

IB Programme Newsletter

GCVI: International Baccalaureate World School

GCVI's mission:

To develop informed, engaged and responsible citizens of local, national and global communities. These aspects of citizenship are achieved in the IB@GC through social responsibility, academic rigor, environmental stewardship, intercultural understanding and the pursuit of positive relationships, health and well-being.



IB students participate in University of Guelph Program: My World, My Choice

What is the relationship between possessing knowledge and moral obligation?

Guests from the University of Guelph's "My World, My Choice" program recently ran interactive workshops with the Theory of Knowledge classes, engaging students in activities focused on sustainable choices.

One of the aims of the TOK course is for students to understand that knowledge brings responsibility which leads to commitment and action. Through an activity where students researched and presented the environmental footprint of consumer products, the students came to appreciate how observing the world, and participating in it, via an environmental lens might affect one's choices and lead to more sustainable consumer habits.

IB Fee Notice

Please review the attached IB Fees Letter for information about paying your IB DP Fees.

Payment Schedule

Friday, April 26th 2019

Friday, October 4th 2019



Students making connections between Global Issues and sustainability.

Current Grade 10 preparatory students who will begin the IB Diploma Programme next year have been invited to the University of Guelph for a half day experience with My World, My Choice. The itinerary includes lunch accompanied by a sustainable food discussion with a culinary lecturer, a tour of the campus with a focus on sustainable initiatives and interactive workshops.

This rich learning experience is an example of the unique opportunities presented to GCVI's IB students as we foster the development of the Learner Profile attributes. Participation in Our World, Our Choice encourages students to become knowledgeable through engagement in issues that have local and global significance, as well as principled through becoming empowered and taking responsibility for their own actions and the consequences that accompany them.



Important Dates

Thursday March 28th – Grade 10
Preparatory students attend My World,
My Choice at U of G

Thursday April 4th – Wednesday April 10th
IB Year 2 Mock Exams

Wednesday April 17th – IB Year 1 students
attend IB Schools University Fair

International Women's Day: "Better the balance, better the world"

A number of GCVI students worked together to provide an opportunity for our school community to participate in International Women's Day on Friday, March 8th.

Grade 9 Preparatory Program students Avneet Grewal and Neve Kollmann prepared a display board educating the GCVI community about the global day which celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women while also marking a call to action for accelerating gender balance.

Purple ribbons were handed out to GCVI staff and students and many individuals and friends stopped by the photo station, prepared by Year 1 IB student Devon Whate, to strike the #balanceforbetter pose.



CAS Corner

On Saturday February 23rd, 24 GCVI students and staff participated in Coldest Night of the Year. The annual walk raises money to help hungry and homeless individuals and families in Guelph.

The school's participation was led by Social Justice Club member and IB student, Rutvi Patel, who organized the walk for her CAS project. A bake sale was held at the school to raise money and participants sought donations from family and friends. The team raised over \$1200.

Another CAS project connected to the Social Justice Club's efforts to affect change through service action is the club's monthly visits to Hope House. Organized by IB student Kara Looyanga, once a month, 3 members of the Social Justice Club go to Hope House in the morning to help cook breakfast for those in need.

Both of these CAS projects have created opportunities for our students to embody the IB mission statement.



To the left: Social Justice Club would like to thank everyone that participated in the Coldest Night of the Year. It was a huge success as we surpassed our goal and raised \$1200 for the cause.

To the right: Social Justice Club getting ready for their bake sale for the Coldest Night of the Year.



IB Peer Tutoring Available

Tutoring for Preparatory and Diploma Programme Students happens every Tuesday in Room 155 at lunch. One on One Tutoring arrangements can also be made. Attend a tutoring meeting or contact Hayden VanNeck at havan5683@ugcloud.ca for more information.

Students at GCVI had a special visit from a former student who has been recognized for her groundbreaking work in physics. On Friday Feb. 15, Nobel Prize winner Donna Strickland visited GCVI to speak to students. Professor Strickland is a Guelph native and attended Victory Public School, Willow Road Public School and GCVI. Currently, Strickland is an associate professor at the University of Waterloo. IB Student Auroshika Jai Ganesh helped to create the artwork to be hung at GCVI commemorating Dr. Strickland.

