



Cross-Country Virtual City Finals 2020

Congratulations to the cross-country team which ran their virtual City Finals meet on Wednesday, November 25th around Langara Golf Course. There was an excellent turn out of Grey Ghosts. The sun poked through and conditions were perfect for the 2.7 km run. The athletes were running against the clock, as times would be compared to times from athletes from other schools, to determine the fastest performers, at a later date. This would also lead to the crowning of team champions in the following division: Senior Boys, Junior Boys, Senior Girls and Junior Girls.

Girls and boys in all divisions ran together. The girls took off first. They were quick, like frightened hares being chased by hounds. They had incentive to run fast or be caught. This was because the boys took off 30 seconds later, like hounds in anticipation of catching those hares, and were equally swift.

The squad was encouraged by Coach Bruce and Coach Neil, as well as some other pedestrians who happened to be spread out around the course.

In the Senior Boys race, it was Jacob De Wijze out-sprinting Paul Paetzel, to the finish and placing first by a slim margin of three seconds. Eli Mullin, a grade 9 boy, competing as a Senior, crossed the line two seconds behind Paul. He was followed closely by his older brother Zachary Mullin. All of those gentlemen ran extremely fast times. Rounding out the field of Senior boys were Matt MacLean, Ethan Mah, Nick Watchorn, Andrew Wang and Brandon Vanderluit.

The Junior Boys race ended with Isaac Dance coming out on top by a significant margin of almost one minute. Marko Radic (despite no warmup) placed second, while Adrian Kan and Josh Rudd (tied in a photo finish) were less than 2 seconds behind. Aiden Liu placed fourth. Rounding out the field, in order, were Beck Brown, Leo Qi, Charles Zuo, Mike Qiu, Ethan Fang and Rohan Gulati.

In the Senior Girls race the victory went to Chloe Symon who won the division despite only being in grade 8. Chloe was almost thirty seconds ahead of the field. Next was her older sister Ella Symon. Skye Higgins was another 24 seconds behind Ella. All of those ladies ran outstanding times. Sophia Bi placed fourth. Rounding out the Senior girls' race (in order) were Risa Nakamura and Aisha Dela Cuesta.

Finally, in the Junior girls race the top runner was Sarah Lam. Claire Tonner was second, followed by Elise Trinder in third place. Lisa Dai and Marina Loewen, in that order, rounded out the field.

Thank you to Ms. Radic, Ms. Schneider, Mr. Sandher, Mr. Redden, Coach Neil, Coach Bruce, Coach Jack and Coach Stephen who helped with set up and take down, running the event, and making the race feel like the real deal. Also, thanks to all of the random spectators for their support. Thanks as well to Peter and Vivian from the yearbook class who took tons of photos and added to the excitement.

Thank you to all the members of the team for making the season special, despite the pandemic.

Hopefully, we'll see you all out for track and field!

This is a reminder for all the team members to collect their draw prizes from Mr. Jack in the PE office.

Mr. Jack