



Primary and Middle School Winter Newsletter 2020



"WHAT A TERM!"

Dear Parents, Agents, and Students,

It has been an incredibly challenging and extraordinary time for everyone, and at Collège du Léman, we would like to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for your continued help, patience, and understanding throughout the term. It would not be possible to make such outstanding progress without your input and consistent communication.

Our mission this term has been to keep the Primary and Middle School students active and entertained, whilst following the guidelines for COVID-19 set by the local authorities. The restrictions across the Canton of Geneva have meant that many of our regular excursions and activities have been postponed, in order to ensure the safety of our beloved students and staff members.

However, this term, we did still manage to organise a number of exciting trips to allow our students to experience Switzerland's culture and beautiful scenery. These trips have included Montreux and Chateau de Chillon, the medieval town of Yvoire, and our neighbouring city of Geneva. We also stayed open during the October Break, where our students visited the sites of Bern, Vevey, and Lausanne.

The Primary and Middle School Team :-)



WELLBEING

The students have covered two pillars of our Wellbeing Program so far. The first pillar was "Nurturing Healthy Bodies and Minds", where the students learnt about the importance of a balanced diet and active lifestyle, as well as completing an individual and group project.

The second pillar was titled "Promoting Diversity and Protecting Against Bullying", where the students discussed the importance of living in an international environment, and understanding the benefits of supporting each other and being kind to one another. Miss Jody, our Boarding Counsellor, also delivered workshops on the topics, which the students found enjoyable and engaging. The feedback from the second pillar for your son or daughter will be attached to the end of term email.

In January, we will start the third pillar of the Wellbeing Program, called "Building Positive Friendships". This pillar explores relationships with other people, how they can have a positive impact, and how they can have a positive influence on friends. The pillar will also explore the negative aspects people will experience and ways to combat and approach those situations.

The wellbeing of our students and staff is a priority at Collège du Léman, and we pride ourselves on offering our community the best opportunity for a balanced and positive life whilst in our care.



ACTIVITIES

We have tried to keep as many activities on campus as possible, in order to minimise risk and to maximise the fun using our fantastic facilities. We have also used some of our closest providers for activities a short bus journey away.

This term, we have introduced the CDL Boarding Clubs Program, which has enabled our boys and girls to choose from a variety of activities on the program, some of which they have participated in before, and some where they can try something new. These clubs have included Badminton and Tennis Table Club, Book Club, Boot Camp, Chess Club, and Beauty Club. There will be new clubs introduced after the Winter Break, and we are very excited to get them started.

The activity registration for the Weekday Activity Program is open until 20th December, so the students have been selecting their choices this week. We are encouraging the boys and girls to try as many new activities as possible, as well as concentrating on areas they are excelling in. We believe that a variety of activities will give the students the best opportunity to learn new skills, broaden their thoughts and experiences, and make new friends!

CHARITY AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The CDL Boarding Community has participated in several projects throughout the term, in order to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves. It has been extremely encouraging and impressive to witness young people come together to create unity and to help those in need. Below you will find a list of the projects so far, but please do visit our CDL Blogs in order to get more information.

www.blogs.cdl.ch/concha
www.blogs.cdl.ch/champsdesbois
www.blogs.cdl.ch/oldportena

Samedi du Partage
LEBANON - LIGHT4HOPE
Christmas Gift-box Appeal
Change the World Action



OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS



Loris

(Concha Blanca)

An outstanding start to the season in Basketball, represented Versoix in the FIBA 3x3 International Basketball Tournament, has started playing for the U15 at the age of 12 years old, and has now picked up his Swiss Olympic Athletics Card!



Paria

(Old Portena)

Paria was extremely brave and performed a wonderful piece of music on the piano during a school assembly at the start of the academic year. It is always great to see young people stepping out of their comfort zone to display their talents. Well done, Paria!



Zhiyu

(Champs des Bois)

It is Zhiyu's first year at Collège du Léman, yet he managed to achieve the Boarding Life Award during the Awards Ceremony at the end of term. This is a wonderful achievement for such a young boy, and a new student. A great effort, congratulations!



NEXT TERM

After the Winter Break, we will be starting a new ski program. Where in past years we have had residential weekends in Crans Montana, due to the current restrictions our Camps Department have been working tirelessly in order to create an exciting program for our boys and girls. Therefore, we will be visiting five different ski resorts on five separate Saturdays throughout January and February.

This is an extremely exciting opportunity for the students to visit new places, learn new skills, and develop their existing talents. We therefore ask that all the boys and girls arrive back on campus with the correct clothing, footwear, and equipment for the winter months.

For information regarding returning to school and updated requirements, please refer to the links below.

www.cdl.ch/backtoboarding

www.cdl.ch/covid19

We also have a new "CDL NEWS APP" which you can find on the Apple App Store and Google Play.

Within the CDL NEWS APP, you will find a Parental Experience Survey, and it would be great to receive your feedback.

Messages from the Boarding Department



"Have a wonderful break with your families and friends, and get plenty of rest before the new term commences."
(Mr. James)

"I hope you all have a wonderful Winter Break, I will miss you all and cannot wait for when you return in January!"
(Mr. Zach)



"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone! I can't wait to see you all in January!"
(Mr. Sergio)



"Make the most of the break with your families and loved ones, and return refreshed and recharged for the new term!"
(Mr. Stephane)



"You have all made us very proud, and you deserve a good holiday! Have fun, smile a lot, and we will see you in 2021!"
(Miss. Monica)

"I am really proud of everything you have achieved this term, and I am looking forward to seeing you progress even further in January!"
(Mr. Jaime)



"I hope that you all have a really enjoyable holiday, and make the most of these special moments with your nearest and dearest."
(Mr. Rob)



Messages from the Boarding Department



"Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas holiday, it's been an incredible term for all of you, and we have loved seeing your beautiful smiles and hearing your laughs over the term! See you in 2021!"
(Mr. Usher)



"I wish you all a safe and happy holiday, and a Happy New Year. Enjoy yourselves, and take care!"
(Mme. Salamin)

"Here are the compulsory rules for the Winter Break!
- Get plenty of sleep!
- Have plenty of fun!
- Don't forget to have a lot of water and sweets!

Hugs, Joy, and rest!"

(Mr. Salva)



"Have a great time on holiday, with your family, friends, or Winter Camp staff. Wherever you are, stay safe and have fun!"
(Miss. Maria)



"I wish you all the happiest of holidays and safe travels! We will miss you all whilst you are away!"
(Mrs. Joanne)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU ALL!

SEE YOU IN 2021!