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### CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE

The Candlelight Carol Services took place in the Memorial Chapel on December 9th and 10th. Over 100 students participated as readers, singers and musicians as Albert College continued its long tradition of the service of Lessons and Carols.

The Chapel Choir, Senior Class Choir, Girls' Chamber Choir and Junior Choir participated in the service this year, accompanied by musicians from the Albert College family and the Belleville community. Student readers came from both Junior and Senior Schools, and included students from grade 1 to 12.



Another long-standing tradition was repeated this year, with the singing of Silent Night in 8 languages reflecting our diverse student population. The Christmas season is upon us, and the Candlelight Carol Services inspire us to listen and reflect as we participate in a time-honoured tradition celebrating the true meaning of the season.

## JUST A REMINDER...

Just a reminder that the College will be closed from Friday, December 23rd, 2011 - Tuesday, January 2nd, 2012

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



## REBECCA SWEETMAN '00 VISITS AC

On Wednesday November 2nd, alumna Rebecca Sweetman '00 returned to the school to speak to the students in chapel. She is the founder of the Paradigm Shift Project, which is a non-profit organization that produces documentary films to help small local non-profit groups around the world. Rebecca spoke to the school about how individuals have the ability to make changes in the world, and how our students can become involved in making that change. After chapel Rebecca visited with the grade 7 class and showed her film "Greasy Palms: The Impact of Indonesia's Palm Oil Plantations". She talked to the class about the palm oil industry in Indonesia, how the students were connected with the issues, and how they could help make positive changes there. She then visited the grade 6 class and showed another one of her films "From the Earth to the Pot: Urban Agriculture and Food Security in Lima Peru". This is the second time that Rebecca has been to the school to share her work with the students, and through our chapel collections we will be helping to support her projects around the world. Rebecca plans to return in the spring to start working with small groups of students and getting them involved directly with her projects. Before returning to her home in Bali, Rebecca headed to Valletta, Malta to make a presentation at the TEDxValletta conference about making change in the world. The TED conferences are about spreading ideas and this was a chance for Rebecca to spread her ideas of positive change to the world. For more information on the TED talks or on the Paradigm Shift project and how you can support her work, check out these links <http://tedxvalletta.com/> and [www.theparadigmshiftproject.org](http://www.theparadigmshiftproject.org)



## CZECH BOYS CHOIR

On Friday December 2nd Albert College was privileged to once again host the Czech Boys Choir for two performances on their Canadian tour. In the afternoon they performed for the school during the Arts Period, and then gave performance at Bridge Street Church in the evening. Both shows were a tremendous success. The choir, consisting of 36 boys between the ages of 9 and 19, performed a combination of music by Czech composers as well as a selection of Christmas music from around the world which was especially appreciated by our diverse population. The quality of their singing, and their entertaining choreography had the audiences thoroughly captivated at both performances. They wowed the audiences with numbers such as "Going Home" from Dvorak's "New World Symphony", the "Halleluiah Chorus" from Handel's "The Messiah", "White Christmas", and "Walking in a Winter Wonderland" with its hilarious choreography. Conductor Jakub Martinec said he was very pleased to be able to bring the choir back to Albert College and sing in our fine chapel once again. He said the boys appreciated our school's enthusiasm, and really enjoyed spending time at the campus and having great Canadian-themed meals in the dining hall. Thanks go out to all the Albert families who billeted the boys on Friday night, the Food Services staff for providing meals, Bridge Street Church for hosting the evening performance, and The Ramada Inn and The Best Western for providing rooms for the chaperones.

## FACEBOOK 101



Did you know that there are over 595 million people on Facebook, making it the 3rd largest website on the internet? Did you know that most students grade 5 and up are on Facebook and on average have over 150 Facebook friends? Did you know that many universities, colleges and recruiters scan Facebook pages as part of their interview process? Chris Vollum, a recognized authority on Facebook, was at Albert College on Wednesday, November 30, 2011 to conduct a variety of seminars to share with students and parents the benefits and personal risks of using Facebook. Through his presentation, *Facebook 101*, Chris' prime objective was to educate parents, teachers and students how to effectively apply their Facebook profile settings to minimize privacy breaches and proactively defend against cyber-bullying. Throughout the presentations, Chris included tips on best practices for Facebook accounts with an emphasis on safety, security and privacy. Two afternoon sessions were held, one for students in grades 5 & 6 and a second session for students in grades 7 – 12. That evening, Chris spoke to parents, providing them with information to guide them through the realities of Facebook. A huge thank you goes out to the Albert College Parents Guild for supporting this event.

If you would be interested in obtaining his tip sheet on how to maximize Facebook privacy settings please contact us.

## ALBERTALKS IN THE MAIL

The Fall 2011 issue of the Alberttalks magazine was mailed in October. This issue was a printed version but the next issue, Spring 2012, will NOT be mailed. The Spring 2012 issue will be our second e-issue and will be e-mailed. If you are not currently receiving e-mails from Albert College please send your name and e-mail address to [alumni@albertcollege.ca](mailto:alumni@albertcollege.ca). If you have not received your copy, please contact us.

## Save - the - Date!



## WALL OF HONOUR NOMINATIONS - LAST CALL!

Do you know someone who should be considered for inclusion on the Alumni Wall of Honour? The chosen recipients will be inducted during the 40's, 50's & 60's reunion on the weekend of April 27-29, 2012. The Terms of Reference and Nomination form can be found on the Albert website at [www.albertcollege.ca](http://www.albertcollege.ca) - click on Alumni, then Wall of Honour.

Please submit your nomination by December 31, 2011 to [alumni@albertcollege.ca](mailto:alumni@albertcollege.ca)

## MOVEMBER



Our Movember participants from the back left – Keith Stansfield, Scott Mills, Kirby Fredericks and Paul Guse. Students front row: Mitchell Torres, Joey Coward and Kyle Aquino.



## ALUMNI GET - TOGETHER

On Saturday, December 10th, alumni who were in Belleville to attend the Candlelight Service got together at a local establishment for dinner and to catch up with their classmates. Alumni Association President, Craig Bretherton '00, was pleased with the turnout. "I believe there were 15 alumni who attended our informal get together at Earl and Angelo's in downtown Belleville. We had dinner, refreshments and caught up with everyone's lives for a few hours. Everyone had a great time." Craig would like to see more of these informal get-togethers during the year and will be planning the next one in the new year. There is still one position vacant on the Alumni Association Executive and he invites alumni to become involved with the association in any capacity.

Please email Craig at [cbretherton@leightonelec.ca](mailto:cbretherton@leightonelec.ca) or call the Development Office at 613-968-5726 ext. 2268 for more details.

## PARENT GUILD MITTEN TREE DECORATING

Victoria Manor ladies decorated the school's mitten tree on the weekend of November 18. All of the winter wear items received will be donated to Three Oaks Foundation and Adopt-a-child program.



## UPCOMING KENYA TRIP



During March Break 2012, Albert College will be traveling to Kenya to continue efforts to help empower children through education. Fifteen students have taken up the challenge and are excited to participate in hands-on workshops, to learn about poverty-related issues in Africa, and to help build a school. They will meet and learn from the local elder and community leaders, walk with the "mamas" to draw water, learn Swahili and experience a true safari adventure. If you would like to make a donation towards this trip, please contact Angela Guse at [aguse@albertcollege.ca](mailto:aguse@albertcollege.ca)

## ANNUAL FUND

Annual Fund letters were mailed early in November. Students earned community service hours by assisting Development Office: they folded and collated letters and donor cards into envelopes for mailing to over 2500 alumni. If you did not receive your annual fund information, please contact Lori Sioui at [lsioui@albertcollege.ca](mailto:lsioui@albertcollege.ca)

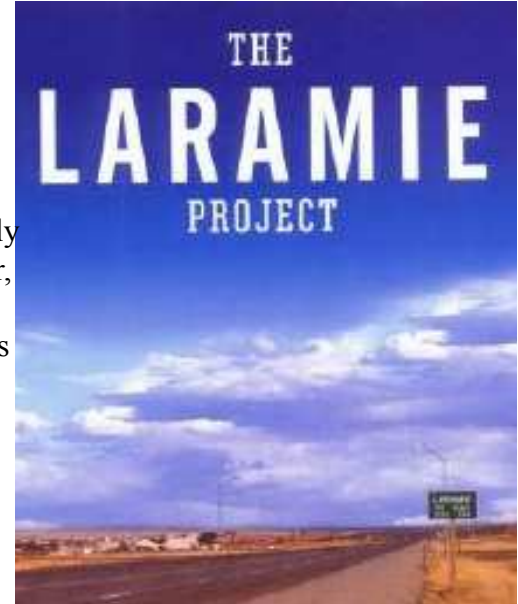
Thank you for making Albert College one of the charities you support!

## UPCOMING SENIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION

On Tuesday, September 13th students from grades 9 to 12/PG auditioned for this year's major theatrical production entitled "*The Laramie Project*." The play is a docudrama and is one of the most performed plays in North America. Time magazine called it "One of the best plays of the last decade."

The play is a dramatic, compelling story of an event that captured the attention of the media world-wide. In October 1998, Matthew Shepard was kidnapped, severely beaten and tied to a fence on the outskirts of Laramie, Wyoming. Five weeks later, Moisés Kaufman and fellow members of the Tectonic Theater Project went to Laramie, and over the course of the next year, conducted more than 200 interviews with people of the town. From these interviews they wrote the play *The Laramie Project*, a chronicle of the life of the town of Laramie in the year after the murder.

The cast of 16 actors will dramatize the events of the drama. It is a challenging piece for the cast and they have begun rehearsals in anticipation of the public performances on February 10 and 11, 2012.



## UPCOMING ADMISSION TRAVEL

Please be an Albert College ambassador and spread the word that we are traveling to a city near you!

Please contact the Admission Office for further information by calling (613) 968-5726 or e-mailing [info@albertcollege.ca](mailto:info@albertcollege.ca).

Lagos, Abuja, NIGERIA (DRAIT): January 23 - 28  
Tunis, Tunisia: January 23 - 28  
Nassau, Bahamas: February 6 - 9  
Mexico: February 8 - 17  
ICEF Fair, Montreal: - April 26 - 28

**For an up-to-date listing of school events, please see the weekly What's Happening:**

<http://www.albertcollege.ca/AlbertToday/SchoolCalendars.aspx>

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*Happy Holidays*