

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 Civic Action Fair

GCVI will be hosting our 4th Annual Civic Action Fair on June 5th 2019. On this afternoon, organizations have the opportunity to showcase their contributions to the community and present student volunteer opportunities. This event is an opportunity for students who are eager to become involved in the community to create connections between community service organizations. By speaking with students and informing them of the passion and commitment to bring positive change to Guelph and the wider community, these organizations will help generate student enthusiasm for engagement with local and global issues.

The IB values community and global engagement and it also encourages students to become well-rounded learners. Not only do we hope that these organization will help students become engaged citizens, but in addition, that students will give back and apply all of the values and traits of an IB learner when volunteering in the community. All Grade 10 Preparatory students moving into the IB DP will attend this event and rotate through two additional sessions where they will learn more about Creativity, Activity and Service and hear from IB Diploma Candidates. Candidates will share stories of their CAS experiences and provide ideas and advice for CAS projects.

Congratulations to our Year Two IB students on completing their May Exams!

Green Shirt Day

Year One IB student Kara Looyenga, along with the help of the Social Justice Club organized GCVI's first Green Shirt Day on Tuesday April 9th in support of Organ Donation Awareness.



IB Mentoring

Year Two IB students will be returning to GCVI after May Exams to mentor our Year One IB students and Preparatory students. What to expect as an IB student, personal stories of the IB experience and strategies for success will be shared.

Trip to U of G

Grade 10 Preparatory students moving into the IB Diploma Programme have the unique opportunity to be immersed in learning activities at the University of Guelph that support the IB mission statement and values. Through participating in the University's program, My World My Choice, students will explore sustainable consumer habits and consider the question: What is the relationship between possessing knowledge and moral obligation?

Students were provided a sustainable lunch at student run restaurant, PJ's, ranked one of Canada's Greenest Restaurants with LEAF certification. They attended talks following the lunch that were led by U of G students who are involved in programs and club promoting sustainability. The Grade 10s brainstormed ways that GCVI could improve sustainability practices. The need for a compost program was a popular topic of discussion. Do we see a CAS project in the making???



For consistent and outstanding leadership to senior students who have promoted school spirit, attained high scholastic achievement and have demonstrated an exemplary representation of G.C.V.I. in the community. This is one of the most prestigious awards G.C.V.I. students can receive. Congratulations to Astrid Bradshaw and Andrew Xu for receiving the Promeritus Bowl award during our Awards Assembly on May 28th. Congratulations to all of the award winners!

Hungry for Change

Hungry for Change is a school club which aims to raise awareness and funds that goes toward those who may not be able to feed themselves or the ones they love. I initially got involved through a teacher recommendation in order to show initiative and become engaged in more school activities, but Hungry for Change was more than just another club. As caring and principled students, fellow executives on the planning committee and I helped connect with a local and international issue and gave back to the community through donations. We wanted to make a positive contribution to our neighbourhood and encourage other students to give back as well. In addition, stepping in the shoes of others, even if just for a little while, through the 30 hour famine event, goes a long way in demonstrating open-mindedness and empathizing with the struggles of others. Overall, Hungry for Change highlights how I, as an IB student and more importantly as a global citizen, am able to practice the learner profile attributes to help better the world. - Alex Huynh, Grade 11 IB student

GCVI Year 2 Visual Arts

IB VISUAL ART EXHIBIT

Featuring the works of Crystal Lu and Anika Kew Brandstetter

MARCH 29TH - APRIL 5TH
 OPENING RECEPTION:
 MARCH 29TH 6:00 - 8:00 PM

10C GALLERY,
 4TH FLOOR
 42 CARDEN ST.

The International Baccalaureate Senior Visual Arts Students at GCVI curate their work for their individual final exhibition. This exhibition is a culmination of their hard work and development over their 2 years in the program. Throughout their time, they explore various artists who work spans several cultural and global influences. Each student then investigates a personal theme and creates several meaningful pieces of artwork that explores their artistic process. This year IB HL Art Students Anika Kew-Brandstetter and Crystal Lu hosted their Art Exhibition at 10C in downtown Guelph.

CAS Corner – Relay for Life

GCVI's first Relay for Life took place at the school on May 24th. It took almost a year of planning to make this event as successful as it was. Relay for Life is a 12-hour fundraising event run by the Canadian Cancer Society and all funds raised go straight to CCS for cancer research. An ambitious goal of \$40,000 was set and the committee worked tirelessly to accomplish this goal. With huge commitment and hard work, we exceeded our goal and raised \$43,000! There were around 250 participants that attended the event with activities such as Zumba, Haircutting and student performances. Participants had a very fun day with these activities but we also remembered those who we have lost to cancer or those currently fighting. Despite being an emotional day for many, it was a very uplifting and positive experience.

The co-chairs Astrid and Jasmine dedicated a lot of their time to making this event successful and are very thankful for all of the support they received from teachers, students and the community. They are very excited to see this event hopefully continue in the future for GCVI as they believe it is a very inspirational opportunity.



To the left: The Relay for Life Committee with the \$43,000 Big Cheque for the Canadian Cancer Society.

To the right: Co-Chairs Astrid Bradshaw and Jasmine Hasmatali and the group of students doing Zumba.



LOOKING AHEAD

Important Dates

June 5th – Civic Action Fair

June 18th - IB Celebration Luncheon

June 26th - Commencement



CORE Retreat for Grade 11's at YMCA's Cedar Glen camp

TOK Writing Retreat for Grade 12's