



ST. MILDRED'S-LIGHTBOURN SCHOOL
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Dear CIS Affiliates:

St. Mildred's-Lightbourn School, in partnership with Photosensitive, invites students of CIS and CAIS affiliated schools to join us in a national *Cancer Connections* photography exhibition.

The *Cancer Connections* exhibition features photographs that will help to raise awareness and foster sensitivity to those affected by cancer and the people close to them. The photographs document the effects of cancer on the lives of people across Canada. It is currently touring the country and appears in the online gallery at www.photosensitive.com/cc.

Since 1990 PhotoSensitive, a not for profit organization of photographers, has been harnessing the power of black and white photography to raise public consciousness of critical issues around the globe. *Cancer Connections* provides the opportunity to take photographs of a wide range of subjects: people who have survived cancer, those who have lost friends or family to the disease or people involved in the fight against it. The group welcomes student submissions to the exhibition.

Students are asked to be creative in the portrayal of their subject. Visit the website to get ideas and view the over 400 photographs currently online. Submissions will be accepted in September 2009, with photos posted onto the web gallery over the fall and winter. All student photographs will appear in the *Cancer Connections* web gallery. A select number of submissions will appear in a physical traveling exhibition as it goes to Vancouver, Calgary and the Grand Finale show in Ottawa in 2010. Mini exhibitions organized by individual schools or groups of schools (perhaps in conjunction with local cancer societies) are also possible.

Submission is straightforward and details appear online. Ideally, black and white photos submitted electronically at 20" x 16", 300 dpi, though PhotoSensitive will work with hard copies and/or convert colour images to black and white. A 50-word caption and completed subject release form must accompany the photo submission.

To find out more about PhotoSensitive and *Cancer Connections* visit www.photosensitive.com/cc; browse photos, read stories and watch the launch videos from the first three exhibitions in Toronto, Montreal and Charlottetown.

St. Mildred's-Lightbourn School is excited to be launching the *Cancer Connections* photography project within the CIS and CAIS community. This project combines so many aspects of curriculum, while reaching out to the broader community both locally and nationally. A kit for teachers and students will be available through St. Mildred's to assist with the introduction of the project in your school in August/September.

We encourage you and your students to participate in this educational and inspirational opportunity to be part of PhotoSensitive's unique exhibition. For further information, please contact either myself or Jackie Osmond Patrick, PhotoSensitive at (905) 282-9074, jackie@photosensitive.com

Best Regards,

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