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Shawnigan Parent News



Photo: Congratulating Our Math Contest Winners. For more photos and stories, go to <http://www.shawnigan.ca/now>

Math Contest Winners – Stephen Cox, Head of Math

Last term, 75 enthusiastic young mathematicians participated in the Pascal, Cayley, and Fermat math contests. These national contests are for students in grades 9 through 11 and are sponsored, in part, by the University of Waterloo. They involve problem-solving questions that are not directly linked to mathematics curricula in Canada and the questions range from easy to very challenging.

This year, approximately 65,000 students from across the country participated and we had some impressive results with many scores above the 90th percentile—remember that students who participate in these contests typically have some very strong abilities in mathematics. Our highlights include:

In the Grade 9 Pascal Contest:

- 3rd - at the 91st percentile Taylor C. (Scoring at the 91st percentile simply means that Taylor scored higher than 91% of the students who wrote that contest.)
- 2nd - at the 95th percentile: Ryan W.
- 1st - scoring higher than 98% of the grade 9 students and placing on the BC Honour Roll: Geoffrey S.

In the grade 10 Cayley Contest:

- 4th - at the 97th percentile and placing on the BC Honour Roll: Edward Z.
- 3rd - at the 98th percentile and placing on the BC Honour Roll: Brandon K.
- 2nd - at the 99th percentile, placing on the BC Honour Roll and Canadian Honour Roll. His score was, along with several other students, the 12th highest score obtained on the test: Kenny W.
- 1st - Our top student, scored higher than 99.8% of all students. He placed on the BC Honour Roll and the Canadian Honour Roll and his score was the 4th highest score obtained on the test: Jae Joon L.

In the Fermat contest for Grade 11 students:

- 3rd - scoring higher than 89% of students: Betty V.
- 2nd - at the 96th percentile: James W.
- 1st - scoring higher than 99.2% of grade 11 students, placing on the BC Honour Roll and the Canadian Honour Roll and his score was, along with several other students, the 9th highest score obtained on the test: Ivan H.

Brotherhood – Jon H. '10 (Lonsdale's)

During the Lonsdale's House presentation, Jon. H gave the following address:

This House is a Brotherhood. However, the key term in Brotherhood is, in fact, “Bro.” It’s a term I hope you are all familiar with, but if you’re not, here are some other words that start with Bro. Bromosapien, we are all bromosapiens. Brotoplasm (the inner content of a brotherhood.) Bro-ntosaurus, similar to the dinosaur with a long neck to reach high up trees for salad and stuff (for instance, Quin is my bro-ntosaurus).

If you want a short history of notable bros., some include: Robin Hood and Little John; The Wright Bros.; The Three Stooges; and The Super Mario Bros. The most ancient of Bros. were the Spartans. The Spartans had a way of going to battle so that their shields protected the bro to their left. That way, you would have one bro’s back and another bro would have your’s, all the way down the line till the guy on the very right, and well, he was just awesome!

What’s it all about to be a bro? Is it really about being awesome all of the time? I’m going to be honest here...yeah, it is! Is it about self-sacrifice? Of course. Is it about bravery? Yes.

The real bros are the guys who normally get overlooked. I mean everyone here has felt invisible at times and they have acted selfishly, but when someone needs it, I mean really just needs a brother, someone who is on their side no matter what, that’s when we come together as a House.

Upcoming Events:

- April 17** Mock Trial Tournament, Victoria - 10:00am
- April 24-25** Leave Weekend
- April 28** Shawnigan Parents’ Association Speaker Series - Pamela Richardson (7pm, Studio Theatre)
- April 28-30** Jazz Band at West Coast Jazz Fest. in Nanaimo
- May 7-9** Shawnigan Lake School Regatta
- May 27-29** Drama Production - *Biloxi Blues*
- June 5-6** Leave Weekend

For more **travel information** and a link to **next year’s calendar** go to: www.shawnigan.ca/now/travel-information

Find more Parent Information on our internal school site at: <http://academic.shawnigan.ca/Parents/index.wiki>

For the rest of my life, I would give it all away in a second if called upon by my bros. Nothing can ever even come close to what brotherhood is. That’s a House—That’s all it is.

Mock Trial Tournament – Paul Klassen

Every year, during Law Week, the B.C. Branch of the Canadian Bar Association sponsors mock trials for middle school and high school students throughout British Columbia. Shawnigan Model UN students have been preparing for over a month for the mock trials at the Victoria Courthouse. David Brooks, a former parent and practicing lawyer, has come to many fine art sessions to help out in their preparation.

A mock trial tournament is a competitive activity. Many of our students tried out for various roles and approximately half didn’t make the final team. Rarely do debate coaches have to cut debaters from their final roster! Members of the Shawnigan team who have been chosen to compete in the tournament will get a chance to practice certain skills such as oral advocacy, role development, questioning techniques, and critical thinking. These students will be striving for excellence in their case presentations. Such excellence can only be achieved if the students are willing to devote a fair amount of their leisure time to the project. We are looking forward to this challenge!

Shawnigan Parents’ Association Speaker Series

The Shawnigan Parents’ Association presents Pamela Richardson as their next speaker. The event will be held in Shawnigan’s Studio Theatre on the evening of April 28, at 7:00pm.

Pamela Richardson's presentation will be on Parental Alienation Syndrome (PAS). Pamela is the author of the book, *A Kidnapped Mind*, a heartbreaking account of her struggle to maintain a loving relationship with her son, Dash, after a bitter divorce from her first husband. Tragically, Dash committed suicide at 16.

Since losing Dash, Pamela has been tirelessly working with many school and community organizations, speaking at private and public events, meeting with legal professionals, counselors, other parents whose children have been alienated from them, as well as the media and other groups, bringing a much-needed awareness of the damage that can be done by alienating a child from a once-loved parent. Her book has been praised by many divorce and custody experts. Her website is www.akidnappedmind.com