



Harbour Views

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*"The most I can do for my friend is simply be his friend."
- Henry David Thoreau*

Exchange students love Harbour View High

By Harbour Views Staff

"It's clean."

"It's friendly."

"There's too much snow."

Those are just a few of the comments made by the ten students who are here at Harbour View High School from Concord College in Beijing.

Jim Nie, Adrian Wang, Jack Zhu, Jason Qiu, James Liu, Vanessa Li, Michelle Wei, who are all from China and Julie Ju, Judy Kim and Alice Lee, who are from Korea, landed in Saint John in early February.

"We have ten students here at the school," says Mrs. Sana Nearing, Coordinator for the Exchange Program. "They arrived on February 7th, and are here for the entire semester. Their main reason for coming to Harbour View is to improve their English and learn more about Canadian life and customs."

For part of the day the students meet with Mrs. Bev Powell for English Language instruction. A quick visit to their classroom proves that they are eager to practice the language skills they are learning.

When asked what new food they've tried and enjoyed while in Canada they replied "lasagna" and "barbeque". When asked about what they don't like about Canadian food the answers were as varied as "it's too sweet" and "I don't like green peppers."

Another experience that's proving to be unusual for them is the fact that Canadians live in houses. Not one of the ten students here lives in a house back home; they all live in apartments.



Exchange students are met by Harbour View High students and staff at the Saint John airport in early February. (Cheryl Doucette Photo)

They have a few things they'd like to do before their time in Canada is up. (They leave on June 12th.)

Vanessa Li wants to cut her hair and Jason Qiu wants to buy an iPhone.

Despite the inevitable homesickness (which they are able to alleviate with MSN, although the 12 hour time difference does make it difficult), none of these ten students regret their decision to come to Canada.

"The environment in Saint John is good," says Adrian Wang.

Harbour View High is the only high school in District 8 to host exchange students. Students from this school will be able to visit China this summer. Applications will be available from Mrs. MacGregor some time later this month.



Get the scoop on the East West Challenge on page 4!

(Robert O'Connell Photo)

March at HVHS

- 16th - HVHS Choir in F'ton
- 16th - Anti-Bullying Week kicks off
- 17th - Theatre Arts presents Bull-E Project
- 18th - Movie shown at lunch
- 19th - Documentary 'The Instigator'
- 20th - Extended homeroom activities
- 26th - Teacher Coffee House
- 27th - PD Day No school

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HVHS's Relay for Life Helps Make Cancer History!

By Rachelle Bastarache

As the winter season fades, slowly (but surely!), spring begins, bringing with it new life and new opportunities. But here at Harbour View, it also begins the countdown to our most anticipated event of the year- Relay for Life.

This amazing event, put on by our school in partnership with the Canadian Cancer Society, has been an annual event since 2007. Every year, a few hundred high school students and teachers come together to recognize the impact of cancer on all of us, and raise funds to try and make this terrible disease history! So far, we have managed to raise over \$25, 000, an amount we hope to double this year.

As with most things, the preparations for this event are long and hard. Countless hours go into this 24-hour walk, and there are a number of people who have already started organizing this year's Relay.

Thank you in advance for enabling us to make this event a success.

Hopefully, you are all asking how you can help out in this amazing opportunity. Our committee is actively seeking businesses in the community who can aid us financially, or with food donations that we can give out to our participants. If anyone would like more details about this event, feel free to contact Harbour View by phone at 658-5359.

The beautiful part of writing is that you don't have to get it right the first time unlike, say, a brain surgeon.

- Robert Cormier

Do you need help with your writing?

Bring your rough copy to

The HVHS

Writing Centre

(located off the Viking Lounge)

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from 8:30-1:30.

Sign up book is available in the library.



Harbour View High School's contribution to the 2008 Relay of Life. (Cheryl Doucett Photo)

Animals are not ours to abuse

By Frances Gray

How would you like to be treated like a piece of furniture locked in a cage? How about constantly being loaded into big trucks, kept in storage areas, and then forced to perform in front of a crowd of hundreds of people, all screaming till their voices are lost to the world?

Month after month, city after city, not to mention the long hours in the back of a truck driving from one 'big-top' to the next, circus animals are carted around. I wouldn't want to have to endure that kind of pressure in that kind of environment, and I'm guessing neither do most of you.

In my opinion, it's not fair to treat animals this way. I mean, I enjoy the thrill and intensity of a good circus as much as the next person, but there are so many ways to enjoy the circus just as much, if not more, *without* the aid of a harassed elephant or lion. Lots of well known circus acts and traveling entertainers that have been recognized all over the world *do not* include animals in their performances. *Cirque de Soleil* is a prime example of animal-free entertainment. With eight scheduled performances coming to Saint John from June 10th-14th 2009, it would be the perfect opportunity to experience a

world-famous circus, without giving your money away to people that support torturing animals for entertainment. Other examples include; *Circus Chimera*, *Cirque Éloize*, *The Flying High Circus* and many more.

"I think the exploitation of animals in circuses is wrong and cruel and should be banned from society. Whoever thinks seeing an innocent animal suffer is entertainment, is messed up!" says Zoe Bell-Smith, a grade nine student.

"Animal cruelty is logically and morally unjust," says Joe Comeau.

But not *all* animals are severely tortured and harassed, actually, a lot of them aren't, and although that still doesn't change the fact that a lot of animals are still being beaten into submission with whips and other tools, it's a huge relief to the many people who care about these poor creatures. So next time the circus is in town, remember what you just read, and maybe just go play baseball instead.

For more ideas and ways to help protect animals, visit www.peta2.com

Viva La France: Harbour View Students Abroad

By Sara McCullough

Beginning February 28, a select few Vikings have been exploring the amazing city of Paris. The wonderful sights we've seen, the people we've met and the experiences we've had, have created memories that will last a lifetime.

We started our week with a quick exploration of Toronto. We made our way first to the CN Tower for a ride to the Sky Pod, then raced off to the Eaton Center for a quick lunch and speed shopping before we caught our connecting flight to Paris. Another highlight for us was meeting the two other groups we would spend our week with.

The plane ride was mellow and relaxing, and we were well rested for our busy week ahead. Upon arrival in Paris, we were greeted by our tour director who took us on a walking tour of Paris. This tour guide was sweet, and the ones to follow were totally radical. They introduced us to some interesting technology: a gadget called a "Whisper" which was basically a headset with earphones so we could hear the guide even if we weren't really close.

Going up in the Eiffel Tower was a memory we'll have for life. The tower was lit up every hour with sparkling lights. The view from the top: a magnificent 324 meter panorama. You could see everything in the city, including a soccer game going on below.

The shopping centres... amazing. We got to shop at stores like La Route des Indes, Chanel, Bench, and so many more. We browsed along Champs d'Elysee. There were so many interesting souvenirs to take home; so many were of important monuments and special places in France.



I should mention that our group likes to have fun, so our transportation rides were thoroughly enjoyed.

While riding the metro and taking in the music of a local guitar player, we got lost in the moment... okay, well we danced... with a pole.

And bussing, it's waaayy better than walking, and believe me, we did plenty of walking. Our comfy bus took us on a great tour of the city to see the biggest of attractions like Notre Dame Cathedral, Eiffel Tower and L'Arc de Triomphe. The speed train that we travelled on went an insane 300km per hour! It was crazy! It took us 2 and 1/2 hours to travel 600kms to Avignon. We also went on an exciting boat ride on the Seine River. We hopped on a boat at nighttime and went on a tour of the city. The city was so pretty at dusk, a truly wonderful-memory.

Going to the Louvre and Versailles were true insights into history. We met at the inverted glass pyramid, like the one featured in "The DaVinci Code". We got to see the bedrooms of King Louis and Marie Antoinette (and where they created the baby King Louis). The Hercules room in Versailles held the second biggest ceiling painting in the world! In Notre Dame Cathedral, the magnitude of the silent building was so striking. When you enter it, you see the beautiful altar and all of the detailed sculptures.

We Vikings have truly enjoyed what we have seen and look forward to seeing so much more. We can't wait to see what's coming next. The more I travel, the more I learn, and have a new insight into the world.

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Choir exchange organized between HVHS and St Thomas University

By Fiona Milne

Before they gear up for their expedition to Italy, the HVHS chorale ensemble will be travelling somewhere a little closer to home.

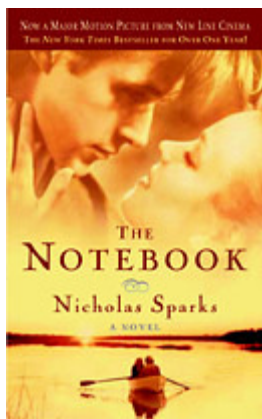
For the first time ever, the choir will be performing an exchange concert with Saint Thomas University. This involves the choir going to Fredericton to sing for the STU choir, and the choir coming down to Saint John to perform here!

"The St. Thomas University Choir is directed by Dr. Willis Noble. Dr. Noble was my organ teacher for more than 10 years," says Mr. Molloy.

"Willis first encountered HVHS 2 years ago when he adjudicated us at the Music Festival (where we cleaned up!!) and again last year he came down and spent a morning with my Choral Studies class. Willis called me over Christmas inquiring about the possibility of doing a joint concert."

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Read a Good Book Lately?



The Notebook by Nicholas Sparks is about a girl and guy who fall in love and spend the entire summer together. When her parents meet him, they disapprove of him because he is poor, and she has to leave him. Years later, she returns to visit him and this is where the story begins. The thing is the story is being told by the man to the woman whom it happened to. I liked the part when she visits him again because it really kicks off the story well. I would recommend this book to people who like romantic stories.

Reviewer: Stacie Smith, Grade 9

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ATTENTION!!! ATTENTION!!! UNE OPPORTUNITÉ A NE PAS MANQUER !!! Des nouvelles pour les élèves de Français de Harbour View.

Submitted by Mr. Sprague-Hay

What are you doing this summer? Do you want to *have fun* and improve your second language? Well now you can! You are invited to apply for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

What is it?

The *Summer French Program* is a four-week immersion program funded by the Department of Education. The program has been in existence for nearly thirty years and is administered by the Université de Moncton, Moncton campus. In 2009 the program will run from June 28th to July 24th.

The program offers classes in the morning, until about 2 pm, and then a number of activities that occupy the students' time until night-time.

Who can attend?

A total of 90 students from throughout New Brunswick who have completed grade 9 or 10 by June 2009 will be chosen to participate in this program. The distribution of places will be determined on a per capita basis and each school district will be allotted a specific number of places.

How much does it cost?

Great news! The Department of education will fund the program! Funding will cover the cost of tuition, room and board in residence, excursions and required instructional materials. Only travel to and from Moncton, the \$50 deposit, and spending money will be the responsibility of the student.

How can I apply?

To obtain an application form please see Mr. Sprague Hay or any of your French teachers. **The deadline for application is March 31st.** Once completed, students submit their applications to Mr. Sprague Hay, who must approve the application. The applications are then sent to the district learning specialist, who makes the first selection based on their division of the district quota. Students submit a \$50 dollar deposit, which is returned to them a) if they withdraw before May 31, b) when they show up for registration. The deposit is forfeited if the student has not withdrawn and does not show up on registration day. Students who need to register a day late must inform us prior to the beginning of the program, or they face being replaced on registration day.

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Students hope math skills add up

By Sarah Reed

Harbour View High School participated in the 47th staging of the Canadian Mathematics Competition on Wednesday February 18th. The Canadian Mathematics competition is hosted by the University of Waterloo, and has been written every year since 1963. This competition is created for grade nine, ten, and eleven students, and is broken down into three different categories.

The first category, the Pascal contest, is for grade nine students, the second, the Cayley Contest, for grade ten students, and the third, the Fermat contest, for grade eleven students. Each test has twenty five multiple choice questions that range from easy to difficult, and the test is marked out of a total 150. Unlike most tests, that test students on specific content, these contests evaluate students on their ability to think logically and solve problems.

This contest gives students and schools a chance to show off their math skills locally, provincially, and even nationally. The aim for this contest is not a final grade; this is one of the few tests in life that has no passing or failing grade. The University of Waterloo created this contest as a fun way to challenge students and give them a chance to shine in a certain area. However, students who do exceptionally well on this contest will be rewarded. Five students from Harbour View received a certificate of distinction last year for their high scores, and we hope to have even more this year.

East-West Challenge is a Slam Dunk!

By Lindsay Vienneau

The astonishing school spirit of Harbour View High School was truly evident during February 12th's East-West Challenge, which took place at Simonds High School. The claps and cheering of the Sea Bees simply could not vanquish the roars from our Vikings, clad in maroon and white. Some students were dressed in their school shirts, and some students even dressed up like Vikings, but either way, Simonds High School was painted maroon that night. It was an amazing sight to see Harbour View out number Simonds in their own gym. Everyone was really enthusiastic about the night's events- and what a night it was!

"Harbour View always has great school spirit when it comes to events like this. I'm proud of our school spirit," says Colleen Griffin, a junior at HVHS.

Harbour View ended up tying with Simonds High by the end of the night, with the HVHS Girls starting off the night by winning against Simonds, 52-47. Kailee Kilpatrick won most valuable player of the game.

The boy's basketball game was played with lots of determination and good effort, but the HVHS boys basketball team fell short and lost 82-68 to the Simonds High Sea Bees, making the 2009 Annual East-West Challenge a tie. Jeremy Myshrral won most valuable player of the game.



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STUDENT PROFILE **Chris Hobart**

By Harbour Views Staff

Chris Hobart, a Grade Nine student from Ms. McGrath's home room, has an unusual hobby. He's a drag racer.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the sport, drag racing pits two cars against each other on a straight track. The point is to travel the length of the track, (660 feet or 1/4 mile) as fast as you can. Chris can do it in 8.26 seconds travelling at speeds of up to 80 miles per hour.

"I tried drag racing for the first time when I was ten," says Chris. "I had to sit on pillows to see and my helmet was too big. I missed the turn off at the end of the track."

The adrenaline rush Chris felt after that very first race is part of the reason he's still at it today and holds three records in the Junior Dragster class. In 2008 he was the points leader.

Drag racing, as you might imagine, is not inexpensive. The cars alone cost between \$3000-\$10,000 and then there's the fact that Chris must travel to race. Currently he can race in the Miramichi, Charlottetown, PEI and Cape Breton and Greenfield, NS.

Lucky for Chris, drag racing is in his blood: his father races and so does his older brother, Cody, a grade 11 student at SJHS. His mother is supportive of her sons' unusual hobby.

"We wear helmets and all our clothing is fire-proof," explains Chris. "She knows we're safe."

"If I could, I'd love to race professionally," says Chris. "I get an adrenaline rush every time I race."

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It's sure to be a good experience for the choir. STU choir will be performing at the Assumption Church on Sunday, March 15th at 3:00 pm, and the HVHS choir will be traveling to Fredericton for their concert on Monday, March 16th.

Also coming up this month for the choir is lots of preparation for their upcoming voyage! Car washes, flea markets, and of course, the annual concert and silent auction are all upcoming events.

Fundraising efforts will be going on for a good part of the rest of the school year, so try and help in any way you can!



Top:
Chris in his car
Bottom:
Full view of
Chris's car

Photos
submitted by
Chris Hobart

Celebrating What's Right With Our School

By Josh Bradley

I made it my personal mission to seek out what's right with our school. Here are eight things I sniffed out for you willing readers.

1. According to Mary Margaret Smith, the food is good especially the pizza. She also loves the fact that we can buy ice cream sandwiches.
2. Mr. Pottle says that everyone has a very positive attitude towards learning.
3. Cody Cooper likes that we can get exemptions from any class's exams.
4. "We can do what we please at lunch," says Chris Hobart
5. Jeremy Plume likes that all through high school we have the chance to make new friends.
6. Mariah Hohmann likes that the library is open almost any time so she can read all those novels.
7. Ms. Hatt has one of the most friendly classes. She loves that everyone's so friendly.

Have you noticed something positive at Harbour View? Let us know and we'll include it next month.