



WEEK OF OCTOBER 26, 2009

Shawnigan Parent News



Photos: Sr. Girls Field Hockey off to Provincials! For more photos and stories, go to <http://www.shawnigan.ca/now>

Hallowe'en Howling

Students at Shawnigan kicked off Hallowe'en with a pumpkin-carving contest on Sunday. Houses submitted their best Jack-o-lanterns and on Monday, at lunch, a panel of judges chose the winner. Renfrew House got top prize (winning a pizza party for the House) with honourable mention going to Duxbury, Groves' and Kaye's (donuts for these Houses). On Friday, students and some enthusiastic staff members will wear costumes to class. The Prefects will hold a costume parade in Marion Hall at lunch time where, once again, prizes will be awarded. Students are prepared to be scared on Friday night when a guided walk through the haunted forest will take place. A bonfire by the shores of Lake Omar will follow with marshmallows and hot chocolate. Saturday night the Grade 11s will host the annual Hallowe'en Dance for Grades 9-12 while the Grade 8s will go on their own adventure to Victoria for a ghost walk and movie. Needless to say, Hallowe'en provides us with an opportunity to lift our spirits and have some fun at school!

Student Profile – Lucien N., Deputy Head of School

"Lucien has always made me feel proud to serve as his academic advisor. His charming, friendly, and outgoing personality endears him to everyone. On and off the sports field, he constantly provides inspirational leadership and is a role model for all the students."

– Georg Stroebel

Lucien started as a boarder in Lake's House in grade nine. Originally from South Africa, his family moved to Prince Rupert in Northern BC when he was 13. He attended grade eight there and a colleague of his father's, Marius Peinaar, suggested Shawnigan for Lucien.

"Shawnigan has done a lot to develop me. I have enjoyed the opportunity to travel and have had more sport and academic opportunities than I would have otherwise. Because of my involvement in rugby, I have travelled to Wales, France, Ireland and England and, this year, I will go to Argentina and Chile. My father has joined us in the past and will come on this year's trip as the team doctor. I really enjoy having him along."

While participating in Shawnigan's rugby program, Lucien has also been chosen to represent BC on their U16 team and Canada on their U17 team. "The coaching here has improved my playing and helped me to reach my goals. Mr. Murdy, Mr. Williams, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Linn, and Mr. Hyde-Lay have all contributed to my abilities on the rugby pitch. I appreciate the bonding that happens when we travel as a team and I have made a lot of friends through rugby—we hang out together and step up for each other when we need to."

Lucien has more in his life this year than sport and academics; as well as being Deputy Head of Lake's House, he is also a Prefect and Deputy Head of School. "Being a Prefect is a lot of work! It doubles your work-load. You must be dedicated. The Head of School, Ali, and I pretty much run the Prefect Group and have meetings with Mrs. Kingstone once a week. Mrs. Kingstone is a great leader and a wonderful person. We get to know things a week before they happen and everyone is looking to us to organise and make things run smoothly. Other students at Shawnigan know who we are and a certain responsibility falls to us to uphold the traditions and rules of the School. We can't let the ball drop. This isn't public school where students are more spread out; we are all connected here and need to be involved and to interact."

Lucien's community extends to his teachers here, too. "Mr. Robertson has always been there for me. He always lends a hand in helping me through my troubles. Mr. Pasquale and Mr. Lam (my

Upcoming Events:

- Nov. 4-5** Parents Open House
- Nov. 5-9** Mid-Term Break - begins at noon on Thursday and ends at 8:00pm on Monday.
- Nov. 22-27** International Week

House Directors), no matter how strict, are a great combination and are there for me no matter what. Mr. Linn, with his quirky jokes, is always willing to support me. My advisor, Mr. Stroebel, has made sure that I am on the correct path; we literally speak the same language—Afrikaans—so my connection with him is even closer. The Stroebels have me over for dinner and they have made a connection with my parents as well. Mr. Stroebel makes sure that, on my birthday, I always get a plate of food and a milkshake at the Stag Café."

When asked what Shawnigan has done for him, Lucien says that, "I think Shawnigan has most importantly given me a great academic education, but it has also given me opportunities and has opened my eyes and broadened my world view."

What, then, has Lucien given back to Shawnigan? "I have tried to be energetic and optimistic every day. I am dedicated and always try to do my best and to uphold the School's name no matter where I am or what I am doing."

High School Climate Challenge – Caryl Worden

Shawnigan continues its dedication to environmental issues as students embark on a national High School Climate Challenge (HSCC) next month.

National Track & Cross Country Running Champion Jessica Sedlock will launch the challenge with a presentation on climate change and how students will work together on a Climate Action Team. She will motivate students to conduct greenhouse gas audits of their school and provide them tools to combat climate change.

The HSCC, a program of Clean Air Champions and Sierra Youth Coalition, is a new and innovative way to provide high school communities the tools to assess and reduce their school's carbon footprint and contribute to climate change solutions. The pilot program began in Ontario last year and is now expanding to schools in British Columbia. Shawnigan is the first school on Vancouver Island to sign up. The presentation will be held from 3pm to 6pm on Nov. 11 in the Shaw Centre Lecture Theatre.

Half Term Break Travel – November 5 - 9

To/From Departure Bay

November 5 - Buses will depart from SLS at 10:30am for the 12:30pm sailing, arriving in **Horseshoe Bay at 2:05pm**.

November 9 - Students are to return on the **5:00pm Horseshoe Bay** sailing. The bus will pick-up at the Departure terminal at 6:40pm.

To/From Swartz Bay

November 5 - Buses will depart from SLS at 11:00am, drop-off at the McDonald's on Oak St. (Victoria) at 12:00pm, and continue on for the 1:00pm sailing, arriving in **Tsawwassen at 2:40pm**.

November 9 - 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.