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*Sino-Canada High*

# School Beat

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## Former Student Writes Back



Hi, SCHS,

This is Betty Qian. I wrote this quick letter to tell you about some of my experiences at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

The life was tough here at first but everything got better, just as I expected. I lived in dorm when I first came but moved out really quickly. The facilities in the dorm were not bad but there was a regular party in lobby. It drove me crazy! I understand it's part of university

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## SCHS's First Musical



Lead characters are portrayed by Zeo S., Jorius B., Hoyoung Y. and Jack

Many students and teachers worked together for several months to produce the musical *The Wizard of Oz*. It was presented to the rest of the school on the evenings of June 1 and 2.

The director of the musical was Mrs. Abbott. Many students and teachers worked together to provide sets, sound and lighting, make-up, costumes, and choreography.

Many hours of work and practice were put in by the onstage actors. They often practiced

during their own time to learn dialogue, songs, dancing and stage blocking.

Equally important was all the work put in by the other students who worked behind the scenes. They hammered and nailed, painted, put together subtitles, applied make-up, and ran the sound effects and lighting, just to name a few.

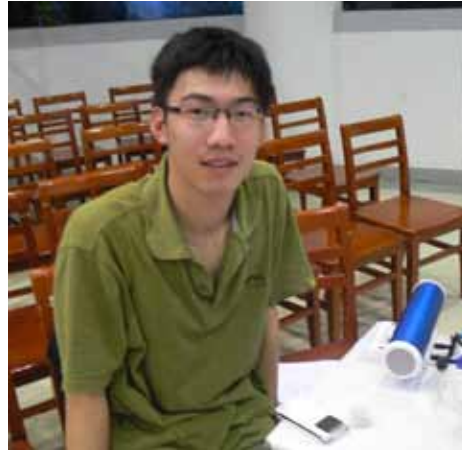
Congratulations to all who contributed in some way to making our first musical production a success! ● *continued on page 2*



## Art Festival

Each spring, a festival is held to celebrate the Arts. This year, activities included an art show, a food fair, kite flying festival, Ikebana contest, and mini carnival. The 2 week celebration ended with the musical production of "The Wizard of Oz". You can read more about these activities in the following pages of School Beat.

# First Musical *continued*



## In the Spotlight



### Tin Man / Hoyoung Y.

**What grade are you in ?**

I am in grade 10.

**What kind of the live theatre do you like best?**

Tragedies.

**What do you think about the play “The Wizard of OZ”?**

It’s my first live theatre experience. I play a lead role, so I feel very excited.

**How do you feel when you are performing?**

I’m not a perfect actor yet. I feel very excited and sometimes get nervous.

**Why did you want to take part in “The Wizard of OZ”?**

I want to learn not be nervous in front of everyone. I’m interested in this part, too.

**What other activities are you good at?**

I’m interested in photography. I want to learn how to make a video next semester.

**What can you learn from performing in front of other?**

Not only do I learn not to be nervous, I also can get some power and self esteem from it. I hope many people come to see our performance.

## Around Campus



Grade 9 students Johnny L., Damon N., and Bob Y. rock it after class



Building sets for the musical



Going to play badminton



“You say this is a nail and I do what with it?”

## Canadian Corner



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### Mother’s Day

In Canada, Mother’s Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in May. Families show their appreciation for all the things mothers do for them. The most popular gift is a bouquet of flowers. Small children also usually make a card, which most mothers save for many years.

#### Idiom:

**At your mother’s knee** – something you learned as a child  
*We learn right from wrong at our mother’s knee.*



### Victoria Day

Victoria Day began as a day to honor Queen Victoria, who was also the Queen of Canada. It is celebrated on the last Monday before May 24. It also marks the beginning of the summer season. Many people put baby tomato plants and other vegetables in their gardens. Other



people go camping for the first time that year.

#### Idiom:

**Queen bee** – a woman with an important position

# Helping Mother Earth



Students at SCHS celebrated Earth Day by planting a garden. The activity was organized by the Roots and Shoots Club. The Club got some extra help for the event from Mr. Ma.

“We wanted to do something exciting for Earth Day,” said Ms. McCallum, the Roots and Shoots Club staff coordinator. “We decided a fun way to get students involved in a hands – on way in the environment would be tree planting or, in this case, planting baby plants!”



Lots of people got involved with this event! Students of Sino-Canada, teachers from Sino-Canada and even a local TV channel came. Students, with the help of some of farmers, planted the baby plants in the school farm land behind the school gym. A variety of baby plants from tomatoes to egg plants and peppers to cucumbers were planted! They will be looked after by the farmers who work on the farm as well as the members of Roots and Shoots.



“Earth is our home. We must remember to take time and help give back to the Earth. One way is through planting trees and plants,” said Ms. McCallum. She reminds students that the Roots and Shoots Club eagerly welcomes new members at any time. ●



## Friendly Match at SCHS: Korea vs China



A football game between Korean and Chinese teams was held on May 11. Every football player tried to play his best at this match. There was much passing and onsets. At the end of competition, the score was 2:0 with the Korean team coming out on top. It was a good students' football game.

Lee Cunningham, one of SCHS's ESL teachers, was the game's referee. "I was helping Mr. Hayes and it gives me a chance to

enjoy football, something all British people like!" The reason for organizing the teams was to give students a chance to have fun and meet others who enjoy the game. Although it was a good game, Mr. Cunningham thinks the teams could use more practice playing as a team.

Mr. Liam Singleton helps Mr. Cunningham with the school football team. "Students can enjoy football. They can have a healthy body and have fun with friends. On the other

hand, football is about team work, so everyone is very important. They need to do more exercise, more passing and more communicating. It will make the team better and better. It will help them to be better in the future. Everyone needs this step in football."

With good instruction and practice, I believe the school football team will continue to improve and do better in the future! ●

## Around Campus



"Owie! I fell off my bike!"



The final round of Sino Rush



"Kung Fu Panda? Don't tell anyone. We're supposed to be studying!"

# Grads Celebrate



This year's graduation ceremony was held on Thursday, May 26 at Gloria Hotel in Suzhou. About 150 students and teachers attended this event. Students and teachers travelled from SCHS by bus.

During the evening, students ate, listened to speeches and awards, watched performances, and danced. The MCs for the evening were Kevin C. and Ava J. who did an excellent job of introducing the evening's events. This year, several toasts were included in the evening's events. James W. and Richard G. toasted the teachers while Mr. Lindholm responded. The toast to the boys was given by Blair Z. and Lydia W. while the girls were toasted by Gary G. and Wilson L.

Several awards were also presented. The Leadership Award was awarded to Karen C., President of the Student Council. Richard G. won the Fellowship Award with the Citizenship Award going to Henry C. The Principal's Award was received by Vivian Y.

A short video of the last three years was produced by Henry C. There was a lot of laughter and a few tears as students remembered their time together at SCHS. Mr. Lindholm continued his tradition of singing a traditional Chinese song at the ceremony.

All in all, another unforgettable memory was created for the students by this final formal evening together. ●

*Wishing you all the best!*



# Staff Stuff at Sino-Canada High School



Mr. Hayes is our PE teacher. He likes challenges. He has been a firefighter for 10 months in BC. He feels very proud of that experience. He also loves hockey and enjoys playing it.

Mr. Hayes has organized many sport activities, such as the basketball tournament and the soccer team. Next year, he'll try to make more activities like volleyball season. He pays 100% passion to each activity.

Though there is much fitness, boys still enjoy his classes. "He makes friends with the students. He tries to encourage everyone to like sports," says, Kevin, one of his students.



Ms. Han Min is a Grade 10 math teacher. As a teacher, she wants to find a balance between friendly and serious. She tries to make friends with the students. Ms. Han tries her best to make sure that all her students master the knowledge she has taught. She wants to make everyone better in math by her hard work. Students like her math class very much. "Her class is full of fun," says Doris.

She likes singing and painting. Her favorite sport is badminton. She often plays badminton in her spare time.

Let's wish Ms. Han can keep doing just as perfectly as she has done so far.



Ms. Ridgway teaches Planning and Communication. Ms. Ridgway enjoys being active and she does many sports such as skiing, skating, and golf. During her leisure time she likes to take bike rides and do ballroom dancing.

Ms. Ridgway's hometown is Vancouver. She lived in China once before many years ago. She thinks the thing that has changed most in China is the clothes. When she first came to China, most people wore traditional clothes. Now most people wear western styled clothing.



Mr. Liang is an ESL teacher. He is from Xu Zhou city. He has been teaching English for thirty-four years. He works hard at his lessons. Many students like him and have fun with him. "This is the modern world. Teachers should love their students, and students should learn from their teachers. Together they can build a friendship which gives students more confidence," he says. During his free time he likes reading, and sometimes he plays badminton.

## Club Scene: Horse Riding



Something new is being tried at SCHS this year - horse riding.

### Q1. Why do you want to have this class?

More and more students want to try new things. Horse riding is a new thing for them. They can study with horses. They will have fun

in the class. Now, horse riding is a program in SCHS. I think this club is good for them.

**Q2. How many students in your class?**  
20 students.

**Q3. How often do students ride each week?**

Most students ride horses 3 times a week, A few students ride horses once a week.

**Q4. Do the students take care of the horses?**

Yes, of course. Students will take care of the horses. They love horses, they think horses are their friends.

**Q5. How many horses are there?**

There are 4 horses in the class.

**Q6. What can students learn from this class or club?**

They can learn how to take care of horses, and how to make friends with animals, That is so important for them.



## Survey Says

Students of SCHS were surveyed to get their opinions to the following question:

"What sport do you like best?"

Basketball:	35 boys	9 girls
Swimming:	10 boys	15 girls
Football:	16 boys	1 girl
Badminton:	10 boys	4 girls

# Kite Festival

On May 17 a Kite Festival was held after BC classes. There was a good wind blowing as all the students and teachers went out to the sports field to fly kites.

The kites were of all shapes, colors and sizes. Some were very big like the octopus with its two big eyes and eight long legs. Another was shaped like a butterfly and was so small it fit in the palm of your hand.

Most kites had one string and some were flown so high that they looked like specks in the sky. Others, such as the two-stringed stunt kites, required much more skill. Mr. Ling was becoming quite good at keeping this kind of kite in the air.

It seems that all participants had good fun that afternoon! ●



## Former Student Writes *continued*



Famous Canadian winters when temperatures dip to -35 and the snow stays for 5 months



The Rocky Mountains

culture in the west but the sleep deprivation made it hard for me to focus on my studies. Then, I moved out after one month.

The new apartment is little bit far from campus, but it is close to a supermarket. The living conditions are better than before, but when the weather turned cold I started to miss the dorm. I had to endure temperatures of around -30 degrees Celsius. Fortunately, one of my roommates has a truck, so when it reached the lowest temperatures I could ask her to take me to school.

Adapting to new things was not easy. I remember my first time taking a bus, searching for a job, finding a new apartment, talking to professors, etc. During those times, I was timid at first, but when I drove myself hard I found, with great enthusiasm, that I survived. Living in Edmonton has become easier now. I enjoy everything very much.

The work is not simple. I admit that some

professors are reviewing what I learnt in high school. But some courses cause a great depression in me! I have no clue. I told the professors of those classes that I wanted to drop them after the midterm. They opposed it and let me take it a bit easier. I almost failed two midterms but I worked hard and got Bs at last. I was nicely surprised.

School advisors also helped me a lot. The major decision which I made this year is to change my major. I transferred from engineering to science successfully with the help of advisors.

I hope my experiences give you an idea of what to expect. Good luck to you all.

Sincerely,  
Betty Qian (Yao Qian)  
Class of 2010

## In the Spotlight



### Dorothy / Jorius B

**What grade are you in ?**

I am in grade 12.

**What kind of live theatre do you like best?**

Tragedies.

**What do you think about the play "The Wizard of OZ"?**

I think it's stimulating. It reminds me of childhood.

**How do you feel when you are performing?**

I feel like I have butterflies in my stomach.

**Why did you want to take part in "The Wizard of OZ"?**

I want to have more theatre performing experience.

**What other activities are you good at?**

Sports and Painting.

**What can you learn from performing in front of others?**

I have to overcome certain fears for stage performing and that could improve my confidence.



## Food Festival

As part of the Art Festival, we also had a Food Festival which was held on May 24. After classes in the afternoon, teachers and students went to the cafeteria. Tables, equipment and ingredients were set up. Some of the teachers had already cooked their food at home. Others showed off their culinary skills to the students. They sliced, diced, mixed and mashed their way to a wonderful food treat.

This year, the food festival was used as a way to raise money for charity. Students bought tokens with which they could buy a small portion of food. The money that was raised will go to the Wujiang Orphanage. People not only had a chance taste different food, but also a chance to help the orphanage children.



## Juniors Show Off Speaking Talents

A junior speaking competition was held for all students, Grades 7 to 9, on May 30. Students presented short dramas and other items to show off their abilities to speak English. Performances were judged by teachers from other departments at SCHS and prizes were awarded to the winners.

Congratulations to all students who participated and their teachers. A lot of hard work went into the planning and practising of competition items, and the organizing of the competition. We look forward to many other such wonderful events!

## Ikebana Contest

Another activity during the Arts Festival was the Ikebana Contest. Classes competed to see who could arrange their flowers most artfully. Their efforts were judged by Ms. Atkins, Mr. Dai, and Mr. Zhou.



## Student Gallery

Sherry, Donna, Olivia, Taya



Larry, Beibei, Frank, Vivian

Students in Ms. McCallum's Comm 12 completed a unit of study on media by producing posters for make-believe products for teachers.



Emily, Will, Rolisa, Eric, Anna  
Bob, Dora, Robin, Leon



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