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# Lisgar Collegiate Institute

## Newsletter

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Newsletter for Students, Parents and Staff of Lisgar Collegiate Institute

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### FINE ARTS, BUSINESS & LAW

#### Music

Lisgar performing ensembles continued on to the Provincial level of the Ontario Music Festival Association's competition. The Symphonic Band placed second in Class 2 – Secondary School Band (Grade 10 & under Class), second place in Class 8 – Secondary School Jazz Ensemble and third in Class 8 – Secondary School Symphony Orchestra. Congratulations to all music students in those ensembles, and to Ms. Mennill and Mr. Arrigo.

On Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>, the Senior Jazz Ensemble performed at the Ottawa International Jazz Festival as part of the Youth Series at Confederation Park starting at 1:00 pm.

In March 2012, the Senior Orchestra and Wind Ensembles will be traveling to various parts of England. There may be a few spots open to string players, flute and trumpet players as well. For further information, please contact R. Arrigo by email, [richard.arrigo@ocdsb.ca](mailto:richard.arrigo@ocdsb.ca)

Our Citrus sales will begin October 3<sup>rd</sup> – October 28<sup>th</sup>. To order or to get information on pricing please call R. Arrigo in October to place an order.

Repertoire rehearsals for all Ensembles will begin during the second week of school (September 12). Rehearsals run all year, and must start on time. If you are scheduling appointments, I would request that you please do your best to schedule times that do not conflict with repertoire rehearsals.

Mon. Sept. 12, 2011	Wind Ensemble	7:40 am, Room 263
Mon. Sept. 12, 2011	Intermediate Orchestra	7:40 am, Room 250
Mon. mornings T.B.A.	Junior Orchestra (Grd 9's)	7:40 am, Auditorium
Mon. Sept. 12, 2011	Lisgar Singers	3:00 pm, Room 250
Tues. Sept. 13, 2011	Senior Orchestra	7:40 am, Room 250
Tues. Sept. 13, 2011	Symphonic Band	7:40 am, Room 263
Tues. Sept. 13, 2011	Junior Jazz Band	3:00 pm, Room 263

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Tues. Sept. 13, 2011	Senior Jazz Band	7:00 pm, Room 263
Wed. Sept. 14, 2011	Junior Band (Grd. 9's)	7:40 am, Room 263
Wed. Sept. 14, 2011	String Ensemble	7:40 am, Room 250
Wed. Sept. 14, 2011	String Jazz	3:00 pm, Room 250
Thurs. Sept. 15, 2011	Wind Ensemble	7:40 am, Room 263
Thurs. Sept. 15, 2011	Inter. Orchestra	7:40 am, Room 250
Thurs. morning T.B.A.	Junior Orchestra	7:40 am, Auditorium
Fri. Sept. 16, 2011	Senior Orchestra	7:40 am, Room 250
Fri. Sept. 16, 2011	Symphonic Band	7:40 am, Room 263
Mon. Sept. 19, 2011	Junior Band	11:30am, Room 263

### Chess Team

The Ontario High School Chess Championships was held in Queen's University from May 13 to 15. Lisgar's two top players ranked first and second!

National chess Master Karoly Szalay, grade 12, played superb chess in the Ontario High School Chess Championships, and won all five games to claim gold in the Championship group. Another National Chess Master Jerry Xiong, grade 11, scored 4.5 and claimed the silver. Organizers of the tournament allowed schools with two players to contend for team awards, and Lisgar, with only Karoly and Jerry, won the Championship Group team prize, with 9.5, half a point ahead of UTS of Toronto, which could count its top three of six players.

Karoly and Jerry are so proud to bring these medals back to Lisgar!

### MATHEMATICS, COMPUTER SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGICAL STUDIES

The math contest results have been coming in and once again Lisgar students performed with distinction. This year marked the *third consecutive year* in which Lisgar students were awarded 4 of the 9 Gold Medals in the Ontario East Division for the Canadian Open Math Challenge (COMC)! Gold Medals are awarded for solutions which demonstrate an exceptionally high level of mathematical sophistication and elegance, and this year the recipients of this distinction at Lisgar are **Jesse K Wang, Di Xiao, Mary Peng, and Rutger Campbell**. The top 50 contestants in Canada were invited to compete at the next level of competition, the Canadian Mathematical Olympiad (CMO), and **Jesse K Wang** was given this honour. This is the last year that the University of Waterloo will be offering the COMC, so we are leaving this contest behind with style.

Our school champions in the **Pascal, Cayley, Fermat, and Euclid Contests** are **Anton Campbell, Bailey Gu, YunJae Kim, and Jason Shao**, respectively. Bailey was also first at Lisgar in the Pascal Contest last year, and Jason is continuing the tradition of the highest score in the Euclid being achieved by a grade 11 student.

Our Cayley team placed first in the Zone (Ottawa-Carleton), 11<sup>th</sup> in Ontario, and 22<sup>nd</sup> in Canada.

The top scores at Lisgar in the **AMC 12** were all achieved by students who are currently not in grade 12! **Jesse K Wang** was our School Champion and he, along with **Bailey Gu, Michael Zhu, and Joe Su**, qualified to write the American Invitational Mathematics Examination (**AIME**). A total of 3599 students wrote the AIME and the average score was 5.47. Bailey Gu's score was 8! This contest is considerably more difficult than the AMC 12, and anyone who is invited to write it can consider it an honour.

A Gold Certificate was awarded to **Robbin Xu** in the **Fryer Contest**, to **Bailey Gu** in the **Galois**, and to **YunJae Kim, Eddy Gao, Joe Su, and Geoffrey Song** in the **Hypatia**. Silver Certificates went to **Jesse K Wang (Galois)** and **Sean Xia (Hypatia)**. Bronze Certificates went to **Jane Ding** and **Andrej Vukovic** in the **Fryer**, to **Akhil Garg, Fan Zhang, Richard Liu, and Evy Kassirer** in the **Galois**, and to **Sandro Young** in the **Hypatia**.

Lisgar students also participated in the **Canadian Math Kangaroo** this year, with **Rutger Campbell** winning a Gold Medal in Ottawa and placing *3rd in Canada*, **Robbin Xu** winning a Gold Medal in Ottawa and placing in the top 10% in Canada, and **Bailey Gu** winning a Silver Medal in Ottawa and placing in the top 25% in Canada.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION & ATHLETICS

#### **Athletic Banquet**

The annual athletic banquet celebrated the efforts and achievements of the well over 200 coaches and alumni of L.C.I.

Congratulations to our team award winners and the recipients of the following major athletic awards:

Intramural Leadership: **Laura Stephenson, Shannon King**

Volunteer Service: **Robert McDonald, Eric Buschlen**

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award for Sportsmanship and Selflessness: Josee Ouellette

Outstanding Junior Boy: **Jamie Erskine**

Outstanding Junior Girl: **Elisabeth Ginder**

Outstanding Senior Girls: **Morgan Williams & Bryanna Van Leeuwen**

Outstanding Senior Boy: **Ben Wilkinson-Zan**

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Lisgar Athletic "L" Award for graduating students making a significant contribution to Athletics during the course of their career at Lisgar:

**Shannon King**  
**Laura Stephenson**  
**Josee Ouellette**  
**Moustapha Ayyob**  
**Sam Cui**  
**Nikesh Bost**  
**Bennet Heidenreich**

Thank you to all the Physical Education staff, Care staff, and volunteers for making the event a great success. Thank you to **Mr. McMahon** for his support of athletics at Lisgar.

### Rowing

This spring season saw the Lisgar Rowing Club have its best race season to date. With crews starting on water in the fall and training hard on land throughout the winter, the Lisgar Rowing Club put onto the water 25 boats with its 45 rowers in the first regatta of the season in Montreal. Despite poor weather conditions, the crew came away a close second in overall points. It was the best showing for Lisgar since it started rowing in 2000.

A couple of weeks later, Lisgar was racing here in Ottawa at the National Capital High School Regatta and this time it came out on top as the overall points winner. This was the first time Lisgar has won the event, and it also ended the five year dominance of the Glebe Rowing Club.

The following weekend, the competitive team of the Lisgar Rowing Club was in St. Catharines for the National High School Rowing Championships. This year there were 815 boat entries comprising of 2308 rowers competing at the regatta over a three day period.

On the final day, Lisgar had 2 boats in the finals. **Alex Munro** and **Josh King** had battled their way to the finals in the senior men pair and came in first with a commanding lead over the second placed boat who was from British Columbia. **Nia King** also made the finals in the junior women single and came in 5<sup>th</sup> overall.

At the end of the National Championships, Lisgar was the top Ottawa-area high school in total regatta points finishing 27th of the 74 high schools from across Canada and the northeast United States that competed in the regatta. Alex and Josh accomplishment marks the first time Lisgar has won a gold medal at the National Championships

The day following the National Championships, Alex, Josh, Nia, along with **Shannon King**, and **Elena DeYong** raced in

Welland in the National Junior Team Tryouts. This is the first time that Lisgar has ever had rowers trying out for the national team. At the end of the two day tryouts, Alex, Josh, and Nia were selected to represent Canada in the CanAmMex Rowing Championships.

### Track & Field

The track & field team had yet another great season with 6 athletes representing Lisgar at the East Regional Championships. Those students were **Morgan Williams (gr. 11)**, **Julia Stille (gr. 12)**, **Anne Gauthier (gr. 9)**, **Elizabeth Comeau (gr. 9)**, **Daphne Grant (gr. 11)**, and **Fiona King (gr. 10)**.

**Julia Stille** not only advanced to OFSAA, but won the gold medal in Triple Jump with a jump of 11.97M. She recently ventured to the 2011 National Championships (Calgary, AB) where she placed 4th. She achieved a personal best jump of 12.25M.

Julia graduates this year and is moving onto to U of T to continue with her studies and Track & Field.



*Mr. Findlater and Julia Stille celebrate her gold medal at OFSAA (Sudbury, ON)*

### Outdoor Education

Students enrolled in the course for next year should ensure that all their forms and deposit fees have been handed in to **Ms. Middleton**.

### Lisgar Sport Council

The sport council executive has begun preparations for next year. New members are invited to join in September to assist the executive in the organization of our many successful intramural tournaments. Next year will kick off with Ultimate.

## SOCIAL SCIENCES & LIBRARY

### Canadian and World Studies

Our thanks go to **Mr. Edwards** who has been with us for a semester teaching Grade 9 Geography. We wish him well in his teaching career. In his words "this past semester has been a great experience teaching the applied grade nine geography class. The students had a great year, and the class became a tight network of friends. Some of the highlights included going geo-caching through the city of Ottawa, a field trip to the Gatineau Hills, and the year end summative projects. For these projects, the students were required to come up with a board game based upon Canadian geography, with the questions consisting of material that had been covered throughout the year. The class produced amazing work, with many students going well above and beyond expectations. The last day of class was spent playing each others' games, which ended up being a great study session for the final exam! In the end, I feel that classmates became friends, new ideas and knowledge were discovered, and an appreciation for Canadian geography and its impact on our lives was gained along the way.

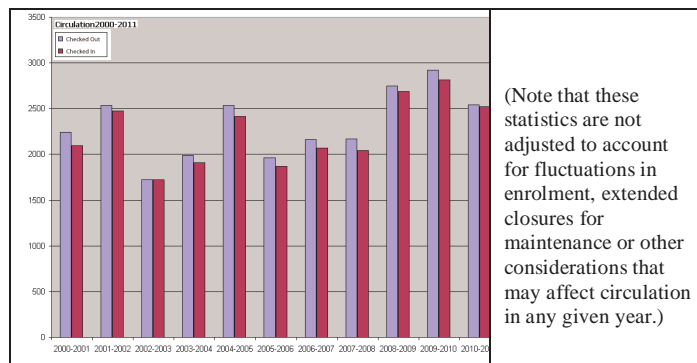
Also, thanks go to **Ms. T.J. Kadar** who was here on her teaching practicum from Ottawa U. Several Geography and History field trips took place in early May and then the focus was on those final summative projects and exams. 23 students wrote the AP European History exam and are looking forward to their results arriving in July. We are confident that they will do very well. Finally, we would like to wish everyone an enjoyable summer break, wherever it may take them.

### Library

Lisgar's library was featured prominently in an article in the last issue of the Ontario School Library Association's journal, the *Teaching Librarian*. The article entitled, "Heritage at Your Library—An Elaborate Frame," discussed the evolution of school libraries from rooms housing collections of books and computer labs to multimedia "learning commons" that are not defined by the books they own or physical spaces they occupy.

Technology certainly can help the library to overcome constraints such as limited physical space. At the peak of summative season when the library's computer lab was booked to capacity and **Mr. Grose**, the teacher-librarian, needed to be available in the library, the OCDSB's Adobe Breeze conferencing software was used to let him be two places at once. He presented information on researching on-line databases to Grade eleven English classes in their classrooms while still supervising the library. The electronic databases have become a critical resource for

student research and, for the past several years they have been funded by Knowledge Ontario. The subscriptions expire at the end of this calendar year and funding for the renewal of the subscriptions has not yet been secured. Centralized provincial funding for the databases has saved individual schools thousands of dollars in subscription costs while ensuring equitable access to these resources in all schools and it is hoped that it will continue.



What is happening to books in this time of increasingly computer-based research? Circulation at the Lisgar Library is down by almost 14% this year. This is the first decline in three years, but this year's numbers still represent a relatively high level of circulation compared with previous years. Furthermore, this may not reflect a decline in reading and research but, instead, an increased use of on-line databases and the Internet. Over the past few years the instructional program in the library has emphasized the use of advanced search techniques for doing on-line research. It may become necessary to put increased emphasis on the effective use of print resources in order to ensure that students are comfortable with the widest possible variety of high quality information. It may take a concerted effort to persuade students to examine what is available in print so they can make informed critical decisions about their sources of information rather than relying on what is most convenient. For this reason, it is important to continue to update the print collection. Amongst the recent non-fiction additions to our collection are *The net delusion : the dark side of internet freedom*, *Quantum man : Richard Feynman's life in science*, *Business as unusual*, *How the Chinese created Canada* and *The hero with a thousand faces*.

As the school year ends, Lisgar bids farewell to **Ms. Grant**, the library technician who will be leaving after a year at the school. Many thanks for her work in getting those new books catalogued and out on display, keeping the library running smoothly and helping students and teachers to find what they needed. Thanks are also due to all of the community service volunteers who re-shelved books, sorted magazines, straightened tables and chairs and generally helped to keep the library running well in 2010 – 2011.

## LEAF

LEAF wrapped up the year with some environmental documentaries, a guest speaker, another successful Bike Week, and additional planting in The Mall. Lunchtime composting continued. Recycling has also been expanded as more plastics ( #1 through #7) are now being accepted by the City of Ottawa. A huge thank you goes to the **Dual Support Unit** who have regularly and efficiently picked up Lisgar's paper and plastics recycling, which has contributed to a significant reduction in the waste generated. Thanks also go to **Sophie Crump** and **Alanna Thurgood** for their able and committed leadership of LEAF this year.

## Reach for the Top

Reach has had an extraordinarily busy end to the year. After retaining their regional title in April they proceeded to provincial finals in Toronto in May, where they went 6-1 in the preliminary rounds. They made it to the semi-finals where they came up against their arch-rivals, University of Toronto School, and lost by a mere 10 points. One of Lisgar's answers, which was correct, had been ruled incorrect and this would have swung the game in Lisgar's favour, so a challenge was submitted. While the official result of the game did not change Lisgar was invited to take part in the National Finals, back in Toronto in late May, where they finished a very creditable 3rd in the country. At the same time another Lisgar Reach team headed to Atlanta for the National Academic Quiz Tournament Finals, accompanied by **Mr. Meng**. The team narrowly missed making the playoffs while captain, **Harry Rusnock**, finished in the top 15% of individual scorers - no small feat for a Canadian student in an American focused competition. While there, the team (**Stuart Macdonald**, **Geoff Song** and **Will Sanna**) visited the Georgia Aquarium, which featured two whale sharks, and took a fascinating tour of Margaret Mitchell's apartment, learning about her life and the writing of *Gone With The Wind*. They also toured the World of Coca Cola, which covers the history of the world's most popular soft drink. The following weekend 2 Lisgar teams ( **Patrick Liao**, **Junlan Li**, **Weikai Chen**, **Stuart Macdonald**, **Joe Su**, **Rusaba Alam**, **Angela Li** and **Di Xiao**) travelled to Northwestern University in Chicago with **Ms. Crabtree** and **Mr. Shuck**, to take part in the Partnership for Academic Competition Excellence National Finals, where they finished 28th and 52nd in a very tough field of top U.S. teams. Again Lisgar's teams were the only non-American competitors. The team also enjoyed time at The Art Institute, Navy Pier, and the Museum of Science and Industry. To round things out, four days later two teams

headed to the University of Guelph to defend their provincial NAQT title, which they did very successfully.

As coach it has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with such a wealth of talent. Lisgar's Reach team is renowned far and wide for its consistently strong teams. Good luck to those players graduating and be sure to keep playing at the university level!

## IMPORTANT DATES

August 25 & 26 – Timetable pick-up & locker selection for students in Grades 10 – 12

August 29 – Orientation day & timetable pick-up for Grade 9 students

September 6 – First Day of school – Term 1 begins

September 12 – School Photo Day

September 12 – School Council Meeting - 7:00pm

September 22 – Parent Mock Timetable afternoon – 4:30pm

October 5 – School Council Meeting

October 10 – Thanksgiving Day – School Closed

October 13 – Undergrad Awards Evening – 7:00pm

October 20 – Parent Teacher Interviews – 3:00pm – 7:00pm

October 21 – PA day (no classes)

October 31 – November 9 – Grad Photos

November 2 – School Council Meeting

November 9 – Term 2 begins

November 22 – Report Cards issued

