



WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

Shawnigan Parent News



Photos: Inter-House Track and Field. For more photos and stories, go to <http://www.shawnigan.ca/now>

Shawnigan Parents Association – Trish Letient

The Shawnigan Parent Association is having its first meeting Tuesday, September 22 at 7:30pm in the Upper Dining Hall. All parents and members of SLS are invited to attend. Come learn about your child's life in the boarding house. Erica Dalrymple, Senior House Director and House Director of Kaye's and Gary Dukelow, House Director of Duxbury, will speak on house life: routines in the house, dealing with homesickness, student leadership in the house and more. Find out more about activities supported by the Parent Association and what is coming this year. Stay for tea and coffee and get to know people in your Shawnigan Lake School community.

News from the Health Centre – Heather Craib

It seems that you can't turn on the news without hearing about the H1N1 influenza pandemic. Waiting and wondering how this pandemic flu is going to manifest itself here in Canada is very stressful for all of us. To compound this situation your children are not at home under your watchful eyes! Please rest assured that here at Shawnigan they are under many watchful eyes. While much of what we know about this virus is constantly evolving we are certain about several things:

- Most cases of H1N1 are mild in nature and people make a full recovery within 5-7 days;
- If symptoms are recognized early and those affected are isolated in their homes or, in our case, rooms, the spread of the virus is minimized and symptoms managed much more effectively
- Good handwashing and cough/sneeze etiquette along with frequent cleaning of hard touch surfaces (doorknobs, faucets, tabletops) can also help to decrease transmission of the virus

At Shawnigan, every staff member is working to help reinforce this information with the students. All of our cleaning staff have received educational support in order to provide them with the most up to date cleaning recommendations. In the Health Centre we are constantly monitoring all of the information available to us through the Vancouver Island Health Authority, as well as Health Canada. In consultation with our school physician, Dr. Moulaison, we continue to update our pandemic plan and monitor the health of our students and staff.

Health Canada has indicated that the H1N1 vaccine will be available for distribution at the end of November and we hope to be able to hold vaccination clinics for students and staff in early December. Prior to the release of the vaccine you will receive some information by e-mail so that you can make an informed decision about whether or not you want to have your child vaccinated. If these dates change we will certainly make you aware. As well, the seasonal flu vaccine will be offered to students as usual at the end of October; there is a charge of \$20.00 for this vaccination to cover the cost of vaccine purchased by the School.

I would encourage you to check both the School website as well as the B.C. government website included here for ongoing information updates. Please feel free to contact us at the clinic if you have any questions or concerns.

<http://www.gov.bc.ca/h1n1/backtoschool/index.html>

Red Serge Dinner – Caryl Worden

At about the time that this year's Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock riders arrive in Ucluelet after the grueling haul from Port Alberni, hundreds of people will be gathered in Marion Hall at Shawnigan

Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 21** School Photo Day
- Sept. 25** Terry Fox Run - 3:00pm (Parents welcome)
- Sept. 26** Black and Gold meets Red Serge (Family fundraising dinner for Tour de Rock - For tickets and more info., call Noralie Hooper 250.743.6235 or nhooper@shawnigan.ca)
- Sept. 27** Round-the-Lake Relay
- Sept. 30** Tour de Rock rides through campus at 9:15am
- Oct. 9-13** Thanksgiving Break (see travel info. below). Students must be back by 8:00pm on Tuesday

Lake School for the 2nd annual Black and Gold Meets Red Serge Family Dinner fundraiser. In this magnificent setting, families will be treated to a sit-down pasta dinner on September 26, served by RCMP officers dressed in their Red Serge uniforms and Shawnigan students in their Number One uniforms. The evening will also include an on-site Ride-A-Thon by past Tour de Rock rider and Shawnigan resident Ian Craib, a live auction organized by the Shawnigan Lake Business Association and a performance by Shawnigan music students.

Tickets for the Red Serge Dinner are only \$10 each or \$30 for a family of four and are available at People's Pharmacy in Shawnigan Lake, at Thrifty Foods in Mill Bay, or at Shawnigan Lake School by calling 250-743-6235 or email nhooper@shawnigan.ca

Travel: Thanksgiving and Beyond! – Sharlene Quinn

To/From Departure Bay

October 9 - Buses will depart from SLS at 10:30am for the 12:30pm Departure Bay sailing, arriving in Horseshoe Bay at 2:05pm.

October 13 - Students are to return on the 5:00pm Horseshoe Bay sailing. The bus will pick-up at the Departure Bay terminal at 6:40pm

To/From Swartz Bay

October 9 - Buses will depart from SLS at 11:00am, drop-off at the McDonald's on Oak St. (Victoria) at 12:00pm, and continue on to Swartz Bay for the 1:00pm sailing, arriving in Tsawwassen at 2:40pm.

October 13 - Students are to return on the 5:00pm Tsawwassen sailing. The bus will pick-up at the Swartz Bay terminal at 6:40pm. Pick-up at the McDonald's on Oak St. (Victoria - across from Town & Country Mall) will be at approximately 7:15pm.

Christmas Travel – If you have not already done so, we strongly encourage you to ensure that flights for your children's Christmas travel are booked. This a particularly busy travel time and if you wait you may run into difficulties securing a flight for you son or daughter.

Airport pick-ups – Arrangements for pick-up at the Victoria Airport must be made with the Transportation Office. Please forward flight itineraries to transportation@sls.bc.ca and we will ensure that transportation is provided from the Airport to Shawnigan Lake School based on students' flight times.