



April 25, 2014

SKILLS CANADA RESULTS AWESOME AGAIN!

Congratulations to all the teachers and students who participated in Skills Canada. This is a great event which really promotes the trades, technology and practical arts.

At the Regional Competition in March, at the UFV Trades and Technology Center we had a great result:

- Architectural CAD: **Liam Gilles** with the Gold Medal, **Jamie Stroomer** received Bronze
- Cabinetmaking was a Sardis sweep: **Karaline Heibner** won Gold, **Chad Maberley** the Silver and **Jordan Balzer** the Bronze
- Culinary Arts: **Kelly Barber** earned Bronze
- Mechanical CAD was a Sardis sweep: **Fergus Dalton** took Gold, **Ranson Smith** the Silver and **Simon Park** the Bronze

Gold medalists advanced to the provincial competition on Wednesday, April 9. We also had IT Networking and Computer Animation students advance through separate competitions:

- In Cabinetmaking: **Karaline Heibner** did not place, but did very well
- In 2D Computer Animation: **Hosuh Lee** and **Aidan Kavanagh** earned Silver
- In Architectural CAD: **Liam Gilles** earned Bronze
- In IT Networking: **Seth Kushniryk** earned Gold and **William Porteous** earned Silver
- In Job Interview: **Caleigh Mitchell** earned Bronze
- In Mechanical CAD: **Fergus Dalton** earned Gold

This means that this year we will be sending two students (**Seth Kushniryk** and **Fergus Dalton**) to the National Skills Canada competition in Toronto at the beginning of June.

CHECK OUT SARDIS SECONDARY ON TWITTER (@SardisSecondary) AND FACEBOOK (Sardis Secondary School). DON'T FORGET OUR WEBSITE AT www.sardissecondary.ca FOR UPDATED INFO AND LINKS TO TWITTER AND FACEBOOK.

COMMENCEMENT TICKETS

All grads are guaranteed two tickets for the commencement ceremony. When requesting extra tickets, the first two are no charge with subsequent tickets being \$5.00 each. This charge will be added to the grad's account. There will be a limit of 8 tickets per grad with all additional requests based on availability.

In order to receive extra commencement tickets you MUST fill in an online form. This form can be located on our school website by selecting the "Grad Events & Fees" title on the left hand side, then select "Commencement". Please read this page and find the ONLINE FORM link near the bottom of the page. Fill the form in completely and submit.

Grad Cruise, Banquet and Dance, and Dry Grad:

- * **May 1**—guest application forms are available. There is only additional room for 125 guests.
- * **May 8**—tentative date for tickets going on sale. **All outstanding fees must be paid to be able to attend these events.**

Calendar Items

April

28 Dry Grad Meeting 7:00pm at the Landing Sports Centre

May

10 Plant Sale at 7:00am

16 **Professional Day—school closed**

19 **Victoria Day—school closed**

21 PAC Meeting at 7:00pm in the library

22 Athletic Banquet at 6:00pm

26 Dry Grad Meeting 7:00pm at the Landing Sports Centre

June

3 Awards and Bursary Evening at 6:00pm at First Avenue Christian Assembly

6 Commencement at 6:00pm at Prospera Centre
Grad Cruise at 10:00pm

16 Dry Grad Meeting 7:00pm at the Landing Sports Centre

COUNSELLING CORNER

A huge thank you to all Grade 10 and 11 students for completing course selections for next year. Also, thank you to our feeder schools for assisting with the course selection process for next years' Grade 10's. There are still twenty eight Grade 12 students who have not handed in their Grad Transitions. Please make sure that these are completed as soon as possible. If you do not hand in your Grad Transitions you cannot participate in Commencement activities.



BE THE CHANGE COMMITTEE

The Be the Change Committee would like to thank all of the generous donors—both anonymous and named alike—who support our various student-led and initiated programs, including our Breakfast Club (special thanks are owed to Hofstede's, Cottonwood Mall's Cobs Bread, Stuart Mitchell at the Chilliwack Water Store, and Keith at MTF) and Operation Fairy Godmother (thank you to all of our anonymous donors who have provided grad wear, plus Lisa Bisschop, Wendy Croshaw, and Cheryl Semonovitch).

Special thanks are owed to the Chilliwack Optimist Club, who have continued to support our many projects over the past three years.

The Be the Change Committee is always welcoming donations of breakfast items (Breakfast Club), grad wear (Operation Fairy Godmother), hygiene products, clothing (Clothing Exchange), and non-perishable food items (Mini-food Bank) for our various projects.

For further information, please feel free to contact Parween_Irani@sd33.bc.ca.

SARDIS SECONDARY ATHLETIC CELEBRATION AND BANQUET

The Sardis Secondary Athletic Banquet will be held on Thursday, May 22nd in the pit area at Sardis Secondary. Every student who participated on a team this year at Sardis is invited. However, their athletic fees must be paid-up **and they must RSVP by printing their name in the binder on the office counter by Monday, May 19th**. Doors open at 6PM. Dinner will be served at 6:15.

The awards ceremony will begin at 7PM. Parents and family members are invited and doors will open for them around 6:45. Sardis fielded 20 sports teams this year! Please come and celebrate an awesome year of Athletics at Sardis.

FOODS AND NUTRITION 11/12

You can find recipes on Mrs. Van Stolk's blog: mrsvs-fooodsclass and also on our school's website at www.sardissecondary.ca/staff/teachers on her homework page. If a student misses a lab he or she can make it up by going to these sites, do the lab and show Mrs. Van Stolk a picture of the food they prepared.

TEXTILES

The Textiles and Fashion Design program would appreciate donations of fabric and notions, which can be dropped off at the office.

APRIL IS EARTH MONTH

SARDIS SECONDARY ECOMANIACS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN CHILLIWACK

On April 12th a group from Sardis Secondary, made up of 30 members including students, staff and parents participated in the *Chilliwack Vedder River Clean Up Society's Annual Spring River Clean Up!*

The river clean up is one of the major events that the Sardis Ecomaniacs participate in during Earth Month. Other events include the fundraising initiatives for endangered animal adoption through *WWF (World Wildlife Fund)*, *Krispy Kreme* (Donuts) sales and *Community Bottle Drive* to fundraise for our ongoing - school wide - club directed - composting program and community animal shelters.

The Ecomaniacs also initiated Sardis's first ever *Half-Light Day* on April 17, 2014. Their grand finale to Earth Month will be a **TEACHERS VS. SENIOR BOYS** basketball game!

Game Date: April 30th, 2014
Game Time: 11:15am to 11:40am
Entry Cost: \$1.00

All proceeds go to the Fort Smiths Animal Shelter
"Go Green Sardis!"

SARDIS SECONDARY MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE ON MAY 10TH FROM 7 AM – 3 PM

Once again the Agriculture students at Sardis Secondary have filled the greenhouse here at the school with beautiful hanging baskets, planters and other annuals to share with the community at the annual Plant Sale coming up on May 10th. As always, students have been working hard with the planting, watering, managing pests, and doing a variety of other tasks to make sure the plants are looking great for community members who participate in the sale.

This year, from April 30th to May 2nd, Sardis students have also invited over 300 elementary students to the greenhouse to learn about raising plants and to help them plant flowers of their own to keep. Our grade 11 and 12 students are hosting these junior planters in hopes that they will become excited about Agriculture.

Having elementary students visit Sardis Secondary is only the first step in what promises to be the beginning of a much bigger partnership starting next year.

Please see our website for prices and availability at <https://sites.google.com/site/sustainableresources12/>

BEGINNING IN THE FALL OF 2014, THE SARDIS SECONDARY AGRICULTURE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN A 5 ACRE EXPANSION.

The school district has given permission for 5 acres of land on Richardson Avenue to be converted into a diverse Agriculture Centre that will include a school community garden where these elementary classes will be able to plant their own gardens under the guidance of our students. Our hope is that students will learn about food, where it comes from and how to make healthy choices in terms of what they eat.

In addition to the school gardens, we are also happy to present an opportunity for the community to be involved through our Community Supported Agriculture gardens. This garden will be used to grow crops that will be purchased by community members who will receive a weekly bin of fruits and vegetables from June – October. This program is set to begin next summer and there will be more information available in late 2014.

In addition to these programs, there are also plans for a pumpkin patch, bulb gardens, and an exciting partnership with the University of the Fraser Valley involving berry research.

We would like to thank our sponsors, including BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation, University of the Fraser Valley Agriculture department, Elmido Farms, Rainbow Greenhouses and the School District 33 Maintenance Department. We continue to seek support on this exciting project as we strive to improve and enhance learning opportunities for our students. If you would like to support us please email joe_massie@sd33.bc.ca.

You can ask us for more information about the expansion at the **Mother's Day Plant Sale on May 10th from 7:00 am – 3:00 pm.**

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