



Sardis Secondary School Newsletter



Chilliwack
School District

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2016 Sardis Governor General's Academic Medal

Lord Dufferin, Canada's third Governor General after Confederation, created the Academic Medals in 1873 to encourage academic excellence across the nation. Over the years, they have become the most prestigious award that students in Canadian schools can receive. They are awarded to the student graduating with the highest average from a high school.



This past summer, it was announced that **Samir Rehmtulla** was awarded the Governor General Award for Sardis Secondary as the top academic graduating student of 2016. On February 23rd, Samir was presented this prestigious award at Sardis Secondary. We would like to extend our congratulations to Samir for this outstanding accomplishment and wish him well in his continued studies

at the University of Waterloo in Ontario.

NATIONAL MEDAL IN THE 2017 SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARD

We are pleased to announce that **Jun Hwan Kim** has earned a National Medal in the 2017 Scholastic Art & Writing Award, presented by the Alliance of Young Artists and Writers. His submission of 'Flash Fiction' titled *Reality Check*, was selected by creative professionals as the most accomplished in this United States national competition. This year more than 330,000 works of art and writing were submitted. Less than 1% were recognized at the national level. Students receiving top awards have been invited to attend a ceremony at the world-famous Carnegie Hall on June 8 to participate in showcase events at Parson's School for Design at New School and Pratt Institute's Pratt Manhattan

Gallery in New York City. We are very proud to have Jun Hwan Kim represent Sardis Secondary in this year's Scholastic Art and Writing Award!

SARDIS SECONDARY MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE ON MAY 13TH (7AM-2PM)

Once again the Agriculture students at Sardis Secondary have filled the greenhouse at the school with beautiful hanging baskets, planters and other annuals to share with the community at the annual Plant Sale on May 13th. As always, students have been working hard with the planting, watering, managing pests, and doing a variety of other tasks to make sure the plants are looking great for community members who participate in the sale. All funds raised at the sale go towards the Sardis Agriculture program.



Calendar Items

April

- 13 End of Term 3
- 14 Good Friday—school closed
- 17 Easter Monday—school closed
- 18 Term 4 begins
- 24 Report cards issued
- Dry Grad Meeting 7pm at Chwk Landing

May

- 4 Sardis Talent Show 7pm
- 5 Non-Instructional Day—school closed
- 11 Screenagers 6:30pm (more info on our website)
- 19 Non-Instructional Day—school closed
- 22 Victoria Day—school closed
- 29 Dry Grad Meeting 7pm at Chwk Landing
- 30 Athletic Banquet 6:15pm at Rainbow Country Inn

June

- 1 Volunteer Lunch 11:15am

SCREENAGERS



LEADERSHIP EVENTS

- **CARNIVAL**—if you want to climb the rock wall, joust or sumo at the Carnival, go to the office to get your permission forms. Bring the forms with you to the Carnival.
- **Spirit Week** is April 24th—28th
- **Falcon Fridays** are still going strong! Make sure you show your SSS pride by sporting your Falcon gear or school colours.
- **Salvation Army Food drive** is on until April 28th. Please bring non-perishable items to your second block class for a chance to win a PIZZA PARTY!
- **Run for Water**—sign up for this event via FLEX for April 28th and May 3rd!

SPOKEN WORD CLUB

Sardis Secondary's Spoken Word poetry club has been meeting since the fall, its members busy crafting poetry designed for a live performance known as a "poetry slam." For the fourth year in a row, Sardis will be sending a team of poets to *Hullabaloo*, a high school poetry slam held at Vancouver Public Library as part of *Verses Festival of Words*, an annual poetry festival that takes place every April. Sixteen school teams featuring over 80 youth from all over B.C. converge during *Hullabaloo* to participate in workshops, connect with other writers, and perform their original poems. Sardis' 2017 team is made up of student poets from Gr. 10, 11, and 12; they will compete Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22 at Vancouver Public Library. Come out to the city to support our talented writers!

BE THE CHANGE COMMITTEE NEWS

Mental Health Affects Us All

In honour of Child and Youth Mental Health Awareness Week (May 1-7th), the Be the Change Committee, in partnership with Youth as Gatekeepers, is offering information and conversations around mental health at lunch on May 3rd in the Pit area. We will also be raising funds for the Chilliwack Youth Health Centre and encourage students to try our mental health quiz for prizes, too.

Operation Fairy Godmother

The Be the Change Committee's Operation Fairy Godmother team would like to thank all of the donors who have helped make this year's grad celebrations a reality for several of our students. Donations of formal wear (gowns, suits, shoes, and accessories) are always welcome and can be dropped off in room B120.



VOLUNTEER LUNCH

The Volunteer lunch will be held on June 1 at 11:15am.



Complete 4 credits and bump up your GPA by taking a Summer Learning course in Agriculture.



Take part in a hands-on course growing food at the SSS Farm and the SSS Greenhouse.



Open to students going into grades 10 - 12



Sustainable Vegetable Production runs in July and August on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.



Program Summary:

We are looking for keen students with an interest in the outdoors, growing food and working with their hands. Students will work under the instruction of Agriculture Teachers (Mr. Massie and Ms. Toth) at two locations. At the SSS Greenhouse you will be growing tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers using hydroponic growing systems. We will also spend time at the new SSS Farm on Richardson Avenue growing a variety of field crops such as corn, pumpkins, potatoes, and many more. You will learn to use a variety of equipment and perform a wide array of jobs involved in producing food. We will be selling the food as a fund-raiser for the SSS Agriculture program. **You can also expect the chance to EAT a lot of delicious food and take food home to your families as well!**

If interested contact joe_massie@sd33.bc.ca

SARDIS FALCONS ATHLETIC BANQUET

This year's Athletic Banquet is at the Best Western Rainbow Country Inn on Tuesday, May 30th. Doors open at 5:45. Dinner is at 6:15. Awards ceremony begins at approximately 7PM. This year's Alumni Guests of Honour are George Chayka, Vice President, Business of the BC Lions and Kathy Klassen. We hope to officially confirm the return of the Falcon Football program at this Banquet and unveil the new retro-team jersey.

Sardis athletes, must confirm your attendance by signing the Banquet Binder in the office. There is no charge for any Sardis athletes whose athletic charges are paid in full. Please remember that your name will be removed without notification if your athletic account is not paid in full at the time of sign-up. Also,

athletes who sign-up and who don't attend the banquet will be charged an additional \$20 to their student account.

Any other guests are welcome to purchase dinner tickets in advance of Tuesday, May 23rd at the school office. Tickets are \$29 per guest. Net proceeds support Falcons Athletics.

Parents wishing to attend only the ceremony portion are invited after the dinner.



TREE PLANTING

This large-scale, multi-year project started in 2013 from Vedder River campground and moved westward down the left bank of the Vedder River. The main purpose of the project was to restore groundwater and surface flows along the floodplain by using controlled intakes to create off-channel habitats. These re-watering efforts were to provide off-channel rearing and overwintering habitat that the salmonid species rely on. These habitats offer refuge during storm events, provide habitat complexity suitable for all stages of life and overall watershed stability.

Fraser Valley Watersheds Coalition (FVWC) has been a partner in this project along with many others since 2013. Special thanks goes to volunteer groups like the SSS group (Ecomaniacs and Community Club with Interact Rotary) for putting in many volunteer hours to replant the area with native trees and shrubs.



This is the SSS group (Ecomaniacs and Community Club with Interact Rotary) that planted 480 native trees and shrubs on the Browne Creek trail next to Yarrow Elementary or at the end of Wilson Road. This was done in cooperation with the Fraser Valley Watersheds Coalition and the Green Team from Sardis Elementary.



TRAVEL TO GERMANY MARCH BREAK 2018!

Again next year we have the exciting opportunity of participating in the biannual exchange with Neuburg in Germany. We will be hosting students from Neuburg for their February Break, and then we will be taking a group of students to Germany for our March break.



Neuburg an der Donau is a picturesque renaissance town directly on

the Danube, about half way between Munich and Nurnberg. We will be exploring the immediate area around Neuburg, and we will also go on day-trips to such places as Munich, Nurnberg, and Ulm. An overnight trip to Berlin is also planned. On the weekends students are free to participate in activities with their host families.

Students who want to participate must also be willing

to host a German student in the spring of 2018. This keeps our costs down as well as reducing the German group's costs. As hosts we will be facilitating their visit to Fraser Valley sights and attractions. Students will be matched according to gender, age and interests. While in Germany, students will be under the house rules of their host families, and all school rules also apply for the duration of the trip.

If you have any questions about the exchange or hosting, please come and see Mr. Warkentin-Scott in room C124 (604-858-9424, john_warkentin-scott@sd33.bc.ca).



**PARENT INFORMATION MEETING -- 6:30 PM
MAY 25TH AT SARDIS SECONDARY**