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Here is some food for thought with fall coming at a fast pace and Hallowe'en just around the corner. I have just been supplied the last figures for the anglophone population in our beautiful North Shore region. The electoral list states that our numbers are dwindling at a rate of about 51% since 2003 which leaves us approximately 1250 voters and at a rate of 2.5 children per family giving us approximately 3125 total population. This is out of a total population of about 150 000 people. These figures are just the continuation of a trend started back in the 1970's. We are low in numbers but high in spirit. Please be part of this NSCA effort to have new members. It is time to give a little back to the community. Join. It's free and the main benefit is to know what is going on in your community. Fill out the membership form included with this newsletter or go online to our website at www.quebecnorthshore.org. Thanks and have a great autumn.

You are cordially invited to the

6th Annual General Meeting and Community BBQ of the North Shore Community Association

on Saturday, October 7th, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. held at Queen Elizabeth High School,

94 Père Divet, Sept-Iles, Quebec.



11:00 a.m. : AGM
 12:00 p.m. : Lunch to be served
 1:30 p.m. : NSCA Board Meeting
 4:30 p.m. : BBQ Supper
 Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Dessert &
 Beverages (non-alcoholic) will be served
 7:00 : Closing

AGM AGENDA

1. Welcome—Call to order
2. Appointment of Elections Chairperson & Secretary
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of the minutes from September 10th, 2005 meeting
5. Program Report
6. Financial Report
7. Nominations
8. Elections
9. Varia
10. Date of next AGM
11. Adjournment



A great opportunity to learn more about the NSCA and how we are dedicated to serving the English-speaking community on the North Shore.

NSCA - Bringing Communities Together

A confirmation of your presence is necessary for the supper, please reserve before Oct. 5th You can contact us at:

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 Phone : 418-296-6957

or

Lloyd Maurice @ 418-965-4889

Admission for BBQ Supper

Members :
 Family: \$10.00
 Single Adult : \$5.00

Non-Members :
 Family : \$15.00
 Single Adult : \$8.00



A Special Time

While in British Columbia this past summer, I spent the afternoon of August 8th with two very special people. After 25 years of organizing the annual Terry Fox Run, I had the privilege of meeting Betty and Rolly Fox, his parents, at their home in Chilliwack. It was magical and emotional and makes me feel even closer to their son.

They are so grateful for all that we do to keep Terry's dream of finding a cure for cancer alive. I feel blessed to have made this connection, and I plan to stay in touch.



Debbie Laurie

Vanessa's Big Win in the Big Apple

Vanessa Lévesque-Morrisette, a former Fermont School student, now attending Menihek High School in Labrador City was a participant in the Menihek Band that won several awards at a New York City band show.

Vanessa and her band members left Labrador City via bus for a 25 hour road trip before reaching their destination- New York City, USA. After two days of traveling, the group finally settled down for their May 6 performance and from that moment their performances amazed the judges. The Concert band won first place with the highest silver medal, and the Jazz band won the only gold given at the festival. The Menihek band also took home two trophies because of their overall performance.



The English community of Fermont is proud of Vanessa's accomplishments and would like to congratulate her as a participant in the Menihek Band. A job well done!

THELASTWORD

Theatre For Young Audiences...

Once again, the North Shore youth had the opportunity to see live theatrical performances. Geordie Productions, a Montreal-based professional theatre company, presented "The Secret Life of the Octopus" for grades K-6; the central idea focussed on friendship, cooperation and empathy. At the Secondary and CEGEP level, "To Be Frank" related to the trials of teen life – rights, responsibilities and self-actualisation.

The youth enjoyed seeing this once a year event and a few students were asked their feedback on the performances they saw.

"You should go see this play because it is funny. It is in English! The words are not too complicated. It helps us understand that now some animals can't live where they are today."

Mélina, BCHS

"If you want to laugh, you go and see that. I would suggest this play to somebody who's sad or someone who is mad."

Alexandra, BCHS

"Because it can help us with our English words. We know how to make a play because we will do one soon."

Enrico, BCHS

"This was an original play and the decorations were beautiful. The actors are young and full of energy and this play was the funniest of all."

Kelsy, BCHS

"My favourite part of the play was when the octopus scared the teacher, it was funny"

"My favourite part of the play was when the boy walked on his hands(he must have practiced a lot.)"

"My favourite part of the play was when the boy did a cartwheel"

"It was sad when the octopus was sent back to the sea."

"I found it childish when the principal kept running into the walls."

Cycle 2& 3 students

Riverview School

Death at Dawson

In a town like Sept-Iles not a whole lot of big news stories hit the surface. Considering recent events, maybe that's something we should be thankful for. In a place like Montreal, somewhere that is just overflowing with opportunity, things beyond comprehension can take place, things that are more than just a predominant story on the six o'clock news. These are things that happen to real people, and they have **very** real consequences. No one can turn a blind eye to these happenings.

On September 13th, at Dawson College, someone in his mid-twenties decided that gun violence was the solution to his apparently miserable life. This resulted in twenty wounded people. Among them, six were put into critical condition (two extremely critical) and one 18 year old girl, Anastasia DeSousa, is dead.

Many questions come to me, but one is prevailing in my mind. Was Kimveer Gil void of emotion? Didn't he realize when he decided to commit this atrocious act all the lives that he would affect? Not only in Montreal, Québec even, but all over the world.

He ended someone's life; an innocent young adult's. All she wanted was a future, an education. Did she deserve to die for that?

Did this man have a motive, other than the fact that he was sick of his own life? Spreading misery to other people, I would say, is not the solution to getting rid of your own desolation. He truly needed help.

Kimveer Gill did not only mark the end of one life. Students can no longer feel safe in their schools. No one can go to class, or even anywhere, without knowing that maybe, just maybe one of these people is lurking around them. Is that a way of life? What if this episode grabs the attention of some other monster and they decide to "finish the job"? Will the cycle never end? It started with Columbine... will it cease? I fear the answer to that very question.

Visualize for a moment. This happened to students, just like myself and my peers. It could have so easily happened where I am or anywhere else. We've been taught that education is supposed to be the future, not the end. Everyone affected will always carry that day with them. Will they ever be able to feel safe?

I remember where I was when I found out what happened in Montreal. I was finishing up my physical education class. Our teacher, having come back from the equipment room, quickly informed us the radio was announcing a shooting at Dawson College. My initial reaction was shock.

I try to put myself in the shoes of those affected. I can not even imagine how they feel, especially the family and friends of Anastasia DeSousa. Imagine having a constant reminder that your loved one is gone forever, every time you turn on the television. I doubt anyone can really know what they are going through.

So many questions come to my mind when I think of what happened there. However, I know one thing for sure. Playing God is not a game. How some people feel that they have the right to take away someone else's life, we'll never know. The word "why" seems to cross my mind a lot. I don't feel as if there's much else I can say.

Méllissa Desrosiers

WANTED!!

We are in need of digital photos of the North Shore communities. If you have any digital or scanned photos we would appreciate if you would email them to:

 iodylessard@globetrotter.net 



The Craft Clubs at Fermont School started once again this year. The children made doorknob hangers in their clubs this week.



Pre-kindergarten classes started at Fermont School this week. The pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students were busy in class drawing pictures of themselves.

Baie-Comeau High School would like to congratulate the following students on their performance at the ESSB Track & Field Championships held at Gaspé on September 22nd, 2006. The group came back with 14 individual ribbons and 3 team ribbons for relays.

BCHS Track & Field Team

Makase MacIntosh	Shelly Tremblay	Helen Ferlatte	Steven Ferlatte
Patrick Ouellette	Ariane Gagnon	Rachel Arseneault	Benjamin Lamontagne
Mélissa Beaudoin	Geneviève Millier	Vanessa Gauthier	Frédéric Simoneau
Alexandra Oceau	Katrina Sommers	Joey St-Amand	
	Annie-Jane Burgess-Butland (Team Manager)		



Book Review

Louis Sachar

Louis Sachar won the 1999 Newberry Award for his book **Holes**. He majored in economics in college and he also took a teacher's aide class. He worked part time as a lawyer. It took eight years before his books started selling. He quit his job as a lawyer and became a writer. His books usually start with a special character. He writes about two hours every morning because after that, he loses his edge. It takes him a year and a half to write a book.

Dan



In class, we are reading a book called **There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom** by Louis Sachar. This book is about Bradley Chalkers. He tells a lot of lies. He likes to fight with girls, and the teachers say he has "serious behavior problems". No one likes him, and he doesn't have any friends except for the new school counselor, Carla Davis. I really like this book because it is humorous and realistic. I think that only people 10 years or older should read this book because there are some words that are hard to understand.

Méllissa

The Terry Fox Run Campaign

Queen Elizabeth High School's secondary IV Ethics and Values class is organizing the annual Terry Fox Run event this year. Their approach to sensitizing the students and its community about cancer awareness is somewhat different from previous years. Students will either walk 11.8 km or cycle 20 km in the afternoon of September 29th, 2006. To entice student momentum, they came up with an ingenious motive.

They offered a challenge to our principal, Mr L. Fequet. If the student body could raise \$750.00 he would agree to one of the following choices: namely, dyeing his hair purple, having his legs waxed by the secretary, Mrs. Lise Babin, administrating from the rooftop, or dressing as a woman for the day. Mr. Fequet opted to choose the latter. (jewellery and makeup included!) This evidently was an enormous motivator for the students.

The art classes painted a "Tree of Hope" - its roots representing the various charitable organizations that are involved in cancer fundraising drives. Each student was given a package of leaves; some red/orange and some were green which bared the inscription: name and age. Each student was asked to purchase a leaf for a \$1.00 in honour of an individual who had either succumbed to the illness (orange) and would be represented as a "fallen" leaf or someone who is battling or who has survived cancer (green) and is perched on a branch of the tree or who is in flight. The person's name and age is inscribed on the leaf. Inscribing a person's name and age emphasizes the fact that the disease transcends any age, race or gender.

The secondary 3 biology/geography class was also involved. Students were paired and assigned various body systems (muscular, circulatory, respiratory, immune, digestive, nervous) They drew life-size body outlines which included the major organs/structures related to that body system. Their body images identified not only the function of the system, but also the physiological effects of exercise on their particular body system. Other students were responsible for researching the type of clothing to be worn, the benefits of a warm-up and cool-down, and nutritional requirements.

The geography component involved drawing a life-size labelled map of Canada identifying Terry Fox's route as well as the students'/staff's accumulated mileage. Other Geography aspects illustrated were: the provincial/territorial flags, regional divisions, physiographic regions, climate zones, vegetation zones, drainage basins, and time zones.

Needless to say there has been a flurry of activity between the art room, auditorium and classrooms. Although exasperated at times with keeping students aware of the impending deadline, we know that this educational/community project will be a learning experience that will be imprinted in their hearts for a long time.

Michela Cox

Rosemary Feger



By Stephen Kohner

Lay Incumbent

For the past three summers, the Church of St. Andrew & St. George has hosted a summer concert series in collaboration with le Théâtre de Baie-Comeau. The three year entente ended this past August with yet another summer of class acts. In all, thirteen shows were presented, five of which allowed for local talent to present their musical and artistic skills.

The concert series began in mid-June with the choral group ESPERANZA singing a collection of Negro Spirituals. No sooner had they left the stage than a two-person performance – they were winners of a local talent show for young performers- took to the stage. The two-night shows were sold out.

During the course of the summer, an additional eight artists performed in the church (the pews are stored at Baie Comeau High School and a stage, lights and sound system take their place). Many of the shows were sold out and gave the artists, like Quebec singer-songwriter Marc Déry, a unique opportunity to perform in an intimate setting.

The church was also used for a Haiku festival over one weekend. That event culminated with an evening of poetry open to the general public.

Thanks to a grant from HRDC, Amanda Durepos, (parishioner and student), was hired on for six weeks as our bilingual tour guide and church custodian. Well over 300 tourists took advantage of the guided tours.

The church is now setting its site on two initiatives. Thanks to the number of increased rentals, the church will enhance its heating system with the installation of electric heaters. This will increase the rental capacity of various rooms within the church.

The other initiative is to welcome the 900+ British passengers from the cruise ship HMS Blackwatch that will be docked in the port of Baie-Comeau on September 28th. The church will host guided tours and offer a British High Tea as a fund-raising endeavour. The fine china that was once used in the past during the church's Ladies' Guild Teas and Socials will once again be put to good use! Now if we can only find a Union Jack!



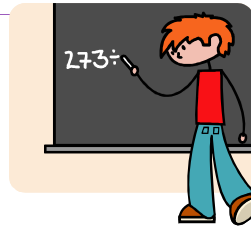
BACK TO SCHOOL

**BREAK IS FINISHED
AND I AM BACK TO SCHOOL
COMMUNICATE WITH MY CLASS MATES
KARL IS IN SECONDARY 1**

**THERE ARE NEW STUDENTS IN OUR CLASS
OH NO! SCHOOL HAS BEGUN AGAIN.**

**SLEEPING IN THE MORNING IS FINISHED
CO-OPERATE WITH OTHERS IN CLASS
HOMEWORK HAS STARTED AGAIN
OUR SCHOOL LIFE IS BACK TO NORMAL
OLD HABITS MIGHT NEED TO BE CHANGED
LITTLE WORK BECOMES A LOT**

KARL COLLIN



**Back to having homework
Always will be at the top of my game
Can and will not carry on in the class
Kindness I will bring to this class**

**This year I will give my best effort
One thing I will not do is be a slacker**

**Sleeping in is no longer a luxury
Cannot wait till the 26th Terry Fox walk
Happy to be back, in some sort of way
One of my favourite subjects is math
Our teacher, Miss Laurie, is such a respectful teacher
Late, which I will not be on any assignments**



Dillon

Worship Services

All Saints Church

Sept-iles

Oct. 1 st	Anglican Service 10:30 a.m. (Holy Eucharist)
Oct. 8 th	United Service 10:30 a.m.
Oct. 15 th	Anglican Service 10:30 a.m.
Oct. 22 nd	United Service 10:30 a.m.
Oct. 29 th	Joint Service 10:30 a.m.
Nov. 5 th	Anglican Service 10:30 a.m. (Holy Eucharist)
Nov. 12 th	United Service 10:30 a.m.
Nov. 19 th	Anglican Service 10:30 a.m.
Nov. 26 th	United Service 10:30 a.m.
Dec. 3 rd	Anglican Service 10:30 a.m. (Holy Eucharist)
Dec. 10 th	United Service 10:30 a.m.
Dec 17 th	Anglican Service 10:30 a.m.

On November 26th, the Anglican Church Women (ACW) will be having a Bizarre and Christmas Tea from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. . Events taking place at the All Saints Church.

Church of St. Andrew and St. George

Baie-Comeau

Oct. 8 th	Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service at 5:00 p.m. with Potluck Supper to follow
Oct. 29 th	Regular Service (Pentecost 21) at 11:00 A.M.
Nov. 12 th	Remembrance Day Service at 11:00 a.m. with light lunch to follow
Dec. 3 rd	Regular Service (Advent 1) at 11:00 a.m.
Dec. 16 th	Christmas Potluck Supper and Carol Sing-Song



The Irish Wonder

Started off July 16th in Dublin, Ireland
Usually spent each day on a bus tour
Marian from Australia was my roommate
Met New Zealanders, Americans, & South Africans
Elke, a wonderful German lady, was our tour guide
Realized a dream...I kissed the Blarney Stone!

Visitors flock to this stunning Emerald Isle
Always watch out for those Leprechauns play tricks
Castles and clover dot the lush landscape
Amazed was I when dining at Knappogue Castle
Tasting Guinness beer is a must for tourists
Irish hospitality was one of a kind and unbeatable
Orange, white, and green are the colors of the flag
No one doubted my Irish heritage...wonder why?

Debbie Laurie

Gagnonville
1988
Portage-des-Mousses, named
by the Amerindians
built in 1937
Baie-Comeau High School
Guy Carbonneau, July 1999
Tivia answers

School Activities & Notices

Baie-Comeau High School

- Oct. 4th Professional Development Session for Teachers – No Classes **p.m. only**
- Oct 5th Home and School Meeting @ 7:00
- Oct 6th No Classes in **afternoon only**
- Oct. 9th Thanksgiving Holiday
- Oct 20th Mini Soccer Tournament in Port Cartier
- Oct 20th Bonaventure Soccer Tournament in New Richmond
- Oct. 27th School Photos
- Oct 30th Pedagogical Day – No Classes



Flemming School

- Oct. 6th Pedagogical Day – No Classes
- Oct. 9th Thanksgiving Holiday

Fermont School

- Oct. 6th Pedagogical Day – No Classes
- Oct. 9th Thanksgiving Holiday
- Oct. (TBA) Craft Clubs
- Thanksgiving Day Activities
- Swimming
- Trip to Ladorador City
- Halloween Party
- Governing Board Meeting

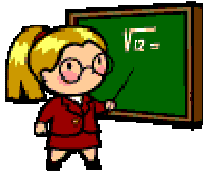


Queen Elizabeth High School

- Oct. 6th Pedagogical Day – No Classes
 - Oct. 9th Thanksgiving Holiday
 - Oct. 18th Professional Development Session for Teachers – No Classes **p.m. only**
 - Oct. 20th ESSB Soccer Tournament in New Richmond
- Parent-teacher interviews will be held on Thursday, November 16th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Report cards will be issued to parents during parent-teacher interviews.

Riverview School

- Oct. 6th Pedagogical Day – No Classes –
- Oct. 9th Thanksgiving Holiday
- Oct. 27 Hallo'e'en Party



NORTH SHORE TRIVIA

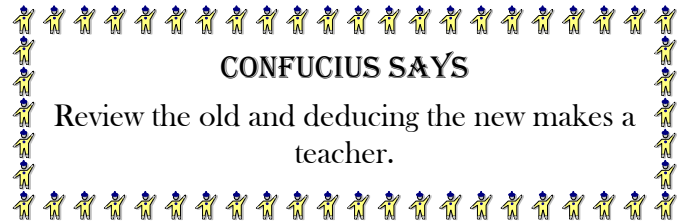
- Which NHL hockey player brought the Stanley Cup to Sept-Iles, and in what year?
- Which English school on the North Shore has the oldest building?
- What was the first name given to the region now known as Port-Cartier?
- A military base was established in Moise from 1960 until when?
- What is known as the town that disappeared?



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NSCA

We the North Shore Community Association, a non-profit organization, are dedicated to instilling pride within the English-speaking community living on the North Shore. We aim to empower its residents with information by working to make resources available, promoting access to services, and raising awareness amongst the greater community that we live in. Through encouraging and improving communication we believe this will result in a strong network and will provide opportunities for us to come together.

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