



January 10, 2020

Dear Collingwood Families,

As we enjoy the final days of Winter Break, I wanted to reach out with regards to the impact that the tragic airplane accident in Tehran, Iran has had on our North Shore community. We have already received word that some North Vancouver residents were among the victims of this tragedy including a student attending Carson Graham Secondary School. I can't even begin to imagine how the devastating loss of loved ones and friends is being felt across the North Shore and perhaps even among some of our own Collingwood families. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

The North Shore Iranian community is a vibrant and integral part of our school community. Anticipating that some students may wish to talk about their thoughts and feelings, I want to remind families and students that our Wentworth counsellors and Morven Heads of House are always available for student support. Please contact Timber Monteith or Janelle Koop at Wentworth, or your child's Head of House at Morven should you believe your son/daughter would benefit from this support.

This is a deep loss for the world and for our community. In the days and weeks ahead, we will work together as our Collingwood Family always does—in support of our friends, family, colleagues, neighbours, and community members who may have been affected by this unthinkable tragedy.

Sincerely,

Lisa Evans
Head of School

Dear Wentworth Families,

Happy New Year and Welcome Back.

We hope everyone enjoyed a lovely winter break. Rested and recharged, we look forward to opening the doors and welcoming students back to school on Monday.

We have another full and fun term of learning ahead of us. We're excited to see students engaged and empowered with learning initiatives that are at the core of the Collingwood experience.

Maintaining the holiday theme of giving we are ready to jump back into giving back to our community. Through our service-learning initiatives, we aim to connect students, staff and families with the community through meaningful and authentic partnerships which in turn inform student learning. Students are encouraged to follow their passions and know that they have the ability to make a change in their community through their positive and powerful actions. Be sure to take a look at the [service opportunities](#) available to your child(ren).

Our athletics calendar is packed with practices and games. Our Grade 7 Boys Basketball team will be away at the end of January in Montreal for the CAIS National Championships and our Girls head south to Portland in late February to compete in a tournament. Swimmers will be showing the benefit of those early morning practices at the Beth Heras Meet on Tuesday, January 28 at Watermania in Richmond. Remember to look through the [Wentworth athletics calendar](#) on our website for details regarding your child(ren)'s activities.

The Parents' Council have been busy planning for Bingo Night, Tuesday February 4, 6:30pm - 7:30pm. Don't forget to [sign up](#). It was hugely popular last year, with our very own special Bingo Caller. Then on Friday, February 7, Wentworth will be hosting the Collingwood Lunar New Year Celebration from 3:30pm - 6:30pm in the Katz-Telfer Gym, a highly anticipated cultural event.

In the coming weeks, we're also very excited for the first of our Parent Education Sessions, running from January to May covering a variety of subjects from Math, Reading, Social Emotional Learning and the role of technology in the lives of young people. We encourage parents to join us and engage in these discussions and presentations focused on the development and education of our young students. For more information and the sign up link for 'Kids and Technology: Moving Past Skepticism and Disapproval - Examining the Positive Aspects of Technology in the Lives of Your Kids', see the Parent Education Sessions portion of the Newsletter below.

Key dates for this term to put in your calendar:

- School-wide Professional Development Day Friday, February 14 - no school
- BC Family Day Holiday, Monday, February 17 (making a four day 'weekend')
- Last day of classes for Term 2 will be Friday, March 13
- First day back after Spring Break is Monday, March 30

We are looking forward to an inspiring Term 2.

Marc Young
Head of Wentworth

Re-Registration for 2020-2021

January 15, 2020: application deadline for all students applying to Grade 1-12 for the 2019-2020 school year.

January 27, 2020 – February 10, 2020: annual Re-Registration for your child/children enrolled currently in JK-Grade 11.

For more information on any of the above, contact our Director of Enrolment, Lindsay Thierry, lindsay.thierry@collingwood.org / 604.925.3331 Ext. 2080.

Inclement Weather

As we head back to school and with snow in the foreseeable forecast, please be reminded of our school closure procedure in the event of inclement weather. If the Wentworth or Morven Campus must close due to the weather, you will find information posted to the [homepage](#), [Students](#) and [Parents](#) pages of our website by 6:30am. When advance notification is possible, we will email all families.

Parent Education Sessions

The first in our eagerly anticipated Parent Education Sessions will be:

Kids and Technology: Moving Past Skepticism and Disapproval

Examining the Positive Aspects of Technology in the Lives of Your Kids
Wednesday, January 22, 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Wentworth Campus, FSC room.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

If you can not make this date or the session is full, look out for the second session on this subject that will take place at the Morven Campus on Wednesday, February 5, 2020.

There is a lot of information out there demonizing the use and role of technology in the lives of young people. It's not as bad as it seems though! Learn about the benefits of technology, even video games, for your kids and gain an understanding of the important role that it plays in their lives so that you can harness these positives and figure out how to supervise, support, and structure the healthy use of technology into your kid's life.

Dr. Martin Davidson is Collingwood School's Registered Psychologist consultant, who in his own practice specializes in the treatment of mood and anxiety disorders in children, adolescents, and adults and has experience working with people who self-harm and experience suicidal ideation. Martin has a range of clinical experience in individual, group, and family therapy modalities and has been trained in a variety of therapeutic techniques known to be effective in helping people who are experiencing emotional distress due to depression, generalized anxiety, social anxiety, family conflict, relationship difficulties, specific phobias, panic disorder, and obsessive-compulsive disorder. In addition, Martin works with youth who exhibit behavioural concerns ('acting out') and experience social difficulties, such as bullying and isolation. In his work with young people, Martin places an emphasis on working with parents to help them better understand what their child is going through, to find ways for parents to better support their child, and to improve attachment relationships within families.

The second in the series will be **Elementary Mathematics: Grade 3-7 - What Does it Take to Become a Talented Mathematician** on Thursday, January 30, 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Wentworth Campus, FSC room. Look out for more information and the sign up link.

Parents' Council Updates



Tuesday, February 4, 2020 in the Houssain Gymnasium
6:30pm-7:30pm (doors open at 6pm)

Join us for a fun-filled night of free BINGO coming to the Wentworth Campus after the Winter Break! Back by popular demand, Mr. Young will be our BINGO caller for the event!

Prizes will be provided for all BINGO winners, and this year pizza will be available for \$2/slice.

Beat the January rush and register now.

Please note: a Parent or Guardian must be present, we hope the whole family will come!

[REGISTER FOR BINGO HERE](#)

Please visit [here](#) for all Parents' Council Services, Events, Clubs & Connections.

REMINDERS

Monday, January 13

First Day of Classes

All students to be in their #1 uniform.

Wednesday, January 22

Unishop Collection

8:45am -9:15am

Morning drop-off

Both Campuses

Thursday, January 23

Welcome to Grade 8

Move to Morven

Information Evening

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Morven Campus

Unishop Sale

(Wentworth & Morven sizes)

8:45am -10:45am

Foundation Student Centre (FSC),

Wentworth Campus

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