



June 28, 2010

Gold River Secondary School

Another school year has come to a close. We wish students a safe and happy summer vacation. We look forward to seeing them in September. The first day of school is September 8, Wednesday. School will be in session from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon. Timetables will be distributed and students will meet with their homeroom teachers.

Track and Field

Frosty morning practices paid dividends for our 2010 Track and Field Team. Our dedicated team grew in confidence and performance improved with each event. Five athletes qualified for the Vancouver Island Track and Field Championships in Victoria. Podium finishes were turned in by all athletes. Notable performances include our victory in the 4X400 relay at the Comox Valley Invitational (Alex Tran, Sid Toohey, Jacob Matthews, and Colton Erickson). Sid shone in the middle distances, placing on the podium in the 1500 m and 3000 m. Alex kept pace with Sid by placing in the top three in the 800 meters. Jacob hurled the javelin an outstanding 36 meters to take the silver medal (one of the longest throws in BC this year). In addition to Colton's many podiums this year, he leaped 5.06 meters breaking the formidable 5 meter barrier at the Vancouver Island Championships. Matt consistently hurled the shotput in the 9 meter range flirting with the 10 meter barrier. †The team is poised to own the podium in 2011 as they continue to build their strength, technique, endurance, and speed. Coach Parkes is very proud of the athletes' performances and efforts this season.

Reminder to Parents/Guardians

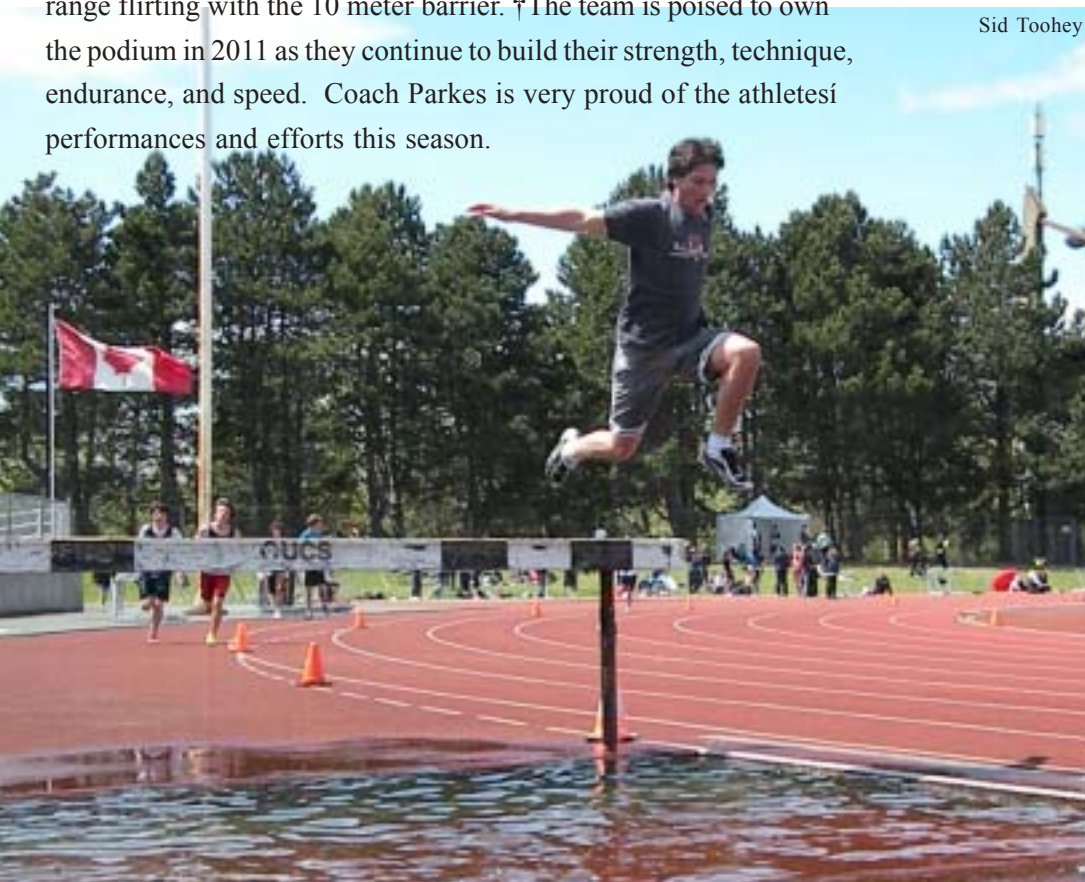
Timetables will not be included with Report Cards due to technical difficulties with our new Information System.

Dates to Remember:

- September 7 - Non-Instructional Day (no classes)
- September 8 - School in session from 10:00 am to noon.
- September 9 - Regular classes
- September 21 - School photos
- September 29- Parent Advisory Committee meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- October 8 - Interim Reports

Bus Schedule for September 8

- Pick-up at Tsaxana 9:30 a.m.
- Pick-up at GRSS 12:00 noon



Sid Toohey



Colton Erickson

Girlsí Soccer

Snow, sleet, or rain ñ bring it! The Girlsí Soccer team grew stronger and more cohesive with every practice and match. Their dedication was only surpassed by their willingness to improve. Led by Captain Kristanna Fiddler, the team took the seasoned Carihi club†to a shoot-out. After seven shooters the referee declared the game a draw. The team is poised to build their stamina and skills with the goal of qualifying for next yearís†Vancouver Island Championships. The girls can be very proud of their performance and effort this season.

Gold River Secondary School E-Spirit Team Wins Special Achievement Award in Ottawa

There were 78 teams (over 190 students) competing this year at E-Spirit held at the University of Ottawa. E-Spirit is an Internet-based National Aboriginal Youth Business Plan Competition. Teams of students develop a business plan for a mock business. This program is designed to increase studentsí awareness of entrepreneurial/business opportunities, management/business skills, and e-commerce and technological capacities. To qualify for the competition each team must complete and submit a business plan and promotional video. We had one team qualify for the national competition this year, Precious Little Ones Daycare-iUsma.î Clarissa Thomas presented her powerpoint in one of 3 rooms. She did very well and easily answered all of the judgesí questions about her business plan. She also participated in a trade show where each team was judged by two judges.

Twelve Special Achievement Awards were presented at the Gala Celebration. Clarissa received the award for *Most Original Name*. Clarissa was an excellent ambassador for our school and her community.



Encounters with Canada

If you are in grade 11 or 12 next year and would like to spend a week in Ottawa with students from across Canada, contact the Office for application forms. More details at www.encounters-rencontres.ca

Nootka Sound Outdoor Program

The *Nootka Sound Outdoor Program*, allows students to explore a world of enquiry beyond the confines of the classroom and earn credits toward graduation while engaging in wilderness pursuits. Activities will take advantage of our unique location and will include hiking, back packing, rock climbing, kayaking/canoeing, skiing, and caving, to name a few. This unique Board Authority Authorized course, offered outside the regular school timetable during weekends and holidays, provides students the flexibility of choosing activities that interest them at their comfort level. A main theme of the program is rational decision-making to keep participants safe in the outdoors.



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