
Clearwater Secondary

Newsletter

April 21st 2023

Good News to Share

Hello Parents,

CSS applies for as many grants as possible in order to open up possibilities for our students and we recently received some great news in the way of funding. Clearwater Secondary, in partnership with the District of Clearwater, were awarded \$20,000 for mental health promoting programming from the United Way. We will be working with the DOC to provide recreation programming that allow youth to be socially connected, physically active, and to forge healthy connections with adults in the community. Some of the programs will be for our high school students only but many will be open to youth and the community at large.

Although this does not surprise me it does warm my heart. Some of you may have seen the story on the info board about a senior in need and the many offers of help that came from the community. I phoned the senior to ask if she needed anything else and during our conversation she learned of my role at the school and shared that “we must be doing a good job” and commented that when she has been out in her wheel chair the youth she has encountered were kind and polite. The “we” is of course both the school and parents who work together to instil these values and expectations in our students and children. The fact that this comment came unsolicited made my evening.

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Heavy Metal Rocks

CSS had five students attend the Heavy Metal Rocks program in Kamloops last week. The three day experience allowed students to gain experience operating heavy machinery with one to one guidance from certified operators. Students walked away with experience and a number of industry certifications. This is a very competitive program and this is the first time ever we have had five students attend. The fact that we had that many students make the cut speaks to the high caliber of our candidates. Congratulations to Alex Sauve, Tyne MacLennan, Kiah, Phillips, Mady Clark, and Owen Sim.



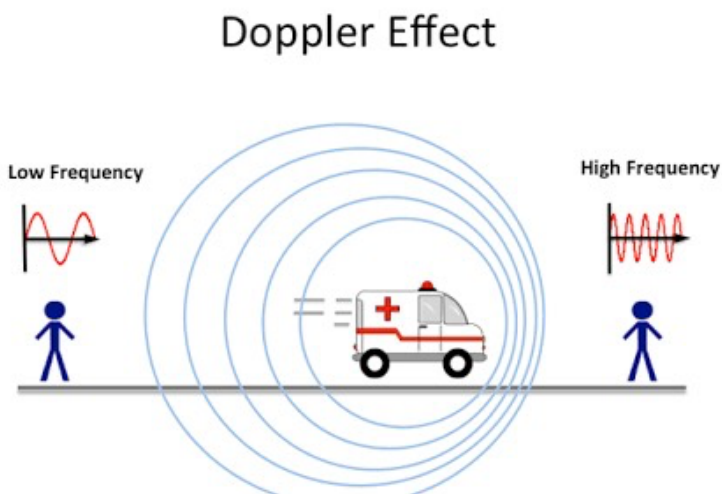
Shop Projects

I visited the shop earlier this week and a number of students had projects near completion in Mr. Leary's metal class. Reagan was testing his first prototype of a rocket stove which was working well. After testing he had plans to improve his design before completing the project. On a more artistic note Michael had designed his own weather vane that was headed to the family garden.



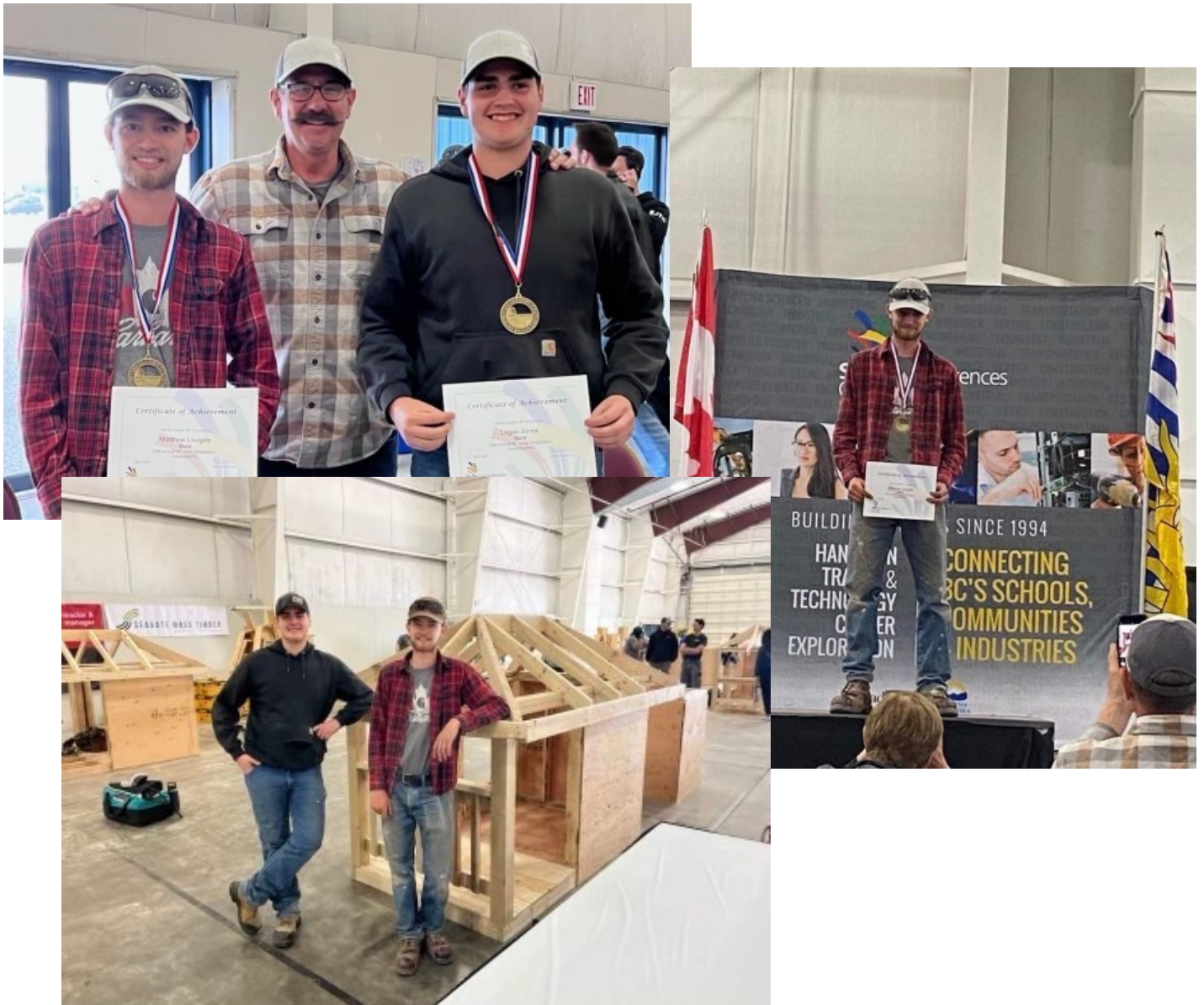
Alarming Mr. Coates and the Doppler Effect

If you have ever seen Mrs. Lavigne in action you know that her science classes are full of hands on demonstrations. This week was no different except that I was unaware of this particular demonstration. I had just walked out of the school to retrieve a bag from my vehicle and as I am walking across the parking lot I hear sirens. I then see a police vehicle lights and sirens come directly into our parking lot. In my head I was thinking “what just happened at the school in the last 15 seconds since I left the office that has the RCMP coming to our front door lights and sirens”?! I was quickly put at ease after talking with Const. Meyer who had generously agreed to help Mrs. Lavigne demonstrate the Doppler Effect. This is when the sound of a passing vehicle changes pitch as it passes by. A big thank you to Const. Meyer.



CSS Alum heading to Skills Canada Nationals

After winning gold at the Regionals Skills Canada competition at TRU last month for Post Secondary Carpentry, Matthew Lavigne won gold again at the Provincial Competition in Abbotsford. Matthew will be traveling to Winnipeg in May to compete in the National Skills Canada Competition. Mathew won gold at the Regional competition in his grade 10 but due to COVID there were no provincials or nationals that year. Congratulations.



Upcoming Events

Monday April 24th

Professional development day, no school.

Thursday April 27th

Core Competency project pitches.

Staff will pitch their projects to students during a fun assembly and will then have a chance to sign up for projects. Last year this was one of the most entertaining assemblies ever.

Monday May 1st

Deadline for CSS scholarship applications, 9 am.

<https://clearsec.sd73.bc.ca/en/path-to-graduation/scholarships-bursaries.aspx>

Tuesday May 9th

CSS is hosting our annual Aboriginal Family Dinner at 5 pm. See the attached letter for further details

Friday May 19th

Professional development day, no school.

Monday 29th to Friday June 2nd

Core Competency Week. Students will have the choice of a deep dive week long project or an internship. Internships are open to students in grades 10-12. Internships are unpaid career exploration experiences arranged by students. Students who are interested in internships should see Mr. Fraser.