



Talon nation unites to promote school spirit

TOOTING THEIR OWN HORN FOR A GOOD CAUSE: Talons celebrated spirit assembly with cheers and colours on April 7. Grade 12's dressed in red, grade 11's wore blue, grade 10's clothed in yellow, grade 9's decked in green, and staffw ore black. During the assembly, various activities and games were hosted by Con-X students, such as tug-of-war between students and teachers, trivia tournaments, as well as obstacle courses. Students cheered on for their peers, shouting, clapping and stomping as the student body united as one with excitement and support for school spirit. Grade12s on the left blows their horns as teachers, **Kevin Henry, Billy Demonte, and Colleen Kennedy** prepare to pull in the tug of war, and a grade 11 gives it his all in a match against the grade 12's.

Savour Gleneagle experience by sampling everything offered

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Edge columnist

High school. No matter how many movies teens watch about the obscure phenomenon, nobody understands what high school is like until they experience it firsthand.

Mean Girls or any several other teen movies about high school make the experience seems like four years of torture. Four years of trying to get through the day by day and attempting to not attract too much attention of the popular mean girls.

These movies make it seem like there is a clear divide between the cool kids and the proverbial losers. They make high school seems more like a jungle than a place of learning and growth.

In reality, these movies are inaccurate. There are no specific lunch tables closed

off solely for the popular people and no student, no matter how vicious will dump put soemone's head down a toilet.

High school can be many things, but it shouldn't be daunting or intimidating. Students will find themselves scrambling from class to class, perhaps energetic and passionate about everything the school has to offer, or perhaps longing for the school day to be over. Either way, high school will be an unforgettable experience.

It also won't be rainbows and sparkles as shown in *High School Musical*. There will be plenty of challenges. You'll lose some

friends, experience heartbreak, and struggle with identity.

However, these issues will only help you to learn more about yourself. You'll develop interests and skills that you never once imagined yourself taking on and you'll learn to be more self-assured in your identity than ever before.

The most important thing to keep in mind, is that high school only provides for you as much as you give to it.

High school is teeming with opportunities, take advantage of them.

Join the clubs that you were always curious about. Start school sports and activities

you always wanted to try. Don't be afraid to make new friends. There is no other time in your life where you will given so many choices and chances to pursue literally anything.

Use this time to try new things, and to take time to find what makes you happy. Don't be restricted to the same things you've always done before.

There's musical theatre, slam poetry, adventure trips, and even science clubs that make ice cream.

There's a reason why so many adults wish they could be younger and go back to their high school selves. Despite all the academic pressure and silly drama that sometimes accompanies high school, it truly is the best time of your life.

Take the nervous smile off your face. Stop allowing yourself to over think and over worry, and savour your time at Gleneagle.

BELLSCHEDULE				ONtheCALENDAR	
Period	Regular M-F	Early Dismissal	Assembly	SEPTEMBER 6	Wings only
X	7:35 — 8:45	7:35 — 8:45	7:35 — 8:45	SEPTEMBER 16	School Photos
1	8:50 — 10:10	8:50 — 10:02	8:50 — 9:55	SEPTEMBER 22	Senior Sail
2	10:15 — 11:35	10:07 — 11:21	10:00 — 11:05	SEPTEMBER 23	District Pro-D Day
LUNCH	11:35 — 12:20	11:21 — 12:10	10:00 — 11:05 / Assembly 11:05 — 12:05 / Lunch	SEPTEMBER 28	Meet the Teacher
3	12:25 — 1:45	12:15 — 1:27	12:55 — 2:00	OCTOBER 10	Thanksgiving
4	1:50 — 3:10	1:32 — 2:44	2:05 — 3:10	OCTOBER 13	Interim Reports
Y	3:15 — 4:35	3:15 — 4:35	3:15 — 4:35	OCTOBER 19	Post-Secondary Night

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SEPTEMBER 16	School Photos	NOVEMBER 2	Grade 9 Take your kids to work day
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ClubCollection

Art Club

A place where artists of all levels can get together to share and contribute their skills.

Business Club

Make some pocket money and improve your marketing abilities.

Debate Team

Learn to persuade and debate with your peers in a structured setting.

Green Team

Help plan local projects that aid in addressing the world's dire environmental issues.

HYPE Club

Bring positive change to the community by helping homeless youth back on their feet.

Intramurals

Compete against other teams in a multitude of sports throughout the year.

Kindlers Society

A non-profit organization that provides those in need of resources with books, at both a local and international level.

LGBTQ+

Gleneagle embraces students of all orientations and gender. Share your experiences in a supportive and inclusive environment.

Me To We

Responsible for building a school in Ecuador and spreading education as a solution.

Model United Nations

Join the award winning delegation in and learn international policies on a multitude of issues.

Movie Club

Immerse yourself in major blockbusters on a huge screen during lunchtime and bust that boredom.

Multicultural Club

No matter your heritage, find friends, common ground and even some new ground.

Orchestra Club

Further develop your passion for playing with equally keen peer musicians.

Outdoor Club

Relish the beautiful outdoors and explore the local wilderness.

Science Club

Come to share your common interest in science and have fun while you're at it!

Ski and Snowboard

Hit the slopes and enjoy up to three trips to nearby mountains, including Whistler.

Slam Poetry Club

Spoken word is one of the fastest growing art forms in Canada, and you can be part of the movement!

Student Council

Help build school spirit, partake in events like the Winter Formal and Spirit Week.

TalonSpirit

Being a Talon means being part of something big. Each year at Gleneagle is filled over **50 SPECIAL EVENTS** designed to build community, school culture, and Talon spirit.

Fall

New Talons start the school year with the **GRADE 9 PANCAKE BREAKFAST** organized by Con-X.



ARTONA
Ken Cober
Principal



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Christine Potter-Smith
Vice Principal
Last Names A-K



ARTONA
Mike Parkins
Vice Principal
Last Names L-Z



ARTONA
Jerry Areshenko
Counsellor
Last Names A-H



ARTONA
Corie McRae
Counsellor
Last Names I-P



ARTONA
Gina Duarte
Counsellor
Last Names -Z



ARTONA
Joanna Horvath
Work Experience & Transition Education



Always in your corner

GUARDIANS OF GLENEAGLE: Here to help you when you need them are **Ken Cober**, principal, and vice principals **Christine Potter-Smith** and **Mike Parkins**. Occupying the other half of the main office are the counsellors who help with course selection, aspects of daily school life, and even personal issues. Students can also see youth workers specialized in helping those of aboriginal, Chinese, and Korean backgrounds as well as the work experience counsellor. The Career Centre, now also located in the counselling area, is available for information about universities, scholarships and bursaries, jobs, and volunteer opportunities. The library, opposite the main office, has a wide variety of reading resources, as well as computers, printers, and even charging stations for student use.



ARTONA
Yilin Zhang
Class
Valedictorian



ARTONA
Zahra Bharucha
Eagle Award





ARTONA
Olivia Zeng
Governor
General Awards



ARTONA
Theresa Lee
Talon Award

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Bye grads, good luck

READY TO MOVE ON: **Sevina Tam**, left, **Vivian Szeto**, centre, and **Catherine Sutherland** were among ## grade graduates at the commencement ceremony on June 14 at Vancouver's Orpheum Theatre. Family, friends, and faculty were present to congratulate and commend the grads for their outstanding achievements including **Theresa Lee** who received the Talon Award for exemplary leadership and extracurricular involvement. **Zahra Bharucha** was named top all-round student with the Eagle Award, for excelling in at least four of five categories: academics, athletics, visual and/or performing arts, leadership, and service. **Olivia Zeng** received the Governor General's Bronze Medal, awarded to the grade 12 student with the top overall academic grade percentages in all four years of high school. The ceremony closed with a valedictory speech delivered by **Yilin Zhang**, who was selected by student vote to represent the class of 2017.

Grade 12 students have **SENIOR SAIL** and **GRAD PHOTOS**.

The **FALL MUSIC CONCERT** is just one of the four performances by our international award-winning music program.

Student Council hosts their **FALL SPIRIT WEEK**, and students get a chance to compete in the **HALLOWEEN COSTUME SHOW**.

REMEMBRANCE DAY and **MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER** unites students at assembly.

Me to We hosts their annual **COFFEE HOUSE** event to raise funds for a water project in Ecaudor.

Winter

Theatre students prepare and compete at the annual **METFEST COMPETITION**.

Student council heats things up with the yearly **WINTER FORMAL DANCE**.

In the spirit of giving, the **SHARE SOCIETY PROJECT ANGEL TOY DRIVE** support families in our community.

Just before the Winter Break, there is the **CHRISTMAS MUSIC CONCERT**.





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19 years, 174 championships

NO STOPPING THIS GIRL: A grade 11, tears off an attacker from Kelowna at the BC provincials. Teams have won 125 district titles and 29 Fraser Valley banners in the school’s 19 year history. With a 2005 BC School Sports award for Most Outstanding Sports School, Gleneagle is the place with the most comprehensive sports program offerings. With comprehensive on-site training facilities and a dedicated coaching staff, athletes can excel and achieve great success in all three seasons of competition.

Fall Sports

Cross Country

Cross country is a sport that trains as a team, but at the end of the day, it is up to every individual to compete solo in races.

Field Hockey

Girls field hockey finished 5th in the province with all but two players back to give a run at the top 3. The girls have been invited to the prestigious Bridgman classic at the UVic at Thanksgiving and will compete at the UBC tourney, before heading to provincials in Duncan BC.

Soccer — Boys Jr. & Sr.

The competition is fierce for Gleneagle boys soccer. Tryouts will be held to determine who will be stepping up to defend Talons pride on the pitch.

Swimming

This team trains at the nearby CCAC. Opportunities exist for both individual and IM swimmers, as well as beginners.

Volleyball — Boys Jr. & Sr.

Boys volleyball players are in attendance at both practices and games to work as a team towards bettering their play.

Volleyball — Girls Gr. 9, Jr. & Sr.

Three different teams for girls volleyball. This allows for different skill levels that can be properly worked with and developed. Each team offers opportunity for growth, learning and loads of exercise.

Winter Sports

Basketball — Boys Gr. 9, Jr. & Sr.

Competing both in our home gym, and across the district, boys basketball offers three teams who train hard and play harder on the court.

Basketball — Girls Jr. & Sr.

The girls will be working to build up this program and compete for a spot in the tough Fraser Valley leagues.

Wrestling

Wrestling at Gleneagle involves all grade levels and genders. Training starts in the fall, but competition begins in the winter. This strong athletics program is rewarding, with wrestlers taking home medals in almost every tournament last year.



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GOING FOR A WIN: A grade 12, assists the senior girls basketball team during a tournament.

Spring Sports

Badminton

Open to all grade levels, the players train together and compete distictwide.

Golf

Winners of the 2015 provincial title, this team is open to new members.

Netball — Girls Jr. & Sr.

Netball had an amazing season with 30 girls out who hope to make it back to provincials.

Rugby — Boys Jr. & Sr.

Both teams offer a challenge unlike any other with a strong and reputable history.

Rugby — Girls Jr. & Sr.

A sport that is both mentally and physically exhausting, girls rugby offers the opportunity to delve into this exceptional sport.

Soccer— Girls

A packed and dynamic season is in store for those who join Gleneagle’s only female soccer team.

Table Tennis

This competitive ping pong team is open to new players from all grades and genders.

Tennis

Hard and fast, all are welcome to tryout.

Track and Field

Everyone on the team gets the opportunity to compete at the districts, Fraser Valleys and beyond.

ProgramPack

Art Department

With JumpstArt, Art Careers 12, and Headstart in Art programs, there are numerous opportunities to develop visual art skills.

COAST

This education experience for grade 10 students develops leadership, environmental ethics, and outdoor skills.

Con-X and Leadership

Contribute to the school culture and causes you believe in, while gaining valuable and life-changing insight into leadership.

Culinary Arts

The chef training program helps students acquire job-ready skills to enter the industry, or pursue further specialization.

Drama & Musical Theatre

Discover the power of acting as a means to achieve profound personal growth. Following last year’s record breaking *Shrek: the Musical*, this year’s *Beauty and the Beast* will be even bigger. Auditions happen in early September for both the May musical and Metfest’s *Avenue Q*

Hairdressing Program

Do you have a dream of opening your own salon? Learn how to cut, style, and colour in this one year program.

Journalism

Imagine being the student voice of Gleneagle? Join the journalism program and become part of the award winning tradition of The Edge.

JumpstART

This thematic Humanities and Fine Arts grade 9 program is where students are given the chance to think outside, inside, and around the box.

Music Program

This award-winning music program offers courses ranging from guitar to performance-based choir to jazz band as well as concert band classes.

Stage Craft & Theatre Production

Get a chance to design and build sets, create technical props, do sound design and mixing, run a lighting board, and support actors in the performance of shows.

TALONS Program

The only program of its kind in the district for gifted learners in grades 9 to 12, focuses on the Autonomous Learner Model.

Work Experience 12

This program that allows students to experience work in a field of their choice.

Yearbook

Take photos around the school and design pages for the yearbook to put a personal and creative stamp on the year.

The **PUPPY DE-STRESSER** and the **KARAOKE NIGHT** come in January to ease the pressure of exams.

The **TALENT SHOW**, sponsored by Musical Theatre, is a great event that showcases numerous talented Talons.

Student Council has another **SPIRIT ASSEMBLY** and the ever popular **VALENTINE CHOCOLATE & FLOWER DELIVERY** in February.

The annual **MURDER MYSTERY FUNDRAISER** has teachers taking on

acting parts for a dinner with sinister results to raise funds for the Musical Theatre program.

Spring

The **GALA JAZZ DINNER** followed only a few days later by the **SPRING MUSIC CONCERT** starts this season. The **SLEEP OUT FUNDRAISER** for homeless youth and the **TALK TO ME EVENING** that focuses on anxiety and mood disorders, puts the spotlight on helping others.

Grade 12’s have **EXIT INTERVIEWS** and all students have the **VOLUNTEER FAIR** to get involved in the community.

GUYS AND DOLLS takes the stage in May. **GLENEAGLE’S FIT N’ FUN** and the Leadership activity of **MINUTE TO WIN IT** are healthy living activities for all.

June has the **GRADE 12 GIRLS SLUMBER PARTY**, another **SPIRIT WEEK**, the **GRAD DINNER AND DANCE**, followed by the PAC supported **AFTERGRAD**.

The year ends with the **COMMENCEMENT**

TalonPride

CEREMONY at the Orpheum Theatre, the **TED X YOUTH SPEAKING EVENT**, and the **YEAR END MUSIC CONCERT**



Fulfilled time at Gleneagle means being true to yourself

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Initially, high school may be seen as a very intimidating place. But, contrary to popular opinion, the learning environment and sociability cancels out the scare factor.

As a grade 9, the need to fit in may be a predominant worry. But acceptance into high school society is a natural occurrence.

Compared to middle school, high school requires a lot more effort: the gateway to various universities and colleges is often found in high school marks, yet don't stress about course material as help is readily available.

High school also shouldn't only be associated with schoolwork. Social life, friends, and other opportunities make high school fun and all the more memorable.

Gleneagle offers a multitude of clubs and sports. Each club and sport offer an opportunity for exploration and a place where one can meet new people who share similar interests.

If Gleneagle is lacking a certain

club, feel free to start one on a teacher sponsorship basis.

High school may cause some to rethink career plans or retake a class though overthinking during these situations will often cause a needless worry, so try to refrain from overthinking, and concentrate on moving forward.

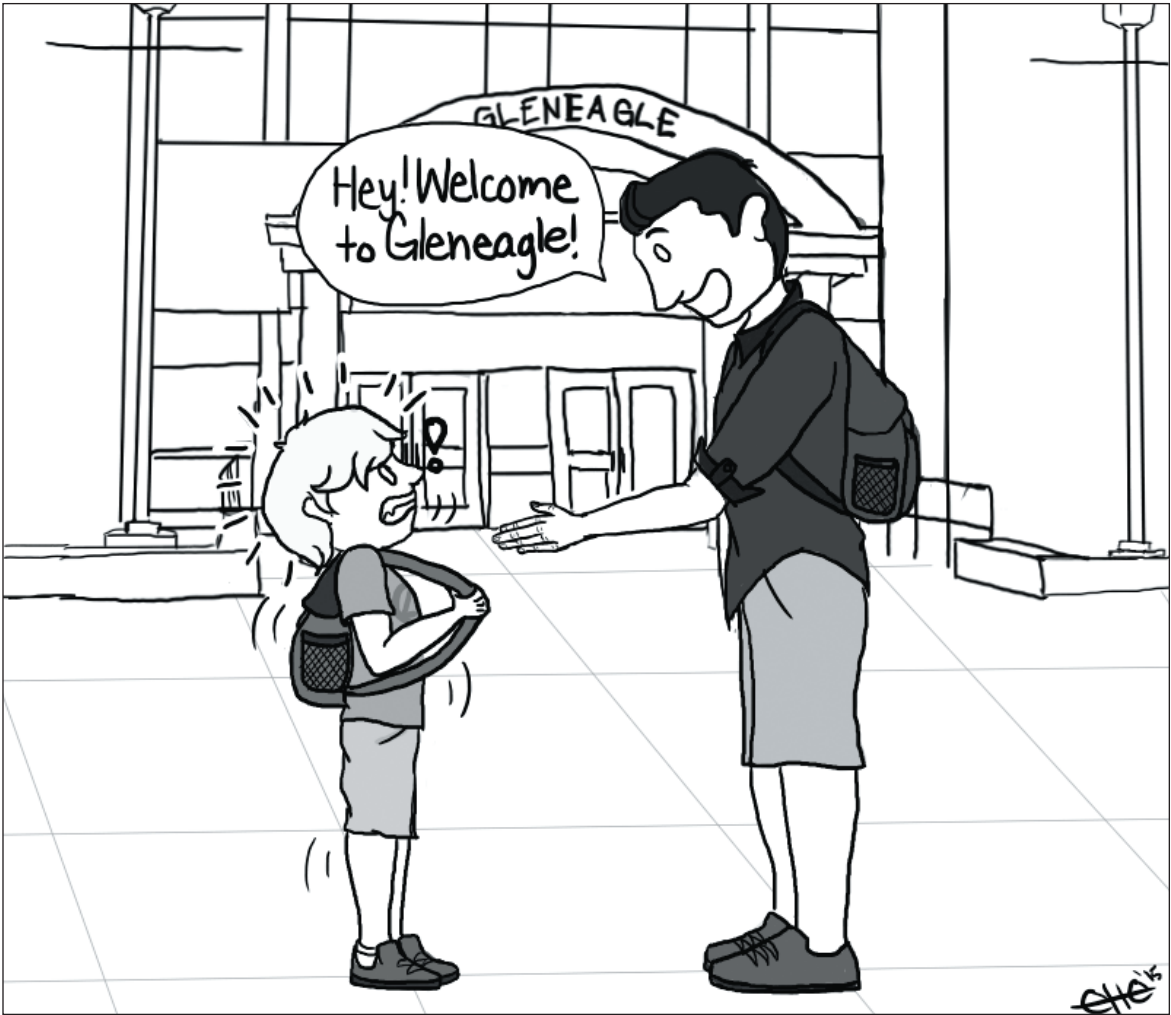
Each and every person's high school experience is different. Although everything will not go smoothly, learn to see the light at the end of the tunnel, as it is rarely a train.

At the onset of one's time at high school, blending into the crowd may seem like the best option. But standing out can be both revealing and rewarding.

High school is a time to engage in new experiences, meet new people, try things one normally wouldn't try, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

As a Gleneagle student for three years, through thick and thin, everything will be okay, no matter the situation.

So be true to yourself, and everything will go like clockwork.




TALONSTalk

With another school year upon us, *The Edge* asked students and staff:
"If you could go back to the first day of high school and give yourself a piece of advice, what would it be?"


“ Follow your dreams, or else you'll regret it!”

—Ali Tootian
math

ARTONA


“ Don't take yourself too seriously.”


—grade 11

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“ Don't overthink things! The stress isn't worth it.”


—grade 10

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“ Do things that make you happy because in the midst of all of the stress, you need a break for things you love.”

—grade 12

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“ Do your homework.”

—grade 11


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“ Be your authentic self - really!”

—Adam Hayes
Socials & Leadership


“ Talk to people, get to know everyone, they might end up being the best person in the world.”

—grade 11

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“ Listen more than you speak, especially if you really want to speak.”


—Bryan Jackson
Socials & TALONS

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“ Don't be afraid to be yourself.”


—grade 11

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“ Don't be afraid of doing things that other people think is crazy, or even you think is crazy, just go for it.”

—grade 11

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“ Drama that happens now won't matter even a year in the future, don't let it ruin your experience.”

—Nikki Tran
Gleneagle alumni

ARTONA

“ It's such a cliché, but live in the moment and be present.”

—grade 12