement, and said, “It’s not that fun running it, but it feels good once you’re done.” The district championships is calculated by adding up the top three points of each school; the schools with the least points

win. **John Lim**, grade 12 senior member commented on the success of the junior teams by saying, “The Gleneagle cross country team is proud of the junior team this year. They are motivated and will do well at Fraser Valleys.” The senior members cannot qualify, and will not be representing Gleneagle this year in the Fraser Valleys due to a shortage of qualifying members.

Senior boys with pride and heart despite rough start

KEVIN CAWTHRA
staff reporter

SERVE’S UP. The senior boys volleyball team is well on their way into the season and haven’t struck a ‘w’ into the win column yet, but the boys still have heart to keep on work-

ing hard. “Despite our previous losses, we confront each game with our heads held high, and our arms even higher as we consistently bring the game to our opponents,” said **Shawn Noruzi**, grade 11. “All the games we’ve lost have been close, losing every set by less

than five,” he said. “We will win one game hopefully by the end of the season,” said **Brandon Arce**, grade 11. The boys are very dedicated to the team and want to work harder to improve their skills. “The boys want more practice time during the week so we’re add-

ing a third practice,” said **Nicola Cridge**, head coach. In spite of the rough start, Cridge said there has been improvement

“There’s always room for improvement as our coaches Ms. Cridge and **Thanh Nguyen**, Gleneagle graduate, constantly re-

“Despite our previous losses, we confront each game with our heads held high”

throughout the season from the whole team, and still believes they can pull off a win. She notes that they will be playing tough teams coming up in the next few games. This season for the senior boys there was a big turnout with 15 players making the team, making it hard for subs to stay in the game and keep focus. “Sure we have good starters but when they get off for such a long time they get rusty,” said **Matt Hackett**, grade 11. Before the season ends they hope to maintain focus and keep the momentum going from their first match till the last match.

mind us. If we could only read the play better and call the ball more, we’d probably win the games,” said Noruzi. Cridge also pointed out that the confidence level for the boys isn’t where it should be. “The boys [tend] to psych themselves out before the game by being intimidated by certain players on the opposing teams” said Cridge. The team is mostly made up of grade 11’s so this year’s goal for the team isn’t necessarily to win but to improve skill building and team skills so they can go into next season fresh and ready to go for the new year.



Not in my house: Gleneagle grade 12 student (left), denies two Rams of a kill during last Thursday’s game versus Maple Ridge, as his teammates look on.

District championship legacy lives on for Talons field hockey

KAYLA PHILLIPS
staff reporter

The Talons field hockey team is living up to their reputation for greatness with no losses in the season so far.

The team is now district champions for the thirteenth year in a row, edging out Heritage Woods with a score of 1 to 0. The game winner was scored by **Michelle Berg**, grade 12, and assisted by **Sydney Veljacic**, grade nine.

The team is ready to storm the Fraser Valley tournament, and eventually the provincials. In the past they have taken second at Fraser Valleys and third at provincials, and hope this year will be no exception.

“I hope we will place in the top three to five at provincials” said coach **Michele Morin**. “Working on skill has been a big goal all around for the team, which has seen many fresh faces this year,” Morin said. “We’re more of a developing team,” she added. Grade 11, **Kimberley Chang**, notes her goals as “working hard as a team and trying to develop.”

“We have a lot of young players that have come up from middle school and are very strong. We’re

working on confidence in their play, knowing they can hold onto the ball for longer instead of just giving it away. Last year we had a lot of senior players,” Morin said.

The team has found that having such a strong reputation has its problems.

“We’ve always had a reputation for winning everything, but this year it’s changing because we actually have some competition in Charles Best and Heritage Woods. They have quite good teams, so it’s a lot harder in the district,” said Morin.

“We were in the Bridgeman tournament and it was a struggle for us. We worked hard but didn’t do as well as we usually do,” she said.

The hardworking girls agree that it’s a difficult sport but well worth it. “It’s been going really well. We have a lot of new players but we’ve been winning a lot,” said Veljacic. “It’s good to be on a team sport because you can meet new people.”

When asked what she enjoys most about the sport, grade 9 **Misato Watanabe** says, “Everything!”

You can catch the girls in action at provincials from November 12 to 14 at the Burnaby Lake Sports Complex.



The chase is on: grade 12 student hunts down the ball through a sea of Blues in recent field hockey action against Port Moody.

KAYLA PHILLIPS PHOTO

Talons exempt from berth at Valleys after loss to Centennial

CLAUDIA LEE
staff reporter

The Gleneagle boys’ soccer team ended their season with a loss against Centennial secondary on October 21, exempting them from entering the Fraser Valley Championship.

The team lost by four points to the Cen-

Senior girls set to improve

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staff reporter

The senior girls volleyball team won their game last Tuesday against Terry Fox. “We are so pumped, so excited to go out and destroy and win,” said **Madison Watt**, team captain, before the game. This is the team’s first league win of the season. Their previous game was Thursday, October 15 against the Port Moody Blues. “It was alright. It wasn’t our best or our weakest,” said Watt about the game. “We could’ve beaten them,” she added.

There haven’t been many injuries this season, but illness has been a factor.

Smooth waters for swim team

CHELSEA FORSTER
staff reporter

Gleneagle’s swim coach is expecting good results from the team this year. “Should they have a strong showing they could do quite well at the Fraser Valley championships and I think a number of them could do well at the B.C. Championship as well,” said coach **Mark Tustin**.

Tustin feels that there are some really experienced swimmers on the team this year. Last November at the B.C. High School Swim Championship, the team did relatively well. **Alex Cousineau**, grade 12, who won two silver medals last year, has returned for his senior year.

In the first meet of the year, the Coquitlam District Championships, **Daniel Kondra-**

taurs, being six players short.

“We had nice passes, and encouraged each other during the game,” said **Mike Ju**, grade 12. “The team didn’t give up although [Centennial] is number two in the province.” Unfortunately, “we missed a lot of shots, and let the team off too easy in the beginning,” said Ju.

“I think that we started off strong as a

“The season could be better, in terms of league play,” says **Billy Demonte**, coach. However, she added, “We’ve got a great group of girls; they have a lot of potential.”

The team is working on their movement in practice, covering and working as a group instead of individuals, and communicating with each other. The team is very good at hitting and not getting down on each other, according to Watt.

Demonte said the team is hoping to get more wins under their belt. “[They] are capable of doing better,” she claimed. “They just need to remember to do in games what they’re doing in practice.”

Vicky Zhang, grade 11, is also feeling positively about the team. “I like the coach and the other students,” she said.

The team hits the Coquitlam Aquatics Centre at 6:30 a.m. for practice on Mondays and Wednesdays. Zhang believes it’s rewarding having practice in the morning because “you get a good head start on the day.”

“You really don’t want to wake up in the morning but the water kind of wakes you up and it’s fun to swim,” agreed Kondratyev.

The team’s next competition is Fraser Valley championships, on November 5, where they will look to qualify for provincials.

team and had great energy,” said **Amon Kawamoto**, grade 12. “But we lost some of our enthusiasm and chemistry as a team.”

Players agreed for the most part that they lacked in skill aspects of the game, like passing and the precision of shots, said Ju.

Mike Milliard, coach, thought the team would have improved had they “played with a better lead. When you’re ahead, you have to adjust how you play the game...[In several games,] we were ahead, and we let the other team score too many times,” he explained. “They’re a young team,” said Mil-

workers. They listen well.”

His greatest pride this season was “the way the guys worked together as a team right off the first game, and they did for all the games”. Kawamoto thought that the team improved on “learning to play our positions more effectively, and [we] created more opportunities during the games”.

“I think our teamwork and team chemistry was great,” said Ju. “The coaches [Milliard and **Frank Abbinante**, Gleneagle chef,] were very helpful and encouraging,” concluded Ju.

“When you’re ahead, you have to adjust how you play the game”

liard. Their goal this season was “to make it to the Fraser Valleys,” he said. He described the team as “really good kids, really hard

In total, the boys won 3 of their 9 games this season. The team wrapped up the season with a team lunch.

Junior boys spike competition

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staff reporter

This season, the Gleneagle junior boys volleyball team is off to a good start, having won their first two games against Riverside and Dr. Charles Best secondary schools. They played Heritage Woods on Tuesday, but results were not available at press time.

There are a few returning players as well as new members, totalling twelve members on the team. Last year the team consisted

competition from the opposing teams and that the real competition is yet to come.

Last year was not a good year for the junior boys volleyball team. It was mostly the grade nines against the bigger and stronger juniors. Commitment from the members was also not superb. However, this time the team is made up of an equal number of tens and nines. In addition, there are two leagues that the team is playing in.

“Commitment is also better this season,” Abram said.

As for goals and expectations for the team,

“Winning is nice, but is not everything...the real competition is yet to come”

mostly of grade nines; this year there are more grade tens.

“This gives the team more of an advantage compared to last year,” said coach **Art Abram**. Although they’ve won their first two games, he feels that it is due to lack of

Abram hopes for everyone to work hard and do their best.

“Winning is nice, but is not everything,” he said. “What the team needs to focus on is playing together as a team, and practice volleying the ball.”

Drama students eagerly pushing forward two plays for Metfest

JAYME PEDERSEN
staff reporter

Gleneagle actors and actresses are getting ready to perform at Metfest with their two plays called *Mirrors* and *Broken Story*.

They have recently been to a previewing, where they have performed a scene from their own plays and watched a scene from other schools' entries.

Grace Cullingworth, grade 12, is a student who is directing the play *Mirrors*.

"I was really shocked to find that my play, or the scene that we did, seemed to be more developed than a lot of the plays there, which kind of made me feel good," she said.

Danielle Melvin, grade 10, said, "The other plays were interesting and it made me a lot more nervous because of all the talent that was on stage."

"I started to freak out a little bit, but I've calmed down now and I think we can do it," added Melvin.

Ashley Freeborn, the new drama teacher, is directing the play *Broken Story*.

The play is "based on a J. D. Salinger play and it is kind of a twist on the typical boy meets girl story," said Freeborn.

She is excited to be directing a Metfest play for Gleneagle.

"I'm blown away with the level of passion and commitment there is," said Freeborn.

"The kids are really excited about it and I was really proud of, and honoured to be working with Gleneagle's students with their concentration on stage," she said.

Freeborn, who has been involved with Metfest for the past four years, also shows her own passion for the event.

"I'm a huge fan and supporter of Metfest. I wouldn't think of ever not doing Metfest. It enriches [the] experience [students] get here and they are able to learn from other students as well as other drama educators in the district," she said.

"A professional adjudicator [also] comes in and gets to give feedback on their performances," she added.

Mirrors directed by Cullingworth, "mixes a world you are caught up in with a world that is reality."

"It is hard for me to see the play in little steps of what it needs to be," she said but she is "incredibly excited" and hopes "everybody comes and sees it."

"I'm really excited to debut myself as a director and I'm really excited to debut my actors," said Cullingworth.

"I'm thrilled to be a part of this," she added.

The actors may have minor challenges



JAYME PEDERSEN PHOTO

Who's in charge?: grade 12 actor is keeping jailbird, grade 10 actor, in line despite the fact that he is holding **another** grade 10 student hostage in the play *Broken Story*.

of character and "juggling the responsibilities to attend practice and trying to get

start in November.

All actors and actresses express that the

"[Metfest] enriches their experience they get here and they are able to learn from other students as well as other drama educators in the district"

things done," said **Andrew Carmichael**, stage manager and graduate, but the acting community is pumped for Metfest to

drama room is a place to belong.

"I love it. It is an isolated community.

There is always something to do and

someone to hang out with," said Carmichael.

Kyri Robbins, grade 11, says, "Everyone is very together and very supportive of one another."

"It's like one giant family. I know that's really cheesy, but it's true. It our own little acting group and family!" added Melvin.

Both directors and all actors welcome everyone to see their performances November on 12 and 13, 18 to 20, and 24 to 27.

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