

Gleneagle Secondary

NEWS

Newsletter #6 - February 2015 Principal: Mr. Gerald Shong Vice Principals: Mr. Andrew Lloyd and Mr. Mike Parkins Phone 604-464-5793 Website: *www.Gleneagle.org* Follow us on Twitter @gleneagleSD43

Principal's Message:

Semester two has begun and students are settled into their classes. Students in grades ten, eleven and twelve who wrote provincial exams will be able to check out their results in early March. Students will need to log onto the Ministry of Education student secure site at https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/welcome.jsp. Students will need to log onto the Ministry of Education student secure site at https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/welcome.jsp. Students will need their PEN number to create an account and log in. PENs are printed on student report cards.

Grade twelve students need to be aware of important grad deadlines as well as post-secondary school admissions deadlines. We will be having a Grad Assembly on Wednesday, February 25th to go over all grad expectations, deadlines and requirements. This year's Grad Dinner/Dance is being held on Saturday, June 6th at the Fairmont Waterfront with the After Grad event to follow at our school. Commencement will be held on Sunday, June 14th at The Orpheum theatre. Participation in Commencement is limited to students who are successfully graduating this June.

Our winter athletics season will be ending soon and we wish our student athletes a successful end to their season. Congratulations to both the athletes and their coaches for all their hard work. Spring athletics are starting soon and students are encouraged to come out and try a new sport.

Parents are invited to complete the BC Ministry of Education Satisfaction Survey. Please read the information in this newsletter on how to complete the survey.

Gerald Shong Principal

Grades 9-11 – Daily Physical Activity

DPA completion is a requirement for all students and must be completed every year. Students should go to <u>www.gleneagle.org</u> \rightarrow "programs & services" \rightarrow "grad transitions" and follow the instructions on the site. Contact Ms. Horvath at <u>ihorvath@sd43.bc.ca</u> if you have any questions.

***All students should have now completed 2 of the 4 entries. The final assessment will take place at the beginning of June.

Grad Transitions

Students graduating in June 2015 must complete the GT assignments by **February 13, 2015.** The Exit Interview will be April 23, 2015. Information on how to prepare for your Exit Interview is on the main GT page (tab at the top left). Remember - GT is a requirement for graduation and is worth 4 credits. Contact Ms. Horvath at <u>ihorvath@sd43.bc.ca</u> if you have any questions.

Learn a skill, get paid and gain high school credits

Did you know students who have a job in the trades have a unique opportunity to not only get paid while learning a skill, but they can also get up to **16 credits towards graduation**? For each 120 hours of paid work (ex: *carpenter, cook, baker, electrician, hairstylist, mechanic, horticulturist*) they will get 4 credits of Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA). Once they have earned four classes, they can apply for a \$1,000 scholarship. **The scholarship does NOT need to go towards trades training**.

<u>Students</u>: If you are presently working in the trades, phone 604-312-7739 or email <u>bmclean@sd43.bc.ca</u> to speak with Mr. McLean and get yourself signed up for this great opportunity.

<u>Parents</u>: If you are in a position to potentially hire a young student apprentice and would like more information, please feel free to contact Mr. McLean (604-312-7739) to discuss all the benefits of this program for your company. For more information on Youth Programs in the Trades, you can visit the Industry Training Authority (ITA): <u>http://www.itabc.ca/Page19.aspx</u>

Math Department

Gleneagle Math Contest Club (GMCC)

Gleneagle has competed in the Math Challengers contest for the first time. The competition was for Grade 9 students and was held at UBC on Saturday, February 14, 2015. Schools participated in teams of 5 students. Gleneagle enrolled two teams which had prepared themselves in Gleneagle's Math Contest Club. Results will be posted on the school web site at the GMCC page soon.

We are offering Math tutorials in addition to the times offered by your current course teacher.

Before School Tutorials will begin at 8:15 a.m. and end at the beginning of Period 1

Monday to Friday	Room 211 (Ms. Savovic)
	Room 204 (Ms. Mulder) Math 9, Pre-Calc 10, Pre-Calc 11
Wednesday and Friday	Room 209 (Ms. Bhattal)

Lunch Tutorials will begin at 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Monday to Friday	Room 212 (Mr. Simmons)
Tuesday and Thursday	Room 208 (Mr. Tootian)

Afterschool Tutorials will begin at 3:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday to Friday	Room 207 (Ms. Kennedy)
Tuesday and Thursday	Room 209 (Ms. Bhattal)

Ministry of Education Satisfaction Surveys

Attention parents of <u>Grade 10 and 12</u> students. It is that time of year again where the Ministry of Education mandates that schools get feedback from students in Grades 10 and 12. The Satisfaction Survey is a province-wide census of target respondents and, as such, provides a representative picture of the education experience in British Columbia. In technical analyses, the survey was also found to be valid and reliable. In other words, the survey questions measure the themes they claim to measure (e.g., safety or human and social development), and they measure those themes consistently from respondent to respondent. Please take some time to complete the satisfaction survey by going to this link:

https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull1/central/main/ParentSurvey.asp

You will be asked to complete three prompts:

- 1. District: select 43
- 2. School: select Gleneagle.
- 3. Language: select that which is used most frequently in the home.

Once this is done, click on the green login button. The survey should take approximately ten (10) minutes.

Important Dates to Remember

February 20	District Non-Instructional Day (School not in Session)
February 27	Grade 9 Immunization Day (8:30 am-12 pm)
March 4	Spring Music Concert 7:00 pm
March 9 – 20	Spring Break
March 23	School reopens First Day back to school after Spring Break

