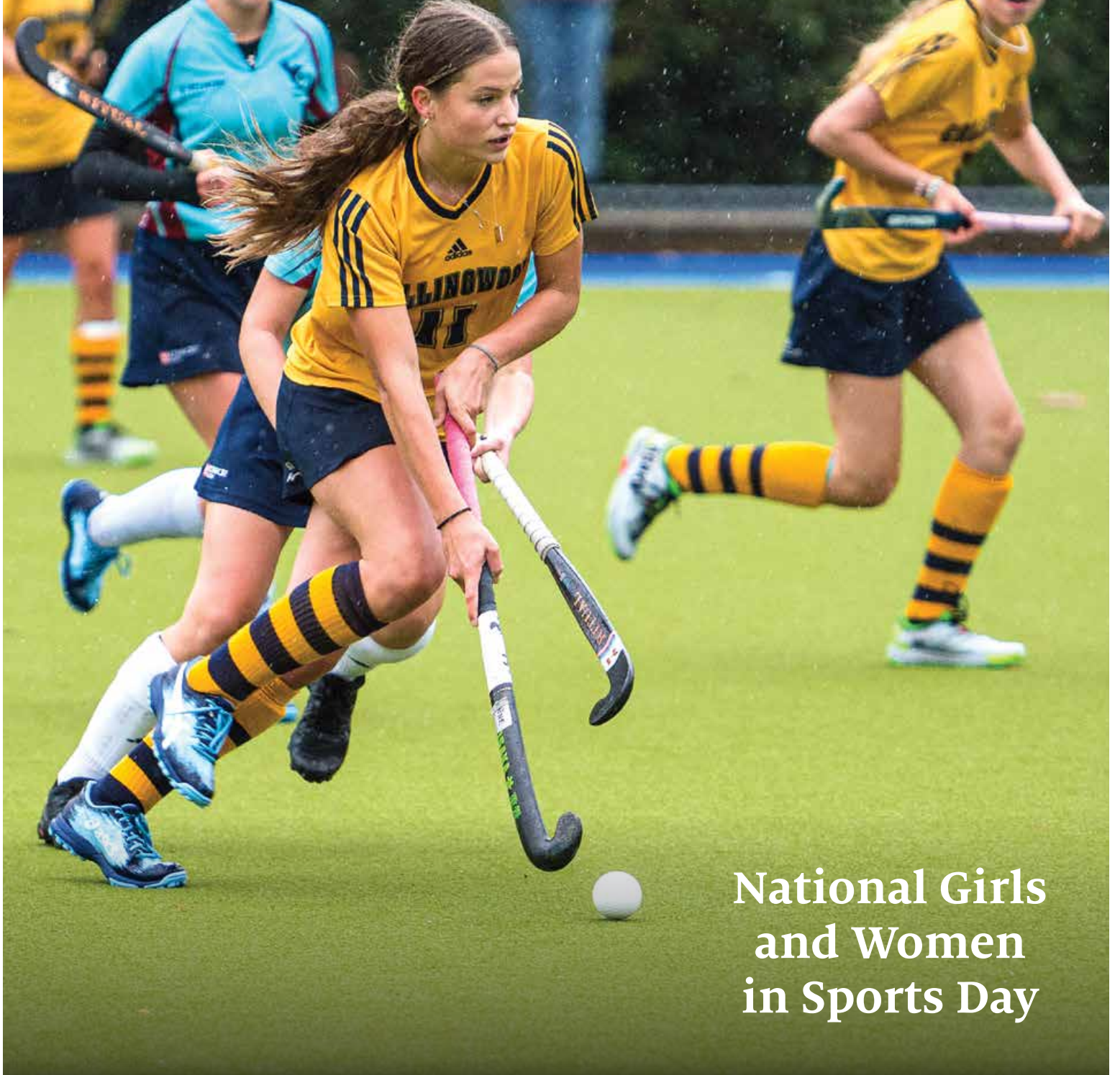


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# NEWS



# Welcome back to the spring term of the 2021-2022 school year!



I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break!

As we learned before the March Break, the easing of COVID restrictions means that we are able to resume some of our cherished traditions and gather as a community once again. We are looking forward to our first Cav Prom in two years and are busy making preparations for graduation at Wentworth for Gr. 7's and Commencement and Grad Ball for the Gr. 12's at Morven. I hope all families will be able to join S'more the Merrier—a Collingwood family event being organized by our Parents' Council on June 3.

I'm also excited to share that despite the pandemic, we have made some real gains for Collingwood over the past several months guided by our Strategic Plan. Forward Focused Learning has been front and centre across both campuses with the establishment of our Academic Innovation Committees and planning for the return of trips and tours. At the Morven Campus, the team has been deep into research, identifying Future Employability Skills and investigating exemplars at the local, national and international levels with an interdisciplinary approach to teaching and learning. After months of exploration and research at Wentworth, the team is piloting a two-day project later this Spring at the Gr. 4 level. The project is centred on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and involves growing local partnerships that challenges and inspires our students to take action and to make a difference in the world for an immersive and experiential learning opportunity.

Next year, the new Morven timetable creates greater flexibility as we return to the planning of school trips during the third trimester to deepen and expand connections with local and global partners. We will be able to offer authentic learning experiences for our students in a way that doesn't take students away from other coursework. Some of the optional or elective courses under this Global Education umbrella include Social Studies 10, Outdoor Education 11, Tourism 12 and New Media and Film Adventure 12.

Our commitment to Building Community has allowed us to formalize our parent volunteer opportunities beginning with the launch of Industry Connections. With this initiative, families and alumni are able to register their skills and expertise with the School in an effort to pair them with faculty to enrich learning for students in and out of the classroom. We are excited to be leveraging the talents of so many in our community at the second annual Collingwood U—where partnerships are being made for guest speakers, job shadowing and internships. The database also serves to find matches for positions on the Board of Governors and its subcommittees, as well as supporting Parent's Council initiatives. If you haven't already done so, please visit the Parent Portal on Veracross to learn more.



Closely connected to Building Community is our commitment to the Wellbeing of our students, faculty and staff. We continue to audit all aspects of our student wellbeing—schedules, co-curriculars, physical spaces, nutrition and policies. We are pleased to be restoring the Advisor program in September for our Gr. 8's and 9's and building out our Community & Connections time at Wentworth, both of which are a vital student support system for developing key social and emotional skills.

As we further our commitment to Sustainability and the reduction of Collingwood's ecological footprint, we have partnered with Prism Engineering to conduct an internal scan of Collingwood's current initiatives and practices. I'm proud of our Morven Student Sustainability Council in this area, which led virtual conversations with students in other ISABC schools and created a Student Climate Change Action Letter, which was presented to all ISABC Heads of School. Students stressed the importance of including sustainability in the school curriculum, incorporating sustainability into school culture and following the example of post-secondary institutions divesting school investments from fossil fuels. We look forward to hearing the voices of our students, staff, and families in this important work as we move forward.

As you read through this issue, I hope you'll enjoy some of the stories that exemplify our focus on these strategic priorities. In particular, the stories about our Entrepreneurship class and the revitalization of Chinatown with real estate expert Bob Rennie, and the Gr. 9 letter exchange with La Boussole, which has since been made into a play and is being performed at Stage 16 in Vancouver on March 31st.



Lisa Evans,  
*Head of School*



#### **Yasmine Karim Family Library**

Thank you to the Karim Family for joining us at Morven on February 22 for the re-naming of the Bahadur Karim Family Library to the Yasmine Karim Family Library. This celebration of Yasmine, who would have been turning 19 years old, reminded me of a quote from Anna Quindler. ~ 'Books are the plane and the train, and the road. They are the destination and the journey. They are home.' We all feel Yasmine's spirit is home here at Collingwood.

#WENTWORTH

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Today our Gr 5's explored Seymour Mountain and enjoyed a big boost of Vitamin D along with having fun and learning in our North Shore landscape. [#Wentworth](#)

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Gr 4 is having way too much fun in Mr. Manning's Design & Tech class! Students have designed, built and decorated their own club cars and are getting ready for race day!

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Gr 6 has been working with @seasmartschool to learn more about environmental stewardship. Congratulations on becoming "Clean Water Champions"!

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Children love books! Our Wentworth Librarian, Lori Thomas, encourages building a love for reading by modelling at home. [#WentworthLibrary](#)

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Our JK Eagles celebrated Lunar New Year, creating Valentines for friends and family, cooking waffles and learning how to make a quilt! Very busy little nest!!


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It's been a fantastic week of basketball at Wentworth! Congrats to both Gr 7 teams for playing strong and huge thanks to our amazing coaches for hosting an awesome Cavs Classic.

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Congrats to RoboCavs 9594S & 9594Y on becoming Tournament Champions! They now qualify for the BC Lower Mainland Regional Championships! [#gorobocavs](#)



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This week was the premiere of our 16th annual Student Choreography Show! "Expressions 16" features students in Gr 8-12 and is showing now on YouTube!



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Our Alpine Team wrapped up a hugely fun and successful season! Congrats to the team of Devina, Remy, Olive & Isla on their 2nd place Provincials finish in snowboarding. [#gocavs](#)

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Once again, we have a tremendous array of student athletes who have distinguished themselves and earned Athlete of the Week honours! [#CollingwoodSchool](#) [#Morven](#)

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There's always something interesting happening in Ms. Dow's Anatomy & Physiology 12 class! Today students conducted self directed labs to investigate the efficiency of enzymes.

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Screen Time for Seniors! Students and seniors get together to discuss technology, fix device glitches and share stories at the West Vancouver Senior's' Activity Center. [#service](#)

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Students participating in the Bell Let's Talk campaign, raising awareness for mental health. [#BellLetsTalk](#)

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Students participating in a charity drive, collecting donations for a local organization. [#CharityDrive](#)

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Students participating in a science experiment, learning about the properties of different materials. [#ScienceExperiment](#)

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# NATIONAL GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY

By Riley Kennedy, Gr. 12

**I HAVE BEEN AN ATHLETE** my whole life, starting from when I began playing soccer at the age of four. As an athlete, I have experienced many incredible moments and have had much success, but I have also witnessed and endured many of the challenges that female athletes can face in sport. Because of this, on National Girls and Women in Sports Day, I wanted to highlight some of our amazing female athletes from Collingwood not only to praise the incredible achievements that these women have accomplished but also to empower other female athletes around our School. As an athlete, having a role model or someone to look up to can be very important. It can push you through hard times, drive you to put in the extra effort, or even spark a dream inside of you. Throughout this process, I have learned a great deal about the accomplishments of my peers as well as the teachers and staff from around the school. After this project, I feel even more inspired to achieve great things in sport and be a role model for others around me. The purpose of National Girls and Women in Sports Day is to acknowledge the achievements of female athletes, honour the progress in bridging the gap in inequality in sport, while still recognizing the continual struggles that female athletes face. I hope that this tradition can carry on at Collingwood School so that this message can continue to be spread. 



Monique Kelly

Monique is an athlete who exemplifies hard work, resilience and what it means to be a teammate. Despite being sidelined with a concussion, she never failed to be a supportive teammate on the Sr Girls' Field Hockey, Basketball and Netball Teams. Beyond the school walls, Mo has represented her province and her country in Netball earning a few international caps with the U21 Canadian Team.



**Reese Tam**

Reese is one of the hardest working athletes at Collingwood. She doesn't know the meaning of quit. She is always the first at practice and the last to leave. She continuously pushes herself to expand her abilities on the court and in the weight room. She not only represents the Cavaliers, but she plays for the club team VK—the top BC club basketball team. She also competes in long-distance running and for the netball team!



**Simone Dhingra**

Simone has been a natural leader in volleyball since she started playing at Collingwood. She approaches the sport with commitment, fierceness, support for her teammates and an endless amount of drive. Simone has fearlessly taken on each practice, game and tournament as her coaches continued to challenge her to grow as a setter. Simone has helped change what it means to be a volleyball player at Collingwood.





**Nina Kovacevic**

Nina came to Collingwood with an impressive resume in sport. She quickly became a prominent member of Collingwood's volleyball community and used her ability, experience and knowledge to lead her teammates. What is particularly impressive about Nina is that she constantly helps those around her and has shown an early talent in teaching volleyball. Nina showed how to trust your coaches, be a team player and play almost every position possible on the court.



**Marea Bellville**

Marea is a multi-sport athletic talent! Not only playing on both the Sr Girls' Volleyball and Basketball teams, Marea is also busy playing on multiple teams outside of school. Not only is she playing for the North Shore Stars A U16 volleyball team, but she is also an accomplished horseback rider. Further still, Marea excels at playing second base in softball! Her club team came second in the province last year at the BC Summer Games.



In honour of National Girls and Women in Sports Day, the coaches of the Senior Girls soccer team would like to recognize Julianne Bugeja and Riley Kennedy for their commitment and involvement over the past four years. Both Julianne and Riley joined the team when they were in Gr. 8 and made an immediate impact. They displayed exceptional skill and showed determination and tenacity in competition. Riley and Julianne were part of both the 2018 and 2019 provincial runs, and finished 2nd and 4th respectively. They are outstanding teammates and we are proud of the commitment they have shown to the program over the years.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Ms. McLaughlin won two CIS National Championships playing basketball at SFU then played professionally in Europe. She also started playing netball for Team BC in 2010, winning 8 national championships and playing with the National team since 2013.

Ms. Ramsden ski raced internationally and also competed both nationally and internationally for cross country mountain biking.

Ms. Mulock played on the Team BC Provincial Basketball Team in U15 and U17 and went on to play for the UVic Women's Basketball team.

Ms. Bruner played for the Canadian Women's Field Hockey team and won two National CIS Championships playing for the UVic.

Ms. Carlbeck won a bronze medal at the NAIA Diving Championships, while a member of the SFU dive team.

Ms. Weiss won a silver at the Canadian Secondary School Rowing Championships and played Rugby at Acadia University.

Ms. Neilson played volleyball for both Queens and Team Ontario and competed in over 25 Canadian Pro-Beach Volleyball events.

Ms. Field biked all the way across Canada, a total of 6111km She has competed in the 50km Sigge's P'ayakentsut race.

Ms. Ross competed in three World Championships for outrigger paddling and was a varsity rower at UBC.



## DID YOU ALSO KNOW?

Alumni Lelia Lane has been selected by the International Federation of Field Hockey to umpire at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

Alumni Madison Mailey was a member of the women's eight that won gold in the Olympic Games in Tokyo 2020.

Alumni Emily Overholt won bronze medals at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

Collingwood founding family member and current Grandparent, Mrs. Jean Senft, has been named to the Order of Canada for her contributions to figure skating as one of Canada's leading judges for fairer rules.



# Playing Music

Having a blast  
in beginner band








**THE ARTS ARE AN ESSENTIAL PART** of the educational experience at Collingwood. This strand plays an important role in promoting creativity and self-expression while teaching patience and teamwork. Nowhere is this more evident than in the Wentworth music room.

“As a beginner band teacher,” says Natalie Prichard, Wentworth Music & Band Teacher, “my role is to not only teach students how to play a number of different instruments but to be a cheerleader, motivator, comedian, and caring adult.” Of course, there’s a lot to learn. There are numerous basic skills of learning an instrument such as assembly, maintenance, finger positions and the first few notes. However, Ms. Prichard believes the core of any band is about creating a caring community, one where a student feels safe and comfortable enough to play on their own in front of their peers.

“Enjoyment and fun are central to success in band,” says Natalie, “We PLAY instruments. Play needs to be fun! If a child loves their instrument and has fun in band, the more likely they are to continue band at Morven and perhaps in their community in the future.” Through playing instruments, students also develop life skills such as self-discipline, conflict resolution and time management. Additionally, students begin to recognize their own feelings, develop empathy, and feel the satisfaction of having success at something that takes a lot of personal effort over a long period of time. There is no instant gratification when learning a musical instrument, but there is the potential for a lifetime of enjoyment on the journey.

Be on the lookout for announcements regarding this spring’s concert schedule that will feature student audiences and be available to view online. 



### TIE-DYE DAY RETURNS!

Building on the huge success of last year’s Tie-Dye Day, Wentworth will once again host this exciting, brightly-coloured school-wide celebration of the arts. While last year’s event featured stations that tie-dyed cloth masks, this year, students will have the opportunity to renew old clothes from home. Be on the lookout for an announcement with details and the exact date, which is planned to be in late May or early June.







# Entrepreneurship 12

Collingwood students explore Chinatown revitalization plans



**WHILE ENTREPRENEURS ARE REVERED** in our current culture, the reality is that most entrepreneurial endeavours fail, often simply because those in charge do not have the expertise or support needed to sell their ideas to funders or the marketplace.

While students in Ms. Lau's Entrepreneurship 12 class learn basic aspects of business acumen, coursework focuses on the methods and best practices that entrepreneurs use to transform their creative solutions for real-world problems into viable, funded businesses. "My hope for students is that they develop an entrepreneurial mindset so that they can go into the world knowing how to design feasible solutions for a world that desperately needs them," says Ms. Lau. "We want to help grow global citizens that understand the importance of upholding the triple bottom line of people, planet and profit."

Like a university-level business course, Entrepreneurship 12 students learn through case studies that span diverse industries and explore real-world problems. One such question students tackled this winter is how best to approach Chinatown's economic revitalization goal of becoming a place that



tells the area's history, serves the needs of residents, youth and visitors and acts as a hub of commercial, social and cultural activities.

Project research included a trip down to Chinatown to meet Bob Rennie at the 133-year-old Wing Sang building at 51 East Pender Street. The oldest building in Chinatown and current home to Rennie's corporate offices and museum. Rennie described to students his rationale for moving into the neighbourhood, his belief that gentrification can occur without displacing people and his theory that young people and the arts drive revitalization.

A few days after Collingwood's visit, Bob Rennie announced that the Wing Sang building is being dedicated to housing a new Chinese Canadian Museum, the first of its kind in the country. **b**



## INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS

Collingwood is extremely fortunate to have parents and Alumni within our school community who possess an incredibly diverse array of professional and entrepreneurial expertise. Last June, a volunteer initiative was introduced to help Collingwood students and teachers learn from this great wealth of industry experience.

During its pilot phase, the Industry Connections program provided the opportunity for students and teachers at Morven to engage with dozens of volunteers from numerous professional backgrounds to support learning in courses such as new media, calculus and entrepreneurship. Several volunteers served as keynote speakers for co-curricular programming and Collingwood U.

We're pleased to announce that an Industry Connections database has been created to help us catalogue individuals with specific skills who are interested in volunteering at Collingwood. Opportunities will range from formal roles such as serving on the Board of Governors or sub-committees to Parents' Council initiatives to support for teaching and learning through mentoring, sharing of professional expertise and guest speaking.

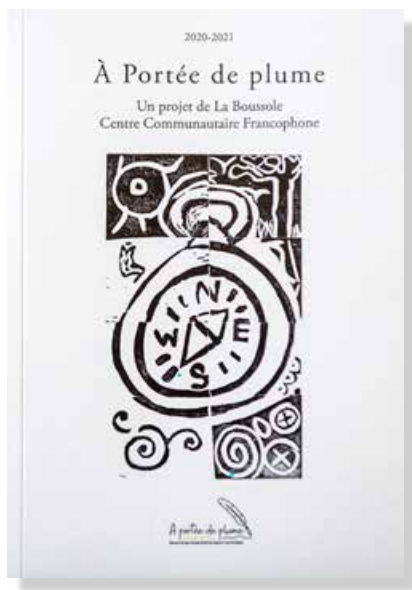
The Industry Connections database will be confidentially managed by Collingwood's Advancement department. For more information or to register, please visit the parent landing page on the Veracross portal.

Please note: The Industry Connections database for skills-based volunteering is not associated with the Parents' Council Business Directory, where community members can share their business contact information—much like a phonebook.


# À PORTÉE DE PLUME



**Morven students exchange letters with the local Francophone community.**



**FOUNDED IN 1996**, La Boussole is a non-profit organization whose mission is to support Francophones in Greater Vancouver who are facing a variety of challenges that include such things as poverty, social and/or linguistic isolation, addiction or mental health issues. Through a full range of services and activities, the community centre welcomes, supports and guides people according to their needs. Through these efforts, La Bourssole seeks to unite the Francophone community and help those who need it most.

Last year Ms. Glas' Gr. 9 French class worked on a letter exchange project with La Boussole. Students were assigned a French-speaking pen pal and, during the year, exchanged letters, drawings and poems. The content created through this project is so inspiring that La Boussole decided to publish it as a book. The book, in turn, was such a success a local director transformed it into a play. The play premiered in late March to coincide with Francophone Week, and performances were held at Studio 16 in Vancouver. Incroyable! 







A little ray of sunshine.  
Because I am really proud of our students,  
Because I want to share with you what our  
beautiful community can do for the community.

- Annabelle Glas, Morven French Teacher





"Je suis heureuse de t'écrire, tu es comme  
une force positive à laquelle je m'accroche."  
Phoenix in De la Plume à la scène

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FEATURE

# Safety





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**The Junior First Aid Volunteer team is helping to keep the Wentworth playground safe.**

**LIKE ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLYARDS**, the Wentworth playground has seen its fair share of bumps and scrapes. This past fall, Wentworth kicked off the Junior First Aid Volunteer program. Students in Gr. 7 were given the opportunity to apply to become a part of the JFAV program. Students were then brought in for an interview and completed Safe Beginnings first aid training at the start of September. Educational topics in this age-appropriate first aid workshop include allergic reactions, seizures, unconscious people, bleeding and wound care, burns and head injuries.

Scheduled for duty each day during primary recess breaks, team members report to the Health Centre. They are issued red safety jackets, first aid kits, whistles and radios that connect directly to the nurse's office. JFAV members then head outside, usually in teams of two or three. JFAV members patrol the playground on the lookout for anyone who might need help and offer assistance with everything from injuries to helping kids find friends. The JFAV team also hands out fun stickers, which helps them engage with younger students.

Next year's incoming JFAV members will have the opportunity to apply in the spring and will start their training by accompanying the outgoing team for a Buddy Shift. 



"It's fun to see students excited to help others and take on a nurturing role. Having the opportunity to bridge the gap between grades and build relationships between peers is also so important as they develop as role models."

- Jessica Sloan, Wentworth Nurse

"I like helping the littles to find friends to play with when they are all alone."

- Maggie Young, Gr. 7

"I like seeing the kids smile when we help them and teach them."

- Chloe Vertes, Gr. 7



## UG's Pathways to Guidance

The older our Morven students become, the more likely they will spend a significant amount of time in the University Guidance department. Our UG counsellors love to dispense advice on everything from course selection to school lists to broader life direction. Given the focus on career plans, have you ever wondered about the paths our UG staff took? Let's ask how they got here.

### Jennifer Adriaanse

When I finished high school, I went on a foreign language exchange to France. I then chose to attend the University of Waterloo but transferred to Brock University in third year to graduate sooner with an Honours Bachelor of Arts in French. Then went to Niagara University in Lewiston, New York and completed a Master of Science degree in Secondary Education. I got my first full-time teaching position in Moosonee, Ontario and spent three years living and working in a Cree First Nations community. I then taught at Jerudong International School in Brunei Darussalam, Borneo, for three years. I returned to Canada and spent 14 years at Ridley College, working my way up to the position of Director of Guidance. Then joined Neuchatel Junior College in Switzerland as Deputy Head of School, Ontario Principal and Director of University Guidance for six years before joining Collingwood School.

### Chris Payne

I attended UBC and received a BA in Geography and American History. At UBC, I got involved in student government, recreational sports, and the improv team. I worked on campus as a Student Ambassador and gave campus tours. After graduating, I got a job at UBC in recruiting and admissions that required me to travel all over BC talking to high school students about UBC. One of the first schools I visited was Collingwood. I have worked in recruitment and admissions at UBC, SFU and UNBC. Before coming to Collingwood, I worked in international recruitment for UBC for ten years and visited high schools around the world counselling students on their post-secondary choices.

### Rachel Pezim

I took all sciences and math in Gr. 12 but applied to Bachelor of Arts programs at UBC, UVic and SFU. I was accepted at all three and chose UBC. I initially thought I would major in political science and minor in business, but genuinely loved my humanities classes, so I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English literature and history. I worked at an office downtown and as a restaurant server for a year to save up to backpack in Europe. After that gap year, I returned to UBC to complete a Bachelor of Education degree then taught for two years in Coquitlam and Surrey before returning to UBC for the third time to complete my Masters in Education. I joined Collingwood in 2009 and have had numerous roles that include Senior School IEP Coordinator, middle school Math and English teacher, Gr. 6 homeroom teacher and Co-Director of Collingwood Camps and, now a guidance counsellor.

### Rachel Davidson

I graduated from Collingwood and was accepted to Pomona College, but I decided to defer entrance by one year. During my gap year, I took courses such as art history and archaeology at UBC while also teaching piano at Hollyburn Country Club. I then completed a Bachelor of Arts at Pomona College, with a major in English and a minor in Japanese. I also enjoyed DJing for the college radio station, dancing salsa & blues, designing posters for campus events and working as a Writing Fellow peer mentor. Then spent two years teaching English in Japanese elementary schools on the JET Programme. Along the way, I became fluent in Japanese, travelled around Asia and played in a taiko drumming group. I then did a Master of Philosophy at Cambridge University. I then spent two years college consulting and teaching high school in Vancouver before returning to Collingwood in 2020.

### Elia Lopez

After high school, I attended law school for five years in Mexico. Then, I was granted a scholarship from the National Council of Science and Technology in Mexico to pursue a master's degree in North American studies. After that, I worked for five years in the International Relations and Outreach office of the University of Sinaloa as Coordinator of the North American Programs, supporting international students and also coordinating the University Scholarship Program. I then spent two years working as an Academic Coordinator in the Faculty of International Studies of the University of Sinaloa prior to joining Collingwood.



## ADVANCEMENT

## It's not too late to give to the Tartan Fund!

Thank you to the entire Collingwood community for your support of the 2021-22 Tartan Fund. It's not too late to help us reach our goal of 100% participation throughout the Collingwood community. Together, we can do it!

This year's Tartan Fund is already helping to support educational experiences at Collingwood. One example is with Morven's Math Department, which is now using the ALEKS program pilot. The program has been running since November in one G. 9 and two Gr. 8 math classes and is showing great promise. Already, teachers have seen many benefits of utilizing this individualized learning program. "One notable benefit is the increased student ownership of their learning, particularly in the choice of when, where, and which assessment to write," says Dr. Darien Allan, Head of Math. The ALEKS program is constantly assessing student progress and uses a mastery approach. The student only moves on to the next topic or more difficult question once they have mastered their current topic. Students practice the material, receive constant feedback from the program, and ask to write an assessment when they are ready. This correlates to increased student understanding of their strengths and stretches with respect to specific mathematical topics. As a result, students are much less anxious about taking math tests. The use of the ALEKS program has also opened up class time to focus on more meaningful and authentic learning activities while allowing students differentiated pathways to improve their proficiency with fundamental skills. We believe that there are many possibilities to enhance student learning in Gr. 7-12. We're so grateful for your support in making programs like the ALEKS program available to our students. To learn more about the Tartan Fund, visit [collingwood.org/tartan](http://collingwood.org/tartan)



## PARENTS' COUNCIL

Parents' Council continues to work toward building strong connections throughout our Collingwood community. While there have been limitations on in-person get togethers, our outdoor and virtual events have been enthusiastically attended. We're always looking to add new events to the calendar, so if you have an idea for parents to connect, we'd love to hear from you! You can email us at [cwconnections@mycw.org](mailto:cwconnections@mycw.org).

Recent highlights include:

- Social/Book clubs continue to create great opportunities for connection. Class and Grade social events have been enjoying wonderful participation, as most were held outdoors.
- Double Ninth Climbing Festival Event in October – Chinese Cultural Club and Hiking Club worked together to arrange this wonderful sharing of culture event.
- Holiday Evergreen Floral Arrangement in December – This online event featured knowledgeable botanists that were really engaging. Everyone had a great time and ended up with lovely holiday table arrangements!
- Lunar New Year celebrations at the end of January – From decorations and cultural demonstrations to a fantastic informative video, games and a trivia night, the Lunar New Year committee ensured there was a great celebration.
- Unishop Sale in February – With sales at both campuses, over 60 families participated in this year's event.
- Downhill Ski Club – Initiated and led by Erica Harris, a number of parents are joining in Thursdays at Cypress Mountain to enjoy some fun snow activities!
- Hiking Club – Led by Eileen, in January, participants took advantage of a sunny January day and did an awesome hike on beautiful, snowy Cypress Mountain.
- Workout in the Woods – Led by Leslie and Emma, this club is enjoying amazing turnout by parents!
- Macaron Baking event – Feb 25th - led by FanFan Cheng – amazing display of skill and attended by over a dozen families.



- Staff and Teacher Appreciation Day. An Italian-themed event in March to show our appreciation for all the effort, energy and commitment of all those working at Collingwood.
- Family BBQ! Save the date for June 3rd!

Parent's Council is a fun way to get to know others in our school community. We are always looking for new volunteers and have a wide variety of roles to offer! Please contact Nemelia Winckler at [pcchair@mycw.org](mailto:pcchair@mycw.org) for more information.

**DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA  
FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES  
TO CONNECT?**

Email [pcchair@mycw.org](mailto:pcchair@mycw.org)



## Collingwood School Alumni Award Winners 2021/2022

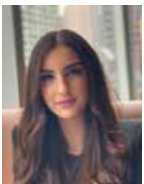
The Mackenzie Awards (named after David Mackenzie, Collingwood's first Headmaster) are presented to Collingwood alumni who have exhibited outstanding excellence in one of the Four Strands. The Alumni Association Volunteer Awards, introduced in 2013, recognize alumni for service to the Alumni Association and/or to Collingwood School. We are extremely proud to announce the Alumni Award Winners for 2021/2022.



**Valerie Teicher, '08, Winner of Mackenzie Award for Arts-** Valerie, better known by her stage name Tei Shi, graduated from Collingwood in 2008. Valerie is a Colombian-Canadian indie-pop singer-songwriter and producer. After graduation, she attended Berklee College of Music in Boston and later moved to New York to pursue her music career. She has since moved to Los Angeles and has performed throughout the US, Canada and Europe. During her time at Collingwood, she was involved in all aspects of the Arts strand as a member of the choir and drama program. Tei Shi has released several EPs, videos and records.



**Sam Gharegozlou, '06, Winner of Mackenzie Award for Academics-** Sam graduated from Collingwood School in 2006. He is currently co-founder and President of Axiom Zen, an award-winning technology venture capital and incubator studio behind several successful start-up companies, including Dapper Labs, ZenHub and Routific. Axiom Zen's products touch millions of people worldwide through blockchain-based experiences, digital collectibles and project management and route optimization software. Sam oversees all operations that steer the Axiom Zen portfolio and is at the centre of commercial and community activity for the business, leading a team of over 400 staff and dedicating the last nine years of his life to creating globally recognized platforms. Sam has led and built a business on collaboration and respect.



**Ariana Sairafi, '11, Winner of Alumni Association Volunteer Award-** Ariana works as a Communications Specialist at Aviso Wealth, where she leads the internal communications function to drive engagement, align teams and shape Aviso's culture. After graduating in 2011, Ariana began giving back to Collingwood in various capacities. She first returned as a part-time employee while attending university, then transitioned to full-time once she graduated from Simon Fraser in 2015. Though she made a career change to financial services in 2016, she maintained her relationship with the Collingwood family and joined the Alumni Executive Committee in May 2018. Ariana is instrumental in helping organize alumni events and uses her network to find engaging speakers to help promote connections with current grads and alumni.

We are now accepting nominations for the 2022 Collingwood Alumni Awards. Please submit nominations to [alumni@collingwood.org](mailto:alumni@collingwood.org).


## ALUMNI EVENTS

Look for more information coming soon on our next CAVs Business Lunch scheduled for April and Class Reunions for the Class of 1990, 1991, 1992, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2010, 2011, 2012 scheduled for Spring.

## JOIN THE COLLINGWOOD ALUMNI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE!

Do you want to get involved in the planning of alumni events and initiatives? Applications are now open for the Alumni Executive Committee. You can apply at [collingwood.org/alumni/join-us](https://collingwood.org/alumni/join-us)

## STAY CONNECTED

 [collingwood/alumni-linked-in](https://www.linkedin.com/company/collingwood-alumni-linked-in)  
Add Collingwood in the education section of your profile.

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Update your mailing address at:  
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## **Lisa Bombini**

*Wentworth Gr. 5 Teacher*

### **5 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT HER:**

1. Grew up in Burnaby and has known her husband since they were 5 years old.
2. Sang in a children's choir and performed for Princess Diana at Expo 86.
3. Loves Italy and named her daughter Sicily.
4. Speaks French, Italian and Dutch. (And English, of course!)
5. Overcame her fear of swimming in the ocean to go scuba diving with sea turtles in Hawaii.



# UPCOMING PERFORMANCES



## **Murder on the Orient Express**

April 19-22

7:00 pm

Darlene S. Howard Theatre



## **Spring Dance Showcase**

April 27-28

Kay Meek Arts Centre



## **Morven Musical**

June 13-15

# PARENT CONFERENCE REIMAGINED: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Justine Finn:** April 6

**Student EDI Committee:** April 12

**Lakeside School (Seattle):** April 21

**Brad Baker:** April 25

**Nitasha Rajoo:** May 6

Join us for a line-up of engaging and inspiring speakers as we address topics around Equity, Diversity and Inclusion with awesome resources and tools for families to have these conversations at home.

You won't want to miss the Collingwood Student Panel as they host a family edition of Courageous Conversations. Please note: events are a mix of online and in person. Visit [www.collingwood.org/parentconference](http://www.collingwood.org/parentconference) to learn more.



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