



COLLINGWOOD SCHOOL

ALUMNOTES

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Dear Collingwood Alumni and Alumni Families

Welcome to the second issue of Alumnotes for this school year. You've been hearing from us a lot recently, with the first alumni survey in more than ten years and the exciting return of the Alumni Winter Party happening next month! We're so grateful for your continued support and involvement and look forward to seeing you at an alumni event soon! If you have any questions, concerns or would like to connect please don't hesitate to send us a message at alumni@collingwood.org.

Advancement Team

TRIBUTE TO DON MCCORD



Don McCord, a much-loved colleague and member of the Languages Department, sadly passed away on October 31st. Don joined our School in September 2005 and retired at the end of June 2010. He taught Latin and Philosophy and was an avid lover of cricket. It was under Don's leadership – and in partnership with Inarvis Diaz – that Collingwood's inaugural Cricket Team was formed! Head of Languages Cara Dey captured Don's spirit beautifully when she said, "Don was such an amazing man – that sparkle in his eye, his amazing wit and sweet soul touched us all so very deeply."

Joan McCord, Don's wife, shared that, "he thoroughly enjoyed his time at Collingwood and left the school on such a high! If Don had the chance, he would have stayed in Vancouver. He loved it!"

The school has made a donation in Don's name to St Michael's Hospital, Toronto and their Cardiovascular Research program.

WINTER PARTY 2022



We're excited to announce that the Alumni Winter Party is returning for 2022! We invite you to join us at the top of the Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront on December 7.

It's a chance to see some familiar faces and start the holiday festivities - we hope to see many of you there!

Please [RSVP](#) by December 1 to secure a spot.

For more information on this please email alumni@collingwood.org.

TARTAN WEEK!

As members of our Collingwood community, we invite you to join us as we launch this year's Tartan Fund on November 21st. While the Tartan Fund is open to donations year-round, we focus our fundraising efforts during Tartan Week, which is November 21st -29th.

As alumni and alumni families who have benefited from an outstanding Collingwood education and community, we hope you will consider supporting our Tartan Fund this year and enable our current students to have the enhanced tools and resources they need to be successful.

Every gift to our Tartan Fund fuels our students' learning and growth. Like all non-profit independent schools, tuition and government grants only covers the cost of staffing and some of the operations. We rely on the generosity of families, alumni, staff and faculty in giving to our Tartan Fund to provide the diverse array of enhanced educational resources that bring to life Collingwood's four-strand education at both campuses.

Look for more information coming soon and learn more at: collingwood.org/tartan.

ALUMNI SURVEY 2022

Thank you to everyone who completed our Alumni Survey last month. We had a great response rate and look forward to sharing the results with you in the near future.

We'd also like to congratulate the winners of the prize draw - Tansy Cai '16, Rachelle Morris '08 and our third winner who wishes to remain anonymous. We hope you enjoy the Amazon Gift Cards!

Finally, thank you to those who helped to spread the word and encourage others to complete - your time and effort is much appreciated.

ALUMNI AWARDS

It's never too early to consider a nomination for an Alumni Award!

The Alumni Awards were created to recognize the excellence and growth of members in the alumni community and include: the Mackenzie Award, the Alumni Association Honours Award and the Alumni Association Volunteer Award.

You can find more on each award and submit a nomination [here](#). Nominees and winners will be announced in the first quarter of 2023.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The senior girls' basketball team is inviting alumni of the squad to help the current team prepare for their upcoming season on November 24, 7:00pm-8:30pm. Dust off your shoes and come ready to have a sweat and to get to know the team in advance of the season opener against Argyle on December 7th at 6:00pm.

Please let "Coachie" know if you are coming - morgan.mclaughlin@collingwood.org.

And stay tuned for the official alumni game announcement which will be held during Winter Break!

ALUMNI NEWS

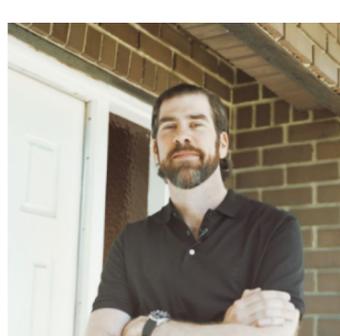
Wellness for all!



Congratulations to **Keara Minish '09** on the opening of her business, DEW Clinic, a dermal Aesthetics & Wellness clinic in Saskatoon. After getting her medical degree at the University of Limerick, Ireland, Keara returned to Canada as a Resident in Family Medicine and became a Rural Family Aesthetics and Medical Aesthetics Physician.

The clinic opened in a temporary location earlier this year before Keara started a partnership with Just For You Day Spa. DEW Clinic offers a variety of aesthetic and wellness services in Saskatoon, with plans to expand to other cities in Saskatchewan - and hopefully other Canadian cities too!

New project to provide housing for Ukrainian refugees



First Track Development, through its President **Sasha Faris '05** has joined the pilot project, 'Operation Welcome Home'. It involves developers working alongside the Maple Hope Foundation and SUCCESS to find vacant and livable housing scheduled for redevelopment that can be transformed into homes for refugees arriving in Vancouver.

Combined with contributions from other developers, First Track Development and Operation Welcome Home has provided homes to 50 families since May.

A NOTE ON BRIDGE MAGAZINE



Beginning with the next issue, Bridge magazine will be delivered to Alumni digitally. The magazine is sent out three times a year and goes in-depth into everything that is happening at Collingwood. If you have not received Bridge in the past, or want to confirm that we have your correct contact, please email us at alumni@collingwood.org to ensure you are on the list.

ALUMNI VISITS

We are excited for you to visit campus, but please be sure to schedule an appointment with us by e-mailing alumni@collingwood.org!

In your e-mail please mention:

1. The date and time you hope to visit
2. Which teachers you'd like to see/the purpose of your visit

We look forward to welcoming you back and ensuring you get the most out of your visit.

JOIN US FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

We look forward to hosting several events this year, more details coming soon on:

- **Alumni Basketball Scrimmage with Girls Senior Team** (November 24, 2022)
- **Alumni Winter Party** (December 7, 2022)
- **Alumni Parent Event** (January 2023)
- **CAVS Business Lunch** (February 2023)
- **Alumni Reunions - 10, 20 & 30 year reunions for the classes of 2013, 2003 & 1993** (June 2023)

Stay Connected

Update Your Contact Info:

Want to stay in the loop about alumni events, ways to get involved at Collingwood and receive

Alumni - University Guidance Counsellor - Colouring creator!



Wentworth Totem pole edition.

Rachel Davidson '09 has been a very busy member of the Collingwood Family! After graduating, she returned to Collingwood in 2020 as a University Guidance Counsellor and now works with Collingwood School Admissions creating colouring books! The initial booklet was released in June this year and has been followed by a Halloween and

Engagements!



Congratulations **Hannah Wolverton '12** on her engagement to Cameron Foster. After meeting through a dating app, they realized they already had many friends in common and had likely crossed paths many times before, but just kept missing each other. After 3

years together, Cameron proposed in their own gondola on the way up the Peak 2 Peak at Whistler.



second year medical student at the University of Alberta and Patrick is a fourth-year medical student at the University of California San Diego - busy schedules!

And congratulations too to **Hailey Reeves '13** on her engagement to Patrick Barba. After meeting at Princeton University 9 years ago they also had a private proposal on Chesterman Beach in Tofino. Wedding planning may be a little delayed though as Hailey is a

alumni SWAG? Keep us up-to-date with your contact information by [filling out this form](#).

Be sure to follow us for throwbacks and updates on our upcoming events:



Join the Alumni Network Group on LinkedIn:



Or 'Like' and 'Follow'!



For more information on alumni programming and how you can get involved, please contact:

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OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

Collingwood U

Calling all Alumni! From May 16th to June 15th, the Graduating Class of '23 will take part in Collingwood U. During this month, Grade 12 students participate in "adulting" lessons, day-in-the-life lecture series, leadership and work/internship experiences...with some fun adventures on the side! The success of this program is due to the fantastic involvement of alumni like you!

Once again, we are asking for volunteer mentors and presenters for our graduating classes in the following categories:

Day-in-the-life: come and speak to a group of students about the ins and outs of your job or career. Share what it took to get where you are, what it is like every day and tips and tricks for success.

Adulting: come share a skill that you wish you knew when you graduated from high school and before you got to university. Cooking, cleaning, budgeting (time and money), social skills, auto care 101, interview, resume, networking skills, and more!

Leadership/work/internship experiences: provide an individual or a small group of students with an in-office experience. Can be a job shadowing day or more! This is always a popular option as students love to experience what it is like inside offices, clinics, sites, and classrooms.

If you have any questions or would like to be involved, please reach out to morgan.mclaughlin@collingwood.org for more information.