



WEEK OF OCTOBER 5, 2009

Shawnigan Parent News



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Shawnigan Visits You!

Representatives from the Admissions Office and the Advancement Office will be on the road meeting with families and stopping at Independent School Fairs to spread the word about Shawnigan. If you are interested in meeting with us or if you have friends or family members who are interested in a Shawnigan education, please contact Chad Holtum, choltum@shawnigan.ca or Steve Housser, shousser@shawnigan.ca

So far, the following visits for fall, 2009, are confirmed. Contact us if we are visiting your area:

Vietnam

Hanoi - October 27 & 28
Ho Chi Minh City - Oct. 29-31

Japan

Tokyo - November 1-3,

South Korea

Seoul - November 4-6

China

Hong Kong - November 7-9
Shenzhen - November 10

Taiwan

Taipei - November 11 & 12

Germany

Hamburg - November 14
Osnabrueck - November 15

Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 9-13** Thanksgiving Break
Students must be back by 8:00pm on Tuesday
- Oct. 15 & 17** *The Last Five Years*, Musical production - Call Lisa in the General Office to reserve tickets.
250-743-5516
- Oct. 17** Founder's Day and Shawnigan Lake School AGM
- Oct. 19** School Photo Day

What are we thankful for?

A random poll taken in the Main Building on Tuesday morning elicited these remarks:

- My family and friends and being at this school. I am thankful for the opportunity to come here. – Michael H., Grade 8
- The security in my life. – Ryan K., Grade 12
- Family and friends and being healthy. – Thea K., Grade 11
- Being able to afford this school. – Nadir M., Grade 11
- Being healthy. – Noah S., Grade 12
- I am thankful for being able to study and for the freedom to do what I want. – Brandon K., Grade 10
- To have my parents alive—they are both 89 years old. – Damaris Barry, Commissary Manager
- I am thankful for my allowance (*this, as allowance is being given out in the commissary*). – Gregor G., Grade 10
- Being at Shawnigan and I am also thankful that my grandparents are alive. – Avi H., Grade 10
- Sunshine! – Rosemary Dolman, Executive Assistant to the Headmaster
- What am I thankful for? Everything! – David Robertson, Headmaster
- For having parents who will do anything for me. – Julia S., Grade 11
- I am thankful that I am happy. – Sophie L., Grade 11
- Everything...and for not living in a ditch! – Sonia D., Grade 11
- My Family. – Enya H., Grade 9
- I am thankful that the flu didn't take us over and for the nice weather. – Calli N., Grade 12
- Food! – Jessica K., Grade 12
- I am thankful for my family. – Kelly R., Grade 11
- Sunlight, because we don't get too much of it in Canada! – Jeff T., Grade 12
- What a good question—people don't ask it enough. I am thankful for a peaceful country and for the supportive staff at our school. – Jessa W., Grade 12
- I am thankful for the positive attitudes that abound in this community. – Margot Allen, Associate Director of Admissions
- For my family and for being at this school—I am thankful for all my parents have done for me. – Kelsi P., Grade 10
- I am thankful to be alive! I am thankful for life and for people like Min Ji (*see drum video on "Shawnigan Now"*) who are beautiful and talented and courageous. – Jo-Anne Kingstone, Deputy Head
- For the swells that transform into world class surf and that I can share them with my family. – Paul Klassen, Spanish Teacher.

Thanksgiving Dinner – James McClellan, Exec. Chef

I've been asked to let everyone know what it takes to put on Thanksgiving dinner for Shawnigan Lake School, so here is the shopping list:

130 kgs boneless turkey breasts and thighs / **200 lbs** of potatoes for mashed potatoes / **70 625g** loaves of French bread for stuffing
5 kg of cranberries to make cranberry sauce / **140 lbs** assorted root vegetables for roasted veggies / **720** 3-inch tart shells for pumpkin tarts

And I'll make about **40 litres** of gravy to make sure there's enough for seconds! So, when you're cooking dinner for 12 this weekend, you can at least say to yourself, "I'm glad I didn't have to carve a 130 kg turkey." Happy Thanksgiving !

Chapel Words

Mr. Holland's Chapel address this week was titled, "Falling into Holes." As we approach the first academic assessment and settle into our routines in the Houses and School life, his words came as a good reminder that if we haven't escaped falling into our habitual holes, there is still an opportunity to climb out and start our journey again. Here is an excerpt:

Sometimes life seems full of these holes, especially at the beginning of the year, when we are trying to start out fresh; to do things differently. We set off with new resolve, and the next thing we know, there we are in one of our old familiar holes.

Holes are uncomfortable places. We don't like to acknowledge the things about ourselves that are less than perfect. We don't like to pay attention to the fault that is in us. And so we often pretend that we aren't in a hole at all. The result, of course, is that when we come across the same hole again we fall right in . . . again.

Holes are opportunities for learning about two things in particular: awareness (that is, self-awareness), and responsibility. As long as we continue to find someone else to blame for our missteps, then we will remain unaware. . . . [Click here to read the full address.](#)