



ALEXANDER
ACADEMY

June
NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

The 2017/18 school year has come to an end! Over the past few weeks we celebrated our students' achievements and successes. We had our graduation ceremony at the Fairmont Hotel and we had our Shakespeare play, yearend art show and our final awards assembly. We were delighted to celebrate the many accomplishments of our students.

In addition to these celebrations, we finished up exam week as well. To aid you in your planning for the 2017/18 school year, please visit our school website where you will find our school calendar.

Please note that report cards will be distributed on June 30th. We have opened a parent/student portal where you may view your child's report card online. You will receive an email from Ms. Nicole with instructions on how to activate the parent portal.

In the upcoming school year we will continue with the implementation of the Ministry of Education's revised 21st century curriculum for grades 8 and 9. We are currently planning for the implementation of the modernized curriculum for grades 10, 11, and 12. We are also proud to announce that Alexander Academy will have our IB verification visit in November 2017. We are very excited to work towards becoming an IB world school. Our teachers have dedicated themselves to this transition and I am confident our students will be well supported through this process as we move forward with their learning.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the expertise, experience, and dedication of our Alexander Academy faculty and staff. The successes of your children have been nurtured and supported by their teachers and caring adults they encounter every day at our school. I am grateful for their commitment and for the time and effort they devote to this important work.

I am looking forward to next year as we continue our journey to becoming an IB world school. Our focus is your child's success as we continue to build a great school! Thank you for entrusting your children to us. I am confident that you are proud of what your children have accomplished this year.

I wish you all a fabulous summer!

Best regards,
Berenice Lewis



NEW STAFF



Nicole Asku | Administrative Assistant

We are happy to introduce you to Nicole Aksu. She is our new administrative assistant to the head of school. Nicole is fluent in French, as well as Turkish. She attended Memorial University where she studied Anthropology, and Archaeology, as well as Anatomy and Physiology. She is a graduate of Blanche Macdonald Centre. She is a wonderful addition to our team and we are happy to have her join our staff.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Trenton Swift

The District Youth Awards recognize individuals in the province for their noteworthy achievements and contributions.. Trenton Swift was recently recognized for his achievements as a ski racer. We are very proud of Trenton's accomplishments.

CULTURAL TRANSITIONS ELL LEVEL 1

The Cultural Transitions class had a blast this semester preparing and cooking meals. From avocado smoothies to seafood pasta, these students learned a few skills to help them in the kitchen. These students even had the pleasure of sharing some of their cooking with staff members and other students!



CHEMISTRY



Alexander Academy has had a great finish to the term in Chemistry! The students have been busy learning the skills it takes to become scientists that thrive in a laboratory environment. The major topics of interest covered this year were reaction kinetics, solubility, equilibrium and acid/base Chemistry. This has been a great chance for students to dive into the different relationships between atoms, compounds and the speed at which they react. The hands-on experience the students received will not only help them succeed in future science courses, but will also provide them with problem solving skills that can be utilized outside the classroom as well. A big thank you to all the students for their hard work and dedication this year!



HOUSE CUP

Congratulations to CARR HOUSE for winning the 2016-2017 house cup!

STUDENT COUNCIL FUNDRAISER/ELECTION

Mr. Anstey and Mr. Christian coordinate the school council at Alexander Academy. The students in the council have successfully organized and have raised and donated \$2550.00 for some very special students at Stewards Academy in Harlow, England. They completed a walk from their school to Buckingham Palace to raise money for CALM (Campaign Against Living Miserably) which is a partner with Heads Together. Heads Together is a charity started by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. This summer the boys will be extending their fundraising efforts by walking the entire length of England in order to raise more money for CALM.



ROMEO AND JULIET



On June 15th, Mr. Anstey's Grade 11 English class performed Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* at the Red Gate Revue Theatre on Granville Island to an appreciative audience. Justin Ham and Ariana Wang played the parts of Romeo and Juliet. The entire cast and crew made us all proud.

While students were entering the theatre to enjoy the play, they had the opportunity to purchase paintings done by Art 10/11 students. The paintings were based on the theme of Love and Loss. The works of art were up for auction with 50% of the proceeds going to charity and 50% going to the individual artist. Their efforts were well received.



ECONOMICS 12

Economics 12 put their theory into practice by starting their own company. It was called ACBees! It was said by some to be the finest lip balm they have ever encountered. Sales were brisk and the students were part of a project they will never forget.



FRENCH 10/11 AROUND THE WORLD FASHION SHOW

On May 18th, 2017, the French class put on Alexander Academy's first fashion show and what a show it was! All proceeds and donations went to the Covenant House Vancouver, a proudly privately funded organization that "provides love and hope to Vancouver's street youth." The French 10/11 students organized the entire event. They were even able to get Aritzia and Tip Top Tailors to sponsor the show. Thank you to the sponsors as well as all the teachers, parents, and students who participated. We look forward to putting on next year's fashion show!

French 10/11 presents



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Around the World

All donations and proceeds go to
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AWARDS

On June 15th, we held our final awards assembly where many students received recognition for their outstanding work.

GRADUATION

The Alexander Academy 2017 Graduation took place on June 8th, 2017 at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. We celebrated 43 graduates receiving their diplomas. Amazing Alexandrian pride!

We look forward to hearing from them as they take on these new adventures! Good luck
#amazingalexandrianalumni!



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