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Student Boarding Newsletter

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## Mirsadi wins Glion Scholarship

Along with my IBCP2 colleagues, I attended the global leadership and careers challenge day in Glion university campus. There was a competition to win a 20% scholarships to Glion and my IBCP2 team was given the task to complete a creative hotel design and present it to Glion and other schools. We won first place out and all five of my CP2 class were awarded a scholarship to Glion, while also being able to bring home the giant cow bell award to CDL.

***Mirsadi, Olympus***

## Inès carries the Légion d'Honneur

On November 11th I was privileged to carry the the flag at the Armistice Ceremony at the Consulate of France.

The armistice of November 11 marks the end of the First World War . This ceremony took place not to celebrate the victory of France but rather to celebrate the end of this conflict and the beginning of peace.

The flag of the French Légion d'Honneur is one of the most important flags for me, and I was very grateful to have been able to participate in this ceremony which reminds us all of the terrible cost of war.

***Inès, Villa du Lac***



## Football Champion! Chihana voted MVP.

This is my second year at Collège du Léman. My dream is to become a football player. I have joined the Panther's Team in School with the High School girls. We participated in a School Tournament, and we won the 3rd position, only losing in Semi Finals. I like playing football it is my passion. I play football every evening during Social Hour with older students who are better than me, but I keep trying and pushing myself to the best of my ability. When I play football, I feel incredibly good and a feeling of excitement. During the afternoons I am also part of the UTST Junior Team in Mies."

***Chihana, Old Portena***





## Competitive spirits in Old Portena

With House competitions, the whole house really gets into the mood of it also when the final product is ready, we get a bit competitive because we want to win. It's fun to see how each girl tries to contribute a part of them to what we are making. Also, I feel like these competitions make us unite more as a house and it's a fun activity we all can do so I really like it ! We become closer to each other. We always want to be the best. I like house competition because we spend our time to do something fun, creative and good for our community!

**Luciana and Anastacia, Old Portena**

## Music is my life

Music has been part of my identity for many years now. What it represents to me is a way to convey my thoughts and emotions in a unique way. I also believe music enables people to connect and bond together. As a boarder, I have access to many areas where I can freely play any type of music. Those opportunities allow me to develop my musicianship in the best possible ways.

**Gabriel, Léman 1**



# How our students give back to the community



## Spotlight on Diversity

On the 6th of December, I participated in an interview for the city of Versoix. This encounter involved several student from different schools and the aim was to hear our opinion regarding diversity. We were asked questions about our home country, languages that we speak and how diverse our friend group is. The most important part was to define diversity in our own words. For me diversity is the knowledge we get from interactions with different people. It can be playing basketball with someone from a different country than yours or even having a conversation with a person who does not share the same thoughts as you. I think this project is a great idea because it shows how mixed students from Versoix are and makes this city even more beautiful.

**Herluce, Villa du Lac**



## Christmas Gift Box Appeal

Festivities should be for everyone around us and ensuring this is a principle for life. There should never be light for a few and darkness for others; adhering to the same humane principle of togetherness, we put together gift boxes for Christmas and neatly wrapped them with each other's help.

The entire boarding was diligently and moreover happily engaged in the activity which had a simple, joyful purpose behind it. There's no greater joy than sharing what you have and what you can with the underprivileged.

**Aryan, Léman 2**



## Partage is the French for 'sharing'

We went to Coop supermarket and we did the Samedi du Partage. We offered bags for people to fill for charity. It made me feel helpful to the world and above all proud to participate in this charity. I joined the charity work again because I did it a few times before and everyone was so helpful buying food and other stuff. I would enjoy doing it again.

**Paria - Old Portena**

# Made for Wellbeing



## Focus on Food

'As a member of the Dining Committee, I can say that the food is always improving as it has since the beginning of the year. The variety of food we get to eat is incredible. My favourite dish so far was definitely the Thanksgiving Dinner of turkey, mashed potatoes and cornbread. It was exquisite and nice to celebrate the holiday of another culture. As a Lebanese, I loved the Lebanese dinner prepared by a Lebanese chef it really reminded me of the food I am used to eating at home. It is nice we get to enjoy food from different countries and I loved the Italian dinner, it was amazing.'

**Karim, Léman 1**



## New menus

I would really like to thank you for the food improvements. I am really satisfied with the quality and variety of choice for my meals. I can see the big changes in the breakfast menu, such as egg omelette or scrambled eggs almost every day, as well, as warm and tasty porridge. The dinner menu is getting 10/10 from me. My favourite thing now is to come and see my beloved broccolis. Moreover, I can even make my personal green salad bowl with all ingredients provided in our canteen!

**Anastasiia, Villa du Lac**



## Football Competition

Most of us love playing football as a House, and we play it all the time in Olympus. We have fun playing in the Boarding Football competition because it makes us better and we enjoy playing as a House supporting each other. We always shake hands with the opponents after the match no matter if we win or lose. After each match, we support each other even if we lose by acknowledging that we played very well and that next time hopefully we will win.

**Bisher, Concha**



## Volleyball Competition

Since we didn't play any volleyball matches last year because of COVID-19, we had a great time in the intramural volleyball tournament. All of the teammates gathered and practiced together by competing with each other on mixed teams. As it was a different style of practice than what we normally do, we could learn that we need to cooperate with the teammates to win. This is a thing that we can not get from usual training sessions. Such an event is a great opportunity to gain additional skills and we all got a lot from this exciting experience.

**Taichi and Kotaro, Léman 2**





## A weekend in Paris

We headed for Paris on Friday afternoon, right after school, we were all quite tired. We were thinking, “How will we get through a weekend in Paris without being completely exhausted?” However, after arriving in the city of lights, we realised it would be an amazing weekend.

Saturday morning started with a metro drive to the Eiffel Tower. After seeing it in the distance for the first time, we finally realised we were in Paris. After taking some photos, we went to the second floor by elevator and took even more amazing photos. After climbing down the long stairs leading to the bottom of the Tower, we went on a boat ride down the Seine River. Paris was beautiful, the weather slightly cloudy and just a bit cold, however, we managed to have a lot of fun.

In the afternoon, we went shopping on the Champs Élysées and had some dinner. We climbed the stairs to the top of the Arc de Triomphe and watched the Eiffel Tower glitter and sparkle in the distance. We went back to the hotel in a great mood, knowing the day had been well spent.

Sunday morning, we woke up knowing it was soon time to go back to Switzerland; however, we had not seen the legendary Louvre Museum. After an interesting tour, we had lunch and headed back to Geneva. We were quite tired but full of happiness and good impressions. This trip was interesting, educational and fun, and I can't wait to go back to Paris.

***Sarah, New Portena***

# Surf camp



## Learning to surf over the October break

It was Saturday morning, the second day of October break. A group of CDL students gathered at the entrance to the school, ready to depart towards the airport. After a few hours of travel, we were finally there. The weather was amazing, the sun was shining and we were full of energy for the upcoming week in Portugal. We went surfing, coastering and climbing. It seemed daunting at first, but very enjoyable nonetheless. We also did some touristic things, including going to Bélem and the actual Lisbon city center. We ate traditional Portuguese food and went shopping in traditional markets near Lisbon. We also saw the huge Cristo Rei statue and took many pictures. Many friendships were formed and we all got along very well. All in all, it was a very enjoyable trip and we will all remember it for many years to come.

**Sara - New Portena**

# Academic Initiatives



## Learning English with the Accelerator Reader

The Accelerated Reader Program in CDL allows the students to enhance their skills in reading fluency and comprehension at different reading levels.

Students have the opportunity to read different genres at their own reading level and this makes it interesting for them to continue reading. They're able to find their reading level by doing a Star Reader quiz on the Accelerated Reader site. There are many books in the Accelerated Reader Program that are available in the library.

Students take a final quiz after reading a book. On the accelerated reader app on their iPads, students type in the quiz number or the name of the book. Then it brings up the quiz for the book, they've read. The quizzes for each book have a certain number of questions. If the students feel like the book or the quiz is too challenging for them and it's not at their level, they can move down a level. They are also able to move up a level if they have achieved their reading goal.

The Accelerated Reader Program has helped the Middle School Secondaire students in making consistent progress in their reading fluency and comprehension levels.

***Paria, Old Portena***

## Coco, our NAE Global Campus Moderator

Our school is one in a large family of NAE schools, and they are represented by a student committee. As a Global Campus Moderator, my responsibility is to maintain a positive online environment within the Global Campus website. I am a good communicator and a patient listener. I am very happy to be part of this global community. I believe that in the future this position will further develop my leadership, and further enhance my international vision.

I like to be involved in wider issues, and have had an article published in the International Conference on Economic Management and Cultural Industry (ICEMCI2021). So, in November last year, I thought I would do a sociological study on campus bullying. After planning sample collection and integrating data, my research was published by CPCI in October this year. After this series of studies, I have come to understand the psychological impact of bullying on students. In the future, I hope that campus bullying will be taken more seriously. At the same time, I will continue my research, as well as continue creating awareness about bullying, and how wrong it is.

***Coco, Villa du Lac***

