

<u>Parent Bulletin – April 2015</u>

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Days are getting longer, the weather is slowly getting warmer and the school year is flying by. Here's a quick recap of February & March and a look into April.



Robotics Competition (Feb 12-13-14)



Congratulations go to all who participated in this year's Robotics Competition (Actimania 2015) hosted by Vanier College. The robot, kiosk, and video teams prepared 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. Many thanks go to the staff members who supported & guided our dedicated students. LLHS didn't win any prizes this year but their perseverance was truly impressive. (Teachers missing from the staff picture: Mr. Dimitrakopoulos and Mr. Kavanagh.)















West Island Career Centre and CDC St-Eustache Trip

Our school's Guidance Counsellor, Mr. Ioannidis, took students who expressed an interest in vocational education to visit and to familiarize themselves with two trade school centres, offering vocational education programs (i.e. auto mechanics, carpentry) all day on March 31. Students returned with detailed knowledge and options to guide them with their future paths.

Cosmodome Trip





Our Pre-Work students took a trip to the Cosmodome on March 20th. They enjoyed the 'out-of-this-world' experience and enriched their knowledge of spatial awareness.

Biodiversity Trip to Costa Rica









An enriching and memorable experience was had by all on the 12-day environmental and humanitarian trip to Costa Rica. Students learned about rainforest biodiversity and sustainability by doing experiments in the rainforest. They spent a full day in the tropical sun building a complete playground at our elementary school partner and they went to farms to milk cows used to make cheese, harvest their lunch and catch the tilapia for a meal! They experienced orchids high up in the rainforest canopy as they rode a 10 station zip line, and they saw nesting tropical birds as they white rafted through class 3 and 4 rapids on the Pacuare River. Truly a trip that changed how students see the world they live in.































MusicFest 2015

Congratulations to the entire Music Concentration band who brought back a SILVER standing from MusicFest (a provincial competition) on March 15th! Their dedication, commitment and hard work paid off and impressed the judges.









Honour Band

Students from 5 different high schools (Laval Liberty, Laval Junior, Rosemere, Late of Two Mountains, and Laurentian Regional) took part in the 3rd annual Sir Wilfrid Laurier Honour Band hosted at LJHS from 8:30am to 8:30pm on March 17th. Students worked with a specialist on their instrument during the day and joined to form one large Concert Band composed of 105 students when they performed at 7pm that evening. The concert was extremely impressive! Congratulations!!

Blue & Gold Review (Viewer Discretion Advised) & Fashion Show (The Final Applause)

This year, for the first time, the cast and crew of both these productions were composed of students from Laurier Senior & Laval Liberty. Our schools' local talent shone bright and all

students enjoyed the experience!







Astronaut Visit

We were privileged to have Canadian astronaut LCol. Jeremy Hansen visit with our ATOMS students in Sec 3, Enriched Science students in Sec 4 & Physics & Chemistry students in Sec 5 on Tuesday, March 24th during period 4 in the auditorium. This motivational and inspiring speaker had every student captivated and encouraged a life inspiring lesson 'Believe in Yourself'.

Soccer Concentration and the Mtl Impact

Our teams wrapped-up their indoor season during the month of March. The cadet & juvenile teams made it to the regional semifinal & final levels but did not bring back the title. Nevertheless our Juvenile Boys overall placement earned them a spot at the provincial tournament which took place in Gatineau. The boys did not win but they were competitive and had a good showing. A final culmination to their indoor season was having Montreal Impact player (defenseman) Eric Miller come to speak to all our soccer concentration students on March 31st. A great big THANK YOU to the dedicated coaching staff!!!!!



Juvenile Girls Teams 1 & 2



Girls' Cadet Team



Boys Juvenile Team

Regional Science Fair





Students whose projects made it to regionals displayed them at Concordia University from Sunday, March 29th to Tuesday, March 31st. Our students presented and competed against projects from English private & public high schools and C.E.G.E.Ps from the Greater Montreal area. Competition was tight yet out of the 150 projects competing, all LLHS projects received were awarded! KUDOS!!!! Here are the results:

Sec 3: Lucas Galand Gaming Gloves Great Distinction &

McGill - Electrical & Computer Engineering Award

Ashley Bailie & Samantha Laskaris Sweet Palpitations Great Distinction &

Concordia – Mathematic & Statistics Award

Sec 4: Faiza Abdul & Andrea Perez Organic vs. Chemical Highest Distinction &

McGill – Agricultural & Environmental Sciences Award

Jonathan St-Onge From Bananas to Plastic Highest Distinction &

Plastiques GPR Inc. Award

Sec 5: **Manjot Bains Double Dosage**Great Distinction

**** Anastasia Katsolis Miracle vs. Entity Highest Distinction &

Silver Medal Senior (2nd highest out of 48 projects in this category)

Concordia – PERFORM Centre Award in Preventative Health Sciences

Concordia Expo-Sciences Tuition Entrance Award

Super Expo-Science Hydro QC (SEDHQ) Experimentation &

Design Award (alternate to attend ISEF)

Thun-Carl Sieu How Strong is Your Attention? Great Distinction

McGill – Psychology Award

**** Mahsa Ghazi Preterm Labor: New Hope Highest Distinction

McGill – Biology Award

Super Expo-Science Hydro QC (SEDHQ) Experimentation &

Design Award

**** Marjan Ghazi Limitations of Beta-Blochers Highest Distinction

Concordia – Science College Award

Super Expo-Science Hydro QC (SEDHQ) Experimentation &

Design Award

Seela Kabassakalian-Missakian The Challenge Distinction

McGill - School of Computer Science (Robotics) Award











'Young Authors' Volunteers









Many thanks to our student volunteers who dedicated their entire day (from 8:30 to 4:30) on Sunday, March 29th interviewing Laval Families Young Authors Contest winners on the red carpet at the Embassy. They were excellent LLHS ambassadors who easily placed even the most shyest of winners at ease in front of the camera!

Europe Trip 2015

Students on this year's Europe trip left on March 27th. Their iteniary consists of organized tours in Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic, & Germany. An update of this experience will be recapped in next month's parent bulletin.



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SANOFI BioGENEious Challenge Canada (SBCC)****

The Sanofi BioGENEius Challenge Canada (SBCC) is a national competition that has aimed to expose students and teachers to biotechnology for the last 20 years and fosters the development of the next generation of scientists in three areas of this new science: health, agriculture and the environment. We are privileged to have 3 our students (see above **** under 'Regional Science Fair') accepted as participants in this competition taking place all day on April 2nd.

Leadership day trip to Ottawa, Grad trip to New York, 7th Annual Football Academic/Athletic USA University Tour Trip

Lots of upcoming trip for our students are set for in the month of April: On April 15th, students are taking a trip to Ottawa to meet with some of Canada's top leaders & participate in leadership activities and from April 23rd to the 27th our annual grad trip to New York and 7th annual Academic/Athletic USA University Tour for our Football Concentration students take place. A recap will follow in our next parent bulletin.

SOS Learn LEAR

FREE TUTORING through SOS LEARN is back! Registration opened on Monday, March 23rd. Sessions will run from April 7th to the end of June exams.

A copy of the schedule can be found using the following link:

http://www.learnquebec.ca/.../.../documents/sosSchedule_last.pdf

To sign up (register), students are requested to onto our school's website, click on the LEARN CODES tab on the right, & follow the instructions. Students will need their 7-digit student ID number handy.

Pedagogical Days

Please note that Friday, April 3rd and Monday April 6th are holidays and the school is closed. Friday, April 10th and is a pedagogical day. No classes will be held on these days.

LLHS/LSHS Comedy Night Fundraiser



Laval Liberty & Laurier Senior's PPOs have joined forces to host our 3rd Annual Comedy Night on Friday, April 24th beginning at 7pm. Last year's event hosted by Laval Liberty & Laval Junior was very entertaining & this year promises to be even more memorable! A much needed evening of laughter for all! Tickets are \$20 each. Please contact Betty Aliftiras at 450-688-2911 ext. 8226 in order to purchase your ticket(s). Proceeds raised benefit student activities, events and programs. Additional information can be found on the attachment with this parent e-mail.

Video Streaming Service

Tired of losing your curriculum-related videos on YouTube??

Students now have access to a new *video streaming* service through our Library. Features:

- Available at the library, in class, at home, anywhere, anytime
- Thousands of videos covering all high school curriculum subject areas
- Correlated to Canadian provincial standards
- Segmented into easy-to-use clips
- Save, share, organize, create custom playlists

Go to http://streaming.factsonfile.com Username: lavalsenior Password: lookitup Our databases and eBooks are available to all students, 24/7, from school or from home. For help with any aspect of these services, please contact Margot Dubé in the Library.

PPO Meeting

On Tuesday, April 7th, our PPO will be holding their monthly meeting in the library beginning at 6pm. All volunteers are welcome.

Governing Board Meeting

On Thursday, April 16th, our GB will be holding their monthly meeting in the library beginning at 7:15pm. This meeting is open to the public.

Cheerleading Competition



The Laval Liberty & Laurier Senior Cheerleading team is competing in the Scholastic Division (Level 1) of Canadian Cheerleading Championship taking place on Saturday, April 18th, 2015 in Trois-Rivières. This is the first time they will be competing at this level! Good luck, Girls!

2015 Musical



Our Theatre & Music Concentration students are actively preparing for this year's musical Presentation of this production will take place in our school's auditorium on April 29th, 30th & May 1st beginning at 7:30pm for all 3 shows. Tickets will be \$7 in advance & \$10 at the door.

Lates, administrative referrals, detentions, suspensions

As has been our policy throughout the year, students who arrive to class late or are sent to the office by their teacher are issued an afterschool detention which runs from 3:30 to 4:30pm. Students are informed that they are expected to serve their detention the very same day it is issued or the immediate following day. Please note that detentions which are not served lead to suspensions. Names of students expected for to serve are placed on a list on the window in C321. It is every student's responsibility to promptly clear his/her name to avoid a suspension. Skipping classes is an immediate suspendable offense.

Vote for your child's school name

The future names for the Laval High JUNIOR and SENIOR high schools are now in your hands! You can vote for the name of your choice on this link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/evote laval high schools

Voting closes on April 20 at noon. Results will be known at the April 22 Council of Commissioners meeting.



Happy Easter!

all celebrating this weekend and next!

Yours in education,

Mrs. Josée Côté, Principal

Mrs. Helen Kalipolidis, Vice-Principal