

ALEXANDER ACADEMY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2020



In This Issue

- 1 Summer School
- 2 Entrepreneurship 12
- 5 February Activities

And much more..

THE MONTH OF CARING

As educators at Alexander Academy, we feel honoured to be a part of our students' journeys towards adulthood. February for us is known as the month of caring, and we place a special emphasis on cultivating empathy and social responsibility through the assemblies and activities we conduct. Continue reading to see what we did this month!

ALEXANDER ACADEMY

Summer School

A pineapple with green leaves is positioned behind the 'Summer School' text. The background is split diagonally from the top right, with pink on the left and blue on the right.

Apply Now!

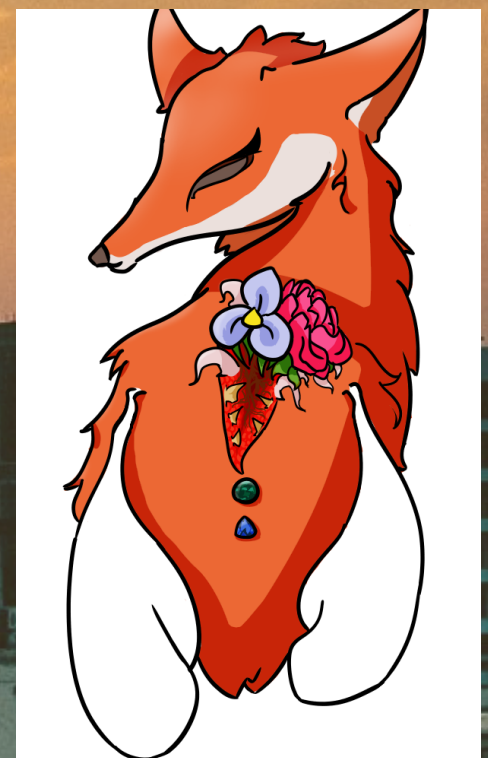
- Dates: June 29th - July 31st, 2020
- Summer School Sessions:
 - Morning: 9 am - 12 pm
 - Afternoon: 1 pm - 4 pm
- Fees: \$1,600 (for both international and domestic students)
- Courses & Schedules: TBA



ENTREPRENEURSHIP 12

by Ms. Watson

'Innovation' is a key concept that we like to integrate into the Entrepreneurship Grade 12 class at Alexander Academy. It is a vital part of understanding the idea and development stage of how products and services are created. Students are introduced to this topic at the beginning of the course so they may experience the life cycle of a product or service as it moves into different stages of Ideating, designing and marketing before being launched. Students create their own products and design their own logos and packaging in order to grasp the skills needed to be a successful Entrepreneur.



PINK MONTH

WEEK 1

Under Ms. Gastin's guidance, our grade 8 and 9 students introduced the Pink Month of Caring during assembly by presenting a video on cyberbullying. They also created an affirmation wall to encourage everyone to practice kindness through words.

WEEK 2

During their homeroom period, students explored the topic of "balance/ self-care", an important attribute of the IB learner profile. Students fleshed out plans on how to be more balanced individuals.

WEEK 3

"Caring" is another attribute of the IB learner profile. During this week's homeroom activity, students were encouraged to give the gift of compliments to others at school. The student council also organized a Pink Party on this day to welcome the new January-intake students and foster friendships through team-building games.

WEEK 4

Steve Andrews from Bully Back Off presented at our final assembly, delivering an engaging lesson on conflict resolution and handling bullies through roleplaying that involved both students and teachers. This was the last event before our "Pink finale"!



PINK SHIRT DAY



Pink Shirt Day began in Nova Scotia, Canada in 2007 when a group of students banded together to support a classmate who had been bullied for wearing the color pink. They decided to promote the wearing of pink clothes to serve as a firm reminder of the strength in solidarity. The campaign quickly took off, and Pink Shirt Day is now a worldwide movement that hundreds of organizations, communities and schools take part in, including us!

[I liked] seeing pedestrians bring in more donations than the minimum (and coming back to school for a hot chocolate warmup).

—anonymous student

It's enjoying to see people's face with a smile, and the pink flower really made their day.

—anonymous student



Of course, the highlight is the Pink Shirt Day fundraising that we conduct on the streets of downtown Vancouver to help raise money for the CKNW Kids' Fund. An Alexander Academy tradition is to also hand out one thousand pink carnations during the event, and this year was no exception. Students and teachers situated themselves at various intersections and high-traffic areas such as Waterfront Station to put a smile on the faces of morning commuters. A big thank you to our eager students and teachers for making the day such a success!

SEE OUR FACEBOOK FOR
MORE PHOTOS!



FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES



COPS FOR CANCER

We received a lovely note from the Cops For Cancer organization to thank us for cheering them on during their Tour De Coast campaign in September. The proceeds collected from their tour are donated to the Canadian Cancer Society, which we contribute to every year.

UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE

University acceptances are starting to roll in, and all the hard work is paying off. We congratulated Olivia for her acceptances by University of Toronto and King's College London this month. Best of luck to all our graduating students!



AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

Each year, students sign up for clubs and activities that spark their interest. This means that student input helps shape the annual extracurriculars that we offer. Starting this term, Mr. Garcia has been taking students to Trout Lake Community Centre for various sports activities after school.

ROPE WEAVING

In Science 8 and 9, students explored the practical uses of the yellow cedar—a plant native to the Westcoast—by weaving strips of bark into rope. Activities such as these incorporate the First People's Principles of Learning into our school curriculum in tactile and engaging ways.



SOUP KITCHEN

We're still helping out at the local soup kitchen in 2020! We routinely visit St. Michael's Anglican Multicultural Church to assist in food preparation. Not only is this an opportunity to connect with the local community, but it also allows students to get to know each other outside of the classroom.

ALEXANDER ACADEMY IN THE WORLD

We are always trying to find new faces to add to Alexander Academy's culture. Our Director of Admissions & Business Development Berenice Lewis visited the EduCanada fair in Uganda last month and will be travelling to Mexico and Columbia in March!





SCHOOL INFORMATION

COURSE SELECTION

All grade 8-11 students were given a course selection form to select courses for next year. It is important to keep in mind the graduation requirements. Students, parents, and/or custodians who have questions about which courses to select may contact Ms. Guan. Receiving course selection information from you is the key step for us to build our timetable for next year!

SCHOLARSHIPS

By this time, most post-secondary application deadlines have passed, as well as those for entrance awards and scholarships. Nonetheless, there are still opportunities for scholarship available. Some of these scholarships are available for Canadian citizens as well as international students. Here are some usual websites to visit:

- Bcscholarships.ca
- ScholarshipsCanada.com
- Yconic.com
- Osap.ca
- StudentAidBC.ca

RE-ENROLLMENT FOR FALL 2020

Have you informed the school about whether you will be attending Alexander Academy next September? All students are required to submit their re-enrollment form and pay their tuition deposits in order to secure their seat for next year. Graduating students must also submit this form to inform us of their graduation. For more information, please speak to Ms. Serena at the front desk.