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#### LASALLE COMMUNITY COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL

# IB NEWSLETTER

#### **IB Learner Profile**

The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people. As IB learners, our students must strive to be:

- Thinkers: Design Class (September)
- Communicators:
   Language A (October)
- Risk-Takers: Arts (November)
- Caring: Community and Service (December)
- Reflective: Math (January)
- Inquirers: Science (February)
- Open-Minded: Language B (March)
- Principled: Social Sciences (April)
- Knowledgeable & Balanced: Personal Project and Physical Education (May and June)

At the end of each month, one or two IB students per subjectspecific class will be awarded a **certificate of excellence**.

# IB Learner Profile Awards for October



#### **COMMUNICATORS** (Language A)

Communicators "can express themselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. They collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups."

Level 1: Nikolas Korderas & Rachel-Naiomi Campbell-Farray

Level 2: Lea Tsin & Raquel Costa

Level 3: Asia Mason & Chris DiGiacomo

Level 4: Raidah Syeda Aminah

Level 5: Inderjit Chhina & Emily Draicchio

Congratulations to these students for demonstrating EXCELLENT communication skills!

Next month: RISK-TAKERS - Those who "approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; they work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. They are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change".

## **Personal Project Corner**

Congratulations to Laura Timmis for having raised \$628.50 for cancer awareness on October 17<sup>th</sup> and a big thanks to all students and staff having contributed to the cause. Her goal is to reach \$1000, so continue listening to the morning announcements as there are more fundraising events to come!



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#### **IB Outreach Project (Ms. Intrevado)**

Secondary 5 IB students held their first Outreach Project activity day on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Outreach Project is a Sec. 5 community project whose goal is to foster and strengthen connections between LCCHS students and people with special needs in the community. Students and clients participated in a variety of Halloween-themed activities as well as dancing and sports. Friendships have already been established and within the next month, students will begin to meet with their assigned client(s) on their leisure time; this may include meeting with them for coffee, a movie, a sports activity, a library visit, etc. Students have expressed their appreciation for this project as it has encouraged them to reach out to a community they were previously unaware of.

#### **Outdoors Club (Ms. Nielsen)**

Surrounded by constant digital distractions, from cell phones to television, high school students often seem to be tuned out and wired up. The Outdoors Club was created with the intention of allowing students to tune into the natural world around them and disconnect from the digital world, even if for only a little while. On October 14th, the newly formed Outdoors Club, consisting of 17 students from

Sec. 3, 4 and 5 went for a hike on Mount Royal. The range of students attending our first activity was interesting; not only did they vary in age, social group and background, but also in their outdoor experience. For some, it was their first time at Mount Royal or on a hike, while others had done wilderness training with the Cadets. Together, we found our stride as we enjoyed the beautiful colours of fall and were treated with a clear view of the island while resting at the top. The reaction during the hike and feedback after the activity was more than a teacher could ask for, and students who had not attended the outing now asked to join the club. We attained our goal, which was to have students get out into nature and to appreciate their surroundings at little or no monetary cost. The word is out: LCCHS's Outdoors Club is a success!



### **Spotlight on IB Alumni**



Spotlight on <u>Victoria Pontarelli</u>: After graduating from LCCHS in the IB program, Victoria pursued her post-secondary education at Dawson College in Cinema, Video and Communications. She currently attends Concordia University in the field of Communication and Cultural Studies and will obtain her Bachelor's degree in December 2014. During her time at Dawson, she volunteered for Astral Media (Virgin Radio, Chom and CJAD), which led to various contract positions at the company. Way to go, Victoria!

Coming soon to an IB school near you... IB Hoodies! - More info to come