



Your Biweekly News & Updates

This week's newsletter includes Dates to Remember, Being Brilliant in Personal Fitness, Spotlight on Athletics (in the World Cup and the NBA), What You Never Knew About Mr. Dordi, Hamlet on Trial, photographs from MAD Night, Blyth Babble, and a note about Blyth Hoodies!

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Dates to Remember

April 19th - Last day of Term 3
April 20th and 23rd - Final Examinations
April 24th - No classes for students
April 25th - Term 4 begins

Being Brilliant in Personal Fitness

At the beginning of the term, the PERSONAL FITNESS (PFIT) class discussed developing SMART goals: goals that are specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and timely. Given our 10-week timeline, students had to create both long-term and short-term goals. Since then, we have designed our own workout regimen programs to achieve these goals - some of us are focusing on muscular strength or muscular endurance, while others are focusing on flexibility or cardiovascular endurance. Eight weeks into the term now and students are coordinating workouts, leading each other through various routines, and noticing "gains". With summer just around the



corner (hopefully!) now is the best time to ask one of the students from PFIT for advise on how to get started and what to do once at the gym!

--Mr. Fares Makki

Spotlight on Athletics

Toronto Raptors: Contenders or Pretenders?



This season's Toronto Raptors are the best the league has seen of the franchise. They lead the eastern conference with an astounding 59-22 win-loss record and possess a .728%-win percentage, second only to the league- leading Houston Rockets. With a division title already locked up, the Raptors face off against the Miami heat and look to add one more win to the season to finish off with a 60-22 record and a .731%-win percentage.

Even though the Raps lead the eastern conference, they are still not taken as seriously as they should be. Earlier in the year, there was a poll taken by Sportsnet asking for predicted final matchups and Toronto's team was not part of it. Since then the Raptors have taken charge and topped the east. But can they really compete for an NBA title? They are destined to face the 8th- seed team and are an almost sure-fire bet to proceed on to the second round.

The Cleveland Cavaliers have made it to finals the past 3 seasons and are striving to make a fourth appearance. Fate would have it that the Raps and Cavs meet once again in the post-season. With the Raptors losing the past two playoff series 4-2 and 4-0 respectively can they overcome LeBron James & Co? Only time will tell, but the Raptors and hungry to break the Cavalier Curse and win their first-ever championship.

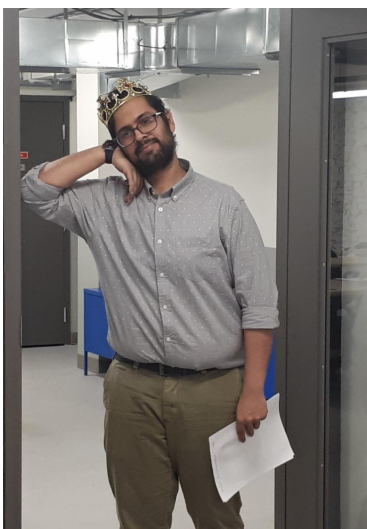
--Luis Gallegos-Balint (Grade 12 Student)

Race to Glory



On June 14, 2018, 32 national teams will go head to head in Russia for the World Cup. The reigning champs, Germany, are the favourites as they coasted through the qualification games. On the other hand, Brazil who was devastated in the last World Cup, have very high hopes as a new system seems to be working for the "Canarinhos" which have been undefeated since the 2014 World Cup in Brazil.

The upcoming World Cup will be the first to use the Video Assistant Referee in every game. This new technology has become the source of great amounts of controversy as the game's ethics are at risk. Another first is the fact that it is the first time in history of soccer that a communist country is the host of the largest sport event in the world. Though Canada did not qualify to compete, hopefully more firsts are to come as all qualifying teams race to the glorious World championship.
--Victor Branco (Grade 12 Student)



What You Never Knew About... Mr. Dordi!

If you have been in one of my classes or simply been around me, you would have noticed my elaborate door opening and closing schedule. To open a door, I touch something wooden, then touch the dry wall, then lightly tap the door, and finally, turn the knob. To teachers, students, and others who have stopped to witness this abhorrent behaviour, it might seem a little whimsical or "kooky." Someone even questioned my eyesight, on account of me

"missing" the knob so many times.

Actually, I perform this ritual so I don't get static shocked. Touching the wood or any other bad insulator of electricity helps me ground

myself, thereby negating any static electricity I might have developed over a period of time. I detest static so much that it carries the potential of turning a great day into one I absolutely loathe. Some of you might find my behaviour funny, quirky, or downright annoying, but keep in mind, this effect has rubbed onto other teachers. So, in future, when walking down the halls, and you see myself and a few other teachers rubbing onto doors, don't be "shocked"!

--Mr. Huzan Dordi

An Unfortunate Farewell to Mr. Dordi:

It was certainly a pleasure being taught, acquainted and befriended by a teacher who is truly passionate about teaching the class. Mr Dordi was a teacher who not only taught my World Issues, International Business, and Business Leadership classes with passion, but also took the time to make sure that each student understood the concepts he taught. He will be remembered as a knowledgeable teacher who looks after the well-being of his students. Best of luck on your new chapter in life teaching in London, Ontario.

--Wyatt Gilliatt (Grade 12 Student)

Hamlet on Trial



On April 9th, the Blyth Academy Supreme Court heard the case of the State versus Hamlet the Dane. Hamlet was being tried for the murder of Polonius, advisor to King Claudius. The defense was trying to prove that Hamlet was insane at the time of the murder, so he should not be found guilty. The prosecution was arguing that Hamlet was perfectly sane at the time of the murder and therefore he should be found guilty for the murder of Polonius.

It was a heated trial and both sides had excellent and well thought out arguments. In the end, only one side could be victorious and after hours of deliberation by the jury, they decided that Hamlet was sane at the time of the murder and therefore guilty of the murder of Polonius.

With a verdict of Guilty, Hamlet has been sentenced to life in the prison of Denmark.

--Emily O'Neil, Blyth Academy Supreme Court Reporter



**MAD Night -
A Celebration of Music, Art, and Drama**



Tina and Emma perform a beautiful rendition of "Titanium"



Cole, Logan, and Voytec perform in "Triplets"



Minglin'



Scott masters the popcorn arts



Mr. Dordi shows Mariah the wrong way to make grilled cheese

Blyth Babble - Blyth LP's Advice Column

A Sprinkle of Advice - Without the Judgment! (and not to be taken too seriously)



Dear Blyth Babbler,

My best friend is super peeved at me.

Two weeks ago she got me a Canada Goose jacket for my birthday. I thought it was a bit over-the-top but she's pretty rich and gets a discount because her uncle owns a store that sells them.

Then last week we were talking about the homeless problem in the city. There was a school fundraiser last month to raise money for Eva's Phoenix for homeless teenagers and it's something we both care about. The foundations kids raised hundreds of dollars for the charity and my friend and I were really inspired. Then we got to talking about how it's kinda crazy how we spend so much money on stuff like clothes when there are so many hungry people in the city, people like us, who don't even have a home of their own.

So on Saturday I was feeling really inspired and decided to take back the jacket. I won't say how much it was but let's just say it was enough to feed a whole shelter of

50 people for two full days (at least that's what they say on their website). When I texted my friend about it, I thought she'd be excited and proud of me, but instead she got SOOO mad and now she's hardly talking to me.

I don't know what to do. Should I donate the money? I feel like if she's really my friend she wouldn't be so mad at me, especially since we both care so much about this issue?

Dear Birthday Girl,

I would just like to start off by saying that that is extremely selfless and thoughtful of you, even if you haven't donated the money (yet).

This was a gift from your friend, so you are free to do whatever you want with it. However, it's important to recognize your friend's feelings, because even if her feelings are not valid to you, they are valid in her mind. In her mind, she had gone out and bought the gift specially for you. She probably feels a tinge of betrayal since that was supposed to be your gift and no one else's - it's less about the money and more about the gesture.

The way I see it, you have 3 options. You can donate the money, or give the money back to your "friend", or take time to recalibrate your moral compass.

If you are having second thoughts: momentarily keep the money, think about your options, and maybe talk to your friend and see what she wants you to do or ask her what she would do.

If it were me, I'd donate it. If my friend held a long-lasting grudge about me donating it, knowing that I believe it's the right thing to do, then I'd rethink our friendship and consider whether or not that's someone I want to be friends with.

Just remember that at the end of the day, this is your decision, not your friend's. So stand your ground. Whatever you believe in, go for it!

Whether it is school, family, or friends, Blyth Babble is here to help - no question is too big or too small. Contact Blyth Babble at blythbabble@gmail.com

Make a Wish Blyth Hoodies!

Blyth Academy Downsview Park has once again teamed up with *Make A Wish Foundation* to help grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions. Blyth Academy will be selling special edition "Make A Wish Blyth Hoodies" (\$50.00) to raise money for children in need. All proceeds from the sales will be donated directly back to *Make A Wish Foundation Canada*. If you would like to support this worthy cause, please fill out the order form which has been distributed (more copies are available with Leni Pothaar at the front desk).

