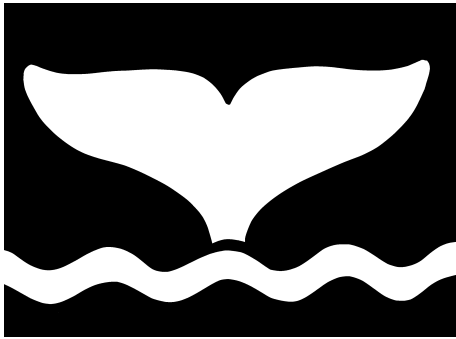


THE WHALE'S TALE



Frances Kelsey Secondary's
latest breaking news and views

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The Importance of Choosing Courses Wisely For Students Entering Grades 10 and 12

By Mary Kirchner, Counsellor

Well, here we go again! It's almost time for course selection for the 2009/2010 school year and there are many important decisions to be made. With so many options to choose from, just where does one begin?

We try to encourage our students to talk to teachers to find out just what the various courses have to offer, what they entail, and how they may be of help in the future.

The first consideration, of course, is choosing the courses that are required for graduation. Students entering Grade 10, 11, and 12 are on the Graduation Program which is well-explained in our course selection booklet. The course selection booklet can be accessed on the Kelsey website.

It is usually at this time that students ask, "Do I have to take a second language as one of my electives?" A second language to the Grade 11 level is a requirement if a student intends to go directly from secondary school to certain faculties at some universities. It is

not required if a student attends a college (i.e. Camosun) before going to a university. However, there are many other jobs or training facilities which require *specific* languages. The Canadian Coast Guard, for example, requires that their trainees have French 12. Counsellors are able to provide students with up to date information regarding language requirements.

The program a student takes should be considered as a package of courses which is designed to meet the requirements of the student's post-secondary choice. This requires a good deal of research and all students are asked to meet with their counsellors to ensure that they are "covering their bases", so to speak. Students may also like to research Post Secondary options through www.educationplanner.bc.ca

It should also be mentioned

For complete information about the school, visit our website at fkss.ca



Kelsey Calendar

Mon. April 6, 2009

Monthly report card issued with newsletter
7:00 p.m. Dry Grad parents meeting in library

Tues., April 7, 2009

7:00 p.m. Dance Show with proceeds to
Canadian Cancer Society

Wed. April 8, 2009

7:00-8:30 p.m. Bonner Parent Night at Kelsey

Thurs. April 9, 2009

7:00 p.m. Global Issues 'Build a School' Benefit
Concert in theatre

Fri. April 10, 2009

Good Friday (school not in session)

Mon. April 13, 2009

Easter Monday (school not in session)

Tues. April 14, 2009

7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library

April 16 - 17, 2009

Provincial Exams

Sat. April 25, 2009

9:00-2:00 Dry Grad Garage Sale and Silent
Auction at FKSS; 10:00-4:00 Grad Car Wash
and BBQ

Mon. April 27, 2009

Grade 12 Grad Transition Presentations
7:00 p.m. Student-directed play in theatre

Wed. April 29, 2009

1:05 p.m. dismissal - Professional Learning
Community

Thurs. April 30, 2009

Jeans Day for BC Children's Hospital

Fri. May 1, 2009

Pro-D Day (school not in session)
7:00 p.m. Interact Club Annual Variety Show
at Duncan United Church

Mon. May 4, 2009

Monthly report card issued with newsletter.
7:00 p.m. Dry Grad parents meeting in library

that Grade 10 students are well informed as to the variety of options available through a course called Planning 10. Specifically, this course is designed to assist students in choosing their pathway through secondary school.

It is crucial that students make informed choices when they are selecting their courses. A good rule of thumb is to choose those courses that are in the student's area of interest. Researching and finding out as much as possible about the various programs available before enrolling avoids wasting time and having to change timetables mid-way through the year.

As we all know, students often change their minds about their priorities and so it is essential that they take responsibility for finding out the particular requirements of any post-secondary programs that may be of interest. These requirements vary from institution to institution and often

change frequently with little lead time. It is essential that students keep up with post-secondary information and we expect to see our senior students in our career centre on a regular basis, using the Internet and post-secondary calendars for information. Grade 10 students should also introduce themselves to the Career Centre and parents are always welcome, as well.

In order to be accepted at some universities or to be considered for certain scholarships, applicants often need specific courses. Once again the students must be proactive and diligent in seeking the information necessary to ensure that they are not disappointed upon graduation. High marks are extremely important in considering university entrance and students must also take this fact into account.

For Bonner students coming to Kelsey, we provide an excellent transition program. Students and

parents have the opportunity to attend a presentation on **Wednesday, April 8th**. Included is a general introduction by teacher advisors, followed by tours of the school with the help of peer counsellors. We often hear parents on those nights express the sentiment, "Gosh, I wish I were able to go to school now because there are so many wonderful courses to choose from!" That is, however, one factor that makes the process of choosing courses so difficult. Bonner students and their Grade 8 teachers will also spend a morning in May experiencing "A Morning in the Life of a Kelsey Student".

It is important to know that teachers and counsellors are always available for help with course selection. Both students and parents are encouraged to take advantage of this service.

Contact the Counselling office at (250)743-6916, extension 230, for further information.

Scholarships and Bursaries

By Mike Martin, Vice-Principal

Thank you to all those Grade 12 students who worked so diligently to complete their scholarship packages last month. The Scholarship and Bursary Evening, when monies are

awarded, will be held at the school on Thursday, June 11th at 7:00 p.m.

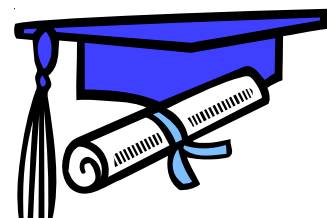
On behalf of the graduates who made applications, I would like to thank all our staff who wrote reference letters, as well as our

office secretarial staff, Mrs. Witt and Ms. Wheeler, for preparing the letters, many of which were typed at the last minute!

Students should still refer to bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca for more financial aid opportunities.

Application forms for the following scholarships and bursaries, which have deadlines in April and May, 2009 are available in the library filing cabinet:

- Victoria Diocesan Catholic Women's League Bursary
- Certified General Accountants Association of British Columbia
- Art Institute of Vancouver High School Scholarship Competition
- Cowichan and Chemainus Valley's Sports Scholarship
- Coastal Community Credit Union
- Irving K. Barber BC Scholarship Society/BC Aboriginal Student Award
- BC Cattlemen's Association
- Monsanto Canada Opportunity Scholarship
- BC Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Theta International Fraternity



Websites of interest:

- BC Colleges/Universities scholarships: www.scholarshipscanada.com, www.studentawards.com, www.bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca
- Online applications in BC: www.pas.bc.ca
- Canadian Universities and Colleges: www.schoolfinder.com

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By CJ Kubica, President
FKPAC

On Wednesday, April 8, Frances Kelsey will host an evening for Grade 8 students and their parents. This event is held each year in April to provide information and tours for students who will be transitioning to Kelsey in September. We have, therefore, rescheduled our regular monthly

PAC meeting to Tuesday, April 14th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Kelsey Library. We invite you to join us.

The PAC Executive has been working in conjunction with administration to discuss and review parent and student input and comments concerning the self-directed learning system here at Kelsey. Feedback has been very positive on this process and we will continue to work together to provide the best possible education and opportunities for Kelsey students. If you have any comments or suggestions you would like PAC Executive to include in our ongoing discussions, please contact us at fkpac@sd79.bc.ca

Parents may or may not be aware of the many and various talents of our students at Kelsey. We are so

FKPAC

Please come and join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, April 14 7:00 p.m. in the Kelsey library

very proud of the contributions our students make to the school, to the local community and to the global community. There is always a variety of events planned and hosted by students throughout the year. The PAC is always pleased to have the opportunity to help fund these events whenever possible. If you are interested in more information and input into decisions regarding allocation of funding, please join us at our monthly meetings.



Start saving your spring cleaning items that might be useful to someone else or, if you prefer, donate cash for the **Dry Grad Garage Sale and Silent Auction** that will be held on Saturday, April 25th from 9:00–2:00 p.m. at Frances Kelsey. Drop off times will be Saturday, April 4th and Saturday, April 18th from 10:00–2:00 p.m. at Mill Bay Storage, 1185 Shawnigan-Mill Bay Road.

We are looking for volunteers for this event on Friday, April 24th for set-up beginning at 5:00 p.m. and on the following day for selling items and cleanup. Please contact

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Dry Grad 2008-2009

Angie at (250)743-0456 or e-mail kelseydrygrad@gmail.com if you, your grad peers or friends can spare a few hours or so.

We have certificates from **Country Grocer** and Smile Cards from **Thrifty Foods** still available. Every time you use one, the businesses donate a percentage back to our Dry Grad fund. It costs you nothing! Call Tracy at (250)743-1868 to arrange to pick up your certificate.

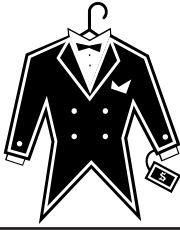
For those of you who have not seen it yet, a very important information bulletin outlining the events planned for this very popular all night safe celebration

2008-2009 DRY GRAD MEETING

Monday, April 6
7:00 p.m. in the
Kelsey library
Everyone welcome
For more information
call (250)743-9440

for your grad was recently e-mailed to grad parents by the Dry Grad Committee. We need many volunteers to make this a success. The information bulletin may be viewed on the Frances Kelsey website.

The April meeting is tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the library and our May meeting is on Monday, May 4th. Meetings are always over by 8:00 p.m. Spread the word and bring a friend!



"The Prom Project" also known as "The Cinderella Project"



By Linda O'Neil, Parent

Every year there are young adults graduating who do not attend their banquet because of lack of financial means. Our school would like to try to identify these families in need of assistance to help their children enjoy this wonderful and deserving night.

Any parent, student, teacher, or friend may call Linda O'Neil at (250)743-7866 or Principal

Marilyn Sandford at (250)743-6916 anonymously, if they know of a student who is in need of our support.

The project has a great selection of gowns available for loan, access to free tuxedo rentals, as well as reduced hair and makeup services, and a variety of shoes available.

There is one further opportunity for Grad this year! Any young

woman may rent her dress from the "Prom Project" for a nominal fee instead of buying one.

We want to make sure every child has the opportunity to attend Grad festivities with pride and the wonderful sense of accomplishment that he/she deserves.

Thank you,
Linda O'Neil (250)743-7866

Visual Art - Alive and Well and Living at Kelsey!

By Dave Aris, Teacher

It is time for the annual student art show at The Loft Gallery in Mill Bay. The show will run from April 3rd to April 24th. Please come out and show your support for our visual arts students. The Loft Gallery is located above Valley Vines to Wines in the Mill Bay

Centre. The following students will be showing their work: Isabelle Archibald, Torben Barsballe, Lori Courville, Samantha Currie, Sarah Doherty, Heather Fergus, Halie Gislason, Steffi Gutensohn, Amber Halls Bowers, Ashley Hansen, Brodie Hargreaves, Sarah Kent, Sophia Link, Erin

McCarthy, Robert Martin, Adrian McCavour, Taya Panek, Emily Partridge, Jillian Pritchett, Shannon Rehler, Gena Schneider, Allison Scott, Rachelle Shearing, Chelsea Wright, Melody Joy Zahara.



Fashion News

By Jane Kirby, Teacher

This year we had two students from our Clothing & Textiles classes participate in the Art Institute's Structured Work Experience and Training Program (SWEAT). This program provides students with valuable work experience in a simulated work environment. Students apply to the college for a chance to participate in four days of hands-on experience guided by industry professionals.

was involved with the Fashion Merchandizing program. She had an incredible four days and



in the end, by working in a team with three students from other schools, had produced and

created an amazing magazine cover and inside promotional article. Grade 11 student Eryn Beattie also enjoyed the Fashion Design program. Her workshops took the students through the fashion design process from an initial idea to the completed creation of a stylized garment. Eryn and her team of three students from other schools finished 2nd place with their final outstanding creation. What a week both girls had in Vancouver!



Grade 11 student Katelyn Grosart
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'Build a School' Tradition in Third Year!!

**By Janet Whitney-Brown,
Student**

Frances Kelsey Secondary School is continuing its 'Build a School' tradition for a third year! In 2007, Foster Richardson, a Grade 12 student, was concerned about the amount of spending that went into "grad". He initiated the 'Build a School' project through Free the Children, recognizing that the opportunity of education that we have could be better honoured by providing the same for those who are not so lucky. Together with the Current Global Issues Club and the grad class, a benefit concert was held, a dessert night organized and grads, forgoing limos and donating the savings, walked up the Kelsey driveway, an inspiring image of what our generation could stand for. The effort has become a Kelsey tradition and is now in its third year.

Hopefully, you have already heard about the school we are supporting this year. Mamello English Medium is located in the Ha Makhata region of Lesotho,

Africa. Mamello Lelotha, the founder of the school (and its connected Phelisanong Project) came and spoke at our school in 2006. This connection has been made even stronger as a member of the CGIC, Julia Pakstas, and

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two other students, just came back from a trip to Lesotho, where they visited the school! Julia reported that although the school is functioning, the high school students attend classes in a shipping container, with twenty-six students on either side of a divide. The cost of a proper building is only \$5,000, a large but reasonable goal.

Upcoming events to support this project include:

Build a School Benefit Concert featuring Kelsey talent *Thursday April 9th @ the Kelsey Theatre, 7:00 p.m.* (tickets are \$10 or \$8 for students)

"Walking For Education", the tradition continues...

Build a School Dessert Night a classy and educational evening Wednesday June 3rd in the dome... stay tuned for more info!

Thanks so much to everyone who has supported the school so far through the No Speaking Day, Chicken Cards and Singing Grams. Let's make this last effort a success!

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Gourmet Table d'Hote Luncheons



at the Frances Kelsey Dining Room
Wednesday - Friday 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join us for a gourmet dining experience at a reasonable price while supporting students enrolled in Vancouver Island University's Culinary Arts Program. Under the supervision of professional cooking instructors, students prepare and serve gourmet cuisine made from many locally produced ingredients! Reservations recommended - call (250)743-0548

Library Resource Centre Update

Bookmark the Library home page. It has a large number of links with curricular connections and can be accessed from the school homepage: www.fkss.ca All of the online encyclopedias we subscribe to have home access. Students can pick up the passwords at the library circulation desk. Also, the database eLibrary (BigChalk) is now accessible from home. These are all valuable research tools. Encourage your sons and daughters to start their research using the Library home page, especially if they are at a loss as to where to start their searching. This page has been developed with the students' needs in mind.

Career Centre News

CAREER PLANNING



Engineering and Computer Science Faculty

Lego Robotics Event (Female students) – April 18
Lunch included.

More information: www.engr.uvic.ca/25/women



VIU – Applications now being accepted for the Dual Credit Course – **Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning/Refrigeration**

for September 8, 2009 intake. Interested students see Mrs. Munday in the Career Centre asap.

Encounters with Canada -

Applications accepted for the 2009/2010 season starting May 1, 2009.



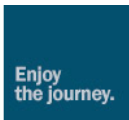
CURRENT VOLUNTEER AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Waffle cone manufacturing – 3 full time and 1 part time position. (Start as part time and become full time in the summer) Email, fax, or mail your resume to Mark Oldhall at Oldhall Manufacturing and Wholesale Company Ltd.
Fax: 250-748-2692, Email: wafflecones@shaw.ca

SUMMER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

OSEF FRANCE-CANADA Inc. – Students live four weeks in the summer in France or live eleven weeks in France or Belgium.

Deadline for preliminary applications: April 15, 2009
Website: www.oséf.ca



Summer Session – Starts June 22
Registration starts March 16.

Tech & Trades 2009 Summer Camps

July 6-10

July 13-17

Mon – Fri, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily

www.camosun.ca/ce for information



University of Victoria

SummerU 2009 - July 6-23

Grade 10, 11, or 12 students - choose from four exciting courses.

Register online: www.uvcs.uvic.ca/summeru

Info: summer@uvic.ca

Experience UVIC (May 23) and Destination UVIC (May 22-24)

Prospective students and parents test drive life on campus.

Info and register: www.uvic.ca/experience

Indigenous Student Mini-University Summer Camp – July 6-10

Grade 8 to 12 students stay at UVIC for the week and try out academic, physical, creative, cultural, and social activities.

Apply by early May 2009.



BAMFIELD MARINE SCIENCES CENTRE YOUTH FORUMS – Sign up in Career Centre

1. **MARINE MAMMAL YOUTH FORUM** – July 22 to 26
2. **MARINE RESEARCH YOUTH FORUM** – August 18 to 23

Deadline for applications is April 30.

VANCOUVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOOT CAMP July 13 to 17

- Fashion Styling
- Fashion Design

FASHION DESIGN CHALLENGE

Entrance awards of \$200, \$300 or \$1000

Deadline for applications is June 19.



HOPE 2009 Frances Kelsey Dance Show

A FUNDRAISER FOR
THE CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY

Tuesday, April 7th

7:00 p.m. – Doors open 6:30 p.m.

at Frances Kelsey Theatre

Tickets by donation

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Dry Grad Student Car Wash and BBQ

Saturday, April 25th

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Frances Kelsey

Grads - be prepared to get wet!

Be prepared to have fun!