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Letter from the Coordinators

Only 3% of Quebecers who can give blood do so each year. In December, our secondary four IB students partnered with Héma-Québec to organize a blood drive at Heritage in the hopes of recruiting family, friends, and strangers to donate blood. In this newsletter, Naomi Robitaille writes about her experience.

Sincerely,

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HÉMA-QUÉBEC BLOOD DRIVE

by Naomi Robitaille

Héma-Québec is an amazing foundation that organizes blood drives across Quebec, and we were lucky to partner with them to organize one at Heritage.

With the help of Helene Laprade, we got to become the "supers élèves" and learn the importance of giving blood. Before this blood drive, we got to learn about the different blood types and why it is important for those who can give blood to do so.

Many people don't give blood for various reasons - some of them medical. Others lack the proper information. Our task was to educate



people and spread awareness about our blood drive.

This experience gave the secondary four IB students the chance to meet new people and communicate with people we wouldn't have before. This activity was a significant thing for the IB program to do because not only did we come to understand the process and importance of giving blood, we also got the chance to experience the way that an actual collaborative organization works.

The experience that I had with this incredible organization was amazing. Everyone in the staff was nice, everything went well, and students seemed to have enjoyed being able to talk to some family members and strangers about the importance of giving blood and giving back. It was an amazing experience and I hope future Secondary 4 students get to experience it. We may not all be able to give blood in the future but I do hope that those who can will.

