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Newsletter

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Newsletter for Students, Parents and Staff of Lisgar Collegiate Institute

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Thursday March 31 – April 2nd, 2011 production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* - Play by William Shakespeare, Music by Felix Mendelssohn Alumni Auditorium

Week of April 13: Kiwanis Music Festival – All Orchestras and String Ensemble @ Lisgar CI (Alumni Auditorium)

Week of April 18 – 21: Kiwanis Music Festival –All Concert Bands and Jazz Ensembles @ **Sacred Heart High School (New location)** 5870 Abbott Street Stittsville, K2S 1X4

Thursday May 12th – Jazz and Choir Evening – Alumni Auditorium @ 7:00 pm

Thursday May 19th – Spring Music Night – Alumni Auditorium @ 7:00 pm

Thursday June 9: Grade 12 Graduation Recital – Alumni Auditorium 6:30 pm

MATHEMATICS, COMPUTER SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGICAL STUDIES

For the *third consecutive year*, Lisgar has garnered four of the nine Gold Medals awarded annually in the Canadian Open Math Challenge (COMC), in the Ontario East Division. This year's medal recipients are **Mary Peng, Rutger Campbell, Di Xiao, and Jesse K. Wang**. Jesse's work on the COMC, and subsequently on the Canadian Mathematics Olympiad Qualifying Repechage, so impressed the adjudicators at

the Canadian Mathematical Society that he has been invited to write the Canadian Mathematical Olympiad (CMO) on March 23. This places Jesse in a very elite group as fewer than 100 students from across Canada have been invited to participate at this level of mathematical competition. And this is all the more impressive when one considers that Jesse is currently in grade 10! Lisgar has been awarded a complimentary electronic subscription to CRUX with MAYHEM for 2011 on Jesse's behalf.

Coming up later this month are the Pascal, Cayley, Fermat, and AMC 12 Contests.

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 17 – Parent Timetable Evening
4:30 – 5:50
Feb. 18 – PD Day (No classes)
Feb. 21 – Family Day (No classes)
Feb. 25 – Option Sheets Due
Mar. 7 – School Council Meeting 7:00pm
Mar. 14 – 18 – March Break
Mar. 24 – Parent/Teacher Interviews
Apr. 5 – School Council Meeting 7:00pm
Apr. 14 – Term 4 begins
Apr. 21 – Report Cards issued
Apr. 22 – Good Friday (No classes)
Apr. 25 – Easter Monday (No classes)

As we start second semester just a reminder of a couple resources available to students outside their math classrooms:

1. The Math Department runs Math Help in room 316 on Mondays after school and Thursday mornings before school.

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2. New On-Line Resource: Students in grades 7 through 10 now have access to Homework Help, a new math resource made available by the Ministry of Education and the Independent Learning Centre. Homework Help is a website that offers free online math tutoring by Ontario Certified Teachers Sunday through Thursday night from 5:30PM to 9:30PM. The site also offers other rich resources available all day every day such as interactive tutorials, a glossary, a calculator and previously recorded best sessions. Students and parents/guardians can view this site at <http://HomeworkHelp.ilc.org>. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to register their children at home. To register, students must provide their Ontario Education Number (OEN). The OEN can be found on a timetable or report card. As well students who are currently taking gr.9 or 10 math will receive a flyer with their OEN number on it and more information on the website.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & ATHLETICS

Mr. Findlater will be leading a trip to the Ottawa Party Program for our grade 10 students.

Where possible, Mrs. Morrison has arranged for Self Defense unit instruction for our second semester classes.

Course selection for next year will take place in the up coming weeks. Parents of Grade 9 students should know that students are permitted to take both outdoor education and regular physical education in grade 10. Outdoor Education is offered outside the timetable giving students the opportunity to receive an additional credit on top of their regular course load. Grade 11 students who wish to pursue a career in any health sciences field should consider taking Exercise Science in Grade 12. It will give them a great introduction to anatomy and

physiology, injury treatment, management and prevention.

Students are eligible to take grade 11 and 12 physical education courses without previously taking the grade 10 or 11 courses as these courses are Open level.

Congratulations to our Boys' Basketball teams. The regular season is wrapping up and both teams will be in the play offs.

The junior volleyball teams are finishing try outs. The regular season will be starting soon.

The Senior Girls' Volleyball is currently in first place heading into play offs.

The Nordic Ski and snowboard racing teams have been training hard and will be racing in NCSSAA competition this month.

Rugby training will soon expand beyond the weekly training session. Interested students should check the gym schedule, listen to the announcements and communicate with Mr. Grills and Mr. Ruff about the teams. No experience is needed and all students are welcome to join at any time.

Track and field training will and Girls' soccer training will begin in the next few weeks. Listen to the announcements for additional information.

This semester, the Lisgar sports council will be running tournament for badminton, floor hockey, and volleyball.

The gym schedule can be found at www.lisgar.ca, follow the athletics link. Team standings and results can be found at www.fatdog.ca, follow the NCSSAA link.

Lisgar Students Earn Duke of Edinburgh's Awards

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is an internationally recognized award program that was developed to encourage youth to be active, participate

in new activities, volunteer in their community and pursue their current interests. The program offers students the opportunity to set goals and carry through with regular participation to achieve meaningful results.

The Awards are designed in ascending standards of achievement: "Bronze", "Silver" and "Gold" levels. Each standard provides for training, achievement and recognition in the basics of good citizenship. To achieve an award level, an individual must become involved in four areas: voluntary service, adventurous journey, new skill acquisition and physical recreation. Congratulations go out to the students listed below, who persevered over many months to achieve their award.

Bronze-Level Award Recipients

Patrick Bogusz
Chris Campeau
Claire DesRoches
Mayar El-Sawz
Shaniah Fisher
David Minuk
Kayla Sabourin
Lily Sundararaj

Silver-Level Award Recipients

Jarred Cohen
Cameron Fischer
Sophia Wood-Massicotte

Gold-Level Award Recipients

Cole Fischer

Any students interested in learning more about the Duke of Edinburgh Award, should see Ms. Middleton for further information.



SOCIAL SCIENCES & LIBRARY

Library

The Lisgar Library website has undergone a few changes. The design has changed to complement the new look of the school website. More importantly, there are some new features. At the bottom of the Policies and General Information page there is a calendar where teachers and students can see what classes are booked into the library. On the main menu there is a link to Infobase E-Books, thirty-seven books that students can access via the internet at home and at school. Titles range from *Empires of Medieval West Africa*, to *Digital Security*, to *Derek Walcott*, to *Ethnobotany* and *Space and Astronomy*. Students can get the user name and password from the circulation desk in the library.

Social Sciences

We are pleased to welcome **Ms. Paula Chang** back to teach Grade 9 and Grade 11 Geography. We also welcome **Mr. Don Stitt** to teach Grade 11 Anthropology, Psychology and Sociology, and **Mr. Jesse Edwards** to teach Grade 9 Geography.

Grade 9 students are taking part in the Great Canadian Geography Challenge and we hope that the school winner, as yet undetermined, will do well in the national finals. Grade 12 Canadian and World Issues students will be attending a presentation on the Antarctic Survey and the Antarctic Treaty, given by **Robert Culshaw**, the Deputy Director of the British Antarctic Survey. Later in the month they will attend the annual World Issues Conference at Carleton University.

Students will shortly be completing their option sheets for next year. Teachers will be happy to answer questions about courses in Canadian and World Studies and Social Sciences and Humanities.

Mr. Meng would like to thank his AP History class for all the hard work they put into the course in the first semester. "Your efforts will be rewarded in May, provided you continue with the seminar readings!"

Leaf

LEAF held a successful Craft Sale before the break, after a creative craft making weekend. They are now planning an upcoming Movie Night, and a Veggie Lunch, as well as some guest speakers and a bike week promotion when spring arrives. They are pleased that the school water quality is now considered satisfactory and encourage students to bring refillable water bottles

Reach for the Top

Lisgar competed at the regional QuizBowl in November and took the top 2 spots, which has qualified us to send 2 teams to the American HSNCT finals in Atlanta and 2 teams to the American PACE finals in Chicago. We are currently preparing to host the Canadian National Reach champions (Kennebecasis from New Brunswick) and 13 other local teams at a tournament on Feb. 12th. That will be followed by a fundraising Trivia Night on Friday, March 4th (check website, shortly, for details), regional Reach competition in early April, and a trip to NAQT provincials in Guelph, also in early April.

STUDENT SERVICES

NEW this year: Paperless Option Sheets

This week, all current Lisgar students will receive information on how to select their courses for next year, using a web-based option sheet. There will no longer be a paper version of the option sheet. Instructions for setting up an account and selection courses are available under the Student Services link at www.lisgar.ca. Parents and students are welcome to contact their counsellor if they have any questions.

Advantages:

- Students and parents can discuss course selections and graduation requirements at home
- All course information and student history available online through a secure website
- Course request confirmation e-mailed directly to students and/or parents

- Students can modify their course selections without seeing a guidance counsellor*
* until the closing date

**Online course selection available
February 17 to 24, 2011
Course requests received during this
time are given equal consideration.
After February 24, requests are
considered on a first-come, first-
served basis.**

Once a student has completed their course selections, they will be prompted to print a confirmation page. Please print this page and have the student and parent/guardian sign it. It can then be returned to the Student Services office or to students' Period 1 teachers.

Students and parents are encouraged to think carefully about their course selections as changes will *only be made for the following reasons:*

- successful completion of a summer school or e-Learning course;
- change of level (ex. Academic to Applied), with written permission of parent;
- post-secondary plans have changed; or
- failure to pass a prerequisite course.

An information session for parents will take place on Thursday February 17 at 5:40 PM in the Auditorium. Counsellors and staff will be on hand to provide advice and information on course contract completion. It is suggested that you review the Secondary Course Calendar available under the Publications Link at www.ocdsb.ca

University Applications

By now all university-bound graduates have applied to Ontario universities through the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) website. The majority of conditional offers of admission are mailed out in the February-March timeframe with May 30th being the latest date that a student can expect an offer. June 2nd is the earliest date that a university can require a confirmed response to an offer.

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College Applications

Although Feb. 1st is the published deadline date for applications through the Ontario College Application Service (OCAS) website, applications are accepted on a continuous basis until programs are filled. Feb. 1st is the earliest date to receive a conditional offer from a college.

Scholarships

Upcoming scholarship opportunities are posted regularly on the Scholarships bulletin board in the North Building and can be viewed under the Student Services link at www.lisgar.ca.

Community Involvement Hours

All students must complete 40 hours of community involvement activities as part of their graduation requirements. Students in grade 12 should be reminded that there are only a few months left before graduation and that diplomas cannot be issued if you have not completed your hours! Students can consult the binders in Student Services or the Community Involvement bulletin board in the North Building for volunteer opportunities.

Special Education

This February, the Student Services Team welcomed Mr. Jesse Edwards to the Learning Support Team. He joins Steve Spidell (Department Head), Rachelle Sentic (Learning Support Teacher), Shawna Adams and Lori Scott (Educational Assistants) in serving the needs of our students who have an Individual Education Plan (IEP). Mr. Edwards will also be teaching our Grade 9 Learning Strategies Course. For information about this course or the Special Education program at Lisgar, please contact any member of the team.

AP Program

Lisgar's Advanced Placement Program is thriving! We are pleased to announce that two hundred students will write advanced placement examinations in May 2011. Students are reminded that all remaining AP exam fees are due by Friday, February 25th. Take note that these exams will be written off site at

the Confederation Education Centre, 1645 Woodroffe Ave (at Hunt Club).

The examination schedule follows:

Calculus AB

Wednesday, May 4th
7:30am Confederation EC, Gymnasium

English Literature

Thursday, May 5th
7:30am Confederation EC, Cafetorium

Latin: Vergil

Thursday, May 5th
12:00 Confederation EC, Cafetorium

European History

Friday, May 6th
12:00 Confederation EC, Cafetorium

Music Theory

Monday, May 9th
7:30am Confederation EC, Cafetorium

French Language

Tuesday, May 10th
12:00 Confederation EC, Cafetorium

English Language

Wednesday, May 11th
7:30am Confederation EC, Gymnasium

Statistics

Wednesday, May 11th
12:00 Confederation EC, Gymnasium

These AP examinations are four to five hours in length (French Language and Music will be extensively longer due to the recordings.) **Cell phones and other electronic devices are prohibited from the exam room and may not be used during the break.** (Students may bring their own approved graphing calculators to use for Statistics and for Calculus.) **Food and drinks are not permitted in the exam room. A snack will be provided during the break and vending machines are available.**

Successful candidates may be given consideration for advanced standing at some universities. (At the time of writing the AP exam, students can select one university to receive the exam result.) Students and their parents who desire information about senior courses offered in next year's AP Program or other course selection information are welcome to contact their son or daughter's guidance counsellor.

OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT

Immunization for Teens

A **booster for tetanus and diphtheria** is needed **ten years after the preschool booster**, usually between ages 14 and 16. The recommended vaccine is called **Adacel®**. This vaccine is publicly funded for all adolescents. It has added protection against whooping cough, or pertussis.

Whooping cough still frequently occurs in Ontario. The Canadian Paediatric Society reports that more and more teenagers are getting whooping cough. In teenagers, whooping cough can be mild (a bad cough) or can be a severe cough that causes shortness of breath, weight loss due to difficulty eating, and vomiting. These symptoms can cause sleep disruptions, fatigue, and missed days at school. Severe coughing spells can last for 2 to 3 weeks, and the illness can last from 6 to 12 weeks. For more information on whooping cough and on the vaccines routinely given to teens, see the following website: <http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/immunization/dTap.htm#pertussis>

Ontario students are required by law to have up-to-date immunization or a valid exemption on file with Ottawa Public Health to attend school. To avoid suspension from school, please update student immunization information with Ottawa Public Health using one of the following ways:

- Use the online form on our website at ottawa.ca/health
- Mail or drop off a copy of the immunization record to the Immunization Program at 100 Constellation Drive, 7th Floor West, Ottawa, ON K2G 6J8

Please do not mail original documents – send a copy!

For routine immunization please visit your family physician or a walk-in clinic and update the student's immunization information with Ottawa Public Health. If you do not have a family physician you can call Health Care Connect at 1-800-445-1822. For information on walk-in clinics in your neighbourhood, call Ottawa Public Health Information at 613-580-6744 (TTY: 613-580-9656).

LISGAR COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

Presents:

A Midsummer Night's Dream

By William Shakespeare

Performed with the
Overture & Incidental Music

Composed by:

Felix Mendelssohn op.61

THURSDAY March 31st, 2011 - SATURDAY APRIL 2, 2011

TO PRE-ORDER TICKETS FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THE
SCHOOL WITH A CHEQUE PAYABLE TO LISGAR COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE
ADDRESSED TO: R. ARRIGO - RM 263. 613-239-2696

NAME _____

STUDENT NAME _____

PHONE NO _____

EMAIL _____

NO. OF TICKETS _____ @ \$10

CHECK DESIRED NIGHT(S): THURS ___ FRI ___ SAT ___