

March 29, 2019

Message from the Head of School

Dear Families,

I hope that everyone has been enjoying a relaxing Spring Break. We're excited to welcome you back on Monday, April 1, 2019!

This week we are providing a school-wide News & Reminders with some important dates to make note of.

By now, you should have received by mail the spring issue of Bridge Magazine. I hope you enjoy the latest issue of our school magazine which highlights accomplishments in our four strands and updates from school life on both of our campuses.

Additionally, I have some important staff updates to share with you.

I'm pleased to announce Ann Walters will be joining us for the 2019/2020 school year as the Director of our Intermediate Program. Ann is coming to us from Mulgrave School where she has been the junior school math coordinator for the past 3 years. As an instructional coach, she focussed on improving the teaching and learning by supporting and empowering staff, and working with students from JK to Grade 6. She has worked at a few different independent schools which will bring a diverse perspective to the Collingwood team. Her passion has always been for intermediate students and she recognizes their need for strong role-models and social-emotional support during these critical developmental years. Her mandate has been to develop the whole child and promote student agency, which she has done through her teaching, mentoring and involvement in various school programs. We're extremely excited to have her joining the Collingwood family, and look forward to welcoming her on campus next year.

On a more personal note, I'd also like to share the news that my husband Andrew Shirkoff has accepted a new Director of Risk Management position at St. George's School where he will be responsible for building out their program. Andrew will start at St. George's on May 15. As many of you will recall, Andrew started at Collingwood about 15 years ago in September 2004 as a Grade 5 teacher. In 2006, he was appointed as Director of Emergency Protocol and later took on a full Risk Management portfolio in 2015. Though Andrew will work across the bridge, he'll continue to be a member of our Collingwood community, and I know you'll continue to see him at events, games and performances regularly!

In closing, On April 6, Collingwood School will be holding our first ever "Tartan Day" of giving. I'm hoping to increase our parent participation count towards our goal of 100% participation. I am committed to ensuring that we have the best possible resources on both campuses to provide diverse, high-quality, cutting-edge and experiential learning opportunities for all of our students. Tartan Fund allows us to do just that.

Classes Resume Monday, April 1, 2019

Save the Dates:

Hatch Shield Game Klahanie Park May 9 4:00pm Kick-off

Drama Presentation: Witness for the Prosecution Morven Campus May 21-24 7:00 - 9:00pm

Alice in Wonderland Gr. 5-7 Musical Wentworth Campus May 22-23 6:00 - 7:00pm

Gr. 8-12 Spring Art Show Morven Campus

May 22 4:00 - 6:00pm

Gr. 8-12 Spring

Dance Show Kay Meek Theatre May 28-29 7:00 - 9:00pm

School Calendars

For all upcoming school events, visit here.

For Athletics, visit <u>here</u>.



Collingwood Summer Camps Ages 4 - 10

Registration for our summer camps opened to current and new to Collingwood families (as of September 2019) for priority registration on March 1. As of April 1, we will be open to the public. Be sure to share with your friends and family! Register here.

Thank you for your support, and enjoy the rest of your break!

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Lisa Evans Head of School



Tartan Day of Giving

Did you know April 6 is Tartan Day in Canada? While others may be bringing out the bagpipes and kicking their legs in highland dance, this year at Collingwood School, we are celebrating with the Tartan Fund Annual appeal and a follow up to #GivingTuesday to increase our participation even further. This 24-hour giving challenge will bring donors, alumni, friends and the community together to support our amazing students. The infinite opportunities we provide at our School result in aspirations and dreams that are as varied and unique as the children who hold them.

On this day, we are counting on our parents to help reach our goal of 100% parent participation. So far, we have just over 50% parent participation to fuel our students' dreams, but there is more work to do. Donations to the Tartan Fund help provide supplemental funding for educational resources not covered by tuition and government grants. Past Tartan Fund donations have provided important extras for our students in the past including innovative athletic equipment, brand new band instruments and robust library resources that keep our students engaged.

Why donate on Tartan Day? Blackbaud Merchant Services (Collingwood's donation processing vendor), is waiving all processing fees for the School for 24 hours. Making you donation on Tartan Day saves us processing fees, helping to fuel even more dreams.

Make your donation online on April 6th at collingwood.org/tartan



Modelling Service and Philanthropy for our Kids: An Evening with the Trailblazers April 16, 2019, 7:00pm, Morven Campus

Amed Khan, Frank Giustra, Treana Peake and Lisa Wolverton join us to discuss smart and effective philanthropy. Sharad Kharé will be the evening's Moderator. This powerhouse combination of amazing individuals will share insights about how to vet the organizations we engage with, how "we" as a Collingwood community can model service effectively to our children and students-and in the process set our kids up to be mindful, informed and effective change makers in the world.



Summer Institute Ages 14+

Our Summer Institute offers enriched courses that are designed for students who have an interest in science and math. Registration and online payment deadline has been extended to Monday, April 1. Visit here for more information.



SPRING FAIR Saturday, April 27, 2019 4 weeks away!!

Collingwood Clothes & Sport Stop

Keep those donations coming! Donation bins located at both campuses or donate at drop-off on Blitz Days: April 8-10

Bottle Drive

April 12 Bring 3 unopened bottles or \$20 to participate in a **Civvies Day!**

Volunteer

Sign-up sheets will be available online after the Break.

Lawn Signs

Available next week! Please take one (or two) to help our promotion effort.

Tickets

Tickets on sale Friday, April 5 <u>here</u>.

See you at the Fair!

All Collingwood Parents and Morven Students invited.

Seating is limited, please <u>RSVP</u> by April 8.

