

Celebrating best, brightest at commencement

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Tears, smiles, and heartfelt congratulations were abundant at the Gleneagle Secondary Commencement ceremony held June 16. By the end of the day, 327 students had stepped across the stage to receive the coveted diploma marking the end of their high school career, and the first steps into their adult life.

Gleneagle’s graduates celebrated their accomplishments with teachers, family, and friends at the annual ceremony, held at the Orpheum Theatre in Vancouver. **Jeremy Clarke**, vice principal, was master of ceremonies, with former vice principal **Carol Coulson** also present. Speeches were delivered by **Gail Alty**, school board trustee, **Sylvia Russell**, assistant superintendent, and principal **Gerald Shong**, who addressed the graduating class one final time.

Grade 12 students were recognized for their diverse achievements, and were commended for the countless scholarships received throughout the year. The recipients of Gleneagle’s three major awards were also announced.

The Talon Award, presented annually to a student who displays extraordinary leadership and community service, was won by **Raiya Suleman**.

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

The prestigious Governor General’s Bronze Medal, a major academic award, was given to **Steven Bae**, for having the top overall academic grade percentages in his four years at Gleneagle.

Major award winners, with the exception of the Governor General, are chosen through nomination by Gleneagle staff.

The ceremony drew to a close with the valedictorian speech, delivered by **Kasra Vahidi**, chosen by student vote to represent the graduating class of 2013.

The Commencement ceremony marks the last time



Presenting your friendly admin team: Vice principal **Jeremy Clarke**, principal **Gerald Shong**, and new vice principal **Mike Parkins** welcome students and staff back to Gleneagle for the 2013 - 2014 school year.

that the class of 2013 will be together. The graduates left the Orpheum in separate directions, off to pursue their passions and build their lives, taking with them all that they had learned in their years at Gleneagle.

“I’m sad [to be leaving],” said Vahidi. “Honestly, I didn’t want high school to end. But you have to move on to greater things . . . Gleneagle has given me the chance to succeed and to really live, not just to be alive.”

Avoiding “Would you like fries with that?”
Graduating student leaves tips for surviving high school



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“High school days are the best days of your life” . . . until you’re in them. For the next four years you’ll race through your classes either bright eyed and energetic, excited

to learn new things, or you’ll stumble through them, bleary eyed and ready to get out of this town. Surviving high school, although a small accomplishment, is an accomplishment to be proud of.

From grade 9 to 12 you’ll learn a few things, or maybe

more than just a few. You’ll learn who you are, or moreso create yourself through all your mistakes, heartbreaks, and loss of identity. Your morals might waver, and don’t be afraid to let your smile falter every now and then, because as the cliché goes, “What doesn’t kill you makes you stronger.”

However, focusing on clichés may not get you through the next four years as well as you want them to, so here are some actual tips to get you through high school.

First of all, focus on your studies. I know it sounds horrible and boring, but unless you want to be flipping burgers and saying “Would you like some fries with that?” for the rest of your life, stay smart and stay sharp; school actually does matter.

Secondly, stop already with the mini-skirts and crop tops. You are in a school environment, and it’s not just about impressing the guys; your teachers feel MAJORLY awkward seeing that. Save it for the beach; heck, go to wreck beach for all anyone cares. Express yourself through your clothes, but please don’t express yourself without clothes, if you get my point.

Point number three: be yourself. Okay, maybe I’m starting with the clichés again, but I’m being serious. If people don’t love you for who you are, then why bother with them? To quote the famous Dr. Seuss: “Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don’t matter, and those who matter don’t mind.”

Last, but not least: grade 9 might suck. Let me just guarantee you that grade 10, 11, and 12 are WAY better. You’re here for a reason, and you’ll figure that reason out eventually; just stick it through and I promise, it will be worth it.

So good luck over the next four years, and farewell, on behalf of all the graduates leaving this school behind. I hope you enjoy it as much as we did.

Clubs

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.

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

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

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

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

Model UN Club
Join the award winning Gleneagle delegation in crushing other schools intellectually, and learn international policies on a multitude of issues.

Student Council
Organise events, build school spirit and make new friends.

Intramurals
Get your competitive streak on and compete against other teams.

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



Movie Club
Immerse yourself in major blockbusters at lunch time and bust that boredom!

React Team
Make a difference in your school and community with random acts of kindness.



Art Club
Bring your artistic flair to life and explore your passions at lunch in the art room.

Outdoor Club
Enjoy the beautiful outdoors and go on many adventures.



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

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

Metfest
Experience a world of acting by playing different roles and memorizing scripts.

Ski and Snowboard
Want to hit the slopes? Amateurs and experts welcomed.

Counsellors



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



Bindy Johal guides students with last names starting from Hi-N.



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

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COAST

Attention all nature lovers! Keep your ears open for announcements on how to become a part of Gleneagle's COAST program in your grade 10 year. The merging of your academic courses and fun, outdoor excursions provides a fresh and enlightening perspective on the grade 10 curriculum. Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to take your learning to the next level.

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.

Drama Program

Whether you want to be centre stage or covertly behind the scenes, there's a place for you in the Gleneagle theatre program. If you want to get in on the action, sign up for a drama course and enjoy your time contributing to the long-lasting legacy of Gleneagle's remarkable drama department.

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.

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 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.

Art Department

Grasp the opportunity to be a part of Gleneagle's outstanding art department. With an expansive variety of courses ranging from ceramics to photography to graphics, you can learn and develop an abundance of skills in the visual arts. Don't let a talent for drawing and painting or Photoshop go unnoticed and immerse yourself in our art program.

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 Joanna Horvath in the counseling office for more details.

Cook Training

Do you have a passion for cooking and want to get hands-on experience in a working kitchen? Lucky for you there's a course where you can develop your culinary skills, learn about food safety and prepare lunch for our student body. Gleneagle's Cook Training program offers an intensive course on the ins and outs of a real, commercial kitchen.

YOU SAID IT!

What is the first thing you will do when you get home from the first day of school?



grade 9
“Eat a ridiculously early dinner and go BMX racing”



grade 10
“Go to the bathroom”



grade 11
“Finish homework, then watch Adventure Time to balance it out”



grade 12
“Homework!”

Pandemic lying in wait for unsuspecting senior students



edge columnist

The pandemic creeps across the globe every year. The outbreak starts small, but spreads from high school to high school as quick as a text message that reads “k”. Some scientists say it is airborne, others say it is a bacterium that grows within the host. Its host is none other than the common household senior, and the pandemic is known as none other than Senioritis.

The symptoms are hidden at first. The grade 12’s start the school year with determination and gusto. They have many things to organize: grad transitions, university

application deadlines, and scholarship deadlines. University institutions will scrutinize the grades of their top four subjects, so they will not risk the decline of those marks.

After winter break the school year goes into hyper drive. Before they know it, the seniors have received university acceptances and scholarship offers. All that’s in their way is second semester, which is when senioritis really works its magic.

The major symptom of senioritis is severe procrastination. Seniors will go out of their way to avoid studying by using social networking sites such as Ask.fm or Tumblr. On Facebook there will be a plague of “like for a tbh (to be honest)” because “YOLO (you only live once)”. Students will start coughing out the word “winging” in sentences like, “I think I’m going to WING my bio quiz tomorrow.”

Another symptom is the feeling of euphoria of being in grade 12. Students will go gallivanting more often and spend evenings after school anywhere where they can escape homework. You can find them at the mall or at the public library socializing with friends, because that’s what the library is really for.

This may seem like a harmless symptom, but with the highs come the lows. They will return home from fun memories made with their friends only to be greeted with daunting schoolwork. Senioritis will immediately kick in and all the students can do is slump in their chairs and scroll down their news feeds.

It may seem like an incurable disease, but not to worry; there are methods to inhibit Senioritis. Motivators are great to push Senioritis out of the way. Having incentives such as maintaining your grades to keep

that entrance scholarship, or to get that new laptop as your graduation present can help dull the symptoms. Also, keep in mind that there is a light at the end of the tunnel: the Grad Dinner Dance.

The last few months of school will fly by and only when the seniors step onto the stage at the commencement ceremony to receive their diploma will Senioritis then be cured. The pandemic will go into hiding for the summer months, and will return to meet the new batch of seniors once again, in September.

Do you like to **DRAW?**
ARE YOU a cartoonist?
Have your cartoons printed in The Edge!

Speak with Mrs. Axford in room 117/112

Student Bell Schedule 2013-2014		
Period	“Regular” Mon - Fri	“Early Dismissal” Mon
X	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

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SEPTEMBER 19
SENIOR SAIL

SEPTEMBER 25
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