



## FASHION SHOW SUCCESS!

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### STUDENTS COMPETE FOR SGD 17 \$5K PRIZE

Rylan and Francesca are two grade 12 students who have been selected to present at the Sustainable Development Challenge at the end of February. Story on pg. 4

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THIS MONDAY, FEB 26th @ DROP-OFF @ FRONT OF SCHOOL

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## TAX RECEIPTS READY NOW

Come in to the office and pick up your tax receipts. Kill two birds with one stone (not literally of course!): save us a stamp and say hi to our friendly staff!



## GLOBAL SCHOOL HOUSE WEEK



Gabe Cimbaro, Kelsey Hann, and Meghan Trahar all volunteered with others this week with Global Citizen's Global Village. Our volunteers educated and entertained hundreds of students across school district 23 over the past couple of days to raise awareness about how other children live in other parts of the world.

## PSG NEWS: BOTTLE DRIVE

MONDAY, FEB 26th @  
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The PSG will be sorting right after drop-off & then delivering to the bottle depot.

Volunteers are greatly needed & would be very much appreciated.

Any parents that are able to offer a couple of hours of their time, please email;

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Rena Clarkson [renaeclarkson@gmail.com](mailto:renaeclarkson@gmail.com)

(If you are unable to donate or volunteer this time around, not to worry, there will be at least 2 more collections to do so).



GRAD FASHION SHOW  
Grade 12 students delight peers and families with their  
skits in the 2018 version of this Immaculata tradition.



### STUDENTS COMPETE FOR SDG 17 CHALLENGE:

(Cntd. from cover) They are **one of the eight finalists** out of thirty four teams that applied. They have focused their attention on Gender Equality and Quality Education by partnering with Global Friends Foundation. Their project will be executed in the Kiboga District in Northern Uganda!

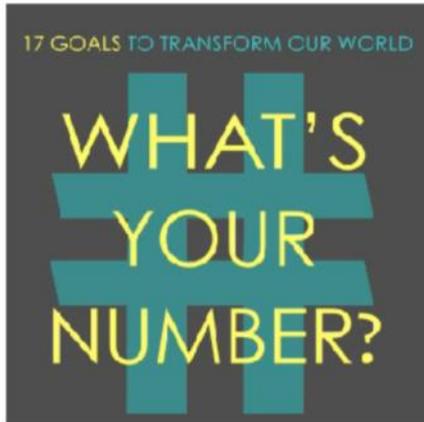
They will build a Vocational Classroom that teaches young women hair styling. The girls in Uganda dream of being able to style their hair and grow their hair out. While this may seem so simple to our society, in Uganda, this is not simple. Managing their hair is difficult, it grows very slowly, and is typically kept short for health reasons. Vocational training is critically important in

this part of the world; it is the only way to teach this skill. Building this classroom will provide females with skills, business opportunities and independence that leads to their overall empowerment.

*“As young women we both believe in the importance of confidence as well as preparing ourselves for a future in which we can support ourselves and have a skill set that allows not only our own expression but a career as well. Further, when we asked our NGO directly, about gender equality and quality educational needs, they enthusiastically asked us to help them with a hair styling classroom. For the women of this community, this is a huge opportunity. Interestingly, the boys would like to learn as well from a career and family perspective.*

*Women and girls continue to suffer discrimination and violence in every part of the world. Further, cultural hierarchy in families still give the male control unless the female can demonstrate independence. This is changing in the region of Uganda where our project will be implemented. Women with vocational skills and greater education are starting businesses. Gender equality is not only a fundamental human right, but a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world. Our project helps women with*

*self-expression and raises their level of confidence and provides them a life-long skill, that can ultimately result in a business opportunity. The women in the community are directly asking us to help with this program which address our SDG goals below.”- Rylan*



Global Citizen Events invites you to the

## SUSTAINABLE

DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGE

Come out and show your support for our 8 high school teams competing to win \$5000 to make their ideas and passions a reality!

**Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30-1pm**

**Kelowna Community Theatre**



We are requesting you help them with this project by visiting their website at <http://KibogaBeauty.causevox.com>

You can make a tax-deductible donation on this site. More importantly, they would like you spread the news and help us. If you know anyone who may be interested in supporting this through their business, especially hair salons, they would love to hear from you.

Also, check out their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Hairstyle-Kiboga-148043472552251/>

## SHOW YOUR IMMAC SPIRIT AND SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS

CALLING ALL STUDENTS INTERESTED IN MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE!

Immaculata's own Francesca Drummond and Rylan Cameron are representing YOU at the Sustainable Development Challenge.

We need you to CHEER them to VICTORY and \$5000 by being part of a cheering squad at the event.

Are you interested in Social Justice? Interested in being part of our Social Justice 12 class next year? Get an early start and join the **CHEER BUS** to the **Rotary Centre for the Arts, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm.**

See Mr. Richard for details and a permission form to go to the event.



## LATE OR TARDY

Please CALL the office and leave a recorded message for Mrs. Despina if your child will be absent or late. It is very important that every student is accounted for when marked away and Mrs. Despina will be calling if she has not heard from you.

*She needs to know where your student is for safety reasons.*

## CALENDAR ITEMS

### PSG BOTTLE DRIVE

Feb 26

### RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Feb 27

### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGE

Feb 28

**COUNSELLOR'S CORNER****ANOTHER GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR IMMACULATA STUDENTS:**

*If you were wondering why you haven't heard anything about the TRIUMF High School Fellowship, here's why:* TRIUMF ([www.triumf.ca](http://www.triumf.ca)) and Life Sciences British Columbia (LSBC <http://lifesciencesbc.ca>) are proud to announce the formation of the successor to the High School Fellowship program:

**The Young Engineers and Scientists (YES!) Fellowship** (<http://www.triumf.ca/academic-programs/awards-fellowships/yes-fellowship>) offers six-week summer research experiences to graduating secondary students in British Columbia entering their first year at a recognized post-secondary institution. The Fellowship includes an award of \$3,000. The intent of the YES Fellowship is to motivate graduating students with a passionate interest in science to pursue a research career by offering them the opportunity to experience a real life research environment.

**A minimum of three positions will be offered at TRIUMF**, for whom travel and housing allowances will be offered to students from outside Metro Vancouver who need it. These students will have taken Math 12 and Physics 12 (or equivalents) and are interested in pursuing a degree in the physical sciences or engineering.

The C. Gordon Lindsay CSSE Engineering Award will be offered once again.

**A further three or more positions will be offered by the LSBC** for placements at local companies and/or research institutions (e.g. Centre for Drug Research and Development at UBC <http://www.cdrd.ca>). This year the positions are limited to students who do not require travel or housing allowances. These students will have taken one of Biology, Chemistry or Physics 12, and are interested in pursuing a degree in the life sciences.

Otherwise, the program will function much as before, with placement dates starting in first week of July going on for six or seven weeks.

*The updated application forms are NOT yet ready, but will be very soon. Please stay tuned for the application announcement coming in the next week or so.*

*In the meantime please bring this exciting new program to the attention of promising young students in your schools and ask them to keep an eye out for news at our website.*

<http://www.triumf.ca/academic-programs/awards-fellowships/yes-fellowship>

Best wishes,

Marcello Pavan

for TRIUMF and Life Science B.C.

## COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

### DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM

Here is a very interesting program that UBC-O will be implementing in September 2018:

*"My name is Ayman Elnaggar. I am with the School of Engineering at UBCO. As part of our out-reach activities and to enhance high school students' transition experience to postsecondary education, we have started the deployment of the **Dual Credit Program** with SD23 and other high schools in Kelowna. (Yes it includes Immaculata students).*

*The Dual Credit program will allow high calibre students to earn up 12 credits at UBCO under the Concurrent Enrollment Program (<http://students.ok.ubc.ca/enrolment-services/nondegree/options/concurrent.html>) Credits are transferrable to any postsecondary institute in Canada.*

*We have carefully selected set of courses, and developed a very special mentoring and scheduling system that allows students to easily integrate with our student community (courses are scheduled after 4:30pm, for example). The program is **also open for international students**.*

*We have just signed an Memorandum of Collaboration with SD23 that recognizes these courses towards high school credits as well and we want to extend this excellent opportunity to Immaculata Regional High School. The courses are expected to start this September 2018."*

*Kind Regards,*

*Ayman Elnaggar, PhD, PEng*

*School of Engineering-UBC Okanagan*

I will be talking to all the grade 10 and 11 students this coming Monday during X-block about this very limited opportunity.

### GRADE 12

Hello All Grads:

Language Arts 12 (English 12) exam results for the January 2018 exam session are currently being processed and will be released on or before Monday, March 5.

As always parents if there is anything that is confusing please contact me and I will help out where I can.

Thanks and have a great weekend!

**Brian Drosdovech**

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# ALUMNI REUNION NEWS



Our Immaculata Homecoming Reunion August 3, 4 & 5 needs your help! We have a fashion show that is in need of seamstresses and models.

NEEDED:

### 3 Seamstresses for "Immaculata Through the Ages"

- Someone to create a teen era costume for 1939-50. **ALREADY TAKEN!** Thank you Ingrid Uhrich!
- Someone to create teen boy and girl era costumes for 1950s and 1960s
- Someone to create teen boy and girl era costumes for 1970s and 1980s
- Someone to create teen boy and girl era costumes for 1990s and 2000s

We will provide the teen models for sizing and materials if you need them.



ALSO NEEDED:

Models for each decade of Immaculata's history: 1940s, 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's, 00's and the present. A model will not walk a runway but be a placeholder and greeter for all of our guests. Are you a good representative of Immaculata? We need you. Service hours for the day's events will be provided.

If you can help with any of the above, please contact me at [grichard@cisnd.ca](mailto:grichard@cisnd.ca)

Grant Richard



### CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENT

**OZANAM RECOVERY HOUSE**  
 PRESENTS A CELEBRATION OF RECOVERY  
 Help Your Self : Songs and Stories with Séan McCann of Great Big Sea  
 MONDAY MARCH 5TH • for more information visit [www.recoverykelowna.ca](http://www.recoverykelowna.ca)  
 Remedy'sRx @OzanamHouse

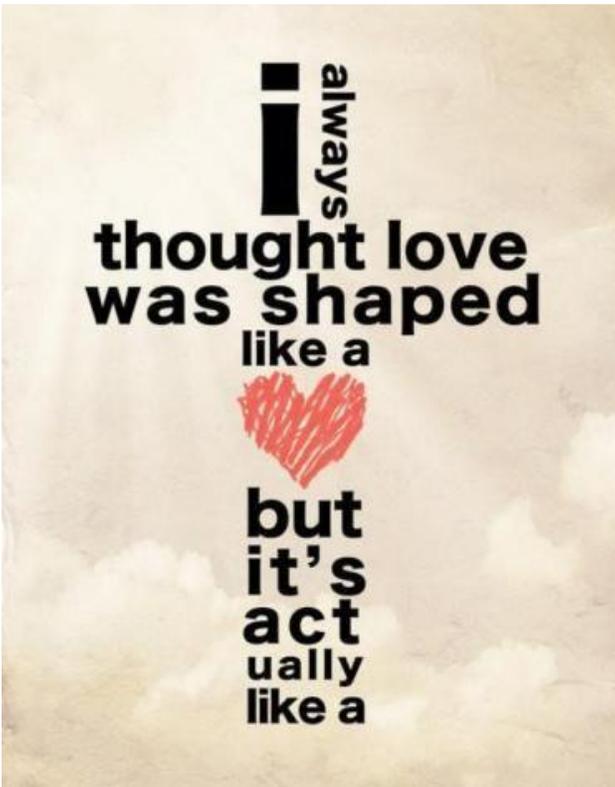
Tickets: \$45

Rotary Centre for the Arts, 7:30pm . Buy now: [RCA](#)

For tickets and information **AT SCHOOL CONTACT:** Ashley D or Lucy F

Or go to: [www.recoverykelowna.ca](http://www.recoverykelowna.ca)

### 40 DAYS OF LENT



### LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Tuesday Feb 27, 2018

The Reconciliation service goes from 10-12 and it is for students only. All Catholic students are invited and encouraged to participate in the Sacrament, using this time of Lent to refocus on, or rededicate their lives to, the Lord Jesus. The service is held in the gym, and priests from around the diocese come to hear the students' confessions.

# BECOME A HOMESTAY FAMILY

*Discover another culture while giving a student a life-changing Canadian experience.*



## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Live within 45 minutes of school
- Transportation to and from school via bus or car
- Furnished bedroom for student's sole use
- English speaking household
- Provide opportunities to learn about Canada, BC, and the Okanagan

**\$100 REFERRAL BONUS FOR CURRENT HOST FAMILIES WHO REFER NEW HOST FAMILIES!**



For more information please contact:

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## ¿HABLAS ESPAÑOL?

Spain Exchange 2018-19.

**ONLY 2 SPOTS LEFT!!!**

Any interested students for the Spain exchange for next year please contact [bmelnyk@cisnd.ca](mailto:bmelnyk@cisnd.ca) to get your name on the list.

After applying for the program, we match to find the best partner from Castilla Y Leon region in Spain (far away from the Barcelona political difficulties). You host this student in Sept/October and then travel to Spain the first week in March and return the last week in April (roughly 7 weeks).

*This is the best possible way to learn Spanish, experience another culture and explore the world.*

Blaine Melnyk

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

### VOLUNTEER HOURS AVAILABLE

We are looking for some Immaculata students to volunteer at an upcoming Indoor Wheel-chair Rugby tournament on March 3 & 4 at Constable Neil Bruce in West Kelowna. Duties will include filling water bottles, score keeping, serving lunch etc. If you're interested, please see Mr. Melnyk or text Shelley Brodeur 250-300-3028.

Thank you!

Shelley Brodeur  
Assistant Homestay Coordinator  
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## ROOTED IN FAITH

12:15-12:40 on Mondays at Immaculata Regional High School chapel. All family members welcome. Looking forward to praying with you.

Next two sessions we will be praying specifically for:

February 19, 2018 IRHS Chapel 5Z - Ronnie Zerr

February 26, 2018 IRHS Chapel 12A—Freya Vos

View full schedule [here](#).



## LINKS

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