



# Parent Bulletin – February 2015

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January’s cold weather has kept us moving making last month a busy one... Here’s a quick recap before we move forward with what to expect in February.

## JANUARY *Review*

### **Final Term**

January saw Term 2 come to a close and Term 3 begin. Students are now working towards their final marks of the year. Unlike the 2 previous terms which were weighted at 20% each, this final term is weighted at 60%. There is still time to direct efforts towards ending the academic year successfully. A reminder that should students be experiencing difficulty, they should take advantage of remediation sessions which occur on a daily basis in all courses, log on to LEARN where students can take advantage of live online FREE tutorial assistance for many courses, and/or arrange for home tutoring. Both LEARN and a list of tutors can be found on our school’s website.

### **Hockey Concentration Fundraising Raffle Ticket Winner**



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Congratulations go out to Ms. Karvouniaris who bought a ticket from Sec 5 student Steven Bouzoulakos! She won the 2 hockey game tickets to January 27<sup>th</sup>’s Montreal Canadiens home game at the Bell Centre beginning at 7:30pm against the Dallas Stars. Hockey Concentration students thank everyone who supported this fundraiser. They raised \$1170!

### **Samson & Delilah**

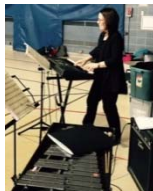


Place des Arts

A school-wide afterschool music trip to Place des Arts open to all students took place on January 22<sup>nd</sup> after regular classes ended. Students saw the final dress rehearsal of the opera “Samson & Delilah” by Saint-Saëns. They returned having enjoyed this slower-paced opera further expanding their horizons after having watched ‘Barber of Seville’ back in November.

### **2015-2016 Re-registration Form**

Students were handed next year’s re-registration form during the week of January 19<sup>th</sup>. The deadline to return this form to the main office was January 30<sup>th</sup>. Please confirm that your child has in fact handed the signed version of this sheet in as it confirms your child’s return to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.



### Music Concentration 3-day Tour to Elementary Schools

Our school's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Music Concentration Concert 3-day tour from January 26<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> was a huge success! Students performed 8 concerts in 3 days and were a tremendous hit with all their audiences! This year's tour consisted of visits to Laval Jr., Mother Theresa Jr., Genesis, Saint Vincent, JFK, Souvenir, Jules Verne, OLP & St. Paul Elementary School.

### In-School Science Fair



The results are in! It was quite a display in the library! All students did an awesome job presenting their projects. The students whose projects made it to Regionals are:

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|--------|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| Sec 3: | Gold  | Lucas Galand   | <i>Gaming Gloves</i>                  |
|        | Silver  | Ashley Bailie & Samantha Laskaris                        | <i>Sweet Palpitations</i>             |
|        | Bronze  | Peter Ladas & Lucas Reda                                 | <i>Water to Fuel</i>                  |
|        | <i>Gold &amp; Silver projects will present their projects at Regionals.</i> |  |                                       |
| Sec 4: | Gold  | Faiza Abdul & Andrea Perez                               | <i>Organic vs. Chemical</i>           |
|        | Silver  | Jonathan St-Onge   | <i>Bananas to Plastic</i>             |
|        | Bronze  | Alexa Eliopoulos & Lilianna Morello                      | <i>Are You Poisoning Your Pets?</i>   |
|        | <i>Gold &amp; Silver projects will present their projects at Regionals.</i> |  |                                       |
| Sec 5: | <i>Six projects received Gold standing and will be going to Regionals</i>   |  |                                       |
|        | Gold  | Manjot Bains   | <i>Double Dosage</i>                  |
|        |   | Nicholas Dimitrakopoulos & Anastasia Katsolis            | <i>Miracle vs. Entity</i>             |
|        |   | Istvan Dupsak & Thun-Carl Sieu                           | <i>How Strong is Your Attention?</i>  |
|        |   | Mahsa Ghazi  | <i>Novel Preterm Labor Therapy</i>    |
|        |   | Marjan Ghazi   | <i>Limitations of Beta-Blochers</i>   |
|        |   | Seela Kabassakalian-Missakian                            | <i>The Challenge</i>                  |
|        |   | A final gold medal will be awarded to Gajanan Velupillai | <i>Variability in Gene Expression</i> |

### Pink in the City



This year Student Council sold bags of freshly popped popcorn for \$0.50 to LLHS students from January 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> during lunchtime. The \$300 they have raised, will be going towards supporting Pink In The City, a local charity, in purchasing breast cancer diagnostic equipment at the Royal Victoria Hospital [www.pinkinthecity.ca](http://www.pinkinthecity.ca)

### Canadian Women's Hockey League & Stars de Montreal



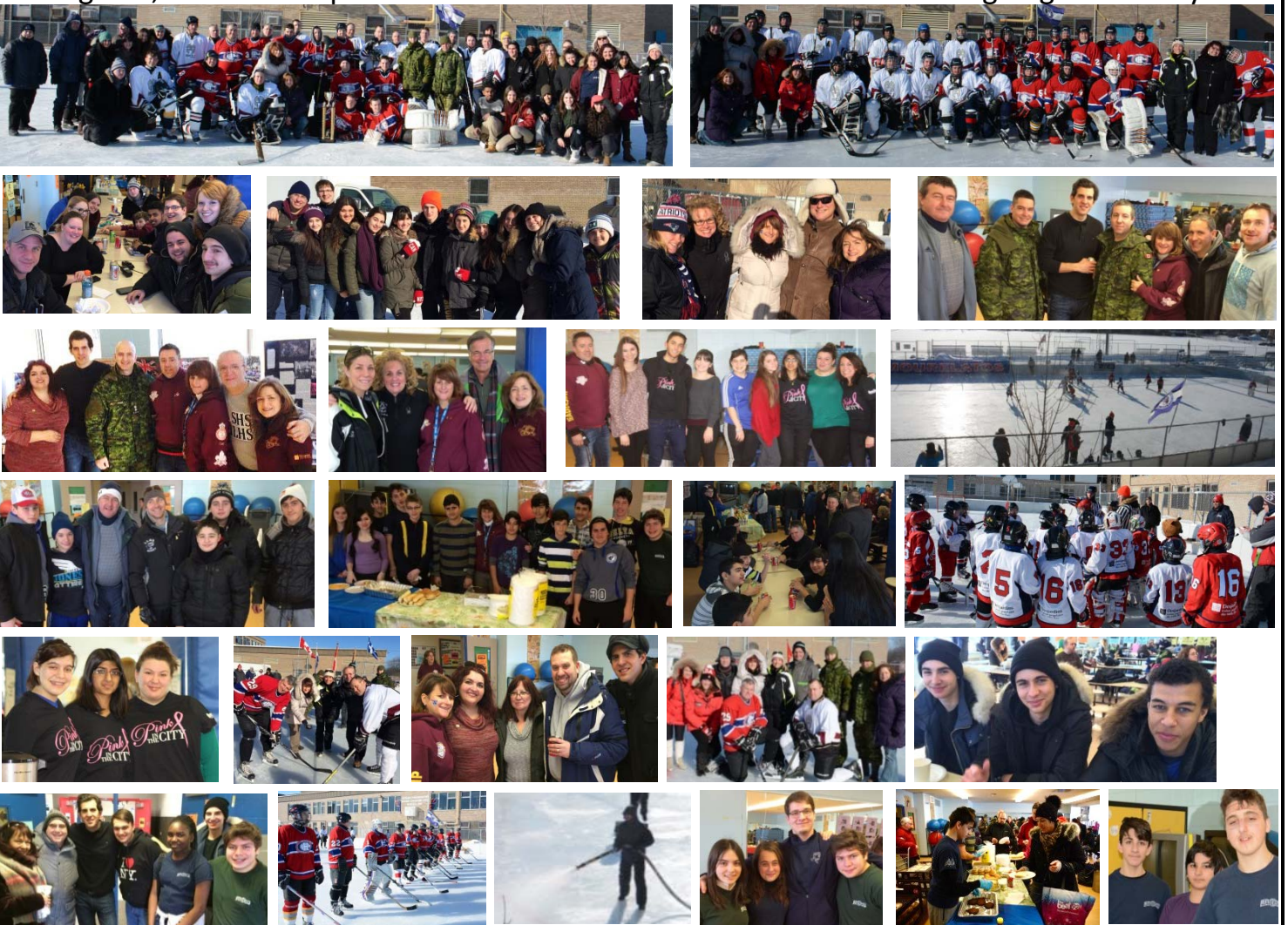
One of our newest partners is the CWHL. We were very pleased to welcome these professional female athletes to our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Hockey Day. Two of their players (Stacie Tardif & Sara Dagenais) visited with students during period 3 on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Hockey Day in Laval

Our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual **Hockey Day in Laval** which took place on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, was a great success! The cold weather kept us all warm inside! Thank you to the exceptional team of students and adults who assisted in making this such a wonderful event for all the participants!



The entire event began with a special outdoor ice-hockey game on our rink during period 4 on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. The game was LSHS vs. LLHS. Teachers from both schools along with their assigned students were encouraged to attend this outdoor game. The atmosphere was very pleasant! The classes that attended received hot chocolate, enjoyed the music, and the sunshine under the cloudless sky. The exchange of jersey's amongst players at the end of the game, showed the positive state of all as the 2 schools become ONE going into next year.





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### **Parent-Teacher Night & PPO Bake Sale**

Term 2 ended on January 16<sup>th</sup>. All student report cards were mailed out during the last week of January. We are looking forward to seeing all parents during our school's 2<sup>nd</sup> Parent/Teacher evening which is set to take place on **Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, from 6 to 9pm**. Please bring your child's report card with you. Your PPO (Parent Participation Organization) will be selling coffee and baked goods during the evening to fundraise for various activities that take place in our school while Grad Committee members will sell chocolates & cookies as they fundraise for their upcoming prom.

### **School Fees**

To insure that all students are provided with the best possible services, the school depends on everyone's payment. Thank you to all who have already done so. If your child's school fees have not yet been paid, please contact Filia (our school secretary) at 450.688.2911 ext.9015 to make an arrangement as soon as possible. Filia will also be available from 6 to 9pm on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> (Parent/Teacher Night).

### **HONOUR ROLL**

Congratulations to all Sec 3-4-5 students who made it on the honour roll this term! The complete list of names can be found on our website under the 'Academics' tab.

### **Pedagogical Days**

Please note that Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> are pedagogical days. No regular classes will take place on these days.

### **PPO Meeting**

On Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, our PPO will be holding their monthly meeting in the library beginning at 6pm. All volunteers are welcome.

### **Sec 3 Vaccinations**



All Sec 3 students will be seen by our nurse and CSSS staff during their respective French classes on from February 10<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the clinic is to offer the 2 booster shots due at this age, verify the student's vaccination status and to offer any missing vaccines. We request that the students bring in their vaccination booklet with them for their respective day.



### Robotics Competition (Feb 12-13-14)

This year's Robotics Competition (Actimania 2015) will be hosted by Vanier College. The 40-45 participating students will be there from February 12<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>. The entire team has been preparing tirelessly in order to create an all-encompassing project to impress the judges and all participating schools from the public, private, French and English sectors. Should you wish to visit the event, please note the times posted at <http://www.robo-crc.ca/en/>

### Governing Board Meeting

On Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, our GB will be holding their monthly meeting in the library beginning at 7:15pm. This meeting is open to the public.



### Vapour Cigarettes

By law, Laval Liberty is a smoke-free environment for students and staff. Please note that this includes vapour cigarettes. In case you are not unaware, they work in the same way as a regular cigarette: The end glows as one inhales and as one exhales, one puffs out a cloud of what looks like smoke. It's battery operated, there's a heating element and a cartridge that holds nicotine and other liquids and flavorings. Some are disposable; others have a rechargeable battery and refillable cartridge. Please note that suspensions will be issued for students using these types of cigarettes on our property.

### 2015 Costa Rica Trip



Students are getting for ready for their 12-day environmental trip to Costa Rica! A review of their experience will follow in our March Bulletin. Being one of the most biodiverse countries in the world, a memorable experience awaits for sure!

### Registration & Course Selection for 2015-2016

Course Selection sheets were handed out to all students during the last week of January. The deadline to return the completed form is February 18<sup>th</sup>. Please note that administration has the right to select courses for students should the form not be returned.

*On behalf of the LLHS staff,*

*Happy  
Valentine's  
Day*

*to all this Saturday!*

Yours in education,

*Mrs. Josée Côté*, Principal

*Mrs. Helen Kalipolidis*, Vice-Principal