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HumberSide Collegiate Alumni Association



LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to another issue of the HumberSide Collegiate Alumni Association newsletter!

As part of our efforts to serve the Alumni community better, we have decided to take a big step with the newsletter – I really hope that you all like the effort that has been put into it and the expanded focus we are looking to provide with it.

One of the big pushes we would like to make would be to see more and more content for the newsletter generated by you – the Alumni! You will see that this issue there is already a lot more information of all sorts being shared – whether it is a brief photo with a descriptive memory, or a more detailed account of how HumberSide shaped and changed one's life. We would like to encourage you to share those stories with us and with all alumni, and enrich our lives by doing so.

As I had hinted in the letter from the Chair in the previous issue, this change reflects the direction we would like to take with the group moving forward: to be more involved with our alumni's past; connecting alumni in the present; and providing for future alumni by safeguarding the traditions and values that we all hold so dearly having graduated from HumberSide. We know that you too want to make sure that the HumberSide legacy is preserved – our traditions of excellence in academics, arts, and athletics. We hope that this newsletter adequately reflects those traditions, serving as a place for those hints of nostalgia that warm our hearts in a way that only the best of memories can.

Most importantly, thank you all for continuing to read and support us, and we look forward to hearing from you and hope to read your stories in an upcoming issue!

Regards,
Graeme Dymond
Chair



Message from the Editor

Hello everyone,

My name is Jacquie Raidl and I would like to introduce myself to you as one of the new editors of the Humberside Alumni newsletter. I graduated from Humberside in 1987. While at Humberside, I played basketball for a bit, and was on the track and field team but my greatest memories were of the music activities. Choirs-Senior, Girls, and Chamber as well as all the musicals, in back and front of the stage and not to forget the music trips!

My passion is still strong for Humberside, "Alma Mater so Dear...." as the school song goes, and our goal for the newsletter is to bring back those memories for the alumni, keep you updated on school happenings, let you know what alumni are doing, and re-introduce and perhaps give you insight into the great history of Humberside that you didn't know about!

Humberside will be celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2017 and plans will soon be underway for this celebration. The newsletter will keep you informed on news as it comes.

While that is in the planning stages, there is a current event on right now, the re-vamping of the seats in Lismar Hall. There is more on that in the newsletter, and I encourage you to give some thought in helping the school out with this. We all have sat in that hall at least a few times during our years there. Maybe even some of the gum you may have put under your seat is still there!

We want to make this newsletter as relevant as possible to the alumni, so any suggestions, feedback you have is appreciated. You are welcome to submit articles, photos, any funny story or memory you want to share, please let us know.

Thank you and I hope you enjoy this edition.

Jacquie

Alumni News and Upcoming Events

*****Next Alumni Meeting*****

Wednesday April 18 at 7pm at "On the Level" Pub

at 1661 Bloor St. W just east of Indian Road For directions:

<http://maps.google.ca/maps/place?q=on+the+level+bar+toronto&hl=en&cid=12998179477133052879>

All are welcome to attend.

Grad Golf Tournaments

The two tournaments this year are Tues June 19th and Tues Sept. 18th

For more information contact Don don.coote@sympatico.ca

Reunions

Class of 2002- 10 year reunion this Fall, contact Graeme graeme.dymond@gmail.com

Class of 1987- 25 year reunion this Fall, contact Jacquie to be put on a contact list jacqr@sympatico.ca

Class of 1983- 30 year reunion in 2013, contact Claire Laporte mikerobd8@yahoo.com

Humberside-A part of you like it or not!

High School- five of the most formative years of your life and what a better place to spend it than at Humberside. You arrive on the first day of Grade nine-eyes full of wonder and hearts filled with a little dread-walking through the busy halls trying to find your first class realizing this will be your home for the next 5 years.

Humberside, the school that gave you lifelong friendships, memories from the clubs you were a part of, sports teams you played for, music concerts, musicals and trips you participated in, all because Humberside **gave** you the opportunity to do so. Everything you experienced at Humberside-good or bad- is a part of you, forever. Whether you intended it to happen or not-a piece of Humberside is with you and a piece of you was left there.

Don't let that part of your life's history fade away, join the Humberside Alumni Association. Whether you had a good time there or not, it was a part of your life. All it takes is one click of your mouse or touch of your finger. Yes we all have the various forms of social media at our fingertips, that's how most of us stay in contact with our friends but the Humberside Alumni Association is so much more than that. Connect with other classmates you haven't seen in a while, and teachers that impacted your life. Keep in tune with past, current and future Humberside events and very importantly, the history of the school itself.

Humberside has a long standing history- in fact in 2017- HCI will celebrate its 125th anniversary (more on that celebration later to come!). There is so much history here and it has and is being preserved. Don't let your history with Humberside slip away.

Humberside will always be a part of me, and I challenge all of you to join the Humberside Alumni if you haven't already (good for you if you have!), and whether a member yet or not, spread the word to all your friends to join as well and be a part of the school that, whether you like it or not, is a part of you!

Jacquie Raidl

Class of 87'

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Alumni in the Community

There are many Humberside alumni in the Bloor West Village community, many of whom grew up, went to school and still live here and are an active part of the community.

One such alumni is Dr. Joe Simardone. Joe, a 1982 graduate of Humberside, was an active participant of Humberside school life. He was on the football, rowing and cross country teams and was a member of the Student Council and Hermes Yearbook committee. Joe also was on stage with whatever musicals Janet Keele (head of the music department at the time) had going, and sang in all the choirs he was allowed-mentioning, "all except the women's choir, but I would have done that if I could".

Joe had thoughts of becoming a dentist while at Humberside and while other career choices were in the back of his mind, his dentist, Dr. Franklin Pulver, who "was a nice guy, always happy and interested in his patients and the work he was doing", had inspired him to pursue a career in dentistry, and fellow graduates to this day recall his ambition to do so.

After graduating from U of T with a B.Sc. and later his dental degree, Joe set up his office at Dundas and Windermere in 1991, "a stones throw" from the house where he grew up. In 2005, moved to Windermere and Bloor, right in the heart of Bloor West Village, where he continues to be an active part of the community.

When Joe was asked about a specific memory from Humberside he replied, "I don't have a specific memory but fondly look back at HCI remembering the diversity and acceptance of the students and staff. There was always a lot of fun going on. Euchre at lunch in the music wing, frisbee in the court yard. The musicals were fun to be in and I enjoyed working on the Hermes. I spent a lot of time at school before and after hours just doing different things, the faculty was obviously strongly involved in support of its students. Interestingly my daughter and son have had the same experience (Joe's two children will become Humberside Alumni in June and U of T students in the fall) and this is a tribute to the neighbourhood. Humberside was and still remains a strong neighbourhood school, it has a long history and that will continue well into the future".

Joe's brother Michael is also a Humberside alumni.

Thank You Joe for participating in the newsletter.

Jacquie

Lismer Hall

Lismer Hall, the auditorium at HCI, will be 50 years old when Humberside has its 125th anniversary in 2017. Lismer Hall is aptly named after Arthur Lismer who created and painted the mural that has its final resting place on the wall of the auditorium.

The mural and Humberside have a long standing history, and here is a quick overview of that history. Humberside was established in 1894- it had 5 classrooms, a science lab and an assembly hall. In 1911, an addition to the west side of the building added 7 more classrooms, 2 science labs and a gymnasium. In 1923, a 3 storey structure was added to the north side of the tower. In 1924 this section was augmented with a 2 storey auditorium and it was to become the first home of the Lismer mural.

There is much to tell in this story about the mural, a journey worthy of a book in itself, but for this time being, this is a condensed version. In 1925, the Literary Society of Humberside decided to sponsor a mural for the new auditorium. The school designated Arthur Lismer, a founding member of the Group of Seven, to design and execute the mural. There were going to be 5 panels done over 5 years. To best describe what each panel represented, the following excerpt was taken from the article written by Karl Eder, a former Principal of Humberside, from the book created for the centennial celebrations in 1992 titled, "Humberside, The First Century 1892-1992".

" And he did plan and execute a grand work of noble proportions. The central panel was to be the first and it would be an allegory to inspire youth and be most fitting for an educational institution. The prime allegorical figure would represent Truth, highest and foremost. Other figures would portray Beauty, Wisdom and Youth. A mother figure would represent Care and Devotion; a little girl and a dove, Innocence. A maiden and a fawn portray woodland grace. A pilgrim portrays Courage and the aspirations of youth; an old man is Wisdom. Nature would be present in the form of a stream (the river of life), a pine tree representing the sturdy quality of a nation's youth, foliage and flowers providing a gentle background to most of the scene with the unshakable mountains as a austere backdrop for Truth. Lismer could not resist making a couple of painter's puns: Principal Wren was memorialized as his namesake bird, and Salem B Hatch, the art teacher who played the major role in the mural's commission, is remembered as a nuthatch. Thus the first and central panel was an uplifting statement for the youth of the nation, a statement for all time.

The second panel, to the immediate left, was one of four which would picture the story of Canada in heroic and patriotic terms. This too, would be uplifting for young minds, reminding all of the exciting spectacle of this country's past. There were the Vikings emerging from the mists of time, then the arrival of the explorers, Cabot, Cartier, Champlain and de la Salle, with native people and the pioneers playing a prominent role in the panel.

The third panel to appear was to the right of the central allegory and depicted the contributions of the new world. There is the early settlement and clearing of the land: Woodsmen, coureurs de bois, immigrants, Native Canadians and United Empire Loyalists. The beginning of education in the new land and the spirit of youth are portrayed by a boy with a book and his dog. This is balanced by the mother and children in the bottom left "representing the idea that in all man's effort to conquer, make homes, to establish communities free from danger and oppression, and to secure food and wealth, there is always the material side to sustaining and nurturing the growing life, providing care of the youthful body and soul of those who follow in the path of their forebears." (Arthur Lismer, the Hermes, 1930)

The fourth panel, to the far left was entitled "The passing of the regime of France, the beginning of British rule" and portrayed the victorious Wolfe, the defeated Montcalm, Tecumseh and General Brock among others.

The fifth and final panel was in two parts, with the balcony of the auditorium dividing them unevenly. The upper triangle section is a landscape; the lower rectangular section depicts the advances of science and learning in the new world.

The mural as a whole, in its original form, took on a vaulted shape across the top, with the allegorical central panel and its dominant figure, Truth, holding sway over the whole work. Across the bottom of the three central panels and for a part of the two outside panels, there was a frieze or long ornamental panel which contained a variety of symbolic figures and several words of explanation along with a profusion of decorative material."

The mural was large, 18 feet across and 10 feet wide and a frame had to be built to assist Lismer and his assistants, R M McClean and later, Harold Kihl, with painting it.

In 1967, the school almost lost the mural due to renovations and additions. Several concerned staff members, notably, Grace Irwin and Norah T. Belcher, were concerned that the work would be lost forever, so the panels were meticulously removed by William Michaud, a restoration expert. Unfortunately, the panels had to have some of the frieze removed in order for it to fit in the only room remaining large enough for it in Humberstone. The removed sections were thought to have been lost, but they were only dispersed, one to the National Gallery in Ottawa, 2 possibly to New Zealand, and 2 sections to the McMichael Gallery. Once moved to its new location in a large study room, it was once again on display for students to see.

There it remained, sometimes hidden by a curtain until a 1985 Centennial Committee meeting where the restoration and rededication of the mural Lismer mural was being discussed.

In the fall of 1987, it was decided it was feasible to restore the mural and move it to the new auditorium. Professor Ian Hodgkinson of Queens University Art Conservation Department was approached to take on this process, and he agreed, also expressing the feeling that the whole mural would fit.

Several events occurred between 1989 and 1991, detailed plans for restoration, grants asked for and received, fundraising occurred, the return of two of the sections held in storage at the McMichael Gallery (the support of Robert McMichael must be acknowledged in their repatriation to Humberstone). The National Gallery in Ottawa, for the first time in history, de-accessed the section it had on display so it could be joined back with the mural. The two sections that may have gone to New Zealand still needed to be found.

In late June 1991, a delegation of the Centennial Committee travelled to Kingston to view the restoration process. Each square centimeter was being delicately rubbed by cotton swabs by art students. It would be in August 1991 that the mural would finally be returned to Humberstone.

To quote Mel Grief, from whose article, "The Restoration of the Humberstone Lismer Mural" found in the "Humberstone, the First Century 1892-1992" 100th anniversary commemorative book, where some of this information was garnered, "Our collective responsibility to honour the memories and endeavours of the past will have been fulfilled. The Great Humberstone Lismer will be home."

In 1992, the Lismer mural was finally hung where it could be admired by all and the auditorium aptly renamed Lismer Hall.



Although this is a condensed version of events in the journey the Lismer Mural has taken, I hope it portrayed a part of the wealth of history Humberside has to offer.

Now to the gist of this article...

Lismer Hall where each and every one of us have sat in for assemblies, musical and drama productions, graduation and award ceremonies to mention a few. 50 years- that's a long time and a lot of wear. The Hall has had some renovations in recent years, thanks to Principal June Stavropoulos, a new garnet main curtain, new black teasers and flies, new grey carpet and sound system. Now it's time for the part that gets the most wear- the seats- a turn for renewal. The seats will get new garnet cushions and refurbishing of the wooden arms and back.

In order to raise the funds to do this, Humberside is having a "seat sale". Any contribution is welcome and greatly appreciated and for a gift of \$200 or more you can have a plaque on the seat back with your name and a few words, for example, "Generously donated by...for/in memory of..." The hope is to start to recover and replace the seats this summer when school is out and hope to have the seats sold by June.

To Make a Contribution Go to:

<http://www.canadahelps.org/CharityProfilePage.aspx?CharityID=SI9211>

This will bring you to the Friends of Humberside site which has charitable foundation status. Click Donate Now. Fill in your donation amount. In the Fund Destination drop-down menu choose "Lismer Hall Rejuvenation". In the message box please write in Lismer Hall Seat Sale and, if you donate \$200 or more, write in what you want engraved on the seat plaque (up to 40 characters). Alternatively you could make out a cheque to Friends of Humberside C.I. with Lismer Hall Seat Sale in the note line and drop it off in the main office of the school. Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$25.

To quote Janet Keele, former head of the music department:

"I think that the memories we share of the happy, sometimes sad, exciting, sometimes stressful, but always memorable times we spent in the auditorium and environs are part of the reason that we have kept in touch over the years. We all cemented life-long friendships in that auditorium and the surrounding halls and classrooms. The Music Wing was and remains a very special place".

Pass this information to all your Humberside friends and help the school finish the rejuvenation of Lismer Hall.

Thank you

Jacque Raidl

(information about the Lismer mural in this article is taken from the book created for the 100th Centennial "Humberside, The First Century 1892-1992")

Below you will see a photo of what the seats look like today.....stay tuned to see what the seats will look like after restoration!



Fifty Years of Friendship-Where Did It Start

It seems like a short time ago in the fall of 1962, many of us walked from different directions towards a building the size of a castle- the hallowed halls of Humberside.

Grade nine. So very different from Grade eight where we were the big fish in the pond, and now going down the halls where there were all those very tall grade thirteen's!

It's amazing where our friendships begin. In 1962, I met people like Dave Dorward, Al Juzukonis, Ed Leparskis, Dave McLeod, Marnie McArthur, Bruce Pritchard, Albinus Puzeris, Bob Michinsky, Paul Sinclair, Paul Migus, and Wally Pocharovsky, to name a few, and they all remain close friends to this day.

Bob and Dave we heard were excellent musicians and active in the band, Bob on clarinet, and Dave on slide trombone. Wally, Ed and myself were active on the swim team coached by Dave McNaught, our gym teacher. Paul and Albinus were active on the basketball court and the two Paul's were active along with Dave and Wally playing football under the coaching skills of Fred Burford, also a math teacher. Marnie was in about every sport and a rep for our school.

Bruce's dad was a local minister and he played guitar and sang at a coffee house in the basement of St John's Anglican Church across the street.

It's hard to believe where 50 years have gone and what has happened. As it turned out, Marnie, Ed, Bruce and I all ended up at University of Toronto in the same science program, and after obtaining our degrees, all entered the Dental program and graduated together in 1974. Dave and Wally went through teachers college and now are retired teachers. Albinus got an accounting degree and retired from the government. Dave McLeod worked for many years with Hydro and retired. Paul Sinclair went on to run his own business and retired. Bob Michinsky got his degree, was involved in banking and is now a consultant.

What is interesting is that Humberside and the five years we spent there, nurtured strong friendships for which we are all grateful. Some of us are parents, some grandparents, and some of those children and grandchildren may have or will be attending Humberside.

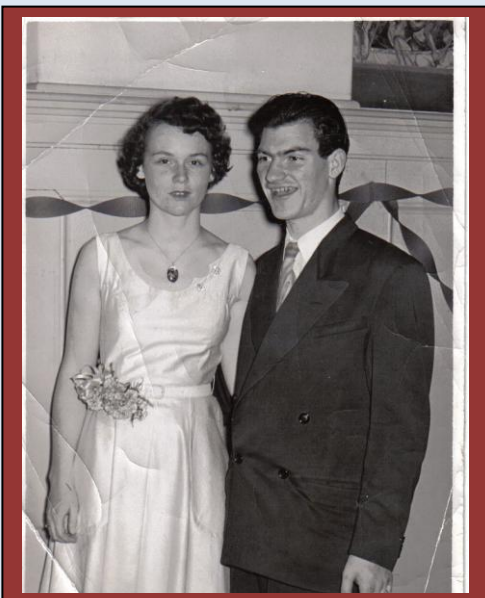
Me, I am a very happy dentist still practicing in the area and now working on children and grandchildren of some of those Humbersiders!

I am proud to say those years were special and I keep copies of Hermes around in the office to show the staff what we looked like 50 years ago. What is especially rewarding is keeping in contact with these close friends and the other day I enjoyed a lunch with my swim coach and mentor Dave McNaught.

Thank you Humberside for those very special five years!

Tim Milligan, DDS
Class of 1967

Memories....light the corners of our minds.....



Barbara Sparks and Ralph Wilding

Humberside C.I. At Home

Old Auditorium Stairs (note Lismer Mural in top right corner) 1953

How I Remember Barbara

Red hair and glasses, Lived on High Park Boulevard, Went to Trois Pistoles, Quebec every summer to study French, She had two brothers and her father was a doctor who had an office on Roncesvalles Avenue. She was active with the Drama Club

Have a photo and a memory to share? We'd love to hear from you!

TODAY AT HUMBERSIDE

Many of us participated in some kind of after school activity, whether it was in a club, sports, music, etc. and that is where many of our memories come from. To keep alumni abreast of what is happening at Humberside today, we will feature as many updates as we can!

SPORTS UPDATES

Humberside Boys' Hockey Article

By: Michael Sucharda (Team Captain 2011/12)

The only words I can use to describe this season are roller-coaster ride. And what a ride it was for our Humberside Varsity Boys Hockey Team! Throughout the regular season, we had games where we dominated our opponents and also our fair share of others that we would rather forget. We were a bit of a wild card team heading into the playoffs as no one, except for us that is, expected us to compete as hard as we did. We surprised some people when we reached our full potential and made the transition from a good team to a great team. By playoff time, we had developed into a solid two-way team, we were fast, we played physical, we were strong defensively in our own end, all four of our forward lines were scoring threats, and best of all we had unmatched goaltending.

We took down Northern in a well-fought 4-3 victory and dismantled the defending champion Malvern team in the semis 3-1 to advance to the South Region Tier 1 Final against North Toronto. NT had finished first in the regular season and made for a challenging opponent due to their size and speed. Both schools held a buyout for the South Final and students, parents, as well as our very own principal, Mrs. Stavropoulos, were there to cheer us on. The game against NT was very well-matched. Both teams refused to give in and it was the toughest game we had played so far. Our goaltender, Justin Demkiw, stood on his head and made more than a few unbelievable saves to keep us in the game. At the end of three periods, the score was 2-2 and overtime was needed. In overtime, it was Humberside's leading scorer, Bradley Allen, who managed to pick off the North Toronto defenceman behind his own net and wrap the puck behind the unsuspecting goalie! Humberside had won the South Region Final 3-2 in OT!

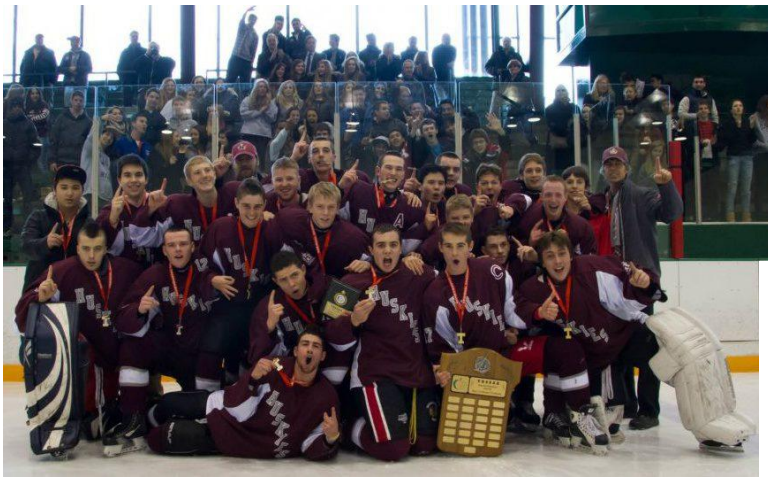
After the exciting victory in the South Final, the Huskies advanced to the City Semi-Finals against the West Region champs, Richview. Although Richview was not the same calibre as North Toronto, they would not quit easily and it wasn't until with one minute remaining in the game that Humberside's Dimitri Theofilaktidis sealed the victory by ripping a hard shot top shelf from a tough angle. Humberside defeated Richview 4-3 and moved on to the City Finals, the winner of which would represent the entire TDSB at OFSAA!

As fate would have it, the City Finals became a rematch of Humberside vs. North Toronto as NT had snuck through the back door and defeated Sir Oliver Mowat to make their way to the final. Less than one week after the dramatic overtime South Final game, both teams found themselves dead-locked in a similar contest. Humberside opened the scoring on two goals first by Charlie Verstraete and then by Angus McDonald. Unfortunately, NT didn't quit and instead, rebounded with three goals of their own. With just over a minute remaining, the score 3-2 for NT, Coach Johnson called a timeout. He told us that the game wasn't over yet and we still had lots of time left. With goalie Justin Demkiw on the bench and six skaters on the ice, the Huskies battled to stay alive in North Toronto's end. From behind NT's net, Carson Lockhard made a terrific pass into the slot for Michael Sucharda who buried the puck in the back of the net! The clock read 18.5 seconds remaining; the score tied 3-3. When the buzzer rang, a sudden onset of deja-vu set in as Humberside and North Toronto found themselves pinned against each other once again in sudden-death overtime. This time however, a trip to OFSAA was on the line. Both teams continued to fight and both goalies made a number of saves on good scoring chances. The two teams were so evenly matched; you might as well have flipped a coin to decide the victor. Unfortunately for Humberside, it was a North Toronto forward who sent a perfectly placed shot top corner from the top of the circle to end the game. Final score: 4-3 (OT) for North Toronto. It was a heart-breaking loss for the team to be just one goal away from qualifying for OFSAA and fall short.

However, it's not the end of the world for Huskies hockey. In fact, losing will no doubt make our team stronger for next year. The great thing about this year's team is that we had such diversity among players' ages as we had guys in grade 9, 10, 11 and 12. This means that the vast majority of our team will be returning to Humberside next year and I for one have complete confidence that they will not only make it to OFSAA, but be medal contenders as well! A big thank you to Coach Johnson, and to community volunteer Stu Cowan for coaching us this season. This was a special group of guys to play with, and we had the kind of roller-coaster season that I don't think any of us will soon forget.

Choik-atee-hoik Huskies Nation! Choik-atee-hoik!





2012 Boys Hockey Team Photo



****Flashback****
1964 Boys Hockey Team

HUMBERSIDE SWIM TEAM

The Humberside swim team had a very successful season this year.

The team had over 100 swimmers. At the South Regional Finals, the Junior Boys and the Senior Girls placed first overall. More than half of the swimmers moved on to the City Finals where the Humberside Swim Team came in third overall.

The Junior Boys A relay team won gold in both the 200 free relay and the 200 medley relay. Cal Miede came first in the Junior Boys 100 Breast, Vanessa Watt placed first in the Senior Girls' 50 Free and the Senior Girls A relay came first in the 200 free relay.

Fifteen swimmers qualified for OFSAA. At OFSAA many of the swimmers moved on to finals with Vanessa Watt placing 5th in the Senior Girls' 50 free, the Junior Boys Free Relay placing 6th and the Senior Girls Free Relay came in 5th.

Many of the swimmers will be at Humberside next year to lead the team to more success.

Karen Maguire

HUMBERSIDE BOYS BASKETBALL

The Humberside Husky Boys Basketball program had a very successful season in 2011-12.

The Junior boys team, coached by Kate Curtis, had an influx of highly skilled grade nines that contributed from the start. In combination with some returning grade ten players, the Juniors went on to a 10-0 perfect regular season. The team also participated in the Riverdale Classic tournament and were knocked out in the Semi-Finals by the eventual Champs from Birchmount. The Juniors continued their great play in the playoffs, and ultimately won the Championship in a convincing fashion over Riverdale.

The Senior boys team, coached by Rob Tallevi, had some key returning players which made for a very deep squad. The Seniors also cruised to a 10-0 perfect regular season, which was also highlighted with a Hoop Dome Tournament Championship in February. The Seniors, led by their veterans, went on to the South Championship game where they easily defeated Danforth Tech.

Rob Tallevi

Ski Racing Team

The Humberside Alpine Ski Racing team had a very successful year. The team doubled in size this year and they trained hard to prepare for the short race season. In February, they competed in the City Finals with 3 skiers finishing in the top 10. Congratulations to all of the skiers for another great season

Curling – March 5

The Boys curling team won silver at Regionals on March 5 so they moved to the District finals March 6th. The girls won bronze at the Regionals and therefore did not advance to the District finals.



MUSIC AT HUMBERSIDE

HUSKIES AT THE KIWANIS MUSIC FESTIVAL

At the end of February the Grade 10 Symphonic Strings Orchestra did an exceptional job at the Kiwanis Music Festival where they won their class and earned a mark of 93 bringing home a Platinum Award!

The Symphony Orchestra competed in two different classes performing in an "A" Concerto Class with Cello Concerto Gabe Jacot as soloist and won the highest result of Platinum and a First Place. They performed their Haydn Symphony in another "A" class, did an outstanding job, and earned Gold in this class and Second Place against Earl Haig-Claude Watson School for the Arts.

The Grade 9 Strings Orchestra performed in their class with their Chamber Suite in D, playing all four Movements, and earning Gold and a First Place.

The adjudicator's comments were most helpful and the experience was extremely positive for our students. A total of 120 strings and orchestra students participated in the Kiwanis Festival this year and it was a real highlight of our year. We earned 2 Platinum and 2 Gold Awards and the students worked so incredibly hard to achieve these wonderful results.

High Park Zoo At Risk of Being Closed



The City of Toronto decided in January that, as part of its cost-saving measures, the High Park Zoo is to be closed as of June 2012 unless alternate ways of funding the zoo can be found. Animals have been part of the park for 112 years and have brought joy to many families spending the day in High Park. The zoo is a free place for families to see a variety of animals they wouldn't otherwise be able to see. The Zoo's fifty animal residents include bison, llamas, peacocks, reindeer, highland cattle, sheep, yaks, emus, ducks, wallabies and capybara.

The zoo needs to raise \$100,000 to stay open for the rest of 2012. It costs \$227,000 a year to run the zoo. Many people have come together to try and save the zoo. Donation boxes have been set up at the zoo and people can make a donation to save the zoo at <https://torontoparksandtrees.org/high-park-zoo> . A Facebook group has also been created to save the park: <https://www.facebook.com/SaveHighParkZoo> .

If the High Park Zoo was a positive part of your experience growing up in the Humberside neighbourhood then please consider making a donation to help save it.

Karen Maguire

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Final Word

Well, I hope you enjoyed the newsletter!

*As time goes on and thoughts emerge, the planning, focus and layout may change, but one thing remains certain, this newsletter is here for **you**. It can only grow and excel with your help. Join the alumni association, submit stories, photos, memories, a short word on a teacher or coach that was a mentor. Memories are what we have and your contribution in any way, large or small, help us all remember our lives at Humberside.*

******Remember to support the rejuvenation of Lismer Hall and "buy" a chair.******

Thanks to everyone who submitted material for this edition

Cheers, Jacquie

