



February 25, 2013

GRADE 9 STUDENT AND PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

March 14 starting at 6:30pm. We will have an evening of information sharing about course planning and school programs. We will be starting with a 30 minute presentation in the Gymnasium which will be followed by an open house for the remainder of the evening. Parents and students will be able to tour the building and get a sense of some of the programs and courses being offered at our school.

SURVEYS

We have started and will be doing a number of surveys over the coming months:

Ministry of Education Satisfaction Survey

This is an annual survey. It surveys grade 10 and 12 students, their parents and school staff. We review the results as part of our school growth plan discussion. The surveys ask questions about satisfaction with a variety of aspects of student learning

McCreary Adolescent Health Survey

This is the first time this survey is being conducted in Chilliwack. Public Health nurses will be coming in and administering the survey to 5 classes at each grade level. This collects information about patterns and habits around a variety of public health issues among youth. The information collated from the survey is provided in a report to various social agencies and the school district, and it is used for planning interventions regarding public health concerns. Once the classes are selected and a date set, parent permission forms will be sent home with information about the study.

UFV School Completion and Engagement Study

Researchers at UFV are conducting a wide ranging study to better understand contributing factors with regards to school completion rates in Chilliwack. They will be looking at a variety of factors beyond the school system in order to gain a more complete understanding. As part of the study, they are surveying the entire student population. This will happen in early May.

SKILLS CANADA 2013—Upper Fraser Valley Regional Competition—Thursday, March 14, 2013.

Skills Canada BC is a non profit organization that works with government, industry and educators to promote careers in the skilled trades and technologies by hosting 14 Olympic-style competitions around the province each year.

The competitions offer student competitors and spectators interactive and safe activities that engage and encourage them to explore a wide variety of career options.



The competitions also feature Discover Trades & Technology First Hand activities to give students real hands-on experiences with the skilled trades and technologies.

I have attached several documents, including a poster that can be printed off and displayed in your school and staff room.

To find out more about the events near you please visit our website at www.skillscanada.bc.ca.

We welcome you to watch a 3 minute video on the National Skills Competitions (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVO5OfadQZE>); or call our office at (604)432-4229.

Calendar Items

March

- 4-8 Strongman Competition at lunch
- 7 External Scholarships due
- 14 Grade 9 Parent night at 6:30pm
- 15 Last day of classes before Spring Break
- 18-22 Spring Break**
- 25 Schools Re-open after Spring Break
- Dry Grad Meeting at Chilliwack Sports Landing Centre—7:00pm

April

- 04 Grad Dinner and Auction at 5:00pm
- 12 Term III ends
- 15 Term IV begins
- 17 Report Cards Issued
- 18 Parent/Teacher Interviews at 6:00pm
- 19 Early Dismissal at 12:30 (busses run regular schedules)
- 22 Dry Grad Meeting at Chilliwack Sports Landing Centre—7:00pm
- 24 Healthy Living Day
- 26 Pro-D Day (no classes in session)

GRAD AUCTION AND DINNER

The theme for this year's Grad Auction is a 'Night in Venice' and the food served will be Italian. Tickets are now on sale at the front office. They are \$15 each and include a full Italian meal. Seats are limited so get your tickets soon!!

Grads, please bring any auction items to the window at the front office. Remember that you get half of what your item sells for to apply to Grad expenses. (Example: your item is auctioned for \$50, that means \$25 of that goes towards paying off your grad fees, dinner/dance ticket, etc., the remainder goes to the grad legacy fund.) The more items you bring in the less you have to pay!!

Weekly draw for prizes for those who bring in items.



STRONGMAN COMPETITION

The 15th Annual Strongman Competition is happening March 4th through 8th. We have more athletes registered this year than ever before! 61 students will be participating with a record-breaking 17 girls...

Weight classes are mens' flyweight, lightweight, middleweight and heavyweight. This year we also have women's lightweight and middleweight.

Monday's event will be the heavy sled pull, followed by the sandbag shuttle, tire flip, heavy sled push and farmer's carry. Members of the public are encouraged to attend this very exciting, spirit-building event.

FLYWEIGHT

Sam Fletcher	Juri Yun
Mike Friesen	Jared Les
Clayton Warkentin	Thomas Heuser
Sean Byrne	Bret Armstrong
Tanner Olsen	Aidan Rozell

LIGHTWEIGHT

Carson Clegg	Graeme Fugger
Ryland Fisher	Connor Lovely
Nick Ward	Sam Sutter
Indy Novack	Connor Large
Bryce Cairns	Adam Miller
Joey Campbell	Leo Trichard-Baker

MIDDLEWEIGHT

Cody Lundgren	Brett Penner
Austin Ensz	Anthony Stephenson
Brendan Murphy	Joshua Campbell
Connor Vivian	Cohen Bogart
Torbin Kuhr	Lyle Hughes

HEAVYWEIGHT

Kyle Esau	Brett Johnson
Logan Nishida	Marshall Anderson
Perry Ross	Ashton Babuin
Raphael Olivares	Louis Retief
Carson Allinott	

WOMEN LIGHTWEIGHT

Ashley Heisler	Mikayla Duval
Sophie Poirier	Noelle Young
Kaylee Muxlow	Chantel Homme

WOMEN MIDDLEWEIGHT

Brianna Keats	Delaney Hawkes
Tori Kuhn	Sarah Muxlow
Megan Parsons	Micaela Smith
Katelynn Tuckey	Shanna Fortnum
Jessica Muxlow	

The Textiles and Fashion Design class would appreciate donations of fabric, notions, patterns and equipment. Please drop off at the office or contact Ms. Geck.

Check out Mrs. Van Stolk's classroom blog at mrsvsfoodsclass.com to see what the students have completed in class!

Dry Grad meetings are being held at the Chilliwack Sports Landing Centre on March 25, April 22, May 27, and June 24 at 7:00pm.