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# Lisgar Collegiate Institute

## Newsletter

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Newsletter for Students, Parents and Staff of Lisgar Collegiate Institute

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### *Principal's Message*

This has been a wonderful and exciting year! Please enjoy all the articles and pictures in this edition of our newsletter which chronicle the accomplishments of students and activities of our last term.

Unfortunately, we are saying goodbye to a number of teachers. To our retirees, Ms. McBurney (Science Department) and Ms. Whiting (Teacher-Librarian, Social Sciences Department), we extend our best wishes for good health and many exciting adventures and thank them for all their efforts on behalf of Lisgar students. Mr. Hum (Business and Social Sciences Departments) has been on leave this year and has transferred to Woodroffe High School. We will miss Mr. Hum and thank him for all his hard work, particularly as staff supervisor of Students' Council and organizer of our Awards and Commencement ceremonies. To our extended occasional teachers who have been with us for a short period of time, I would like to thank them for their contribution to our school community and wish them well in their teaching careers - Ms. Pandelieva and Mr. Sweeney (Math Department); Ms. Robinson (Fine Arts Department); Mr. Cermak and Mr. Leblanc (Science Department) and Mr. Troop (Social Sciences Department). Thanks and best wishes to Ms. Farquhar, Educational Assistant, who has been with us only a few months. Ms. Farquhar has resigned and will be pursuing a teaching career.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks, on behalf of the Lisgar Community, to all members of School Council for their support this year, and in particular, our Chair, Mr. Sid Witiuk. Sid has spent countless hours working tirelessly on a number of issues, both at the school level and Board level. Sid's younger daughter has graduated and Sid is resigning as Chair. Thank you, Sid, for your enthusiastic commitment and devotion to Lisgar!

On behalf of staff, a HUGE thank you to the School Council for the appreciation luncheon on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was amazing – so delicious – what a variety of dishes! Staff loves this tradition!

It has been a wonderful year. My sincere thanks to everyone - staff, volunteers, students and parents who have contributed to the many events, activities and successes we have experienced and enjoyed.

**CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!  
WE ARE PROUD OF YOU AND WISH  
YOU HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS IN ALL  
YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVOURS. PLEASE  
COME BACK AND VISIT US!**

It has been a privilege to serve as Principal of Lisgar Collegiate Institute. Have a safe and happy summer!

*K. Gledhill*

**VISIT WWW.LISGAR.CA FOR  
SUMMER HOURS AND  
INFORMATION RELATED TO  
SEPTEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

## FINE ARTS, BUSINESS & LAW

### MUSIC

Congratulations to our 10 ensembles and many student performers who participated at the Kiwanis Music Festival this year. Once again Lisgar has been truly musical force at the festival.

The Senior Orchestra has been extremely busy with the following performances:

April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Kiwanis Music Festival
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	CBC in the Schools Competition
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Recording for the Ontario Music Festival Taped Competition (Finalist)
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Performance at Lisgar Music Night
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Performance at Kiwanis Highlights concert featuring Silvie Cheng
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Performance at <i>Music for a Cure</i> Concert in support of the new Ottawa Cancer Treatment Centre through the Ottawa Hospital Foundation
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Performance at Lisgar Commencement

Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup> the Senior Jazz Ensemble performed at the Ottawa International Jazz Festival as part of their Youth Series.

Congratulations to violinist Nicole Park who will be performing in the Young Artist's Program at the National Arts Centre this summer with Pinchas Zuckerman. Nicole will also be spending her second summer with the National Youth Orchestra.

Congratulations to pianist Silvie Cheng who will be returning to the Orford Arts Centre this summer to study with French piano pedagogue Jacques Rouvier.

On May 31, the **Lisgar Senior Orchestra** took part in an incredibly special event, "Music For A Cure", a fundraising concert organized by **Silvie**

**Cheng**, Lisgar's own Grade 11 student. The concert, featuring performances by Silvie and her musical friends, raised close to \$12,000, and with the provincial government matching \$2.30 for each dollar raised, this translates to \$40,000 being invested into the expansion of the Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre, doubling its current capacity!

This is the second concert that Silvie has organized for the Ottawa Hospital Foundation. Last July, Silvie gave a solo piano recital and raised more than \$4,100 for breast cancer research. At this year's concert, Silvie wanted to celebrate what she values the most: music, friendship, and life itself. She performed solo piano, as well as in a duet with her 10-year-old cellist brother, Bryan; their music touched so many. There was also chamber music by two piano trios: Trio con Brio, of which Silvie is a founding member, gave brilliant performances, and Trio Scherzando, of which Bryan is a member, put smiles on everyone's faces with their playful Cakewalk. Under conductor **Richard Arrigo**, the Lisgar Senior Orchestra performed the first movement of the Schumann Piano Concerto with Silvie as soloist, and then closed the concert with a fiery rendition of the fourth movement from Dvorak's "New World" Symphony. The musicians gave amazing performances, to thunderous applause from the extremely warm and supportive audience, which completely filled the First Unitarian Congregation. The lineup at the donation table was an absolutely touching sight.

Following the concert was a beautiful reception that was organized by **Petra Smith**, another Grade 11 Lisgar student; audience members enjoyed delicious baked goods, and mingled with the musicians. Those who were there can attest that it was a truly memorable afternoon, and time well spent for a great cause! Lisgar should be very proud of the generous donations from the staff, and the great

efforts of so many Lisgar students for this community fundraising event!

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

First Day of School – September 2	
9:00 am – Grade 10-12 Assembly	
10:30 am – Grade 9 Assembly	
11:45 am – Grade 9 welcome BBQ	
Last Day to start a new course – Sept. 12	
School Photo Day -	Sept. 16
OC Transpo Pictures -	Sept. 16
Mock Timetable Afternoon –	Sept. 18
Clubs Day	Sept. 24
Terry Fox National School Run –	Sept. 26

### **VISUAL ARTS**

For the Lisgar Visual Arts department, the month of May began with a visit to the National Gallery. Students in grades 9, 10 and 11 were given a guided tour of the Joe Fafard exhibit; showcasing a variety of the artist's work spanning his entire career. What a great opportunity for all to experience Fafard's array of sculpture techniques and media. Continuing on the gallery circuit, the grade 11 students took part in an exclusive workshop at the Ottawa Art Gallery with visiting PhD artist, Kirsten Forkert. In addition to seeing the show *Buildup*, these students experienced firsthand, the process of writing art criticism in examining the relationship of art and society.

A special guest arrived later in the month to talk to the grade 10 and 11 students. **Adrienne Costantino**, a Lisgar alumnus and OCAD grad, came to share her insight about post secondary life and to show the classes her portfolio of artwork. The grade 11's especially enjoyed her collection of prints as they were creating their own silkscreen prints at the time.

As the month of May drew to a close thus began the incredible preparations for the June 5th Art Show and Sale. This semester's show was no exception to the Lisgar tradition in that once again our Art students showcased their incredible range of talent.

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