



Newsletter

November 2020

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Year End Events & Activities Calendar

November 22
Open School

November 23
Labor Thanksgiving Day Holiday

November 24
Camosun College presentation
8:50

November 28
Virtual Fair EduCanada Students

December 4
Last day of Full BC Classes

December 7
Half-day instruction begins

December 8
JP/BC Finals begin

December 23
Last day of BC classes

December 24
Closing Ceremony

2021

January 11
Coming of Age Day

January 12
BC classes begin- Term 3 continues

Osaka Gakugei Canadian International School

BC Offshore School

Principal's Comments

Ongoing communication between the school and the home is an important component of student success in education. It was a pleasure to meet all the parents of our grade 10 and 11 students during the parent-teacher interview days of November 5-10th. Grade 10 students participated in student-led conferences in which they described their learning growth- what they are proud of and the goals they have made for improvement. We work closely with homeroom teachers, Mr. Matsumori and Ms. Takakusa and appreciate their time and energy in organizing conferences and meeting with students and parents.

Interim progress reports for each BC subject is another way to communicate with parents how students are doing in their learning and achievement in term two. Ms. Allen, Mr. Halfyard, Mr. Magistrale and Ms. Sadler have completed interims for each student in subjects that they teach. These interims are formative progress reports to students and parents that describe the current level of achievement shown by the student. Most important, they provide students with specific feedback on their areas of strength, and those in need of improvement. We are proud of each OGCIS student and wish them continued success.

Our grade 10 and 11 students completed the online Grade 10 Literacy Assessment on Wednesday, November 4th. This assessment measures students' English reading ability and comprehension and writing skills that must be completed by all BC students in order to graduate with a Dogwood Diploma. Grade 11 students wrote the literacy assessment for the second time, with the highest score being recorded on students' transcripts. OGCIS are pleased with the effort put forth by everyone and we anticipate strong results in January 2021. One of our main goals is to support students in improving their English language communication while they learn the BC curriculum. This provincial literacy assessment is a valid and objective measure of how OGCIS students are progressing in understanding English text and expressing their thoughts and opinions.

Mr. G. Halfyard OGCIS Principal

Ministry of Education Annual Inspection

October 26 – October 27



OGCIS has maintained its credentials as a *Certified BC Offshore School* following the successful 2020 inspection. OGCIS recently participated in a British Columbia Ministry of Education Annual Inspection on October 26-October 27, 2020. OGCIS also completed an annual report for the Ministry under the terms of the BC Global Education Program-Offshore Schools Certification Agreement. The purpose of the annual inspections is to ensure that offshore BC schools are complying with provincial standards and the teaching and learning meets curricular expectations. Inspector Ms. Cathy Lowenstein has maintained our certification and provided us with several commendations on how successful our school is. The official inspection report will be made public in January 2021.

We are currently planning for the 2021-2022 school year and our new cohort of grade 10 students. Please share your experiences of OGCIS with friends and ask them to visit our website and/or our office if they would like information about the BCDD program we offer.

Remembrance Day



This November, grade 10 and 11 students came together to learn about Remembrance Day, a statutory holiday in BC. From September 30 to November 11, participating BC teachers wear a poppy to signify remembrance of lives lost during war. Students learned the history of the poppy symbol and considered if and how their own culture acknowledges lives lost during times of war.

Students were very interested in how different countries commemorate Remembrance Day and even use different designs for poppies. Some expressed interest in doing more activities in the future and learning the poem "In Flanders Fields."

Current BC Subject Topics

Science 10
Chemical Reactions

Math 10
Linear Functions

ELA 10
Essay writing & MLA citation

CLE 10
Resume writing

Literary Studies 11
Book Study: *Fatty Legs*

Chemistry 11
Organic chemistry

Physics 11
Dynamics

CLE 11
Writing formal emails
Post-secondary research

Pre-calculus 11
Quadratic Inequalities

SS12
Indigenous Peoples
presentation project