歡迎 환영합니다 خوش آمديد Welcome स्वागत ह ようこそ MABUHAY

Gleneagle's Student Voice Vol. XVII/ Number 1 **September 4, 2012**

suidetoGleneagle

Hard work pays off - celebrating Gleneagle's stars of 2012

MEGAN LAO staff reporter

329 grade 12 students waved goodbye to Gleneagle in the annual commencement ceremony which was held in the Orpheum Theatre on June 17.

With a diploma in hand, these new graduates of 2012 marched out of the ceremony ready to set goals and chase their dreams into the future. Some received scholarships, but a select few were honoured with the eminent Gleneagle awards.

Kaitlin Fajber received the Eagle Award, given to the top all-round student excelling in at least four of five categories: academics, athletics, visual and/or performing arts, leadership, and service.

Juanpaolo Mercado received the Talon Award, given for outstanding extracurricular service and leadership to fellow students.

Mercado also received the Governor-General's Bronze Medal, given to the graduate with top overall academic grade percentages in his or her four years of secondary school.

"It's the most prestigious academic award in high school," said **Bindy Johal**, head counselor.

For the Eagle and Talon awards, "the [students] are nominated by teachers. . . sometimes it's so hard to choose the best candidate, but we sit down and talk about the things that they've done. . . with different teachers they worked with," said Johal.

Many graduates were offered scholarships, displaying Gleneagle's academic, artistic, and athletic talent.

The ceremony came to an end with a think that I would represent them," he said.



Springing into the school year: Principal **Gerald Shong**, right, and vice principals **Carol Coulson**, left, and **Jeremy Clarke**, center, welcome students with energy and enthusiasm outside the entrance of Gleneagle.

valedictory speech delivered by Juanpaolo Mercado, who was chosen by his peers to represent the graduates of 2012.

"It's a really huge honour and I feel so blessed that I was chosen — that my peers think that I would represent them," he said. "I really just want[ed] to get that whole hybrid from being something that is enjoyable to listen to, but also has that portion that moves [people]," he added.

With one fourth of their lives in high a lot of thanks to teachers school, it wasn't easy for the graduands to I've made," said Mercado.

say goodbye.

"I have to honestly say that school has never been something I loved, but it's something that I will never forget. So that's a lot of thanks to teachers and friends that I've made," said Mercado.

ords of wisdom: surviving first year of high school

SUMBUL VALLANI edge columnist

A neatly packed lunch, check. A squeaky clean pair of Adidas sneakers, check. A brand new, bulky Jansport backpack, filled with shiny binders and notebooks, check. A pristine pencil case containing 20 colourful pens and pencils, check. My unbreakable confidence? Uh oh...might've forgotten that at home.

Despite the chilling rumours and frightful tales of high school, at the end of the long, hectic first day, it's not as bad as everyone makes it out to be. Sure, to a minor



niner, high school may seem like a shark tank at first, with hundreds of strange fish swimming around; however, as time goes on, it's an experience you'll grow to love.

The first day is almost always a challenge. There are definitely some obstacles to overcome, but change is the end result of all true learning.

A common difficulty to get used to is the workload. Middle school might've been a breeze for some, but in high school, it's the time to accept responsibility. Some information may not come so easily, but it doesn't mean it's the end of the world. It simply means to focus harder and spend more time on understanding the material. Procrastination is opportunity's assassin. Organization is also key. Making use of your planner and adapting to a schedule will save you tons in the future with time management. This goes for those who tend to be forgetful under pressure; an agenda will help you stay on track. Try not to take yourself too seriously. Be flexible with your time and balance schoolwork with your social life. Make sure to fit sleep into your schedule too; a morning

without a good night's rest has its pains. When you have insomnia, you're never really asleep, and you're never really awake.

My personal disappointment is not getting involved right when the chances were available. The second you walk into the doors of Gleneagle, you'll sway back and forth, deciding whether or not to join a club or sports team. My advice: go for it. There's no harm in trying. Plenty of people may share your interests and a great way to find them is through extracurricular activities. Connecting is the first step to making friends. Talking to a new person is usually not as terrifying as it appears. Making good first impressions can lead to a year with a lot less stress and a lot more fun. Being positive and keeping a friendly face can help boost your confidence, showing your teachers and classmates that you are approachable and self-assured. As cliché as it sounds, always be yourself; it's a lot easier than trying to please everyone else. The year has just begun. Don't scurry to try and blend into the blur; take advantage of the opportunities and make yourself known.

Clubs



Green Team

The environment is a prime concern of today's world. Help plan local events that shape global affairs.

Me To We

Change begins from change within yourself. Join the club that is responsible for building a school in Ecuador and spreading education as the solution.

Math Club

Add to your knowledge, subtract the nonsense, multiply the results, divide the difficulty.

Library



Art Club Bring your artistic flair to life at lunch in the art room. **Gleneagle Model UN Club** Join the award winning Gleneagle delegation in crushing private schools intellectually, and learn international policies on a multitude of issues.

Movie Club

Immerse yourself in blockbusters and bust that boredom!

Spoken Word Club

Spit some themes, wishes, and dreams through slams, speeches, and free poetry to the snaps of your peers.

Running Club

Want to do more than just the church run? Show off your athleticism in the running club!

Gay Straight Alliance

Promote equality and unity. Take a stand against discrimination of sexual orientation!



last names starting from Hf-N.

Debate Club

Tired of having no-win arguments with your parents and teachers? Learn to debate with your peers instead in a formalized setting!

Politics Club

Student Council

The flagship of Gleneagle clubs, represent your fellow classmates by creating events, fundraisers, and initiatives.



Global Issues Club

Want to make a difference in the world? Join the Global Issues Club to help fundraise and increase awareness around the world.

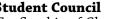
Con-X

Remember your grade 9 jitters? Become a supportive mentor to ease the way for a fun experience at Gleneagle!



Bindy Johal, guides students with

The voting age may be 18, but sharing your ideas has no limits. Talk about issues that matter today, and confront politics in a classroom!



H

Jerry Areshenko, guides students with last names starting from A-He.

Counsellors



Shaunna Martin, guides students with last names starting form O-Z.

Career Centre



Jo-Anne Leblond, librarian, helps students with finding the right book or the right database.



Penney Hook, assistant librarian, also greets students with a smile as they explore the library's resources.



Tina Ahooja-Anderson, advises grade 12s and other students on how to succeed, in the Career Centre.

theEdge

Gleneagle Secondary 1195 Lansdowne Drive Coquitlam, BC, Canada V3B 7Y8 604 464-5793 fax 604 464-5796 theedge@sd43.bc.ca

The Edge is the independent voice of the students of Gleneagle Secondary produced by the Journalism 11/12 class. It conforms and adheres to the standards and style of the Canadian Press. Letters to the editor are welcome and will be printed as space allows; letters must be signed

and free of libel. *The Edge* reserves the right to edit for accuracy, spelling, and grammar. Additional articles, opinion pieces, and features may also be submitted and will be printed as space allows. *The Edge* reserves the right to edit any submitted material for brevity and style.

Member of the Quill and Scroll Society

International First Place Award Winner: 1999, 2003

George H. Gallup Award Winner: 2000-02, 2004-06

Advisors

Lois Axford Kelly Cooper Aryn Gunn

Marianne Alcala Theo Ang Sophia Chan Joyce Chang Youmy Han Emily Kim . Megan Lao Karen Lau Scott Lee Stephanie Lui

Jade Nguyen

Staff

Sumbul Vallani Janice Wu Alice Zhang

Additional staff

Tara Azadmard Cassie Baratelli Yilin Wang



Fall: Cross Country, Volleyball, Field Hockey, Swimming, Soccer Winter: Basketball, Wrestling, Ski & Snowboard, Table Tennis Spring: Rugby, Track & Field, Netball, Golf, Badminton, Soccer



Journalism 11/12

Ever had an urge to explore the world of media? Come be a journalist for The Edge, Gleneagle's award-winning paper. Improve your writing skills, learn how to create layouts and become more engaged in school activities.

TALONS Program

Extending from grade 9 to grade 10, The Academy of Learning for Outstanding Notable Students (TALONS) provide an environment in which to excel, two blocks year-round. Gifted students are given an opportunity to display their outside-of-the-box thinking and accomplish goals beyond ordinary curriculum.

Art Program

It's exquisite, prominent, original, inspirational, and ingenious. The famous art program in Gleneagle has just gotten larger! Courses offered now stretch from Sculpture and Drawing and Painting to Ceramics, Photo, and Graphics.

Hairdressing

Do you have a dream of opening your own salon? The Hairdressing program is perfect for you! Learn how to cut, style, and colour in just one year.

Music Program

Want to develop and show off your musical talents? Gleneagle's award-winning music program presents courses and classes ranging from guitar to choir to composition to band.

Yearbook 12

Join the annual yearbook team! Not only will you take photos around school and design pages for the yearbook, it's a time to let your creativity and writing skills shine.

Cook Training

Love to challenge your taste buds and do hands-on activities? Sign up for Cook Training, a segment of Gleneagle's Culinary Arts program. Help out in the kitchen, prepare lunch for students, and gain knowledge on all the how-tos in cooking.

Drama Program

Attention all! The Gleneagle Theater is now calling for auditions from all high school students interested. Musicals and plays are performed constantly throughout the year, so grasp the opportunity while you can!

Work Experience 12

Get involved with this exceptional program that allows students to experience work in a field of their choice. Your 30-hours of work experience required for Grad Transitions will be covered by this course. See Doug MacLean in the counseling office for more details.

COAST

What do you get when you merge education and outdoors together? Classes on the lake, several excursions and camping trips, high level learning, how to survive in the wild, a better understanding of yourself, and an unforgettable experience! Expeditions include kayaking, backpacking, biking, canoeing, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing.

YOU SAID IT!



Grade 9 "To grow taller. I haven't grown at all since last year"

What is your silliest expectation of this school year?



Grade 10 "The things that Mr. Turpin and Mr. Poka have to say this year"



Grade 11 "To just walk into Mordor"



Grade 12 "Sexy car wash"

Wider hallways mean greater responsibility: a guide



edge columnist

Welcome to September, the start of a new school year where the classrooms fill and the hallways flourish with aspiring students and knowledgeable staff.

Everyone in this school has a place to be and a motive to be there, which corresponds to our school hallways' role as the mode of room-to-room, wing-to-wing, and floor-to-floor transportation. It is everyone's responsibility to make hallway transport a safe, efficient, and unintimidating way of getting around.

Hallway navigation is an art.

From elementary school onward, everyone knows not to run in the halls. Though it means we may not achieve our desired speed, it is always beneficial to avoid severe injury of self or others.

Walking too slowly, on the other hand, causes tremendous difficulty for users travelling behind, making them frustrated or short-tempered.

And stopping completely in the middle of the hallway for whatever preposterous reason, can cause complete shut down of the entire system and must be avoided at all costs.

There is always someone who needs to get to an urgent meeting, to use the washroom after consumption of a Big Gulp, or to stampede to the cafeteria to buy the last panini.

Basically, there are two paths travelling the hallway in opposite directions. Interruptions to the flow of movement affect both paths and induce confusion amongst users, and possible person to person, person to object, or object to object crashes.

For every user's safety, users should reply to urgent text messages away from hallway traffic unless they trust one eyeball to look at the screen while the other watches their path.

Also, walking three to five people abreast in a busy hallway is not recommended. If there is a need to pick up a dropped object, do so quickly. If a person to person discussion must be made, move to the side.

If any garbage or miscellaneous object lies in the middle of the hall, put it in the trash or deposit it in the lost and found, so the fortunate owner can claim it and nobody will trip.

The core concept of hallway navigation is analagous to driving. When others have the right of way, only enter traffic when it is safe. Remember too, that stairways play a very important role in hallway navigation.

Gleneagle Secondary has three sets for use. Using the staircase demands even more care and responsibility.

The same rules for speed in hallways apply to stairways, though the speed is harder to control depending on whether one is going up or down.

The stairs are the last place to roughhouse, because the pushing around of human bodies not only hinders users from navigating their paths, but also may intimidate or hurt others.

Furthermore, skipping stairs or sliding down the railings is also

not recommended when the user is not experienced and the stairway is full of traffic.

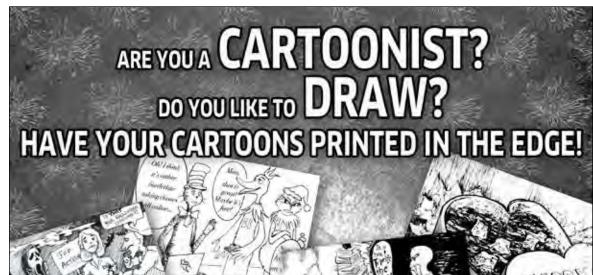
Stairs especially should be kept free from hazards of spilled food and drink, as well as horseplay, for stair-based injury can be severe.

Talking to another person on the top half of the staircase while standing on the bottom half creates more hassle for users, as stairs are much narrower than hallways.

Although the hallway and stairway have different physical appearances and functions, they both play important roles in inter-school transportation.

They are both to be treated with respect and responsibility, and are meant to be kept hazard free for the sake of all students, teachers, and users in the building.

Practise hallway and stairway etiquette to help keep Gleneagle's stairs and halls user-friendly and ready for all.



Student Bell Schedule 2012-13		
Per	"Regular" Monday - Friday	"Early dismissal" Monday
Х	7:39 – 8:49	7:39 - 8:49
1	8:54 – 10:11	8:54 - 10:06
2	10:16 – 11:35	10:11 – 11:25
Lunch	11:35 – 12:25	11:25 – 12:10
3	12:30 – 1:47	12:15 – 1:29
4	1:52 – 3:09	1:34 – 2:46

UPCOMING EVENTS SEPTEMBER 14



SCHOOL PHOTOS SEPTEMBER 19 PARENT ORIENTATION SEPTEMBER 20

SENIOR SAIL

