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CAMBIE SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

Nov. 30, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The month of November has flown by and I am in shock that we are about to enter the final month of 2016. As I take a moment to reflect back on the past month, there are many things we need to celebrate.

Many thanks to parents of our Gr. 9 students who supported our annual "Take Our Kids to Work" Day on November 2nd. We have 75% of our Gr. 9 students participate in this worthwhile experience. Our parent community also responded well to our Term 1 Parent-Teacher Conferences (Nov. 2/3) by booking a high number of appointments and engaging in meaningful conversation with teachers. This is one of the most valuable ways that parents can remain connected to their child's learning and attending parent-teacher conferences demonstrates to your child that are partnering with the school to support their learning.

Our Gr. 11/12 students all participated in our post-secondary day where we welcomed 15 post-secondary institutions into our school to provide information sessions, handout resources, and answer questions. Many other post-secondary institutions also offer lunch-time information sessions for students to provide more guidance and information on application and program choices.

On Nov. 10th, our Remembrance Day ceremony was a great success. Our entire school joined together to honour, remember and reflect on those who have and continue to stand up for our freedom. Our students did an outstanding job leading the ceremony, playing music, reciting "In Flanders Fields" and executing a powerful drama performance. The majority of our students dressed up in formal wear and I was so impressed with their high level of respect throughout the ceremony.

60 students from our Recreation Leadership program committed to staying awake all night as part of our annual wake-a-thon event. The students raised over \$6,000 and have selected to donate this money to three organizations: BC Children's Hospital, Canadian Red Cross and the United Nations Refugee Agency.

November also saw a large number of athletic teams in action with some sports coming to the end of their season. Our Jr. Boys Volleyball team finished strong, coming up just short of the winning the Richmond Championships, but still qualified for the Vancouver & District Championships. Basketball is now starting up along with our ski/snowboard club for the winter season.

As we look ahead to December, we are approaching the completion of Term 1. First Term Report Cards will be distributed to students on Thursday, December 15th.

Our school community always demonstrates their generous spirit with a variety of events planned for December to raise funds to help others in need. We thank you in advance for your contribution and for helping to make a positive different

Sincerely,
Rob Laing
Principal

Important Dates

Thurs., Dec. 15 th	Term 1 Report Cards home
Thurs., Dec. 15 th	Locker Clean-up
Fri., Dec. 16 th	Last day Before Winter Break
Tues., Jan. 3 rd	First day of school after Winter Break



HJ Cambie Library News



We continue to be extremely busy in the library, with 918 check-outs in the last month alone! Our grade 8's checked out the most books and resources, followed by grades 11, 10, 12 and 9. It is wonderful to see so many students show a love of reading. Mrs. Kos and Ms. Cho are always here to help you, so please continue to use the library often, and feel free to offer new title suggestions so we can continue to grow our library.

Here is an interesting fact: Did you know that, on any given day, over 300 people come through the doors of Cambie library to borrow/return/renew items, to use the computers for research and printing, to study and do homework, or simply to relax and work on a puzzle or do some colouring in our Relaxation Centre?

Our top-ten novels books for the month of November are as follows:

1. Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins	6. TTYL by Lauren Myracle
2. Bad Island by Doug TenNapel	7. 1984: A Novel by George Orwell
3. Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan	8. Dracula by Bram Stoker
4. Shadow and Bone by Leigh Bardugo	9. Hush, Hush by Becca Fitzpatrick
5. Son of Neptune by Rick Riordan	10. Leadership and Self-Deception: Getting Out of the Box by the Arbinger Institute

Also, the library recently purchased several new young-adult fiction titles, many of which have already been checked out. Come down anytime between 8:00 - 3:20 to check out the new books and to have a look at our holiday display.

This is a friendly reminder to check the overdue list which is posted at the front entrance of the library. Although we continue to use our email reminder system, a few students still have outstanding books. Books are checked out for a two-week period, while magazines are checked out for one week. Reference books continue to be checked out as overnight loans.

Introducing: ReadingRiot: Richmond's Teen Readers' Choice Award for 2016-2017

We are excited to announce that, this year, all ten (10) secondary schools in Richmond will be participating in ReadingRiot, where students are invited to read up to eight (8) carefully-selected books, and then rate each book out of 5 stars. Cambie will be starting ReadingRiot on December 01, 2016 and it will run until March 28, 2017.

It's simple to join!

1. Register with Mrs. Kos or Ms. Cho.
2. There are 8 books in total – read at least 5 by March 28, 2017.
3. Rate each book out of 5 stars when you finish it.
4. Hand in your ballots to the library.
5. At the end of March 2017, Teacher-Librarians across Richmond will total the votes and declare a district-wide winner. We'll have prizes and celebrations!

Come to the library for more information!



Snow Days

In case of snow, Richmond Schools will remain open, if at all possible. Any decision on a district wide closure will be made by 6:00 am, at the latest, and announced via CKNW AM 980 radio, News AM 1130 radio, CBC AM 690 radio, Fairchild AM 1470 radio, CHQM FM 103.5 radio, CBC television, Global television, CITY TV, CTV BC and the School District website (www.sd38.bc.ca). **No announcement will be made saying that schools are open. Only closures will be announced.**

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents and guardians **must** contact the school office if a student is to be **absent** or **late**. Please include the student's name, student number, grade, a contact phone number, reason for absence and length of absence in your message. Phone 604-668-6430. If you are moving or changing contact information, please ensure that you update the school office with the new address, phone number or email address. Thank you!



We are coming upon that time of year again ... SockWars!

During a two week period, Cambie will be collecting **'new' socks,'new' underwear**, and **gently used sweaters** (no jackets please) for the homeless who enter the **Emergency Ward at St. Paul's Hospital, Covenant House (shelter for homeless youth), Union Gospel Mission, Salvation Army Richmond and Kidsafe** (program for 350 low income children from the downtown east side of Vancouver). The staff members at St. Paul's Hospital, Covenant House and Kidsafe are so appreciative of our giving spirit; so many homeless enter their doors wearing wet socks with holes. It warms a person's heart to know that because of our school's generosity, they can leave with a **warm pair of new socks, new underwear**, and a **warm sweater**.

For the past eight years, out of **all** schools taking part in the challenge, Cambie Secondary has raised the **most** socks, underwear, and money (all 8 years!). Last year our total reached the equivalent of 1,515 pairs of socks. (2nd place team had 300 pairs; some teams didn't even follow through).

Cambie's giving spirit has greatly impressed the organizers of this endeavour (*Greater Vancouver Medical Services Team Society*).

We are asking for everyone at Cambie to give just 'a little' to those who are simply unable to meet their own basic needs. Your generosity will make a big difference in someone's life.

The ninth annual Sock Wars will be held December 1st-December 14th. Our goal is to fundraise at least three pairs of socks from each student in our school. (\$1.00 = 1 pair of socks).

Point System:

\$1.00 =	1 point
'NEW' Socks =	1 point
'NEW' Underwear =	1 point
'Gently used Sweaters' (no jackets) =	3 points

H.J. Cambie's First Responder Team and the Health Science12 class will be spearheading this school event.

TO KICK OFF SOCK WARS ON DECEMBER 1st EVERYONE AT CAMBIE IS ENCOURAGED TO WEAR THEIR MOST COLOURFUL, OUTRAGEOUS, BEAUTIFUL, AND/OR SEASONAL SOCKS TO SCHOOL THAT DAY!

If you have any questions, or would like to 'give', please contact Mrs. Paula Curtis at (604)668-6430 or pcurtis@sd38.bc.ca



Economics 12 News

This fall, in the Economics 12 Class, the students have been working on a project alongside the charity **Richmond Cares Richmond Gives (RCRG)** and a new pilot project called **Reach Richmond**, which connects curriculum, community and non-profits. Students were faced with the challenge of creating a unique event that would promote and raise awareness for the RCRG: Christmas Fund, which provides food and toys for low income families during the winter season. After weeks of hard work and dedication, the students created a Christmas Carnival which was held at Aberdeen Centre on November 26th, from 11am-6pm. In addition to the ongoing project, 4 students from the Economics 12 class had the opportunity to paint windows at the Richmond Auto Mall for the 13th annual Windows of Hope. There were over 280 volunteers present and they received over \$31,000 in donations to the RCRG!



Graduation Photographs for 2016-17 BOOK ON-LINE NOW! Individual Shots JAN 15-18 Group Shots JAN 19-20

This year's Graduation Photographs are being taken by the Artona Photography company. The entire process (booking appointment, previewing photos, ordering) will be completed online. Appointments are made on-line visiting <https://artona.com/> Students are required to create their own user ID and password, log-in and reserve a photograph session timeslot.

Grad Photograph Dates & Location:

Artona will be coming to school with their mobile photography studio. It will be set up in the school parking lot at the south side of the building. The dates are:

Individual Sessions

Jan 15-18 (Sunday - Wednesday)

Group Sessions

Jan 19 & 20 for Group Photos (Fri & Sat 4:30pm to 8:30pm)

Group Photograph Appointment

In addition to your individual graduation photographs, students have the option to book a group shot (up to a max of 12 people per group). Group bookings should also be completed on line. There is a charge per person for a group appointment payable at the time of sitting.

Note: **group photographs will take place in the school ROTUNDA area.**

I do not want to purchase a package but I DO want to be on the graduate composite?

If you do not wish to purchase a graduation package you must still book an individual session and have your photograph taken otherwise your picture **will NOT appear** on the 2017 Graduation class composite photograph that hangs in the school hallway. In this case you DO NOT need to pay the \$60 deposit. Just click the box "***No thanks, I would prefer to pay my deposit at time of my photo***".

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Artona at 604-872-7272 ext. 310 (Will Bortoluzzi is our school rep.) You may also speak to Mr. Partridge who might be able to help you.

Career Centre Newsletter November 2016

Grade 10-12 students and their parents please visit the Career Centre District Website for Post-secondary updates, events, volunteer opportunities and scholarship information! <http://www2.sd38.bc.ca/~CCNews@sd38.bc.ca/FOV4-0007DFD4-0007DFD6/> Visit Ms. Millar's Career Centre facebook page on the school homepage under the students tab.

Ed Access Accounts: Grade 12 students should check their EdAccess Accounts and fill in the PSI permission forms now for the Ministry of Education to be able to release your marks to the post-secondary institutions! You need your PEN. Visit post-secondary websites for application details, updates and deadlines. See Ms. Millar in the Career Centre if you have any questions.

Education in Action! The Career Programs office is offering an opportunity for students to spend a morning in the District Professional Cook or Plumbing ACE IT Programs. Workshop date: Feb 8, 2017 For details and to register: <http://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/forms/education-action-ace-it-program-workshops>

Among Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines:

See the Career Centre District Website and links for more opportunities and visit post-secondary and scholarship websites for details. For scholarships needing in-school nomination, see your school Scholarship Representative as soon as possible for details.

Dec 1, 2016 UBC Centennial Scholars Entrance Award <http://you.ubc.ca/financial-planning/scholarships-awards-canadian-students/entrance-award> And UBC Major Entrance Awards <http://you.ubc.ca/financial-planning/scholarships-awards-canadian-students/major-entrance/>

Dec 8, 2016 Schulich Leader Scholarships 'in-school nomination' deadline* <http://www.schulichleaders.com/about-scholarship>

Dec 15, 2016 Burger King Scholars Program deadline <https://www.scholarsapply.org/burgerkingscholars/information>

See Ms. Millar in the Career Centre if you have any questions



This is the biggest shopping season of the year, from Black Friday, Cyber Monday, and all the way through to Boxing Day. Just because you are a teen it doesn't mean you won't get all tied up in the thrill of hunting for a bargain.

Here's how you get the most out of shopping, and how to save your money for next year so that you have something to spend in the first place.

Smart Spending: The Teens Guide to Cash, Credit, and Life's Costs by Kara McGuire
The Teen Money Manual by Kara McGuire

These books are good overviews of the basics of budgeting and financial health. *Smart Spending* is more appropriate as an entry level introduction for younger kids: it's shorter and simpler. *The Teen Money Manual* expands on all topics and includes information on insurance and investing.

Finances for Teens by Steven Taylor O'Connor

A slightly more in depth look at finances in a more basic package, this book was written by a young adult. He translates his financial experiences into advice for teens and related more directly to their circumstances than the other books mention above, though those are a much slicker looking pair with colour photos and everything.

If you want to research the stuff you want to buy first, we have access to Consumer Reports. Even if you aren't paying yourself, I'm sure your parents would love for you to find a way to save a few bucks and that new laptop or phone you've been looking to buy.

Of course, spending no money is the best way to save, and where better to save you nickels than to go to the library where everything is free, from books to movies to video games.

Steven is a Library Technician at the Cambie branch of the Richmond Public Library.

Richmond International Student Program

Interested in opening your home up for a rewarding experience....

The International Student Program allows overseas students to enter Grades 8 through 12 at selected secondary schools in Richmond, Greater Vancouver. The program gives overseas students the opportunity to study alongside Canadian students in the BC public education system. As a Host Family, you will have an opportunity to welcome into your home, students from around the world. Your family will have a profound influence on the students' study abroad experience. Both your family and the students you host will ideally gain a mutual understanding and respect for each other's culture and world-view. In addition to economic remuneration, your reward will be the realization that your commitment to host international students will, in some small way, contribute to global understanding and world peace. Each member of your family and your student will come to know each other in depth. Our Homestay program is the ideal setting for this type of experience.



If you are interested in learning more about our hosting program please forward an e-mail for information.

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