



ALEXANDER
ACADEMY

December

NEWSLETTER





WELCOME

Our students were pleased to take part in Operation Christmas Child's shoebox drive. We managed to pack 88 presents for children in developing countries. Each shoebox was filled by Canadians with hygiene items, school supplies, and toys, and will be given to children regardless of gender, race, or religion. Student Council at Alexander Academy also raised over \$600 to pay for the shipping of the presents. Well done, students!



MUN CLUB

The MUN club went to the North Vancouver Model United Nations conference on November 5, 2016. At this conference, each student represented a country in one of the UN committees such as Special Political and Decolonization Committee (SPECPOL), the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the Joint Crisis Committee (JCC). The students had so much fun as they made like-minded new friends and had memorable committee sessions that helped improve their public-speaking skills.

ON NOV. 28, 2016

Mr. Christian's ELL Outdoor Education and Mr. Ramsay's ELL Speaking classes joined together to go to the Vancouver Aquarium in Stanley Park. They were able to go behind the scenes to a classroom, where they got up close and personal with some local sea-life. Sea urchins, king crabs, barnacles and sea cucumbers were just a few of the animals that our students got to know.



ENGLISH 11

Mr. Anstey and Ms. Wigley's grade 11 English classes have combined forces and have begun preparations for a presentation of William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Casting has been completed and rehearsals have already started. Please watch for details regarding the performance date and location. We are very excited about this endeavour as our students were outstanding in last year's production of "Macbeth."

IB

Our Diploma Programme IB Coordinator Designate, Mr. Anstey, has had a busy month! Our school had its first visit from the IB consultant whose guidance will help us as we move to the next stage in our application to become an IB World School. Things are progressing nicely. Our next step is the completion of the "application for authorization." Mr. Anstey and Mr. Christian have been presenting professional development activities during our collaborative meeting times. Our teachers are eagerly participating in our IB training. It truly is an exciting time for Alexander Academy.

Robert Andrew Anstey (Head Teacher)
IB Diploma Program Coordinator Designate



MR. TODD'S CLASSES:

ENGLISH 12

The English 12 class has been working on a short story unit that has covered the topics of isolation, betrayal, colonialism, and neutrality. In addition, the students have been preparing for their provincial exam scheduled for January by focusing on their synthesis essay writing skills.

LEADERSHIP 12

The Leadership 12 class is firmly in the “doing” phase of the curriculum with students actively participating in numerous activities around the school and the local community. A few examples include: preparing the talent show, assisting with Operation Christmas Child’s shoebox drive, creating Candy Grams, running a school-wide assembly, and continuing to be involved in a number of projects to beautify the school. Also, the students went on a field trip to We Day where they were able to listen to a number of influential speakers discuss overcoming challenges.

ENGLISH 10

The English 10 class is in the midst of a short story unit and have just started writing personal narratives. This past month, the class had the opportunity to see a play at the Carousel Theatre where they learned about the difficult circumstances surrounding child labour.

SCIENCE

November was a very exciting month in Science for Alexander Academy. Our field trip to the Beaty Biodiversity Museum at UBC was a great success. Our students had some hands on experiences with Biology samples from all over the world. One of those experiences included a blue whale that was shipped to UBC all the way from Prince Edward Island. Our next goal in Science is to expand our knowledge in Physics and try some really interesting labs.



PLANNING 10

Students in Planning 10 class are volunteering at the Otherly office. They are using the Otherly application to help Otherly reach its goal of providing 20 million meals this Friendsgiving season by becoming a volunteer. Furthermore they are coming up with great ideas on how to spread positivity around through social media like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Youtube and even personal calls.

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MR. HILDEBRAND'S CLASSES

Over the last few weeks the PE students have been very active in class. Due to the cool and rainy weather, the class has spent time learning some of the sports which can be done inside. First, was indoor soccer/football. As most of the students already knew the rules of the sport, more time was spent practicing the skills of the game such as passing, dribbling, and shooting the ball. Once these were finished, the class spent time playing small games. This was a good chance to get to know new teammates as each day teams were changed. At the start, sportsmanship was a question. As they got to know each other, they started learning to play hard, while respecting and looking out for each other.

Next up was floor hockey. The game of hockey is an important part of Canadian culture. Most students may have seen a game, but few have ever played a game. Here the lessons about sportsmanship and working hard together started to pay off. The students must learn to control the sticks as they fight for the ball. Respecting the others in the class is more important, as the sticks can be dangerous if used improperly.

In December, the students will be learning dance, with a special dance teacher coming to prepare them for the talent show.



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