

# L. V. ROGERS SECONDARY SCHOOL

## FEBRUARY '10 NEWSLETTER

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### IMPORTANT DATES:

Feb. 1	Semester Two began
Feb. 8	PAC meeting
Feb. 10	Semester one report cards will be distributed
Feb. 11	Indoor Track Meet in afternoon
Feb. 12	Drastic Plastic launch 7pm LVR gym
Feb. 15	Wildflower/Waldorf course selection visits begin
Feb. 17	Grade 9's in gym for course selection
Feb. 19	Pro-D Day – No classes
Feb. 19	Steve Taubman Hypnotist Rugby Fundraiser 8pm
Feb. 22	Trafalgar course selection visits begin
Feb. 23	Grade 9 Parent evening at LVR
Feb. 26	LVR Presents – Bands Gala Dinner Fundraiser – Prestige Inn
Feb. 27	Night of Local Talent – Fundraiser for Social Justice 12
March 5	Last day before Spring Break
March 22	First day back after SB

### REPORT CARDS

Final report cards for the Semester I courses will be handed out Wednesday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>.

On their report cards for semester one, students who qualified will have Honour Roll and Principal's Honour Roll stickers. To qualify for the Principal's Honour Roll (Gold), students must take a minimum of six LVR courses in grades 10, 11 and 12, and eight LVR courses in grade 9. Only courses from LVR and DESK will

be counted in the calculation.

Principals' honour roll students must maintain an 86% average (for grade 9's: an "A" average), have no "N"s in Work Habits, and no suspensions that semester. To make Honour Roll (Red) students must take the same number of courses as Principal's honour roll, maintain an 80% average (for grade 9's: a "B" average), and have the same criteria for work habits.

Congratulations to all the students who have achieved either Honour Roll or Principal's Honour Roll.

If you have any questions about the report card, please contact the school at 352-5538. Final grades for government examinable courses will be available in about 3 – 4 weeks.

### Government Exam Results

Government exam results will be available the first week of March. Go to the student secure website at the following address, [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams) to check your results. You will need your P.E.N. number which is the nine digit number on your report cards!

### BATTLE OF THE BAGS

**Global Perspectives 12 presents the documentary film Battle of the Bags.**

Come watch this important and compelling documentary on the effects of plastic bags on our environment. Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the LVR gym. All entrants will be provided with a FREE, re-useable cloth bag. All students, parents, and community members are welcome.

### HAITI FUNDRAISERS

LVR is involved in fundraisers for Haiti. Our students put together a collection jar in the office, and have collect over \$200 so far. Ms. Mannings class did a great job raising \$125 toward a shelter box during their fashion show. Way to go, LVR!!

### COURSE SELECTIONS

It seems early, but course selections for next year will be starting in the next couple of weeks. The course selection booklet will be posted soon on our website. Please review it to see what is available for next year. We have great core courses and option areas for our students, and are proud of our selections.

## **QUEBEC EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

LV Rogers would like to welcome the following students from Quebec : Karine Nadeau, Samuel Pépin-Guilbert, Marilyne Morin, Pascale Blais and Audrey-Anne Vachon. They will be at LVR for 8 weeks to participate in school life and improve their English. Currently grade 9 students are applying to participate in this exchange to Quebec City for next fall. This annual exchange allows LVR students to spend time learning French and then to host a Quebec student in their homes.

## **SURVEY – BLOCK ROTATION AND TIME SCHEDULE**

When LVR went on its current block rotation a few years ago, there was a commitment made to re-visit that decision and make sure it still meets everyone's needs. Mr. Yasinchuk has developed a Survey Monkey survey for us (THANKS MR. YAS!!), so parents, students, and staff can let us know what they think of the block rotation and time schedule. The link below to complete the two-minute survey. The feedback from this survey will help the administration gain some direction on timetabling and scheduling considerations for next year.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6LN3G5C>

NOTE: You have only until Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> to complete the survey. The link is also available on the LVR homepage:

<http://www.lvr.sd8.bc.ca/>

Any questions or concerns should be directed to [dholtzki@sd8.bc.ca](mailto:dholtzki@sd8.bc.ca).

## **VISITORS IN THE SCHOOL**

A reminder that EVERYONE who is not a staff member of LVR or is not a student of LVR MUST check in at the office FIRST when coming into the building. This is a big issue in our school, and we are trying to keep our students and staff as safe as possible. If you do not sign in first, you will be re-directed back to the office to sign in.

As well, we do not accept student visitors from other schools unless there is an excellent reason for attending classes here. Any students who wish to visit LVR for a day must first check in with one of the administrators.

## **CHEMISTRY**

Ms. McGregor is maintaining a website for her chemistry courses. You can find it at <http://members.shaw.ca/msmcgregor/newsletter.html>. At the site, you can find course information, news, important dates, and updated homework information. Please feel free to click on the e-mail icon if you have any questions, concerns, or comments.

## **MATH**

Canadian math contests - Pascal, Cayley and Fermat - will be written on Feb 25 at 9am in the library. Interested students in grade 9, 10 and 11 should see Ms. Naka in room 313 to sign up.

## **SCHOOL GREENHOUSE**

To fit with the focus of the community and the school on reducing our carbon footprint and on healthy eating, the technology shop class is going to build a greenhouse for L.V.R. They are looking for used sliding patio door panels. If you can help out, please contact Dave Afford at 352-5538 or [dafford@sd8.bc.ca](mailto:dafford@sd8.bc.ca)

## **WHOOPING COUGH**

Interior Health is taking steps to address an outbreak of pertussis (Whooping Cough). Nineteen cases have been diagnosed in the Kootenay Boundary area in the last eight weeks.

To date, several children have confirmed diagnoses of pertussis. These children are scattered throughout the Kootenay Boundary health service area and there is no indication at this time that transmission is occurring in the school setting. More confirmed cases are anticipated, especially amongst the non-immunized population. The settings for transmission will most likely be in homes and in social settings.

**Sick children should stay home from school until they have fully recovered from their illness.**

Those who have been exposed should consult their doctor if they develop illness consistent with pertussis. Parents are strongly encouraged to immunize their children and Public Health is responding to the needs of families for immunization in the Kootenay Boundary area. Questions from parents should be directed to the Public Health Nurse (Early Evans).

### For more information:

HealthLink BC File #15  
<http://www.bchealthguide.org/healthfiles/hfile15c.stm>. HealthLink BC – Dial 8-1-1, 24 hours a day

### LOST AND FOUND

There are many items in the Lost and Found in the gym, including clothing, iPods, cell phones, etc. Please check the Lost and Found and retrieve your items.

### LOSING ITEMS AT LVR

Students are reminded to keep their personal items safe at all times. Don't bring items to school that you are worried about losing!! Please lock up any items you leave in the changerooms. We cannot be responsible for items that are left out of lockers.

### ATTENDANCE CONCERNS

One of the strongest indicators of student success is attendance. We are asking all parents to continue to phone our secretaries (250-352-5538) when students are ill and unable to attend school. In addition, parents can phone one of the vice-principals at any time to check on their child's attendance. Please call and ask for Tim Mushumanski or Frank Marisco.

### EXTENDED ABSENCES (more than 5 school days)

L. V. Rogers Secondary School strongly discourages students taking vacations during the semester or leaving school prior to the normal school closing date.

**Students missing classes lose essential instruction which simply cannot be made up by homework.**

During the planning for an absence, parents and students should understand that teachers cannot pre-teach the lessons, nor provide make-up assignments to cover all the material that will be missed. Since a student needs to attend the full course to earn full credit, it is reasonable to expect that extended absences may result in a lower grade. We do recognize that occasions may arise where absences are necessary (family illness, etc.). When this is the case, the school will make reasonable attempts, in cooperation with students and their parents, to minimize the impact on a student's educational program. For extended absences, the following policy applies:

1. A letter of explanation outlining the reasons for the absence,

expected duration, and departure date needs to be written to Ms. Holitzki, at least one week in advance.

2. Teachers will inform the student/parents which outcomes/ chapters/ skills the student will be missing. "Make up" work and assignments will be provided **only** if the absence is unavoidable or of significant educational advantage to the student, and must have the approval of the principal.

### PAC (Parent Advisory Council)

The next meeting of the LV Rogers PAC will be held at **7:00 PM** on **Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** in Room 211 at LV Rogers. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting and find out what is going on in the school.

### GAMING ADDICTIONS

Worried that your son/daughter may have an Internet gaming addiction? First utilize Internet/Computer Addictions Services, which gives details on signs and symptoms, susceptibilities, and also treatment, downloads and podcasts. If further help is needed, please call the counseling department who has contacts with a regional Gaming Addictions counselor named Laura Holten from Castelgar.

<http://www.icaservices.com/index.htm>

### International Student Adventure Club Start

A new club called **International ACE** (Adventure, Canadian culture and Environmental leadership) starts up this month. Its purpose is to bring International Students together to learn and experience what it is to be Canadian in the Nelson area. We will meet once or twice a month and be involved in varying outdoor experiences that help promote learning, risk taking and interpersonal skills. February finds the group snowshoeing with outdoor expert Howie Ridge, where students will learn how to build different snow shelters. The following months, the group will be involved with geocaching, hiking, listening to resident wildlife experts on screech owl habitat, bike touring etc. **Contact Mr. Machado for details [kmachado@sd8.bc.ca](mailto:kmachado@sd8.bc.ca).**

### COMMUNICATIONS

If you are interested in receiving daily e-mail updates of LVR events contact the school and leave us an e-mail address. This is a great way to keep up to date with LVR happenings! If you're interested in joining the LVR

Announcement daily email, please contact our receptionist, Nikki Olssen.

### **GRAD NEWS**

The PSI (Post-Secondary Institution) Choices Form link is available through the student secure web at [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/). This form assists students applying to Post Secondary institutions by sending a copy of their transcript to the schools they have indicated on the form. This is done in late July after all exams have been marked and graduation status is confirmed, by the Ministry of Education.

A reminder to Grads who are wishing to apply for scholarships to get your applications in. Please check the website for more information about scholarships.

Admin and counsellors will be discussing with students whether they are still on the grad list or not in the next few days. Some students have chosen to take courses at other institutions; unless we are notified directly by those institutions that a course has been completed, we have no record of that and will not count those credits toward grad. Grads: please take care of this!

**Grad fees are \$80.00 if paid before Spring Break.** After Spring Break, they are \$100.00. The Grad executive would appreciate all grads making an effort to pay fees ASAP so the committees can finalize their budgets.

### **LVR LIBRARY LITHOGRAPH New Books Just Arrived**

We have over forty new books in the library including the latest from Jodi Picoult, Carol Off, John Green, and Suzanne Collins. Our budget for the year is nearly drained, but we are taking book requests for next year. Please forward your ideas to Mr. Yasinchuk.

### **Library Website Facelift**

The library has simplified its website. On the easy to navigate layout you can access information on essay writing and research, access our collection online to see if we have your book, and access the four enormous digital databases which are home to thousands of different magazines, periodical, and other publications for FREE! If you wish logon information to

the databases see Mr. Yasinchuk. For more information, check out <http://www.lvrogerslibrarymediacentre.com/>.

### **Top Websites for February**

We've collated a couple of interesting and useful websites that we would like to share with the LVR community.

### **Media Shift**

<http://www.pbs.org/mediashift/> PBS is one of the best sites around. Mediashift focuses on the every changing landscape of technology and the media. Hosted by tech guru Mark Glaser, the site features reports and commentary from a variety of sources.

### **Freedom to Read:**

<http://www.freedomtoread.ca/> February 21-27 is Freedom to Read Week in Canada. The website highlights issues of censorship on the Internet and in book publishing. Did you know that 'The Catcher in the Rye' is one of the most commonly banned books in North America? The library will celebrate our freedom to read with an event planned the week of February 21<sup>st</sup>. Stay tuned for details.

### **BBC World History:**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/> The BBC possesses a power website with hundreds of thousands of videos and images featuring material on all time periods of human history. The scope of resources is staggering

If you have a website that you think might be worth sharing with other please email the link to Mr. Yasinchuk at [jyasinchuk@sd8.bc.ca](mailto:jyasinchuk@sd8.bc.ca).

### **BASEBALL AT LVR**

Baseball practices are underway at LVR, with practices from now until May. The official tryouts for the LVR Baseball Team will occur on February 21 at 6pm. The first home game will occur on March 27<sup>th</sup>, with LVR hosting Kettle Falls (weather permitting!). Anyone interested, please contact Mr. Mace in the gym.