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Teaming up for innovation

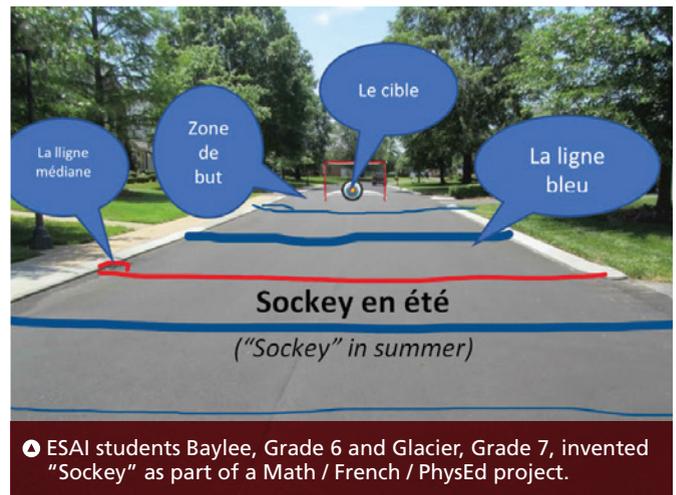
Students at École Ste. Anne Immersion have invented new sports to play at home with their families, that can be taken back into the school next year too.

Students created hybrid sports such as Sockey, a hockey-soccer hybrid, Ballonaire, a basketball-type game using an inflated balloon and Blitz Ball, like baseball with balls of various sizes. The creative sports were part of class assignment that combined Math (point systems, field dimensions and area), French (verbs and directions) and Physical Education (enhancing athletic performance).

Grade 6/7 teacher Vicky Bouchard and Phys Ed teacher Keith Mitchell tasked students with creating a sport that could improve athletic performance and be played by their family during social distancing, and eventually in PhysEd class. Students worked in small groups through video streaming.

“We wanted to get students working together and speaking French to each other. They were very engaged and many even met on their own,” Bouchard explains.

“It was also a great tool to get the students to negotiate, reach consensus and use their critical thinking skills,” Mitchell adds. 🍌



A sign of the times

Every graduate from Seine River School Division’s three high schools received a special gift last week to celebrate their achievements and help lift their spirits: a “Class of 2020 Graduate” lawn sign in front of their homes. 🍌



Grad 2020: Inspirational athletes build team spirit

Last week, we introduced you to the 2020 Valedictorians from each of our high schools. In this issue, we shine a light on some of our graduating students who have excelled on the field, ice, court, track or course.

CLC grads excel in athletics

CLC's girls soccer team, with five 2020 Grads, was runner-up in the provincial championships this year.



Collège Lorette Collegiate's class of 2020 is definitely a sporty bunch: graduating students have played on every athletic team over the last four years.

"We've had many success stories from students who have put in a lot of time, effort, hard work and commitment to their teams," says CLC Physical Education teacher Michelle Marinelli.

The boys and girls Scorpions hockey teams had 12 grads between them, with several chosen for All-Star games. The girls soccer team won or placed high at provincial championships every year, placing second this year. The girls volleyball team also won many tournaments.

Both boys and girls basketball teams have won multiple zone championships, with the girls taking the provincial title two years ago. The boys golf team were zone champs last year. Grads have been active with cross-country and the track and field team, which has qualified for provincial championships every year.

CLC grads have also been active in rugby and badminton, and the baseball and fast pitch teams both boasted several dedicated 2020 grads.

CSNC varsity girls dominate the court

After winning nearly every game, taking the zone championship and ranking #2 in Manitoba, the future looked bright for the Collège St. Norbert Collegiate Celtics Varsity Girls Basketball team. Despite the pandemic abruptly ending the season, the players were all winners, says their coach, CSNC Vice Principal Raffaele Borelli.

Four of the team members – co-captains Hannah D. and Olivia F., plus Bailey C. and Kelleigh R. – are 2020 Grads.

"We were all devastated when the provincials were cancelled – the team worked so hard all year and we were so determined after winning the zone championship," says Hannah. "You could see the dedication we all had for the sport, always putting 100% effort into everything."

SAC's top athletes shine

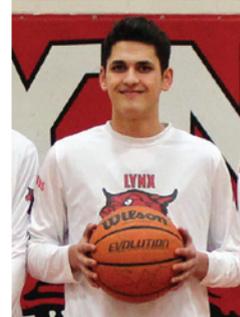
At Ste. Anne Collegiate, students in sports have many role models to look up to. The Female and Male Athletes of the Year for Grade 12, Calista Valger and Daniel Martens, have both been strong leaders over the years, encouraging teammates and leading by example, says Kyle Hiebert, SAC Athletic Director.

Calista, who was on the Varsity Girls teams for badminton, volleyball, cross country and basketball – for which she played every position and was leading scorer this year – says she has a huge passion for sports.

"I love the competitiveness, learning new techniques and working hard every day and noticing improvements over time," she explains. "I feel proud and accomplished, knowing the hard work I put in really paid off."

Daniel was the Varsity Boys basketball team captain, leading scorer, Most Valuable Player and Graduating All-Star, and also played volleyball. He enjoyed the camaraderie between himself, his basketball teammates and his coaches.

"The bonds we built over the season are some of my fondest memories," he says. "Being named Athlete of the Year is a nice souvenir of my time at SAC, and a reminder of my hard work and dedication."



Calista Valger and Daniel Martens have been great athletic role models at SAC.

The CSNC varsity girls basketball team ranked #2 in Manitoba when the season ended early.

