



WEEK OF MAY 17, 2010

Shawnigan Parent News



Photos: Students at play on Health and Wellness Day. For more photos go to <http://www.shawnigan.ca/now>

Prefect Leadership – Jo-Anne Kingstone

It's time to select next year's Prefects. School Prefects are a group of Grade 12 students appointed by the Headmaster (with the recommendation of the school population) who take responsibility for many aspects of School life. While it is difficult to articulate in any definitive way the myriad expectations and responsibilities of School leadership, the following is a description of a "Shawnigan Lake School Prefect."

A prefect is someone who is:

- Engaged in School life
- Respected by his or her peers
- Willing to serve and to organize
- Willing to take responsibility for self and others
- Loyal to the School and abides by the guidelines for conduct and behaviour as set out by the School
- A creative problem solver
- Active in setting a positive tone for the School
- Able to communicate effectively with adults and students
- Able to be both compassionate and just
- Honest and conducts him or herself with integrity
- Able to manage time and commitments effectively
- A positive role model

A prefect's duties include:

- Designing and implementing School activities
- Monitoring student conduct and minor infractions (dress, attitude, care of School property, etc.)
- Ensuring a positive and respectful tone prevails at School activities
- Supporting and monitoring students at risk
- Working with House Directors with duties as assigned
- Supervising Chapel—assembly, tone, dismissal
- Supervising the dining room—tone and role modelling
- Being part of the Sunday duty roster as assigned
- Attending all prefect meetings as called
- Leading special assemblies
- Working with the weekend program to help plan, implement and supervise activities
- Responding to student concerns
- Assisting in the selection of new prefects

Students from grade 11 were invited to submit letters this week of application for Prefectship to Mr. Robertson and Mrs. Kingstone. After a list of nominees have been compiled, preferential ballots will be cast by the student body and the teaching staff. Prefects for the 2010/11 school year will be announced at the end of June.

30-Hour Famine – Nemea B. and Vivian B. (Renfrew House)

Earlier on this year we all bought a T-shirt with the word compassion on it. "Compassion: a feeling of deep sympathy and sorrow for another who is stricken by misfortune, accompanied by a strong desire to alleviate the suffering.: Compassion can be shown in many ways, by listening to the thoughts of a friend or by volunteering in a distant place like India.

India has a population of 1.1 billion people. 350 to 400 million people out of this 1 billion live below the poverty line; that's almost half the population. Close to 46 percent of children in India under the age of three suffer from malnutrition. Almost half of Indian children live with the reality that because they are malnourished their growth has been permanently stunted.

Hunger is the most extreme form of poverty, where individuals or families do not have enough money to meet their most basic need for food. Presently, our world is home to 6.6 billion people and about 930 million people across the world are hungry. In the developing world, more than 1.4 billion people currently live below the international poverty line, earning less than \$1.25 per day.

Upcoming Events:

- May 20-24** Mid-Term Break
- May 21** Graduation Banquet and Ball at Whistler
- June 3** 18th Annual Shawnigan Golf Classic
- June 4-6** Double Over-night Leave Weekend

For more information about travel for breaks, please go to: <http://www.shawnigan.ca/now/travel-information>

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

According to UNICEF, 25,000 children die each day due to poverty, almost 16,000 from hunger and every year 15 million children die of hunger. The World Health Organization estimates that one-third of the world is well-fed, one-third is under-fed and one-third is starving. To satisfy the world's sanitation and food requirements would cost only 13 billion dollars—this is equivalent to what the people of the United States and the European Union spend on perfume each year.

The thirty-hour famine is a worldwide hunger awareness program. Groups across the world go without food for 30 hours to get a true taste of hunger. The famine emphasizes compassion and the power of people, and poses the question: if we don't step up who will?

Last weekend, we hosted a twenty-four-hour famine from Saturday afternoon to Sunday afternoon. 23 students began by making friendship bracelets to signify our promise to fast. We also watched a documentary about three boys who moved from Sudan to America. The fast certainly tied us together as a group and helped us to empathize with hungry people across the globe. Special thanks to Mr. Kusters who chaperoned our group in the Shaw Centre and who faithfully fasted with us.

Teams Head to Championships – Mark Hall

This spring, we have enjoyed tremendous success on the court, on the water, and on the field. Two weeks ago, the **Sr. Tennis team** earned a spot in the Provincial championships at Burnaby Lake Sport Complex, May 26-29th. The **Sr. Girls' Rugby team**, seeded 3rd in the province, compete for the Provincial Rugby Championships, May 27 - 29th, at Semiahmoo High School in WhiteRock. The **Shawnigan Golf team** has also been very strong this year winning the Island Championships on Monday afternoon, earning their own shot at the Provincials hosted at the Squamish Golf Club. Our number one ranked **Sr. Boys' Rugby team** plays their Provincials in Abbotsford, June 2 - 5.

Our **Rowers** are heading out on June 1st for St. Catharines, CSSRA Championships where 32 rowers will compete on a National level. Best wishes to all our Athletes!

18th Annual Shawnigan Golf Classic

There is still time to sign up for the 18th Annual Shawnigan Golf Classic! Join us on Thursday, June 3, 2010, (noon arrival for 1:00pm shotgun start) at the University Golf Club, Vancouver. The Shawnigan Golf Classic is the major alumni event on the Lower Mainland and we therefore want non-golfers to consider this an invitation to join us for dinner (\$25). REGISTER BY CALLING: (250) 743-6202 or by email: rborstato@shawnigan.ca