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ALUMNOTES

April 22, 2020

Dear Fellow Collingwood Alumni,

2020 has been a year that I know none of us will ever forget. No part of our globe has been unaffected by the rise of this pandemic and we have all had to adjust our lives to ensure the safety and health of our family, friends and of course, ourselves. Collingwood as a school prepared us well to meet the ever-changing challenges of the world and this year will likely be the one that tests our mettle the most.

With many of us having to move to a “work from home” environment, I want to make sure we all take a moment to recognize those who are still leaving the safety of their homes every morning. To my fellow alumni who are front-line healthcare workers or work in any of the essential service businesses that we are all dependent on; on behalf of the entire Collingwood Alumni community, I thank you.

We should also be incredibly proud as alumni of the unbelievable efforts that the Collingwood faculty and staff team are showing in keeping students from JK through Grade 12 engaged, challenged and most importantly connected to the school and their classmates. As a parent of a Grade 2 student at Wentworth, I see first-hand the care and attention from all teachers on a daily basis. Though my daughter misses her friends dearly, she has a smile on her face every morning when she logs onto the class “meet-up” video chat. These are new times for us all and we should be grateful that the best of what Collingwood has to offer (the teachers) is still being delivered to the students each and every day.

The driving purpose of the Alumni Executive over the past few years has been to create and foster meaningful “engagement and connections” between our growing alumni base and the School. The success of our recent series of “Cavs Business Lunches” and the continued participation by alumni in their respective class reunions moves us one step closer to an even better-connected alumni base. It is clearly disappointing to have to put many of our planned events on hold this spring due to the current restrictions on group gatherings. We are steadfast in that we are doing our part to ensure our communities remain safe and to “flatten the curve” in the most expeditious manner possible.

I implore you to keep “connected” to your former classmates during these times. We should all be there for each other and we will continue to explore new and creative ways to connect with you in our on-line world in the coming weeks and months. If you happen to hold a “Zoom” Friday 5pm cocktail meet-up with any other alumni please send us a picture; we would love to share!

We look forward to keeping connected.

Best to you and your families.

Sincerely,

Tim O’Neill ’96
Alumni Executive, Chair