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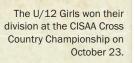
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First Boys Soccer CAIS National Silver Medalists October 2012



First Girls Field Hockey travelled to Victoria, BC in October for the inaugural National Championships and came away with 2 wins, 2 losses, 1 tie.



"Welcome to Ridley!" My family and I have heard this greeting many times since our arrival in early August. From our first days on campus, to the exhilaration of "Welcome Back Week" and the buzz of "Homecoming Weekend", Ridley hospitality has been overwhelming. Our transition to Ridley College and our return to Canada following 16 years of living in Asia have been eased by the gracious and warm welcomes we have received from all members of the Ridley family - faculty, staff, students, parents, and alumni.



Pride in Workmanship

Manager of the Physical Plant, Cam Beneteau, proudly shows the circular pattern cut in "A" Squad for the CAIS National Soccer Tournament, hosted by Ridley in October. Arriving to our new home on campus on July 26th, a full month prior to the return of the faculty, provided us an up close look at the fine work that occurs behind the scenes, so to speak. In fact, during the summer months, the 'behind the scenes' work, really takes 'centre stage'. As is the case on most school campuses across North America, Ridley's summer season witnesses months of construction, renovation, painting, new slate tiles, gardening, facility rentals, catering and security details. In many ways, our first Ridley experiences and relationships have been formed by the men and women celebrated in this issue of the *Tiger*. In the quiet days of August, our family got to know Larry and all the members of his security team, Julia Bertollo and her vast crew in the Physical Plant. On my morning runs, I was greeted by Cam or Tony or Chris up with the summer sun-

rise to tend the campus grounds. Sharon and Anna Maria helped us settle into Kenyon Lett and I also got to know our electricians, plumbers and our fine cabinetmaker, Kevin.

It didn't take long for us to understand just what a complex organism Ridley really is. Beyond the textbooks, the Smartboards and the lesson plans, there exists an entire army of loyal, committed professionals who are proud of their work, who are proud of our safety record, who are proud of our facilities, our beautiful fields, and the

pristine quality of the entire campus. Beneath the surface of a Ridley education exists the 'day in and day out' work ethic and expertise of Ridleians like our gardener, Chris Clarke and Barb Papp and her health professional colleagues in the Schmon Health Centre. The arena crew manages one of the finest ice surfaces in the peninsula and Brian Nagy and his staff at Chartwells keep the school well nourished. In many ways, their daily work is the underpinning of Ridley's educational mission.



Above: Meeting new parents

Below: With Gordon Powell and Jim Cairncross, from
the Class of 1962



At our opening Chapel service of the new school year, I addressed the Upper School students, reminding them of our school's unique and powerful motto - Terar Dum Prosim - I suggested that they could look to the many adults in the Ridley community as role models of service. The teachers, the coaches, the housemasters, the chefs, the gardeners, the carpenters and electricians are all consumed in service. "They are here; we are all here," I suggested, "to serve you. We are consumed in the service of providing you a world-class education. And for this," I concluded, "you should be grateful. Thankful at every turn for the daily, behind the scenes, beyond the call of duty work that happens every day in this place." My message seemed to strike a chord, and I noticed many nodding heads in the congregation of young Ridleians on that opening day.

I have been struck by the communal feel of the school. Ridley, I have discovered, is a collection of adults, young adults and children, working, living and learning together, creating an atmosphere of mutual respect and co-existence. Many have used the family metaphor to describe the Ridley community. It is an apt metaphor and one that most understand implicitly. However, the school's size and the complexity of its interconnectedness leaves me searching for a better analogy. Perhaps, I

propose, we are more like a small village, a village of elders raising a population of children and adolescents. Whether one is teaching trigonometry or planting a potato garden, coaching rowing or administering a flu shot, our roles are similar. We are all focused on student learning, student care and student well being. Each member of the Ridley community plays a part in fulfilling our school's mission – to provide an inspiring learning experience that guides individuals to achieve their potential through knowledge, discovery and social responsibility.

And so, "Welcome to Ridley!" – I return the greeting back to you, our Ridley family and friends. I welcome you to a great school, a united family and an inspiring village.



This September's Snake Dance



2012-2013 PREFECTS - Front from left: Ellen McCann, Cristina Gimenez Hinestrosa, Chloe Johnstone, Arinola Folabi-Owolabi, Chelsea MacNeil, Maggie Thomas, Kaila Raimondo, Olivia Thompson, Adam Tiss, Angelo Butera, David Wang, Ed Kidd - Headmaster. Back from left: Marg Lech - Assistant Head Student Affairs, Andrew Pace, Weston Saunders, Keir MacKay, Igal Flegmann, Kennedy Farr, Matthew Cairns, Emma Rigg.



Morgan Wolfe with his trophies

#### RIDLEY WINS AT SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

Ridley had a very successful showing at the 50th annual Niagara Region Science and Engineering Fair Awards Night, earning the School Award for the Junior category, an award given to the school that has the highest cumulative score of all its participants. Students Bronwen Prince, Kyoko Telfer, and Sarah McCleary represented Ridley in the Juvenile (gr. 5 - 6) division, with Graham Devitt, Jacob Bell, Liana Biktimirova, and Padraic Odesse in the Junior (gr. 7 - 8) division. Ridley received the following awards and recognitions:

- The Niagara Electrical Association Robert Burk Memorial Award was won by Bronwen.
- Padraic received the United States Army Award, as well as an honourable mention in the Junior category.
- Liana received the silver medal for the Junior category and was selected to represent Team Niagara at the "Canada Wide" Science Fair that is being held in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island this year.

#### SCHOLASTIC CHALLENGE CHAMP

Ridley Lower School student Morgan Wolfe is the national champion of the Grade 6 Scholastic Challenge General Knowledge competition - open to Grade 6 students across Canada. This is a very tough 100 question multiple choice general knowledge test. Approximately 3000 students wrote this test this year and Morgan had the highest results!

#### NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Chinekwu Osakwe, a grade 12 student, was recognized as an outstanding participant in the 2012 National Achievement Scholarship Program. Chinekwu scored in the top three percent of more than 160,000 students who took the 2011 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.



#### **VEX ROBOTICS**

For the third year in a row, the Ridley VEX Robotics team qualified for the World VEX Robotics Championships in Anaheim, California. They finished 3rd out of 100 teams in the science division. The Ridley Team 1509 machine programmed by Igal Flegmann '13 along with wingman Jon Pile '13 finished 6th out of 4,800 in the world in the programmer challenge.





## DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPEDITION TO COOKS FOREST, PENNSYLVANIA

Over the Victoria Day long weekend in May, 14 Ridley students participated in the Duke of Edinburgh program. Along with four faculty members, they spent three nights and four days camping and trail riding in the Cook State Forest and surrounding lands. Located in Clarion County in western Pennsylvania, the area is famous for its stands of old growth forest. The D of E expeditions program is primarily concerned with the development of the individual and teamwork, as well as the physical demands of exploring the environment by travelling for a number of hours. This trip to Cooks Forest provided the students with those opportunities.

#### RECOGNIZING THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

The farewell tour of the Leighs began on April 25 with the Toronto Branch Reception. Ridleians gathered at the National Club to make their good byes to Jonathan and Emma and the RCA presented them with an engraved bench.

A month later on May 25th, Ridley staff, members of the Family Guild and Board of Governors gathered to honour Jonathan and Emma. Heidi Burgess, President of the Family Guild, presented a cheque to the school

for \$110,000 - proceeds from the school store, Hank's and other Guild programs as well as a gift for the Leighs. Artist Philip Craig was on hand to unveil his portrait of the Headmaster, much to the approval of the 270 guests in attendance.

In Chapel on May 29th, Chaplain Jason van Veghel-Wood presented the Headmaster with an image of the new Ridley Hymn Book that a group of Ridley friends organized and



Emma and Jonathan Leigh with Bryan Rose '96 Acting Director of Advancement and Sara Morgan '00 - Toronto Branch Chair.

funded. The new hymnal contains 150 of Ridley's favourite hymns, the school prayer, a history of the Chapel and is organized according to the cycles of the Ridley school year. Copies of the book will be available for purchase for \$40 plus shipping.

Contact Jason van Veghel-Wood at:

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#### ANDERSON READING ROOM

On June 20th, a gathering of faculty and staff met at the library reading room to dedicate this area in the name of Sam Anderson '45 who gave so much of his life and energy to the service of Ridley in virtually all capacities as pupil, member of faculty and 20 year Board member.

Headmaster Jonathan Leigh cut the ribbon into the newly named Anderson Reading Room and commented: "It is my great honour to dedicate this beautiful corner of our library to the memory of

Sam Anderson who was the truest of Ridleians. A man of humble, yet handsome generosity and a devotee of the vital importance of education in an ever-changing world. The plaque here commemorates his singular achievements and love of our great School. His legacy lives on and Ridley College is forever grateful."



Above: Sam Anderson '45

Far Left: Librarian Sandy Mathies with Jonathan Leigh.

UPPER SCHOOL PRIZE DAY 2012

THE J. HERBERT MASON MEDAL: N.C. Chung THE AKSHAY SHETTY '04 VALEDICTORIAN AWARD: C.J. Sweetnam THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S MEDAL: J.L. Meyers



#### **CHURCH PARADE - THE MYSTERY OF THE MACE**

No one is sure when the tradition of the mace being tossed over the Marriott Gates began, but a story from 1962 is especially interesting. Richard Rigby '62 was the DSM that year and had successfully thrown and caught the mace while passing under the Marriott Gates leaving the school en route to St. Thomas' Church. Breaking from tradition, he decided to try it again while marching over the Burgoyne Bridge. His second attempt, however, was not so successful as the mace hit the ground and fell apart. Cousin Tim Rigby '60 was watching and picked up the bits and handed the mace back to Rick. The two of them then disappeared from the church service and went to Newman Bros. Construction where they patched the mace back together for the march



back to the school - with few noticing anything was amiss. This year, DSM Jonathan Chisholm took the challenge and successfully tossed the mace over the gates.

#### **ANNUAL INSPECTION**

The 105th Cadet Inspection was held on Saturday May 5 under sunny skies and with warm spring temperatures. The hours of Cadet prac-

#### 2011-2012 CADET SENIOR OFFICERS

Commanding Officer: C/Lieutenant Colonel Shannon McNally Second in Command: C/Major Norman Chung Battalion Adjutant: C/Major Charlotte Smith

tice paid off with an impressive parade of the No. 162 Ridley College Cadet Corps. Inspecting Officer Honourary Lieutenant-Colonel Tim Hogarth of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry commented on the Corps and how the leadership, discipline and commitment forged during this training will make the students better citizens.



Honourary Lieutenant-Colonel Tim Hogarth addressed the Cadets.



Commanding Officer C/Lieutenant Colonel Shannon McNally and Second in Command, C/Major Norman Chung



#### **BISHOP'S CROSIER PRESENTED TO THE SCHOOL**

At the May 25 Chapel service, Ridley was presented with a gift of a Bishop's Crosier which once belonged to Bishop Frederick Wilkinson, former Bishop of Toronto. The crosier was a gift from Joan Hoolihan (Bishop Wilkinson's daughter), Kathy Anderson (granddaughter), and John Anderson '65, former Chairman of the Board of Governors, 2004 – 2009.

A crosier is a Church ornament and a symbol of the Bishop's office. It is shaped very much like a shepherd's crook or staff. It signifies that the bishop is the leader of a flock, but also represents his dedication and service to others.

The Crosier will find a home next to the Bishop's chair in the sanctuary. May it always serve as a reminder of what we hold dear and important and serve to remind others of our motto, "Terar Dum Prosim."



Deputy Head Stephen Clarke, John Anderson '65, Chaplain Jason van-Veghel Wood, Joan Hoolihan and Kathy Anderson



Detail of Crosier



Ridley Upper School history teacher Derek Dunkley '87, Minister of Veterans Affairs Steven Blaney, Andrew Robichaud and Lower School history teacher Paul O'Rourke.

# RIDLEY STUDENT RECEIVES VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMENDATION

Minister of Veterans Affairs Steven Blaney recently recognized Ridley student Andrew Robichaud '15 for his commitment to the remembrance of veterans.

Andrew is the youngest of 19 other recipients of The Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation. He wrote, produced and narrated a 20 minute documentary on the life of his great uncle, the Honourable Daniel J. MacDonald, former Minister of Veterans Affairs Canada. Since its release in May 2011, Andrew's documentary has been seen in schools and organizations throughout Canada, United States and France. Andrew is passionate about remembering the contributions and sacrifices of all those who served. He is a member of the Ridley College Remembrance Day Honour Guard and The Cadet Drum Corps. This

past April, Andrew participated in the 95th anniversary pilgrimage to Vimy Ridge, France (see page 26) which also included onsite war lessons by history teacher Derek Dunkley '87, and tours of World War I and II historical sites and war cemeteries in Dieppe, Normandy, Juno Beach and the Menan Gate Memorial in Belgium. The Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation is awarded annually to individuals who have contributed in an exemplary manner to the care and well being of Veterans or to the remembrance of their contributions, sacrifices and achievements. The Commendation is intended primarily for Veterans, but may be awarded to non-Veterans.

#### **CADET NEWS**

It is with great pride that we share the news that faculty member Paul Filion '86 has been promoted to the rank of Major after his recent completion of seven years of leadership course work and training with the Canadian Armed Forces. Major Filion has earned the highest rank one can achieve within the Cadet Instructor Cadre (CIC).





#### **WE BID ADIEU**

**COLIN BRZEZICKI** by Shelley K. Thomas

Colin Brzezicki is a living legend to those who are at all serious about reading and writing, teaching and learning.

Twenty-four years ago, Colin began his career at Ridley College. From the age of eighteen, he had taught as a labourer-teacher for Frontier College in the Yukon and later, after studying at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar, at Eastbourne College in the UK. Colin has taught in railway boxcars and state-of-the-art classrooms, but all Mr. B. ever needed to bring a classroom to life was a book.

Colin's impact on Ridley extended well beyond any classroom. He was a devoted varsity coach, Housemaster, Cronyn Chair holder, *Tiger Tribune* advisor, mentor, colleague and friend. He directed thirteen school productions, two of which toured in England; he taught summer school English at Cambridge, and mentored many forever grateful teachers and students as Head of English and Drama.

Over the years, Colin worked quietly and unassumingly on his other passion: writing. Colin has published essays and articles for academic and literary journals internationally. He earned places at the Banff Institute and the Humber Writing School, and his first novel, *Heart Murmurs*, recently caught the attention of Westwood Creative Artists, Canada's oldest literary agency.

September felt foreign and strange without Mr. B. pacing room 35 with a book in hand. Thank you, Mr. B., for the chapter that you've written in Ridley's history.



#### MICHELLE MORRISSEY by Giles B. Campbell

Described as resourceful, organized, creative, independent, dependable, open-minded, and a risk-taker, Michelle Morrissey leaves Ridley after eleven years in the art and design technology departments.

As well as her job in the classroom, Michelle was co-director of the Duke of Edinburgh program, fencing, basketball, volleyball and gymnastics coach and theatre design, construction and tech crew leader for many of the musicals throughout the years. She ran Lower School ACTA for five years, developed the curriculum for the Burgoyne Outdoor Centre and served on the Green Tiger committee. She was one of those teachers who students think are cool and their parents and other Ridley staff admire. A talented artist herself, Michelle has exhibited her work and enjoys experimenting in many mediums. Recently, she is making beach glass jewelry from found objects.

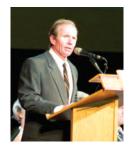
Michelle leaves Ridley to work for *Chalk and Wire*, a company that provides educators and institutions with effective tools to manage their curriculum, assessment, data gathering, analysis and reporting. Her zest for life, humour and hard work will be missed.



A group of nine Ridley drama students was chosen as one of the top five entries in **The Stratford Festival Challenge** from one hundred and fifteen other submitted scenes from across Ontario. Ridley submitted act three, scene four of Shakespeare's *Cymbeline*. It was then performed live on The Festival stage on Sunday, April 22 by a grade twelve chorus and featured lead performances by Maddie Heaven '12 and Eric Gordon '13. Based on this live performance, the students were then awarded third place honours for all of Ontario by The Festival's artistic directors and the theatre critic from *The Toronto Star*.



In wishing Jonathan and Emma farewell, let me first wind the clock back eight years to when they first arrived at Ridley. The school was in reasonably strong shape but there were storm clouds on the horizon. The impact of the elimination of Grade 13 had not yet been really felt and, economically, the world was a lot happier place. Both of these, however, were soon to become significantly challenging issues and have remained throughout, complicated by the consumer view – in Canada anyway – that the value proposition of a boarding education has been diminished.



Our program – largely defined through the three A's: Academics, Arts and Athletics – was in need of review and balancing and the natural tension this produced inside and outside the school was a reality of the environment in which Jonathan has been challenged in leading our school. I mention this because it is important to understand the landscape with which he has been faced in his time as Head. Certainly the role of Headmaster is never easy – no matter the time or circumstance – but suffice to say that the challenges Jonathan presided through were exacerbated by the complexities of the issues of the time.

So how did he do? How does he leave the school? In my view, and the Board's, stronger to be sure. Of course, the real jury on this question is the consumer – the parents and students who choose Ridley for their education – and with this constituency we have and continue to make headway.

There are a few specific achievements of Jonathan's Headship that bear mention: The quality and rigour of our Academic program has been strengthened and the September launch of the dual track International Baccalaureate will serve to further enhance the progress made.

The refocusing of our Athletics program that saw a concentration in sports on offer but with an expectation of a more competitive output from these teams – be it Rowing, Basketball, Soccer or Hockey – all of these programs have moved forward positively. Complemented by an enhanced Sport for Life program, which reinforces the school's long held belief that the nurture of physical development goes hand in hand with the building of heart, soul and mind.

Music, Drama and the Fine Arts – the outcomes in all of these areas are outstanding. If you have heard the choir lately or seen the school musical or play, you'll know what I mean!

The Ridley program is strong – certainly there is work still to be done – but isn't this the inherent nature of an educational institution? While there are certainly other achievements that can be pointed to, including the new Arena and Fieldhouse to name one, the Leigh Headship will be marked by having strengthened the core programs at Ridley.

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#### **ONCAMPUS**

Throughout the trials and tribulations, the joys and sorrows, the successes and defeats, Jonathan went about his work with the courage, conviction and vision of a leader who had a profound belief in the work that he was doing was important and worthwhile. In this regard, I think his strength to see the Ridley vision through came from two places.

First, in his unwavering belief in students, Jonathan is a man who believes in the potential of the individual particularly as it relates to the students who came under his care. No matter when a student might be getting it wrong – in whatever way that might manifest itself – he never wavered from the belief that given the right support they will always be able to get it right... if not today then tomorrow or beyond.

His second source of strength – no surprise here – is Emma. Emma leaves her own mark at Ridley. She has been an active member of the school community as an advocate, fundraiser, admissions officer, sideline supporter, audience member, parent liaison and gracious host. Emma embraced these, and her many other roles and responsibilities, with a commitment and verve that is to be admired.

Terar Dum Prosim – "May I be consumed in service" – has been lived out through Jonathan and Emma's time at Ridley and we wish them the very best of success as they move on to Marlborough College in England.



#### ANOTHER CHAPTER IN THE RIDLEY STORY BEGINS TO UNFOLD.

The first cohort of Ridley International Baccalaureate diploma candidates has arrived. After a few weeks of classes, including evening classes, students have settled in and begun what is widely known to be a leading university preparatory program of study. To mark the occasion, full diploma candidate students were issued with Ridley IB ties that are the same pattern as the Ridley school tie, but include IB blue stripes with the Ridley orange stripes. Wearers of the IB tie display both their identity as Ridleians and their dedication to a rigorous academic program.

Currently, there are 35 full IB diploma candidates from 11 countries undertaking the first of a two year course of study that leads to the IB diploma. True to Ridley tradition, these students have already demonstrated that they work hard and play hard; they give their best in the classroom, on the field and in the studio. It is a pleasure to witness the beginning of a new chapter in the Ridley story. A chapter that is populated with a diverse, engaged group of young citizens who have opted into a journey that will be life changing both for them and the school.

Duane Nickerson, IB Diploma Coordinator

#### **NEW KIDDS ON THE BLOCK!**

"Those new Kidds from Shanghai are really exciting!" You'd be excused for being slightly confused by this statement if you overheard it on campus. "Do you mean single-d kids or double – d Kidds?" might come a thoughtful retort.

Of course, increasingly at Ridley, 'the kids' often refers to the Kidds, Ridley's new Headmaster, Ed Kidd, his wife Hanna and their children Jaden, Mia and Ashton.

Their family journey to Ridley College has been a global journey. Mr. Kidd began his teaching career with a three month stint at the Vienna International School in Vienna, Austria, one of the top International Baccalaureate schools in Europe.

"Teaching there definitely impacted the future direction of my life – it was my first glimpse at classes filled with students from all over the world, globally savvy teachers and international mindedness in action," explained Ed. "When Hanna and I got married, we decided to follow this

dream to Seoul, Korea. We taught at the Seoul International School for two years. In search of more adventure, we moved to the Shanghai American School. We were drawn by the energy of China, the growth and promise of Shanghai."

Three children and 14 years later, the Kidds had experienced a lifetime of change and development at both the school and in the city of Shanghai. "In 1998, the school population was just over 600 students K-12. When we left in 2012, we had two campuses filled with 3200 expat students. We were there for China's entry into the WTO, the Hong Kong turnover, the Shanghai World Expo, the earthquake in Sichuan, the building of Pudong, the SARs scare." Ed continues, "In many ways, living in China, in Shanghai, during the first years of the new millennium, left us with the feeling that we were living in the epicentre of history, certainly the history of the 21st century."

Nevertheless, the Kidds are overjoyed to be at home in Canada and excited to be members of the Ridley family. "Although we desired a return to Canada, to raise our kids as Canadians, we needed to find the right fit – the right school community," explains Ed. "We were looking for a school that still contained aspects of the educational quality and global mindedness that we found at Shanghai American School – we desired an international school, but in a Canadian setting, with both the Canadian environment and the Canadian worldview. In Ridley, we found what we were looking for. We feel so blessed!"

"The campus is gorgeous – the fields, the buildings, the blue skies. We're in heaven and happy to be surrounded by Canadian nature."

For Hanna Kidd, a former health teacher and counsellor, the Ridley community has been "warm and welcoming". As a new Lower School parent, Hanna is impressed by the nurturing environment that has been created by the faculty, leadership and parent communities. "I feel thankful to have landed in a school like Ridley – our children are happy; they feel like they belong. As a counsellor, I know that happiness and belonging are essential ingredients for engaged learning."

Jaden (who is in grade 6) plays Under 12 soccer and looks forward to the start of Ridley basketball season. "I love the rink and can't wait to play hockey in it," he noted. His sister Mia (who is in grade 4) loves Ridley and quickly felt at home and welcomed by all her new friends. Meanwhile, little

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Hanna and Ed with Mia, Jaden and Ashton

#### **HOMECOMING2012**

- 1 Fernando Estrada, Dean Karachi '87, Noah Karachi '15, Mustafa Sahin '87 and Mohamed Khaled at Alumni soccer
- 2 Members of the Class of 1967 at the Governors' Dinner







- 3 The Class of 1982 with their families
- 4 Former Faculty, Dave Gagné celebrated his 65th Birthday at Homecoming.











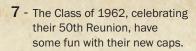
5 - Cassidy Filion '18 and Kenya Neill-Morabito '18 play outside the Tiger bouncy castle.

6 - Richard Rapoport '72 and Robert Lewkowitz '82 at the Alumni row.



Golden Tigers Tie presented each year to the class celebrating their 50th Reunion

#### **HOMECOMING2012**



8 - Trish Loat with Justin Cox '02.







**9** - The Class of 1957 with their wives at their reunion dinner.

10 - Scott Snowden and Mark McGaw 1997.

# HomeComing 2013

September 20, 21 & 22 Special Reunions for 3s and 8s MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

To see class photos from this year, log onto the Ridley website and click on the Ridley Photo Gallery link on the lower left. Albums from HomeComing and other events from the school year are hosted there.

www.ridleycollege.com



**11** - The Class of 1944 at their reunion dinner.

**12** - Madelaine Cole, Victoria Laine, and Kate Hollowell from the Class of 1997.

**13** - Headmaster Ed Kidd with his new licence plate.





Megan Whitty, daughter of David and Sarah Whitty, faculty.

#### AT YOUR SERVICE

Dining at Ridley has changed over the past 123 years. When the school was established in 1889 in the old Springbank Hotel on Yates Street, dining was a much more formal affair. Those first 48 boys sat in a formal dining room and were served their meals by Lizzie Trill, the dining-room girl. The formality of meals was unchanged for a long time – even up until the 1970s meals were served family style with the master at each table filling the plates. Since the early 1980s all meals are served marché style. In recent years, the contract for the food and

Groceries and Provisions January 1898	
Meat	\$182.38
Market	103.66
Groceries	55.33
Milk	36.00
Bread and Flour	44.87
Total	\$422.24

2011-2012
Annual Food Budget
\$1,000,000

Beef Tenderloin for
2012 Prize Day Dinner
\$6,000

Out of all

Chef Mark Charlton with two Hubbard squashes from the Lower School garden.

house cleaning at Ridley has been handled by Chartwell's (formerly Beaver Foods). Many of its staff has been at the school for decades. On Homecoming weekend it is not unusual to see a former student and a member of the cleaning staff embrace – the Chartwell's employee probably cleaned the room in which the alumni lived and a fondness developed. Same for the kitchen staff – Coreen, Marie-Paule, Billy and Mark have been familiar faces for many years during breakfast, lunch and dinner.

A lot of food is consumed during a day at Ridley. The Upper School alone goes through 120 litres of milk a day. Back in the late 1800s, Ridley experimented with a small school farm and kept some hens and a few cows for milk. The boys were to do the chores, milk the cows,

collect the eggs and clean the stalls – to build character and make the school more self sufficent. Surprisingly the farm only lasted a few years. Today, 32 full and part time staff do the chores in the kitchen while the housekeeping staff has a stable of 28. These people work from dawn to dusk for the school, manning special events, making boxed lunches for sports teams, doing summer clean up in the houses, and finding forgotten items in vacated rooms. Who can forget the famous birthday cakes lovingly baked by Lower School's Margery Cain, the Halloween getup of Billy in the kitchen or the ready laugh of Sharon in Dean's House? The food and housekeeping staff at Ridley make the students feel at home, whether their home is in St. Catharines or half way around the world.

# Ridley's Food Basics Upper School Stats 2011-12 Eggs 1,800 per week Milk 120 litres per day Bread 150 loaves a week Apples 1,000 per week Peanut Butter 56 kilo per week or 123.5 lbs

#### FAMOUS PRANKS IN THE GREAT HALL

Brian Iggulden '67 recalls "someone" hiding all the cutlery so when breakfast was served all that remained was one ladle on each table. The boys\* had to serve and eat their breakfast using the one tool.

Students have on occasion stacked all the tables on top of each other so they almost touched the ceiling. On other occasions a goat was tethered in the Great Hall, a car (an old Austin Mini) graced the hall, and on a separate occasion a sailboat. Chairs have been taken from the Great Hall and arranged like a puzzle in the kitchen making it impossible to get into the room and, on another occasion, the Great Hall was transformed into a field hockey pitch, complete with goals. A usual prank is mixing the salt and pepper together. Most of these pranks occur on April 1 to mark April Fools' Day - but not all.

#### QuickFacts

According to Angie Hicks from the Property Department, there are 203 dorm rooms on campus.

<sup>\*</sup>Ridley was a boys' school until 1973. Under the leadership of Headmaster Richard Bradley, Ridley went co-ed.



#### IN SAFE HANDS

It is Monday afternoon; classes have just ended for the day. The Ridley Athletic Therapy clinic is alive with students, some coming in for taping before a sports practice, others to have an injury iced. A grade seven student lies on an examination table and is having his collarbone assessed – an injury he sustained playing Under 14 Rugby. Lenny Ferraro is in the centre of it all.

Lenny is the school's athletic therapist. During the school year he estimates that he treats 3,000 student injuries. That includes administering ultra-sounds, massage, electrotherapy, as well as muscle stretching, strengthening and core stability training.

Lenny studied Biology at Brock University and did a post-grad athletic therapy diploma at Sheridan College. 2012 marks his twelfth year at the school. His days from September to June are long, often over 60 hours a week. Not all are spent in the clinic; some are on the road accompanying teams to tournaments. But he does have some help - every year Kinesiology students from Brock University assist in the clinic to get a feel for the field before they too follow that path. Current Ridley students interested in the field use their community service hours to see what an athletic therapist does. Dane Sisinni '15 who is interested in becoming a surgeon, spent his time observing treatments; icing bruised and inflamed joints, and stocking supplies. The same goes for Jill Robinson '11. Jill is studying Kinesiology at the University of Western Ontario and spent a few hours a day after her summer job to assist where she could in the clinic and to determine if that is a career in which she is interested.

Lenny also is a certified CPR trainer. During July 2011 he had come into the clinic to catch up on some paper work. A sports camp renting Ridley facilities was under way in the Fieldhouse. A basketball game was in progress and suddenly one of the players, an eight-year-old girl, collapsed and appeared to be having a seizure. The coach remembered seeing the light on in the clinic and rushed to get Lenny while dialing 911. Lenny immediately began CPR. "I've been an instructor for six years and that was the first time I've had to do it for real," Lenny remembers. Paramedics arrived and had to defibrilate the young girl twice when she lost her pulse. Turns out the child had an electrical disorder of the heart induced by physical stress. The girl is fine but had Lenny not been there the outcome would have been much different. The child's family credits Lenny with saving her life.

Ridley is comprised of many interesting people, some of whom are un-sung heroes, too modest to seek attention. Our athletic therapist is one of them.

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Opposite from left to right: Kevin Beatty, Kevin Jeffery, Ron Lanteigne, Geoff Paterson and Jeff Fee

#### WHO ARE YOU GOING TO CALL? PHYSICAL PLANT!

In almost every aspect of the school, whether it is inside or out - the crew from Ridley's Physical Plant is involved.

The Physical Plant's maintenance department consists of five staff with Julia Bertollo, Director; Angie Hicks, Assistant; Robert Taylor, Project Manager and Cam Beneteau managing the day-to-day operations. The staff, certified gasfitters, HVAC specialists, cabinet makers and carpenters work to maintain the buildings, build cabinetry, test the fire system, repair damage and replace everything from toilets to light bulbs. As Cam Beneteau says, "Every day is different. It can be as satisfying as being involved in the installation of the bronze Tiger in 2008 or as demanding as the windstorm of 2011".

On April 28th, 2011 winds reaching 124km an hour ripped through southern Ontario, hitting St. Catharines particularly hard. Power was lost (for up to three days in some areas), trees uprooted, and a truck flipped over on the QEW highway. Flying debris was everywhere including sections from the roof of the new Fieldhouse. Because of the hazards outside, the school was in lock down mode, meaning no one was to leave his or her classroom or the building until things settled down. Imagine you worked for the Physical Plant. You have a school with no power and over 300 boarders who do not have electricity to use their computers, no lights in their rooms and cannot use the bathroom facilities in their houses. The kitchen has no power to run the refrigerators or cook meals. Where do you start?

Cam and his crew started by getting on-site generators up and running while Bob contacted contractors to protect Upper and Lower School buildings. The kitchens in both Upper and Lower School did not lose any of their refrigeration; hall lights in the houses turned on and the students went to the Fieldhouse to use the washroom facilities. Trees that fell were all removed by the following day and, luckily for Ridley, the power outage only lasted 12 hours. This was a great example of taking hold of a problem and turning it around.

From top: Julia Bertollo. Cam Beneteau and Robert Taylor. Not pictured. Angie Hicks

As the school strives to lessen its carbon footprint, the Physical Plant staff is working hard toward this mandate. Consumption of water, electricity and natural gas is closely watched and any spikes in usage noted and investigated. The recycling of batteries and other hazardous waste is taken seriously. When a house is renovated, any fixtures like showerheads and lighting are replaced with energy efficient models. It is a commitment to a sustainable Ridley on which the Physical Plant team is always focusing - that and anything that comes its way!

#### **SUMMER PROJECTS 2012**

Upper School -

Slate restoration on roof

McLaughlin 2nd Floor - Updated four classrooms

McLaughlin 2nd. Floor Corridor - Updated with energy efficient lighting, ceiling tiles, paint and carpet.

Painted McLaughlin west stairwell.

Admissions Reception - Updated area with paint, carpet, blinds, built-ins and furniture.

Learning Centre corridor (former Geography Wing) -Created four standard classrooms and a Learning Centre office.

Replaced the Torch Down roofs on the Lady Chapel, Griffith Gym, McLaughlin Wing, Lower School Meighen Courtyard, Schmon Health Centre link, and Upper School kitchen roofs.

Replaced Great Hall heating unit with a unit that will replace heat and provide air conditioning!

Replaced the Upper School kitchen air handling unit.

Installed additional speakers for the fire/alarm lockdown in various areas.

Arthur Bishop House - Renovated the three AB West bathrooms as well as the main water lines to the building. first floor painted, the carpets replaced and quarry tile replaced with porcelain tile.

**Merritt House Dorm Annex Rooms** - New energy efficient lighting, built-in furniture, doors and hardware, paint and carpets.

**Second Century Building** - Paint and new furniture in class-room 235 and the faculty office area.

Replaced the existing non-functioning revolving door with standard doors.

Iggulden Gym - Added additional safety railing to the stairs.

**Lower School** - Restoration of the existing roof structure to rebuild the gutters and install metal caps.

Completed close to \$20,000 in painting in various areas within the Lower School building, including classrooms, corridors, stairwells, and Williams Hall.

All Dorms - Completed annual maintenance of each dorm room, which is a combination effort of physical plant and sewing room staff restoring the rooms to move-in condition for in-coming students.

**Exterior Painting** - Completed over \$15,000 in exterior painting to give the school a facelift for September.

New Kidds continued from page 13

brother Ashton has the distinction of being the youngest JK student at Ridley. In his popular Tiger costume, he enjoys supporting Ridley teams and sporting events.

When asked what they would miss about Shanghai, the Kidd kids stated that they would miss "all our friends". They also miss "dumplings (jiao zi) and real Chinese food"! Ashton misses his ayis (nannies) Jane and Wen. For Hanna and Ed, adventure travel in Asia is what they'll miss most. "We loved to travel throughout Asia," noted Hanna. "Angkor Wat, Bali, Rangoon, the Great Wall of China, the Everest base camp – these are amazing places that we'll never forget. I think that our favourite trip was Central Asia – the old Silk Road cities of Kashgar, Sammarakand and Bukkhara."

At their new home on campus, the Kidds look forward to the new Ridley adventures that lie ahead. "We're just really excited to enjoy the full Ridley experience this school year. The new friends, the learning experiences, Snake Dance, Homecoming, hockey games, Nine Lessons and Carols, the Canadian Henley, Cadet Parade, Prize Day - we're eager to experience it all and soak it up."

Ridley is as excited to have the Kidds as the Kidds are excited to be here - we look forward to our adventures together.

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#### **BEHINDTHESCENES**

From left: Larry McIlroy, Mike Streitenfeld, Marie Rempel, Julia Bertollo, Jeff Lanteigne, Rocco Spano, Albert Schuit, JIm Ellis and Kevin Zdelar



#### **CAMPUS WATCH**

What do you get when you have ex-correctional officers, a retired Ontario Provincial Police officer, former Royal Canadian Mounted Police and a Brock student? – the Ridley College Security team.

Larry Mcllroy and his posse of security officers oversee the safety and security of the Ridley campus. They are on site 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They are often the first responders in events such as injuries and fire alarms. All are trained in CPR.

Recently, I met with Jeff Lanteigne who was on duty during a Thursday evening in early June. The students were still on campus, classes had ended for the year and exams were about to begin. A recent prank, a hanging of a "For Sale" sign from the clock tower and the placement of a framed print of the Mona Lisa above had happened two days previous. I was interested to know if the security team had seen anything on the 107 motion-activated video cameras on the campus.

#### Q: Jeff, what did Security see when they reviewed the tapes from June's prank?

J: Not much. Apart from two girls wearing hoodies going past the cameras near the infirmary at 5:00am - no events were caught on tape. Those kids were good at scoping out the locations of the cameras and not using the doors. All outside doors are equipped with a Detex alarm system. I drove in the front circle at 5:30am and saw nothing. Apart from it being extremely dangerous, they pulled off a good prank.

#### Q: So what does a typical night involve?

J: Our campus is quite secure but we do rent out the facilities to outside groups. Once late spring comes, the fields are rented to soccer teams and other sports groups until the late fall. I make sure the right group is out there on the correct night, unlock the gates, check that they have their insurance papers with them and they are respecting the grounds. Occasionally, we know that three teams should be out on a given evening but we see four – that is a group who is trying to sneak onto the campus and play for free.

s you can imagine. The

The big job is lock down. Every door inside and out on the campus (with the exception of the dorms) is checked that it is locked. This takes a long time, as you can imagine. The dorms are on the Detex system and lock automatically. The school gates are shut with the exception

of the Western Gates so any cars coming on campus after 11pm are having their licence plates photographed.

### Q: What are the most common infractions?

J: Parking is a big one. Although Ridley has a lot of on-site parking, people will still park in the fire lanes and will have to be towed. Security is responsible for managing the parking for big event like galas, hockey tournaments and plays in the theatre. A few times people unrelated to Ridley come on campus for a picnic. The school should be flattered that they want to spend their time here. We occasionally have some minor vandalism from students outside the gates. People do trespass, and use Ridley as a short cut and there are the outside dog walkers. If those people apply to use the campus, they can get a letter to allow use. St. Catharines is a pretty safe place to live and over the vears there have been a few unsavory incidents but nothing too extreme. The school is a safe place.

I concluded my interview with Jeff with a lock down demonstration. If you detect a note of sarcasm when I say that was stimulating you would be correct. Ridley is in good hands with the guys on the security team. They like their job and love the school.

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#### THE SEWING ROOM

Deep down in the recesses of the School House basement is a sub-terrain land complete with bolts of bright fabric, buttons and bows and lots of laughter. It smells of fresh laundry with a whiff of old building. There is more than one souvenir item celebrating the Royal Family and England. It is not tidy but it is interesting. Where else can you try on some lederhosen? The brave few who venture in might not return for longer than expected. They have succumbed to the wonderment of the ladies of the Ridley Sewing Room.

Toiling in a basement room, these cheerful ladies have heard and seen it all. They not only alter uniforms to fit, but they sew costumes for plays, take in dry-cleaning, repair cadet uniforms, tailor Dean's Dance dresses and do laundry. During the summer, they travel to the residences to remove the drapes for cleaning and to refresh the bedding. During term, they listen to students who come into talk, to vent their frustrations coupled with a dash of homesickness, nodding quietly while toiling away on their sewing machines. There are always some cookies in a tin or some kind of treat to be had – it is a comforting place despite its location in the bowels of a 108-year-old building.

Barb, Bogna, Lorraine and Trish are the women who inhabit this sub-terrain land. You might have met them when you had your kilt shortened (despite their best advice) or a rip in your trousers mended. If you were in a play or a musical they probably fitted your costume and if you did not return your cadet uniform on time, and heaven help you – you will know Lorraine and her charming English humour.

These ladies, like so many others at the school, are not all well known but play a huge role in the well being of the students. Next time you are in the basement, stop in and say hi - you will be glad you did!

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From left: Lorraine Upham, Bogna Medryk, Trish Franklin and Barb Barto

#### FROM THE GROUND UP

You've seen them on campus. They are amidst the trees, in the fields and crouching among the flowerbeds and, on rare occasions, in the Lower School classrooms. If the weather is terrible they seem to come out earlier than usual to fight the forces of nature. They are the employees of the Ridley Grounds Department.



Chris Clarke

Opposite: Howard Levy cuts A Squad Ridley is blessed to have one of the most beautiful campuses anywhere. The 85 acres of land in the middle of St. Catharines is host to twelve different buildings and hundreds of mature trees. Native Carolinians are among the most common species of trees: Sycamore, Locusts, Maples, Oaks and Beech. To cultivate all that real estate the Grounds Department has three full time staff, Chris Clarke, Howard Levy and Tony Sirignano. Among them they maintain the 25 acres of sports fields on the campus, prune the hundreds of trees and bushes, plant flowers, build gardens, deal with pest problems, and shovel the ice and snow off the roads and walkways during winter weather. Each summer two students join the mix, giving them a taste of hard manual work.

With 85 acres divided by three staff, the days are long. It is not unusual for two of the staff members to be in by 5am in the winter months to remove the mounds of snow that accurate the staff and the staff accurate the staff and the staff accurate the staff

mulate over night on the walkways so students can have a clear path from building to building.

In the summer months they start early to avoid the heat of the day.

May 15th of this year stands out as a pretty interesting day on campus. Staff on the second floor of School House came in that morning to find hundreds of corpses of bees on their carpet. Some witnessed the bees coming out of the light fixtures. Chris Clarke donned a makeshift bee suit and squeezed through the entrance in the ceil-



ing of the math office into the attic of School House. Armed with a flashlight and some spray to force the bees outside, he was greeted to a scene that would make anyone with apiphobia faint. Thousands of bees had taken up residence in the attic and had to be moved. Luckily, his spray technique forced the Queen outside and the rest of the colony followed. This time they swarmed on a limb of a weeping pine located in the Hank sculpture garden outside the Headmaster's office.

Since honeybees are vital to the production of just about any food and are in decline around the world, protecting them is vital. A local apiary was called to remove the swarm and Chris Clarke was in the middle of that too – assisting the beekeepers in collecting the bees for transportation to their new home in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Not limiting himself to insect control, Chris visits the primary grades each winter to start seeds for the garden in the Lower School courtyard. As the seasons change the students are able to witness the lifecycle of vegetable plants eventually picking and eating the produce. Chris was also instrumental in the Lower School composting initiative, teaching students the importance of environmental sustainability.

As stated elsewhere in this issue, Ridley is not just a school but also a community of people who take pride in their work, and the Grounds guys are a great example of taking the extra step to keep the campus safe and beautiful.



Tony Sirignano at the wheel of the lawn tractor

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#### SCHMON HEALTH CENTRE

#### **FACTS:**

Built in 1950

Dedicated by Mr. ad Mrs. Arthur A. Schmon in memory of their son Lt. Richard R. Schmon '39, killed in action in France on November 5, 1944. There are four examining rooms and four bedrooms with a total of 15 beds. The first campus infirmary was built in 1918 to deal with the Spanish Flu epidemic. It still stands on campus and is refered to as the Pest House.

CURRENT STAFF: two doctors - Dr. Tim Murray and Dr. Kathy Swayze
Nurse Manager of Student Health Services - Barbara Papp
Registered Practical Nurses - Dawn Honsberger, Robert Sergnese, and Teresa Stevens
Administrative Assistant - Betty Morgan

**HOURS:** 7am to 10pm. If there are students under observation in the Health Centre, 24 hour care is provided.

- The staff in the Health Centre documented 10,500 visits in 2011-2012 that required some sort of medical treatment.
- Along with the trained Health Centre staff, all Ridley employees receive CPR, AED, and First Aid every 2 years.
- There are six defibrillators on campus.

Opposite from Left: Barb Papp, Teresa Stevens, Rob Sergnese, Dawn Honsberger and Betty Morgan.



Isabel Hepworth, Lower School Nurse from 1919-1938

# DID YOU KNOW? 13 Ridley Road was built by "Heppie" when she retired. It was known as "Heppie's Cottage" and has been home to many Ridley faculty members



ever since.

#### THE FAB BRENT PFAB - SCHOOL PORTER

**Job:** Mail sorting and delivery, transporting heavy loads of paper and miscellaneous items, answering phones - the day-time male voice of Ridley College.

**Years at Ridley:** First worked for Chartwells (see story on page 16) in 1978 as a custodian, Brent has been at his present job since 1986 - a total of 34 years!

**How many Headmasters?:** Six - Richard Bradley, Jere Packard, Doug Campbell, Rupert Lane, Jonathan Leigh and now Ed Kidd.

**Favourite Sports Team:** in hockey, the Maple Leafs and in the OHL the Niagara Ice Dogs. In football, the Buffalo Bills, in baseball, the Toronto Blue Jays.

What you are most proud of?: My daughter, Kayli.

What is your passion?: Music! I love live music, especially rock and go to as many concerts and shows as I can. On the sporting side, I am a season ticket holder for the Ice Dogs.



#### OLD SCHOOL, NEW SCHOOL, OUR SCHOOL

Change there ever has been at Ridley, and change there still is. Such is the mark of progress towards continued greatness, which is the School today. To all at Ridley, those who have gone before throw the torch – be theirs to hold it high! – Terence Cronyn '20, October 1979

In the words of one great Ridleian, as much as things change, they stay the same. Evolution and change are inevitable; however, the values of educating the mind, body and moral spirit our great School were founded are just as relevant today as they were in 1889. As has always been the case, our school moves at a frenetic pace seven days a week from Opening Day in September to Prize Day in June.

In mid-October of this year, Ridley hosted the CAIS Senior Boys National Soccer tournament welcoming teams from coast-to-coast. Throughout, several hundred student athletes, coaches, officials, parents and supporters descended upon our campus for a weekend full of outstanding competition. Adding my voice of support with the mass of Ridley students, faculty, staff, alumni/ae, parents and grandparents standing on the sideline, we cheered on our Tigers who eventually lost a heartbreaker in penalty shots in the Championship Final on Sunday afternoon. Proudly our team played with the class and sportsmanship - even in defeat - for which Ridley teams are known.

At the conclusion of the closing ceremonies, there was a procession of coaches and athletes from other schools who approached Ridley's Director of Athletics, Jay Tredway '96, to offer their gratitude for an amazing weekend. As I witnessed the parade of handshakes, I could not help but feel an incredible amount of pride that once again, we opened our campus to host yet another first-class event with a level of success and professionalism that would make an Olympic Committee jealous. Throughout any given year, Ridley plays host to a remarkable number of events – everything from huge athletic tournaments to music and drama festivals to international debating competitions... and often times simultaneously.

At this time last year, Ridley hosted the Under 13 National Soccer tournament on the same weekend as the hugely successful Monarch Gala only to turn around a few short weeks later to host OFSAA Girls Basketball – the first of two OFSAA Basketball events we held in 2011-12.

This reality is noteworthy for a couple of reasons. First, being able to host academic, artistic and athletic events – especially over weekends – is a vita

This reality is noteworthy for a couple of reasons. First, being able to host academic, artistic and athletic events – especially over weekends – is a vital part of our program and who we are as a school. Ridley continues to be a seven-day a week school and we are proud to be able to offer our students such a breadth of valuable activity. Second, so much of what we are able to accomplish is due to the work done by those individuals who are highlighted in this issue of the *Tiger*. Hosting a national tournament or a drama production requires the efforts of so many individuals from the Sewing Room ladies who make costumes, to the Grounds Department who prepare fields and gym space to the Security team who ensures everyone has a place to park. It takes the Ridley community to make these occasions happen and we are fortunate to have such amazing people on staff consistently going above and beyond.

Finally, we are able to accommodate this volume of activity due to the magnificent facilities we have on our campus due exclusively to the tremendous generosity of the Ridley Family over the last 123 years. Our most recent example is the Arena/Fieldhouse complex; however, if we scan our history there are many examples of the generosity of Ridleians stepping up to support projects that have a lasting impact on our school. It is this spirit of philanthropy from the Ridley Family on which we rely to provide the programs, the buildings, the green spaces and the experiences we deliver for students today and into the future.

Whether it is the Class of '90 coming together to create the Michael J. Dolighan '90 Memorial Grove in the Merritt Quad in memory of their friend and



Michael J. Dolighan '90 Memorial Grove



Barberian/Rodeck Family Lower School Gardens

classmate or the Barberian/Rodeck family providing the funding to build two gardens in the Lower School Meighen Courtyard which are overflowing with vegetables planted and harvested by the Lower School students or the Classes of '61 & '66 who, on their 50th & 45th Reunions respectively, raised money to add gorgeous trophy cases and a lounge area in the foyer of the Arena/Fieldhouse - all continue to add a significant amount of value for the benefit of the school. Quite simply, we have what we have because of those who have given their support and it is our hope to continue to earn that generosity again this year. Every dollar truly counts and every area of the school needs to be maintained and strengthened.

This is OUR school and it is up to us to ensure that we build on what we were afforded so that when we hand this amazing campus over to the next generation, they have the same pride and determination to see it flourish as we do today. As Mr. Cronyn so eloquently offered, this message is as profound and valid today as it has been through our history and we lean on everyone to pick up the torch as it is now our turn to hold it high!

> Bryan J. Rose '96 Acting Director of Advancement



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Trophy cases in the lounge area in the foyer of the Arena/Fieldhouse



#### RCA GOLF INVITATIONAL

It was a gorgeous afternoon on Monday, June 11th at Thundering Waters Golf Club in Niagara Falls, Ontario for this year's edition of the RCA Golf Invitational. The course was in great shape; Mother Nature provided stunning weather and a wonderful day was had by the members of the Ridley Family who attended. Following the golf, everyone headed back to the Ridley campus for a BBQ meal provided by Rotisserie-To-Go. Before the evening concluded, the prizes were handed out. The Low Gross winner was Mike Hastings '96, Low Net winner was Rob Stratton '71 and the

winning foursome was the team from the Class of '71 - Rob Stratton, Dave Irwin, Leigh Hogg and Geoff Lind.



Our thanks to our sponsors - Glen Fell (Fellfab) for the Callaway golf balls, Ted '72, Tim '76 & Terry '79 Witzel (TA Appliance) for the Broil King BBO, Dan Keogh

'89 & Paul Kraus '74 (Second Skin Golf Apparel) for our prize table swag and to our hole sponsors: Ed, Cheryl & Julia Skrobal '14 and The Courtyard Marriott - Niagara Falls! Finally our gratitude to the Matovic family for their generosity in hosting us at Thundering Waters. Plans for the 2013 Golf Invitational are underway so keep your eyes and ears open for the details.

Top: The winning foursome of Irwin, Stratton, Hogg and Lind. Above: Glen Fell, Phil Rudachuk '89, Bill Soulliere on course. Opposite: Justin Goulding '96 with son Dante . . . Class of 2030!



#### **VIMY 2012**

In April, Derek Dunkley '87, Head of Social Sciences accompanied Ridley students and families on a pilgrimage to Vimy to mark the 95th anniversary of the Canadian victory at Vimy Ridge. The six days in France had a great impact on the group of travellers. Here is his insight into their trip:

**Day One:** Flew into Paris – The Mona Lisa, the Venus de Milo, walking along the Seine and through the Tuileries Gardens.

Day Two: The Eiffel Tower, Palace of Versailles, night cruise on the Seine.

Day Three: Dieppe "To illustrate the German vantage point, the group mounted the cliffs and looked over the channel from the castle and German dugouts and gun emplacements. The Canadian cemetery a short distance away reinforced the country's loss. More than one student was overcome with emotion at the finality of the resting place for Canadians not much older than

themselves."



**Day Four:** Juno Centre at Courseulles sur Mer – a museum dedicated to the Canadian landings on Juno Beach on D-Day.

• Bernières Sur Mer – a village where the first house liberated by Canadian troops still stands.

Day Five: Tyne Cot – the largest Commonwealth cemetery in the world, holding 12,000 graves for soldiers with remains and 35,000 names of those without, a truly overwhelming introduction to the slaughter in the trenches of WWI.

• Nine Elms Cemetery – a smaller cemetery, one of hundreds that dot the northern French and Belgian landscape. Vimy Foundation graduates, including Ridley's own Nadine Burgess '09, were on hand to help visiting groups.

• Ceremony at Ypres' Menin Gate where another 60,000 names of missing men are inscribed on the walls. The ceremony has taken place every night since 1928 and concluded with the singing of 'O Canada'.



At Nine Elms-Maggie Thomas '13 with friend from Thunder Bay High school.

the ridge to one of the cemeteries near the Vimy Memorial. Here the students paid tribute to their fallen countrymen and lit candles in memoriam.

Matthew Cairns '13 was one of 20 students selected from across Canada to read the names and brief biography of one of the fallen soldiers. The weather was fittingly cold and wet, letting all know a little bit of what the men endured 95 years previously.

#### STUDENT VOICES -

We have returned different people. The students have now been on the ground in some of the most

important places in Canadian history, where lives were sacrificed and nationhood born. They can now carry the torch of remembrance and explain to their peers how important these places really are. Matthew Cairns '13

"I learned and saw many things that I may never see again; it was an experience of a lifetime. I will always remember this trip and the people." Pedro Haces '14

"I didn't know what to expect when I embarked for France, but I did know it would show me what being a real Canadian meant. We (the students on the trip from all over Canada) are all united by one common thing – the respect for past soldiers." Miles Smith '14



Vimy Ridge was something absolutely stunning. Walking on the land, which defined Canada as a country was most certainly a highlight of the trip. One can only stop and think about all the soldiers, sailors, and airmen of both WWI and WWII who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Those wars defined our nation. We showed that we are loyal, strong and against injustice."

Alexander Fazzari '13

"On April 9th, 2012, I walked up the ridge towards Vimy Ridge with about 5,000 students from across Canada, that was only half the amount of casualties on the Ridge 95 years ago. It was so cold and wet and none of us brought proper clothing or shoes for the bad weather. They said the weather was similar to the day of the battle. For the first time, I truly started to understand what they must have felt like on that day when they stormed the ridge for the allies. They must have been so scared. We made our pilgrimage to the war cemetery. Every student stood over a grave. Over 3,000 soldiers died that day, all really close to my age. Some of them went to Ridley College and even lied about their age and were probably 14 years old like me. 3,000 young men killed is over ten times the amount of people on my Facebook friends list. It is so hard to wrap my mind around that. This was an amazing experience and if you ever have the opportunity to visit Vimy, you should take it in a heartbeat. It's really the only way you will understand their sacrifice, the horror of war, and how much we need to thank the soldiers for our freedom."

Andrew Robichaud '15

Opposite - (left to right): Anne Marie Robichaud (parent), Derek Dunkley '87 (faculty), Pedro Haces '14, Wendy Pak (faculty), Andrew Robichaud '15, Matthew Cairns '13, Richard Robichaud (parent), Alex Fazzari '13, Kitty Cairns (parent), Susanna Smith (parent), Maggie Thomas '13, Jeff Cairns (parent), Miles Smith '14

Above: Maggie Thomas '13, Chris Anderson '14, Pedro Haces '14, Matthew Cairns '13, Alex Fazzari '13, Miles Smith '14, Andrew Robichaud '15



#### SPORTS RECAP 2011-2012

A look back at the last ten months at Ridley reveals one of the most impressive athletic campaigns in school history. It is true that after the remarkable year we had in 2010-2011, I suggested to the Headmaster that he should not expect the same level of success in back-to-back years. Not that I did not believe that this year's athletes would provide special moments and memorable performances, but because so much has to go right for there to be program-wide success. I am happy to admit that those comments were the worst prediction of my lifetime.

Two amazing OFSAA Basketball events on campus concluding with hardware for both the boys and girls teams, a trip to 12 CISAA championship finals, 20 CISAA Swimming, Track and Badminton medals, three Hockey tournament championships, girls OFSAA Volleyball bronze, provincial medals of all colours in Gymnastics and Swimming, and a plethora of gold, silver and bronze on the water with Rowing's resurgence, culminating with the Canadian Championships and three medals – including the Heavy Eight's emphatic victory to reclaim the Calder Cleland Trophy and launch the school back to the prestigious Henley Royal Regatta in England this summer.

More important than all of the success on the court, field, ice and water has been the spirit with which the entire community, led by the student body, has rallied around our events and our teams.

There is no question that they have demonstrated the greatest school spirit we have seen in nearly 20 years, and it is reverberating with our alumni around the world who are increasingly connected, craving the latest scores.

The school's Dorland and Matheson Awards (Female and Male Athlete of the Year) went to Alison Whitty, a young lady who has not only won almost every major athletics award in the school but who has been a leader, captain and mentor throughout her athletic career at the school; and Cam Sweetnam, a young man who has not only led on the field and the court, but has been one of the driving forces behind the resurgence in school spirit.



Because the school has such a distinguished athletic history, our most prestigious athletic award, the Tiger Tie, is one of the least awarded honours in the school: but not this year. A notable group of Ridleians was recognized. In their time at the school these winners have either contributed over several years to championship winning teams, helped set the bar for women's athletics at the school, or have quietly, meticulously, and unselfishly dreamed and worked at a goal that only a handful of athletes in school history has every achieved. We are fortunate to have athletic leadership like this; therefore, it was our pleasure to award the Tiger Tie to graduating seniors Ainsley Camroux Peacock and Alison Whitty, and to the members of the Heavy Eight Crew: Austin Bald, Connor Boyd, Jonathan Chisholm, Mac Copp, Igal Flegmann, Owen Kemp-Griffin, Aaron Kirkey, Jordan Meyers and Nicole Venditti.



The last four years have been a controversial and energizing period of change for athletics at Ridley. Perhaps the incredible performances over the last two years, resulting in some of the accomplishments identified above, will prove as vindication for the choices we have made. Meanwhile, for someone who does not see himself as a sportsman, Mr. Jonathan Leigh has never lost sight of how important sport is to this community. He has fought to see that we not only had the facilities we needed, but the coaches and the student population required to see athletics thrive at Ridley once more. It was our pleasure to also award the Tiger Tie to former Headmaster, Jonathan Leigh.

In closing, we wish the more than twenty 2012 graduates destined for sport at the next level continued success. We will follow your post-graduate careers with excitement. Back here at Ridley, we will wait to see what your leadership inspires in the next generation of Orange and Black in 2012-2013.

Jay W. Tredway '96, Director of Athletics

#### LOWER SCHOOL RECAP

The 2011-2012 athletic season in Lower school was a successful one. Ridley hosted the U/13 CAIS soccer tournament in October. Sixteen schools from across Canada arrived on campus to participate in this long-standing tournament. Our team played extremely well and lost in the semi-finals. Two teams in the first term were CISAA championship winners. Both the U/14 girls basketball and U/14 boys soccer teams earned gold medals.

Throughout the second term, two teams earned silver medals in March. The U/14 hockey and the U/14 boys basketball teams hosted the championships and were narrowly beaten by their opposition. The second term also saw the rebirth of the competitive squash program in Lower School.

Third term saw one more championship earned. The U/14 boys rugby squad hosted the final game and beat Appleby College. The U/14 girls soccer team made it to the final four but, unfortunately, lost its semi final game. The U/14 tennis team



played in the championships at Upper Canada College and came third. The U/12 boys softball team were consolation winners at this year's championships at Upper Canada College.

As always, our Tigermurals program was in full swing throughout the year. Students were exposed to a variety of sports and activities.

Fionna Stevenson and Nicholas Prestia were our female and male athletes of the year. Ella Foss was the recipient of the A. J. Corolis Award for Sportsmanship and Fair Play. Congratulations to all for a productive year!

Andrew J. Corolis, Associate Director of Athletics

This photo from the early 1970s shows Lower School Head John Guest with students.



#### 1950

James N. Connor is alive and well. He is a retired civil engineer & surveyor and is no longer (10 years) a volunteer ambulance driver & EMT for Hudson, Ohio.

#### 1956

Douglas S. Terryberry, 110 Steamship Bay Rd, Gravenhurst, ON P1P 1Z9 d.terryberry@cogeco.ca

William H.A. MacEachern was featured in the *Excellence: The Magazine About Porsche* April 2012 issue. The 74-year-old is the original owner of his 1976 Porsche 911 Turbo and has driven it approximately 600,000 miles over the years. Last year, he neared 171 mph in a crosswind at the famous Texas Mile.

#### 1957

G. Ward Young keeps busy with his wife by visiting grandkids November - April down under in Australia. May to October is spent cruising around the Bahamas on "Goodtimes". Life is good!

#### 1959

Robert C. Kinnear, 9 Princess of Wales Court, Etobicoke, ON M9B 6H5 rckinnear@sympatico.ca

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II awarded the Commander of the Victorian Order (CVO) to J. Terence M. Guest at Buckingham Palace in June 2007 in recognition of his contribution to the Royal Family and the work he accomplished while Executive Director of RoundSquare from 1992 to 2006. Terry also was one of the paddlers in the Canadian canoe which took part in the Diamond Jubilee flotilla on the Thames River in June, 2012.

#### 1960

Douglas R. Tilley, 2195 Oakpoint Rd, Oakville, ON L6M 3N4 douglas.r.tilley@gmail.com

John W. Craig was awarded the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon by the Emperor of Japan. John is an internationally renowned lawyer who has supported the activities of Japanese businesses in Ontario. Since 1989, he has acted as Counsel to the Japan Society, and currently serves as its Chair. Since 2000, he has also sat as Vice-Chair of the Sakura Committee. Through these activities, he has contributed to furthering relations between Japan and Canada.

#### 1967

Frederick M. Partington, Green End, Dark Lane, Gawsworth Cheshire SK119QZ, England lrhythmnow@aol.com

Paul R. Bannock with wife Carla now reside in Bermuda Dunes, California where Paul has opened an insurance office "in retirement". They enjoyed several weeks at the family cottage on Lake of Bays this summer.

John C. Drummond still lives in San Diego and continues to practice his true joy - teaching and lecturing in the field of anesthesiology.

Harry C. Hatch has been declared bionically fit with new hip and knee replacements and is making a strong tennis and golf comeback. Brian A. Iggulden enjoys his work with Sprung Instant Structures, grandfathering Sophie and Henry (children of Natalie '98 and Tom), golf, and travel with Rosemary. They will visit son Michael '01 who is playing hockey in the Swedish Elite league again this season. Daughter-in-law Joey '01 (née Desantis) is in the third year of her four-year program to become a Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine.

**Gordon R. McClelland** stays active skiing, practising law and is building a vacation home in Turkey.

Ian G. McLean still enjoys his work and looked fit enough at the reunion to make a strong contribution to the Toronto Argos backfield if he chose to come back!

J. Murray McPherson continues to "lock up the bad guys" in Red Deer, Alberta working as a crown attorney. Moo, one of only four Ontario Scholars in Class of 1967, discovered at the reunion that his father won the Head Boy Award as the top academic for Grade 12 in the class of 1924.

**Derwyn R. Thomas** was back for the reunion after a 45-year span. He has vowed to be at the 50th.

Harold A. Wilson and wife Alison are enjoying retirement years filled with travel and time at their place in Hilton Head.



Top: Alice Spee-Browne '87 with her partner Niall and son Louis.

#### 1969

Douglas C. Betts, Apt. A, 35/F, South Tower 6, Residence Bel-Air, No. 38 Bel-Air Avenue, Hong Kong dbetts@kingswaygroup.ca

Lawrence H. Simons is serving as a Director of the Festival of the Sound, a world-class celebration of music held each summer at the acclaimed Charles W. Stockey Centre in Parry Sound, Ontario.

#### 1971

Robert S. Stratton, 40 Golfdale Rd, Toronto, ON M4N 2B6 robstratton@middletons.on.ca

William L. Redelmeier is happy to announce that his winery, Southbrook Vineyards in Niagara-onthe-Lake, Ontario was recognized this spring by its biggest customer, the Liquor Control Board of Ontario, as the supplier with the highest commitment to the environment.

#### 1978

P. Ann Clarke, 524 Colonial Dr, Waterloo, ON N2K 1Z6 annclarke@rogers.com

Dixon F. Kenner has accepted a new role as the Director of Business Portfolio Projects in the new Department of Shared Services. He will provide oversight and direction for large Crown projects as part of the Business Solutions Sector, applying his years of experience in the IT security field to government wide initiatives.

#### 1981

Kelly Neill, Ridley College, PO Box 3013 St Catharines, ON L2R 7C3 kelly\_neill@ridleycollege.com

Anne-Marie Doring has taken a job with an independent school, Concord Academy in Concord, Massachusetts as the Associate Director of Communications. She formerly worked in network news.

**Chuck Frosst Jr.** is now Senior Partner, VP Business Development at the Baystream Corporation.

**David J. Parisian** was elected the District Deputy Grand Master AF

& AM (Freemasons) of Canada for the London East District.

Sandra Schlieman was selected by her students to receive the Excellence in Teaching Award at Algonquin College in Ottawa, Ontario.

#### 1982

Lyle B. Himebaugh III, 116 Scarlett Oak Drive, Wilton, CT 06897 U.S.A. lhimebaugh@granitegroupadvisors.com

**Greg D. Knowles** officially launched Comox Kite Repair. The company is western Canada's only full-service kite repair centre.

Terry J. Powell is still experiencing the challenges of living in the Republic of Kazakhstan while working as the Business Development Director for Chagala Management.

Cate E. Shea has accepted an invitation to join Sotheby's International Realty Canada – a company



Derek Fraser '79 and Anne Kubu, Ridley's Manager of Communications at the Hays Breakfast during the 100th Anniversary of the Calgary Stampede in July.



Nadine Karachi '87, Linda Alexanian '85 and Katy MacDonald '87 celebate Linda's birthday in NYC.

that provides exposure in over 45 countries showcasing exceptional homes to local, national and international audiences.

#### 1984

John D. Brunt, 192 Maplehurst Ave, North York, ON M2N 3C2 jbrunt@aylaw.com

Brian A. Hutchings has accepted the job as vice-president of finance and administration for Brock University in St. Catharines.

#### 1985

Philip D. Court, 29 MacIntosh Cres, St Catharines, ON L2N 7M4 philipcourt@courtholdings.com

Robin R. Ramcharan has been gallivanting the globe since graduating from Ridley. He moved to India last July after teaching at the University of Toronto and Brock University. Robin is currently a professor at the College of Law, Alliance University, Bangalore, India.

#### 1987

Robin E. Rankin, P.O. Box 683232, Park City, UT 84068 U.S.A. robin@smartwired.org

Mikael A. Swayze has been appointed as the Strategic Labour Relations Consultant for the University of Toronto.



Former Headmaster Jonathan Leigh and his wife Emma enjoy a visit with Brenda and Leighton McCarthy '62 at Marlborough this fall.



Former Headmaster Richard Bradley visits with Nat Caters and Carl Dorland (retired faculty) this June in St. Catharines.

#### 1988

David K. Carter, 10 Banbury Crt, Aurora, ON L4G 3M9 dave@mdhconsulting.ca

Sean W. Whalley has recently been granted a tenured professorship appointment to the University of Regina Faculty of Fine Arts.

#### 1990

Scott C. Rondeau, 22 Cummings St, Toronto, ON M4M 1M8 hellcreek@hotmail.com

Samantha D. Albert (née Majendie) rode for Jamaica in the Three Day Event equestrian competition at the London 2012 Summer Olympics.

Marty R. Goodnough travels all over North America starting up new Power Generation plants and industrial plants and facilities.

#### 2000

Sara M. Morgan, 77 Ashburnham Rd, Toronto, ON M6H 2K6 morgan.sara@gmail.com

Maggie R. Lind was awarded the coveted Chairman's Award at Chestnut Park Real Estate for sales in 2011, being the youngest agent in the history of the company to place in the top ten.

**Sarah D. Miller** is a Senior Manager, Global employer Services and lives in Reading, England.

**Tarek A. Mohamed** graduated with an MBA from Columbia Business School in May 2012. **R. Matthew Turner** won the Writer's Guild of America award for his work on the action-adventure video game, *Assassin's Creed: Brotherhood.* 

#### 2001

Rhiannon Davies, 12 Shorthill Place, Fonthill, ON LOS 1E3 davies.rhiannon@gmail.com

Michael R. J. Bonner has just completed four years at Oxford, finishing with a MPhil and a DPhil in Oriental Studies. He has published widely on Iran and Afghanistan in both English and French, and worked in Paris and Geneva while completing his doctorate. Michael is a member of the "Balkh Art and Cultural Heritage Project", an archaeological team based in Oxford and Kabul, devoted to studying and preserving Afghanistan's cultural heritage. He will soon be taking up a teaching position at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

#### 2004

J. Charles Stratton, 40 Golfdale Rd, Toronto, ON M4N 2B6 jc\_stratton@yahoo.com

Jennifer K. Malyk has started her own business 'Knock Knock Fitness', a personal training company in Burlington, Ontario.

Julie L. Rasmussen graduated from Concordia University in September with a degree in Political Science. She is working in Toronto as a model.

#### 2007

Alexander L. (Sandy) Rasmussen graduated from St. Francis Xavier University in April with a degree in Sociology and is working away at getting his career as an abstract artist off the ground. His website is alexanderrasmussen.com

#### 2008

**Joyce Chan** is working in Japan for one year as an ESL teacher.



Caitlin Martin '02 and Michael Ellis.

Teddy T. Huang recently completed his two years of compulsory military service back in his home of Taiwan. Since leaving the military, he has jumped into the culinary world as a baker. Looking for his next challenge, Teddy is planning on enrolling at a culinary institute in Japan to study its methods.

Sara J. Jones was the recipient of the St. Lawrence University Rhetoric and Communications Studies Award, given annually to a senior who demonstrates outstanding work in the fields of rhetoric and communication. Sara graduated with an Honours double major in English/Performance and Communication Arts.

#### 2009

Nadine E. Burgess, a Vimy Foundation Bursary winner, was in France for the 95th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge commemorations. She was acting as a volunteer guide and co-ordinator and was hosted by the Vimy Foundation.

Eva Sonnenschein is studying business engineering at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology in Germany. She belongs to a student group "The PionierGarage" that is studying startup businesses in various European countries with the idea to use the experience from these entrepreneurs to assist other

startups and student ventures in the future.

#### 2012

Alison A. Whitty and Madison E. Leitch won Henley Rowing Gold for the 2nd year in a row in the Under 19 Women's category at the Canadian Henley. The girls started the competition as one of 77 entries and progressed through the field over three days to stand proudly on the podium as champions. Alison is attending the University of Miami and Madison is at Syracuse University.

#### **Past Faculty**

Susan L. Dobson (White), art teacher at Ridley from 1979-1990 and Head of Visual and Performing Arts at Appleby College 1991-2012, has retired after a 33-year career teaching visual arts in the independent school system. She has now moved to Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario where she will continue to teach art and art history on a part time basis.

Eleanor I. Johnston and W. Wayne Fraser have written and published a novel about Ernest Hemingway's last days in Cuba. Hemingway's Island is available on their website <wayneandeleanor.com> and from lulu.com, amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com. At the Biennial International Hemingway Conference in Petoskey, Michigan (June 2012) they made a presentation on the process and challenges of "Imagining Hemingway as Character in Fiction." As well, Wayne presented a paper on "Subterfuge at the Finca: Further implications of Brasch and Sigman's Hemingway's Library," the story of his academic mentor's adventures at Hemingway's Cuban home in 1977. The conference program listed them as representatives of Ridley College.

#### Weddings

Justin N. Baird (faculty) to Michelle R. Eades on 12 July 2012 in the Ridley College Memorial Chapel.

Paul R. Bannock '67 to Carla Grant on 25 September 2010 in Bermuda Dunes, CA.

Cary D. Blumenfeld '04 to Leann Feldman on 14 October, 2012 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Justin M. Cox '02 to Rohini Kumar '02 on 21 August, 2012 in Barbados.

**Robert B. Lockey** (faculty) to Megan K. Davies on 23 June 2012 in St. Catharines, ON.

Caitlin J. Martin '02 to Michael Ellis on 19 May 2012 in the Ridley College Memorial Chapel.

**Heather J. Rigby '95** to Patrick Thomas on 30 June 2012 in the Ridley College Memorial Chapel.

Danielle R. Rosmarin '95 to Captain Eric Allaire, CD on 21 January 2012 at the Canadian Forces Base in Kingston.

**Lesley C. Tomlinson '89** to Mike Woodland on 7 January 2012 in Banff, Alberta.

**R. Matthew Turner '00** to Nicole Mah on 28 July 2012 in Sutton, QC.

**Douglas** (Swatty IX) **Wotherspoon** '**67** to Barbara Tweddle on 6 October 2012 in Collingwood, ON.

#### **Births**

Katharine J. Allison '98 (née Tanner) a son, Eli on 14 July 2011 in Sarnia, ON.

**Sarah L. Bouma '96** (née Tanner) a son, Samuel on 5 March 2012 in Hamilton, ON.

Natalie R. Burnard '98 (née Iggulden) a son, Henry Thomas on 22 April 2012 in St. Catharines, ON.

#### **CLASSNOTES**

Rhonda Corris-Collee (staff) a daughter Danika Lynn on 11 October, 2012 in Niagara Falls, ON.

**W. Douglas Hatch** '00, a daughter, Anna Patricia on 4 October 2012 in Hamilton, ON.

Maggie R. Lind '00 a son, Charles (Charlie) Warwick Lamb on 29 January 2012 in Toronto, ON.

Georgina C. McMichen '99 and Jonathan C. Abbott '00, a son Henry Iain on 26 September 2012 in Chicago, IL.

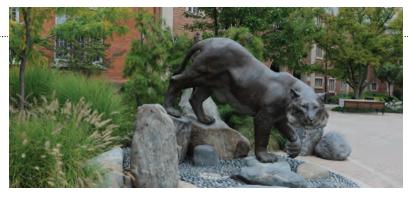
**Jessica L. Roud** (faculty) a daughter, Peyton on 2 October 2012 in Grimsby, ON.

**Thomas H. Sears '97** a son, William on 14 April 2012 in Toronto, ON.

**David K. Sutherland '93** a son, Andrew David Keith on 10 March 2012 in Markham, ON.

**R. Matthew Turner '00** a daughter, Annie Jane on 27 April 2012 in Sutton, QC.

Sarah C. and David C. Whitty (both faculty) a daughter, Katelyn Nicole on 22 April 2012 in Hamilton, ON



#### **Deaths**

**O. Weber Austin '50** on 7 June 2012, in Lake Wales, FL.

Robert M. Boughton '36 on 21 January 2011 in California, USA.

Charles M. "Charlie" Cole '49 on 21 July 2012 in Wyckoff, New Jersey.

Thomas Brayley "Brayl" Copp '52 on 20 June 2012 in London, ON.

George W. German '52 on 20 November 2011 in Midland, ON.

John H. Golding '47 on 9 April, 2012 in London, England.

**John A. Gorwill '72** on 24 January 2012 in Fergus, ON.

**David J.D. Harris '54** on 28 August 2012 in Muskoka, ON.

John F. Hastings '60 on 29 March 2012 in Burlington, ON.

**Strachan Heighington '46** on 9 January 2012 in Toronto, ON.

**John Kennedy '57** on 17 September 2012 in Toronto, ON.

**J.F. Glenn Murphy '35** on 10 April 2011 in Hamilton, ON.

Edward K. (Schad) Scott '50 on 27 March 2012 in Sechelt, BC.

Murray H. Snively '42 on 17 April 2012 in Toronto, ON.

**W. James G. Tiller '70** on 24 February 2012 in Toronto, ON.

#### Alex Sterne '08 Aces Two Holes In The Same Round At Beacon Hall!

Most golfers spend a lifetime wishing for just one hole in one, but amateur Alex Sterne doubled the pleasure at Beacon Hall in Aurora, Ontario on Sunday, April 29th.

The amazing round with his mother Sandy and her friend began at 12 noon with a frost induced tee off from the 10th tee. Right out of the blocks on the 11th hole, Alex hit a 7 iron from about 170 yards on the Blue Tees into the hole. He cooled down for a couple of hours until the second last hole, the downhill 8th, where he struck an 8 iron from about 160 yards again into the hole.

"The first one was into the wind. I heard it hit the pin with a loud bang, but didn't see it finish. When we approached I didn't see the ball on the green so as I crossed the green to go look in the rough, I thought I would look in the cup and there it was," says Sterne noting it was just his seventh shot of the day after not warming prior to the round. It was his third round of the year at Beacon Hall. "The second one, I saw everything. It hit in the middle of the green and rolled back towards the left before it just dropped. It was really cool!"

These are the first two aces for the 22-year-old who has just finished his fourth and final year at Sir Wilfrid Laurier University with Communications as his major. The odds of a golfer making two aces in one round, according to Golf Digest's Dean Knuth, are estimated at one in 64 million. *Reprinted from golfsupers.com* 

#### **LAST WORDS**

There are 163 employees of Ridley College. When mapping out this issue of the *Ridley Tiger*, I focused on those departments that are housed outside School House, the Second Century Building, the Iggulden Gym and the Lower School. The people with whom you don't usually come in contact if you are visiting the campus, meeting with your child's advisor or paying your bill in the Business Office.

The school administrative assistants, the busy I.T. department, Doug Anderson and his crew in the Mandeville Theatre, the Advancement and Communication folks or the Admission staff who travel the world to find the best candidates for Ridley - you most likely have an idea what they do. It is the jobs we often take for granted on which this issue of the *Tiger* is focused.

I have worked at Ridley for 17 years and still cannot get over the work that goes into keeping this campus in shape. It is not only the aesthetics but also the commitment to the infrastructure of the buildings that can be easily overlooked. The list of projects on page 19 gives you a hint of what goes on during the summer – and that is only during July to the end of August; the September to June operations are just as consuming.

Our new Headmaster Ed Kidd was quick to take note of all this when he and his family moved into Kenyon Lett House in July. Contrary to popular belief, many staff work throughout the summer at Ridley – the administrative assistants, Admissions, Advancement, IT, Communications, the Business Office, Sewing Room as well as the Property and Grounds workers all contribute to the health of the campus and the readiness for the first students in September. The hum of a lawn mower and the sound of a keyboard are seldom mute.

I hope you enjoy learning more about the people "Behind the Scenes" at Ridley. I encourage you to stop and chat with them when you are on campus. As Ed Kidd said in his inaugural *Headlines* story in this issue, Ridley is a great school, a united family and an inspiring village – mainly because of the people who work here.

Anne Kubu



## RidleyCalendar

December 2012

6 NYC Branch Reception • Location TBA

**15-16 Nine Lessons and Carols** • Memorial Chapel 5:00pm

January 2013

22 CAIS Boarding School Fair • Nassau, Bahamas

29 MGI Speakers' Series - Spencer West in the Mandeville Theatre

February 2013

9-10 UK Fair and Interviews

March 2013

9-10 Air Canada Expo • Caracas, Venezuela

**11** Air Canada Expo • Valencia, Venezuela

**April 2013** 

10 115th Toronto Branch Reception • The National Club

28 Cadet Church Parade

May 2013

4 106th Cadet Inspection