



Student Spotlight

Canadian International School of Beijing



Resilience
Teamwork
Character

Beyond the Game The Making of True Champions

As the world cautiously emerged from the shadow of COVID-19, the boys' volleyball team at the Canadian International School of Beijing stood on the cusp of new possibilities. Ahead of them lay a season ripe with the chance to rekindle their passion, camaraderie, and unwavering dedication to the sport they adored. For some, it marked a long-awaited return to the court, an opportunity to redefine their high school sports journey after a three-year hiatus from competition. For others, it was the start of an exhilarating venture, their first foray onto the volleyball court.

The dawn of the season brought a sense of unpredictability and numerous questions. Key players had departed since the last year, leaving notable gaps in the team's formation. Yet, fresh faces rose to the challenge, eagerly filling the roster.





Nicholai Clare, a Grade 11 student, reflected on his initial experience with volleyball: "This year was my first time playing, and everything about the sport was new to me."

Early doubts surfaced as they confronted their main rival, BCIS, in their first matchup, resulting in a disheartening loss. However, a Grade 12 student, Ewan McInnis, recalled, "We personally knew many of the BCIS players. Online banter only fueled our determination. That first defeat cut deep, but it only made us stronger."

In response to this early setback, the team transformed. Practice sessions grew more intense, and a new ethos emerged centered around unity and individual growth. Each player focused on refining their skills, not solely for personal gain but for the team's collective strength. This dedication sparked a remarkable 10-game winning streak, their play a seamless blend of precision, teamwork, and trust.

Their journey expanded beyond Beijing to an international tournament in South Korea. Over three nights on Jeju Island, the CISB boys' volleyball team displayed their resilience, passion, and unwavering spirit against very strong opponents. Despite not winning the tournament, Tony Tsui, a Grade 10 student, remarked, "It was an unforgettable experience that brought us even closer together."



Back in Beijing for a rematch with BCIS, the team, now fortified by their experiences, secured a 3-1 victory. It was more than a win; it was a testament to their evolution and unity. Beau Walt, a Grade 10 student, shared, "We had become more than a team; we were like a family, united by something greater than mere victory."



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-Coach Manderville

Bonded Forever

The ISAC Tournament loomed next, but adversity struck again with the injury of a key player, Tony Tsui. Rather than letting this setback derail them, the team adapted, each member stepping up to fill the void. This resilience paid off, with Andy Ran, a Grade 12 student, expressing, "The sense of brotherhood after the ISAC championship was incredible. It was a true testament to our unity and strength."

Their journey culminated at The ACAMIS Tournament, where the team reached the semifinals and ultimately secured the bronze medal against Dulwich Suzhou. Reflecting on the season, Jeff Liu summarized, "The volleyball season taught me about forging unbreakable bonds and creating unforgettable memories."

Congratulations to the Bobcats for their indomitable spirit. You are more than champions; you are symbols of inspiration, setting a legacy that will inspire future generations at CISB.

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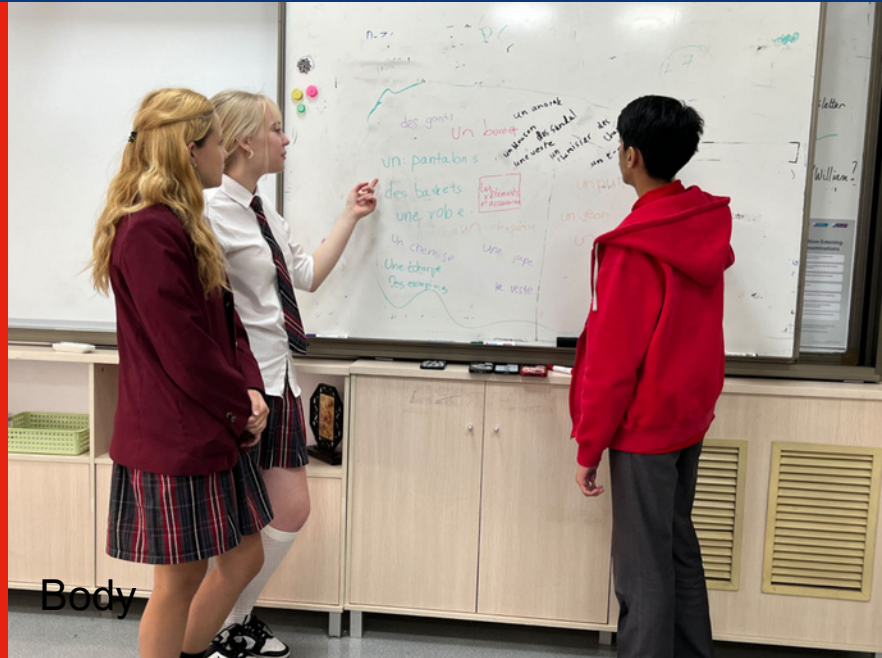


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Student News Reports

Silence is Golden



French Without Distractions

written by Katrina and Karina



In this digital age, it's a rare sight to see 14-year-olds parting with their smartphones voluntarily. Yet, that's exactly what our Grade 9 French students have done to enhance their grasp of the French language. Their classroom has become a no-phone zone, thanks to a policy initiated by their French teacher. Every day, the students' phones are collected when class begins, a strategy that has significantly boosted their focus on language learning.

Beginning on an immersive journey into French meteorology, the classroom was transformed into a dynamic weather station. The students eagerly explored "le temps" (weather), learning phrases ranging from "il fait chaud" (it's hot) to "il neige" (it's snowing), with some now claiming to predict weather better in French than in English! By month's end, they had not only mastered weather-related vocabulary but also excelled in both speaking and writing evaluations. Their remarkable progress lends truth to the proverb "silence is golden," or as they might say, "le silence est d'or."

Looking forward, we're eager to see whether this approach will continue to influence our Grade 9 students' educational journey. Will they keep up the smartphone-free trend? Time will indeed reveal all. For the moment, however, one thing is certain: the students have discovered a valuable lesson in the benefits of traditional learning methods.

About the Writers



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