



Gleneagle Secondary

NEWS

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Principal's Message:

On behalf of the staff at Gleneagle Secondary, I would like to wish all of our students and their families a happy and safe holiday. School reopens on Monday January 7th and we return to school with only three weeks left in the semester. Students are encouraged to make a big "push" at the end of the semester to improve their marks in all their courses. Please read about all the important events in the newsletter that occur in January and February. Take care and have a Happy New Year.

Gerald Shong, Principal

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

On Thursday December 13th, Gleneagle students and staff had a special guest make an appearance for breakfast. Santa came in to visit our school and spread seasonal cheer. Thanks to ConX students, Ms. Johal, Chef Abbinante and Chef Arciaga for the lovely morning.



GLENEAGLE TWEETS

Gleneagle has been on Twitter for the past month. We have been tweeting out school events and interesting things going on in the school. We encourage you to follow us on Twitter @gleneagleSD43. Click on www.twitter.com/gleneagleSD43 to follow us now.

ADDRESS AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES

*It is important that we have accurate current information for all our students in case of emergency or the need to contact parents/guardians by mail, telephone, or email. If any of your information changes, please go to reception in our office and fill out an address change form. **If your address has changed, please bring proof of your new address with you (e.g. utility bill, tenancy agreement) or email Mrs. Page at jpage@sd43.bc.ca** This is particularly important for International Students and for those students graduating in June 2013.*

SEMESTER END AND PROVINCIAL EXAMS

Semester 1 ends on Friday January 25th. On Thursday the 24th and Friday the 25th, we will be running double block days to facilitate in class final exams, presentations and projects. Thursday's schedule will be blocks 1, 1, lunch, 3, 3 plus regularly scheduled morning and after school classes. Friday's schedule will be blocks 2, 2, lunch, 4, 4 plus regularly scheduled morning and after school classes. Provincial Exams will be run on Monday January 28th through Wednesday January 29th. Provincial exams are mandatory for English 10, Math 10 courses, Science 10, Socials Studies 11, English 12 and Communications 12. Grade 10 and 11 exams are worth 20% of the final mark and grade 12 exams are worth 40% of the final mark. Provincial exam dates are not flexible. Students who miss the exams will not receive a final Ministry of Education mark until the student writes the exam during another exam session within the year. Semester 2 begins on Thursday January 31st.

COURSE SELECTION FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

Course selections for the next school year begin in January and February. Grade 10 course selection occurs in Planning 10 classes. Semester 1 Planning 10 students will meet with counselors on Monday January 14th and will return their selections to their Planning teachers on Thursday January 17th. Semester 2 Planning 10 students will meet with counselors on Monday February 4th. Parents of students in grades 9-11 are invited to a Grad Program and course selection meeting on Wednesday February 6th. All grade 9 and 11 students will meet at an assembly with counselors on Tuesday February 5th for their course selection planning. Semester 2 Planning 10 and all grades 9 and 11 students will return their selection sheets on Friday February 8th.

COAST PROGRAM

COAST is a one semester program integrating outdoor education with academics for grade 10 students. Two teachers work full-time with 24 students to challenge, develop, and inspire students with a mix of indoor and outdoor learning opportunities.

*Parents of Grade 9 students interested in applying for COAST 2014 (grade 10 year) are invited to an **information meeting on Wednesday January 16th, 2013**. We will meet in the library at 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Students are welcome to attend with their parents. Grade 9's wishing to apply for COAST 2014, are required to submit an application form, due Monday January 21st, 2013 by 3:30pm. For more information prior to the meeting, grade 9 students are welcome to visit Room 104 to pick up a COAST Brochure and Application Form. If parents require further information, they may contact the COAST teachers: Mr. Adam Hayes ahayes@sd43.bc.ca or Ms. Krista Bogen kbogen@sd43.bc.ca.*

PHILOSOPHY 12

Students in Philosophy 12 took their recent creative treatment of their Ethics unit to Mountainview and Harbourview Elementary Schools last week, sharing a children's book and song they had written about the spirit of giving at Christmas. With a story written by Megan Edmunds, illustrations by Zoe Fajber and Toren Darby, and a song composed by Iris Hung and Greg Gosse, our senior students shared a sing-along, some Christmas cookies, and no small amount of holiday cheer with some of their younger peers. You can listen to the participatory magic created in Harbourview's grade one class here: <http://bryanjack.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/Maxs-Christmas-2.mp3>

AFTER GRAD NEWS

The next After Grad meeting will be held on Wednesday January 16th at 7:00 pm in the conference room. Positions still vacant are Decorating Coordinator & Fundraising Coordinator. The After Grad committee welcomes new volunteers to come out and support the event. You do not have to be a parent of a grade 12 student to help out.

GRAD NEWS

GT

Any grade 12 students who are **graduating at the end of January** need to complete their GT assignments by January 9th. Students must book a date with Ms. Horvath (jhorvath@sd43.bc.ca) ASAP for their Exit Interview (which will take place before January 16th).

GRAD PHOTOS

Grade 12 students who missed getting their grad photos taken with Artona at the end of October can still get them done on Wednesday January 9th. If you did not get photos taken in October, you must come on January 9th or you will not be in the grad composite photo.

HEALTH AND CAREERS (HCE) 9

All grade 9 students will be participating in the Economics for Success presentation on **Monday, January 28th** during the Provincial Exam week as part of the requirements for HCE 9. All students are registered in HCE 9 through their homeroom (Wings) class. More information will be delivered through grade 9 block 1 classes. Please contact Ms. Horvath (jhorvath@sd43.bc.ca) if you have any questions.

PERFORMING ARTS

HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS

The Gleneagle Drama Department performed Dr. Seuss's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas during the last week of school. They ran three matinees for our feeder schools, an evening performance on Thursday night and a final performance tonight at 6:30pm. Please come out and see the show. Tickets are available at the door. \$5 for adults and \$2 for students.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Wednesday December 19th, the Gleneagle Music Department held their annual Christmas Concert. The concert featured our Junior and Senior Bands, Choir and Jazz groups. The students performed magnificently and have shown continued improvement from the beginning of the year. The Music Department encourages parents to support the



Jazz Night fundraiser. For more information, email Mr. Trovato at etrovato@sd43.bc.ca.

CANADIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Gleneagle teacher Bryan Jackson has published a guest post as part of the Canadian Education Association's series on Innovation in Education series, highlighting a lesson he learned from retired Gleneagle drama teacher Richard Dixon.

As a mode of teaching, Richard transcended innovation and went about continually inventing his classroom environments out of blank space and the unique personalities that filled it. And while many of these plays were banged out on a typewriter, and others were written into formatted word documents to be printed out and memorized, I always come back to believing that it is this type of invention and innovation our classrooms so badly need today, just as they always have.

On his last day of school, Richard and I (Mr. Jackson) were talking about the new guitar class I was going to be teaching the following September, just down the hall from what would no longer be his classroom's black box. I told him that aside from being excited at the prospect of the course, I didn't know where I wanted to take it just yet.

"The important thing to remember," he said, "is that every class you teach is just another opportunity for students to practice forming communities."

You can read the entire post here: <http://www.cea-ace.ca/blog/bryan-jackson/2012/12/4/my-guitar-class-more-class>

Dates to Remember

January 7 th	School reopens. Classes in session
January 16 th	Grade 8 Parent Information Night at 7pm in the MPR
January 25 th	Last day of formal classes for semester 1
January 28 th -30 th	Provincial exams
January 31 st	Semester 2 begins
February 6 th	Grade 9-11 Parent Information Night at 7pm in the MPR
February 6 th	COAST Parent Information Night at 7pm in the Library
February 7 th	Second Formal Report goes home
February 8 th	Grade 9 and 11 student's course selection forms returned to Wings teachers
February 8 th	Grade 8 Tour at 12:30, Early dismissal at 11:30 for Gleneagle Students
February 11 th	BC Family Day, school closed
February 22 nd	District Pro D Day, school closed

