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*Sino-Canada High*

# School Beat

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## From the VPs' Pen



Your goal for the rest of this term should be to try and improve what you have done in the first part of the term. Remember to obey our school rules, such as not using cell phones in class, and not being late for class. Try to communicate more with your BC and Chinese teachers. Ask questions. Always try to do your best.



**Wow!** That is the only way to describe our first 2 months of school. It is great to see so many students involved in so many activities. Involvement is one of the best ways to prepare for your new life studying in the west. Your classes are your #1 priority, of course, but there is much more to university life than that. Learning now about Terry Fox and Remembrance Day and Hallowe'en and hockey and Canadian football and Thanksgiving and so on, will help you adapt to university life.

Be involved! It's the best way to live a full life.

## A "Spook"tacular Event



These girls get in the "spirit" of the evening with their costumes.

On Thursday, October 28, students of Sino-Canada High School celebrated Halloween at a party organized by a group of senior students. It was an enjoyable way to learn about a favorite western festival. The weather was cold but could not stop students' enthusiasm.

There were so many students and teachers involved in this year's celebration. Many of them dressed up as ghosts, scary monsters or maybe a character in a Dracula movie.

Many activities were organized for the

party. In the gym, there were games, performances, and a costume judging contest which was won by Morgan L. Delicious food was sold in the coffee house set up in the gym entrance. Thanks to the guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Abbott, a Haunted House was made in a nearby abandoned building. The evening was topped off with a fabulous firework display organized by Mr. Abbott.

This event was welcomed by many students and teachers because of the hard work of organizers Oasis Z., June T., Elle X., Agnes T.,

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## Kids in the Hall

### After you graduate from SCHS, which university would you like to go to?



Abbott

"Maybe I would like to go to the University of Hanford."



Frank Z.

"I would rather go to Stanford University."



Alex T.

"Perhaps UBC"



Barry

"I would like to go to Yale University."

## In the Spotlight



Cao Dongfei is in Grade 10. For the Halloween party, she decided to cosplay a popular cartoon character.

### Who did you cosplay?

The character Hatsune Miku.

### Do you like Japanese cartoons? Which is your favorite one?

Yes, I have been crazy about them for the past several years! I like best the kinds of cartoons that are interesting and have deep righteousness.

### What do you think of the character you cosplay?

She is lovely and naughty. You can not break her character!

### Why do you like to cosplay?

Because her bright happy character is like me!

### When did you start to be a cosplayer?

I am not a professional cosplayer. I just like some characters in the cartoons but I have made some bold attempts!

### Will you go on cosplaying in the future?

Yes, if I have the chance, I will still try to. Cosplay gives you more confidence!!!!

## Around Campus



Mr. Wang's History Club

Uncle feeds the chickens at the school farm.-



Todd relaxes with a game of ping pong



Sharon practices piano

## Canadian Corner



### Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is a day to remember all the soldiers who fought for Canada's freedom. Remembrance Day is on Nov.11 every year. On this special day, Canadians wear a red poppy. Only poppies could grow in some of the battlefields of WWI. The soldiers noticed that and that is why we wear a poppy. In cities, towns and villages across Canada, special ceremonies are held to honor the soldiers who fought for

peace and freedom. We remember those who died by standing in silence for 2 minutes.



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### Idioms From the Online Free Dictionary

1. *a fighting chance*—"a small but real possibility that you might do or achieve something."

Study hard and you will have a fighting chance to pass the Business Course.

2. *be fighting mad*—"to be very angry."

I will be fighting mad if you continue to make trouble for me.

# Staff Stuff at SCHS



Miss Jiang teaches Math. She graduated from North China University of Technology. She comes to SCHS by chance and she thinks it is pretty good. She is strict with her students. In her opinion, if you want to learn something from life, you must learning something in books first

Miss Jiang's hobby is travelling. She thinks Canada is a nice country which has a good environment and policy.

Mr. Epp graduated from Simon Fraser University. He teaches Math. He is a nice teacher.

He said he came to SCHS because his wife doesn't want to retire. He feels good at SCHS. He likes it here because of the kids.

Mr. Epp thinks that if a person could learn things from both book and life, it would be perfect.



Ms. Lalonde teaches English 10. She graduated from the University of Victoria. She chose Sino-Canada because she wanted to teach in China. Her special teaching style is relaxed.

Ms Lalonde feels happy at SCHS. She loves both China and Canada because there were many things changing and many variants. She thinks Chinese people are proud of their culture.

Mr. Huang is a Chinese teacher. He graduated from Wuxi Jiangnan University. His hobby is soccer.

Mr. Huang thinks SCHS can educate students who are creative. He loves SCHS and he feels happy in this school. He prefers learning from life than learning from books.



## Club Scene: Intramural Hockey



Ms. Carter, the girls PE teacher is running the hockey club this year.

**Why have you set up this club?**

Lots of students love hockey, and I enjoy watching them play hockey.

**How many students have joined so far?**

Maybe 30.

**Are there more boys or girls in this club?**

Oh, more boys than girls.

**Which part is used more often in hockey, the body or the brain?**

To be a good player you must use them together.

**Can anyone join this club?**

Yes. All they need is good sportsmanship and the desire to have fun

**What do students think about your club?**

Oh! You should ask the students about this question! It seems to me that they are enjoying it.

**What's most important in your club?**

Team work.

**Do you know how many students have learned hockey skills before they joined your club?**

I have no idea.

# Conferences



Volunteer Joseph Z. checks with Mr. Ma.

Parent-Teacher Conferences were held successfully on Thursday, November 4 and Friday, November 5. This activity was good for the communication between parents and the school. It was like a bridge, connecting both parent and teacher together. Parents could know what students are doing and how their studies are going right now. Parents had the chance to talk to all Chinese and BC teachers and even the principal.

The teachers prepared for this meeting conscientiously bringing information about the students' attendance and achievement and behaviour. BC teachers were able to discuss all this with parents because of the help of student volunteers who acted as translators.

In front of the Library there were some volunteers offering drinks for parents and teachers and handing out information to the parents. Parents were pretty satisfied to learn about how their children were doing and to see how their English was improving.

Students, parents, and teachers are looking forward to the next parent-teacher meeting day! ●

## Survey Says

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

**Which singer do you like best?**

Lee Hom Wang	24%
Fahrenheit	14%
Super Junior	13%
Show Luo	11%
Justin Bieber	9%
Jason Zhang	8%
Others	21%

# Thrills But No Spills



Mr. Ling and friends think this ride is just right for them.

On Oct.29.2010, all students and teachers went on a school trip to the amusement park, Happy Valley. It was an exciting experience for everyone.

We woke up an hour earlier in the morning, at 6:00, because the school buses were setting out at 7:00. On the way to the Happy Valley, sleepy students were sleeping or eating their breakfast. When we arrived, the rides and shops at Happy Valley had not started to work, so we had to wait outside. Though it was a bit cold, the students were quite excited. After we got into the Happy Valley, bold students and teachers tried some extremely breathtaking rides. There are mainly four huge Roller Coasters. They seemed the most thrilling. Some of students regarded taking a ride on one of the four as a demonstration of courage while others just enjoyed the feeling of weightlessness.

Time flew by, At 2:30 p.m., students gathered at the gate of the amusement park to get ready to leave and to take a group photo for each class. Many other students stayed in the park, because they wanted to play more games or join the Halloween party in the evening.

This was a memorable school trip! It brought so much excitement for all of us. ●

## Club Scene: Yoga

Ms. Kende has enjoyed yoga for many years. Her goal is to become a yoga instructor.

**Why have you set up this club?**

I think it is good for students.

**How many students have joined in your club so far?**

Fifteen

**Are there more girls or boys in the club?**

There are more girls.

**Which part is used more often, the body or the brain?**

It must be body.

**Can anyone attend this club?**

Anyone can join. Members of the club come when they can.

**What do students think of your club?**

I think they like it.



**What's the most important thing in your club?**

To have a good attitude.

**Do you know how many students have learned yoga before they joined your club?**

I know of only 2.



Two girls looking brave



Help! Mommy!



Wow! Let's do that again!



No cleaning up after this horse!



Is this a wart or a pimple?

### “Spook”tacular Event *continued from page 1*

Lily H. and their many volunteers. Also, many BC teachers and Chinese staff helped make the evening unforgettable.

Proceeds from the 50/50 draw were donated to the Wujiang Orphanage. Mr. Abbott won the draw and donated his share to the orphanage as well. Profits from ticket sales were donated to Cancer Research in China.

It was really a meaningful celebration to all of us. We not only got to experience a bit of western culture, but we also were able to offer our help to those people who need it. All of us were definitely impressed. Thanks to everyone for their participation and support. ●



Love the eyewear!



# Car and Bike Wash



All the boys pitch in to make quick work of the job.

On the 15th of October, Mr Hayes and the Grade 11 boys' PE Class held a car/bike wash. The students wanted to raise some money to buy more equipment for the PE program at our school.

The weather was a bit chilly that day but the sky was clear and the sun was shining. The weather did not seem to cool the enthusiasm of the boys as they washed and polished about 20 motorcycles and scooters belonging to our teachers.

Mr. Hayes said that if the weather continues to be nice and they have time, the boys will have another car/bike wash. ●



## In the Spotlight



Matthew is one of our Grade 10 students. Playing the guitar is his passion. Whenever he has a free minute, he will pick up his guitar and play.

**How long have you been studying guitar?**

About 1 year.

**Why did you decide to study the guitar?**

I like the guitar's sound.

**What do you think of the guitar?**

It's wonderful! It make me feel happy.

**What's your short-term goal?**

To learn to play the guitar better..

**Do you have other hobbies?**

I like playing basketball.

**Why do you like play basketball?**

It's very healthy for me, and it makes me stronger.

**What do you want to do as a career?**

I would like to run a company.

## Kids in the Hall *continued*

**After uou graduate from SCHS, which university would you like to go to?**



Dannis.

"I want to go to the Emily Carr Institute."



Jack

"I would go to the University of Alberta



Ziv C.

"I think the best for me is Waterloo.."



Jack Z.

"I would like to go to Stanford to further my English study."

# Running for Cancer



Students, teachers, and support staff ran, jogged and walked in support of the event.

On Tuesday, November 9, our school participated in a meaningful activity, "The Terry Fox Run". It was organized by Mr. Hayes, the boys PE teacher. The purpose of this event was to let us remember and celebrate the people who have experienced the illness of cancer. Mr. Hayes also thought that the Terry Fox Run would be a great event to bring people together to run for purpose. Students, teachers, administrators and support staff all took part in some way in this event.

When asked what he would do if he got cancer like Terry Fox, Mr. Hayes said that he would have a positive outlook and try to overcome this illness. He said he would never give up the fight and he would let people know the severity of this disease. ●



Nearing the finish line



BC teachers prepare to take part.

## Student Voices



*Dora is a student in English 11. These are her thoughts about the lessons we learn and how they affect our future.*

There are many different ways we learn a lesson. Some people get a lesson from their mistakes and some people get a lesson by reading books. Lessons we learn from the same experience also varies from people to people. Despite these differences, all the lessons we learn affect our future by helping us gain insights from the lessons and helping us improve ourselves.

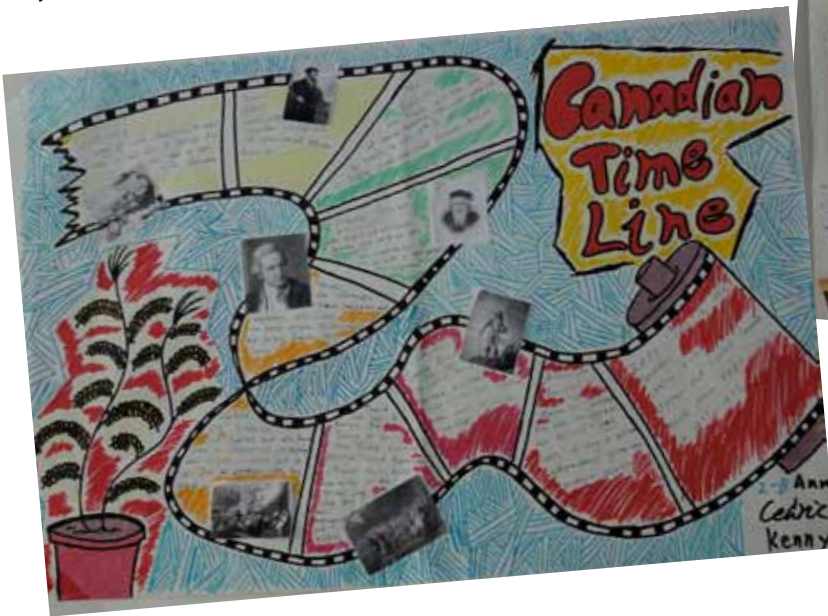
People do make a lot of mistakes in their lives and sometimes they learn lessons from them. They try not to make the same mistakes again. However, sometimes they will forget what they've learned from their mistakes and they would make the same mistakes and think that what they've learned is not helpful at all. But still, the mistakes that they made again would remind you of the lesson you've learned before. This is how lessons we've learned affect our future. For example, I used to forget things a lot and it was very usual for me to not do assignments until the deadline and get my grades cut off. So one day, I started taking notes on everything. I wrote down the things I needed to do one by one to not miss anything. At first, I was lazy of taking my notebook from my bag and I just tried to remember it, but I forgot them again and again. I kept learning the same lesson again and again, too. Finally, I came over it and now I always take notes, whenever and wherever. Sometimes it is hard to recognize that you're changing in some way after learning a lesson, but still it is helping you improve yourself.

On the other hand, lessons we learn lead us to success in our lives. There are many people who read books to get an important lesson from them. I'm one of those and I'm influenced by the books a lot. I read a story about a seven-year-old boy who had cancer and I was very impressed by him and his bravery. ●

# Student Gallery



Lily S.



Ann  
Cedric  
Kenny



Vicki  
Sookie  
Tommy

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