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THE LARAMIE PROJECT



JUST A REMINDER...
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6 & 7

Based on a true story, The Laramie Project tells the story of a brutal hate crime inflicted upon 21-year-old university student, Matthew Shepard, in Laramie, Wyoming in 1998. The play was written by Tony Award-winning playwright Moises Kaufman and is based on over 200 interviews conducted with Laramie residents by the Tectonic Theater Company.

The Laramie Project is currently one of the most performed plays in North America. Time magazine called it, "One of the best plays of the year – a pioneering work of theatrical reportage and a powerful stage event."



Albert College is pleased to present, The Laramie Project on Friday, February 10th and Saturday, February 11th at 7:30 p.m. at their 160 Dundas Street West location in Belleville. “This is a theatrical event not to be missed,” says Drama teacher and Director Leslie Austin-Profit. “This is an ambitious and diverse production that is unlike anything we have done before at Albert College.”

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. This play is recommended for teenage and adult audiences. To order tickets please call (613) 968-5726 or visit www.albertcollege.ca to purchase tickets online.

GRADE 9 INFORMATION EVENING

In Ontario, Grade 9 is the beginning of a student’s high school career, which means it is the formal beginning of the path to post-secondary programs. The Senior School is hosting a Grade 9 Information Evening for all parents and students currently in grade 8. This information evening will provide information on the transition from grade 8 to grade 9, tell you what to expect in grades 9 through 12 and provide insight on available post-secondary resources and planning.

Do you know a family who is interested in attending Albert College for grade 9? Invite them to attend the Information Evening on Tuesday, February 7 at 7 p.m. Please feel free to contact the Admission Office if you have any questions or would like more information.

HOUSE LEAGUE

Dramatic Tradition Continues!

Last term ended with the traditional improvisational comedy competition. On the Monday all four Houses brought their acting talents to the drama room. Laughter filled the stage and Graham and Deroche earned the opportunity to square off in the final. While both teams were clever, Graham rose to the top. Many thanks go to Ms. Austin-Profit who led this event. It is always a spirited way to complete the term with the final competition in chapel on the last day of the school term.

Hockey Night in Canada!

Both the Middle School and the Senior School competed in Canada’s unofficial winter sport – floor hockey! Great to see what everyone can do without skates!

Middle School results: 1. Deroche 2. Graham 3. Baker 4. Bishop

Senior School results: 1. Deroche 2. Bishop 3. Baker 4. Graham

Overall Standings:

1. Deroche - 307 pts.
2. Bishop – 296 pts.
3. Graham – 271 pts.
4. Baker – 252 pts.



GUILD CHRISTMAS COOKIE RAFFLE

What would Christmas be without our annual cookie raffle and “Christmas in the Guild”? Each December, the request goes out to all the talented bakers in the Albert family to donate cookies and Christmas treats. Most of these are sorted into tins for the lucky winners of our cookie raffle, one of the most profitable fundraisers for the Parent Guild. The extra treats are taken over to the Guild Shop for “Christmas in the Guild” - a chance for students to enjoy some treats and hot apple cider before the holidays.



Many thanks to Erin McMahon for organizing this event, to Tara Harrison and Martha Sherratt for helping to sort all the baking and to everyone who contributed the home-baked goodies. They were greatly appreciated!



GRADE 9 COMPOSTING INITIATIVE

The grade 9 science class at Albert College plans to start a school-wide composting program. We have collected information about composting and its benefits to our environment. Part of our initiative will be to educate people about composting. According to a survey done by the Grade 9 class, only 60% of the students surveyed even knew what composting was. Composting is a way to make soil out of food waste, and to keep this waste out of landfills. In our composting program, we will be using compost bins donated by a group of middle school students called EA2 in 1997. Grade 9 students Emily Wilbur and Kathryn Moeck interviewed middle school science teacher Mrs. Moodey about how this initiative would work better than the attempt 13 years ago. “We have to get everyone on board. It’s not just the students,” said Mrs. Moodey. Grade 9 students Madison Brauer and Abbey Marinovich interviewed the kitchen staff about their views on this composting program. “It will take teamwork, but we’re going to do it.” We need cooperation and teamwork among students and staff to make this composting program work and we know it will. We look forward to composting as a team with the entire school come January.

Written By: Kathryn Moeck, Abbey Marinovich, Madison Brauer, Emily Wilbur, and Christina Wu (grade 9 students)



WINTER FUN IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Despite the serious lack of snow in Belleville this January, students and staff at the EPLC and Junior School have been making the best of it! Winter Fun Week themes and activities have been enthusiastically embraced by the students in the hope that the snow will fall someday soon! Pajama Day, House League events, Jump Rope for Heart and our annual skating days have helped infuse some life into our “snowless” life as we look to the sky and consult the Farmer’s Almanac. Hopefully, our cries will not go unheard and the winter weather will arrive. At the Junior School, our mantra is “Let It Snow!”.....pretty please!



COFFEE HOUSE

On Friday, January 20, the prefects organized a coffee house in the common room to allow students a chance to perform their talents to the senior school. “The main aspect of the school’s mission that the event promoted was ‘inspiring self-confidence’. Students who normally would never think of putting themselves out there in front of a group of people were up on the stage, singing and dancing, and having a great time. This can mostly be attributed to the relaxed feel of the event. There was no strict program or schedule, and no criteria that performances had to fit. This gave the evening a very casual atmosphere, which made people feel more comfortable about sharing their talents” said Kaitlin Stansfield, Social Prefect.



Albert College Music Department presents...

Valentine's Café

Tuesday, February 14th, 7:30 p.m.

Do you want to take your special someone out for a romantic Valentine's Day evening? If so, plan to come to our Valentine's Café on Tuesday, February 14th and treat your sweetheart to an evening of delicious sweet treats, coffee, tea, and love songs performed by the Albert College Community Winds, the Senior

Vocal Class, and special guest artists. If you forget to pick up a gift for your Valentine, don't despair, you can buy tickets for the many excellent gifts that will be raffled off throughout the evening. Raffle tickets will sell for \$2 each or 6 for \$10. All proceeds from the event will go to support the school's community service trip to Kenya where students plan to help build a school and start a fresh water project in a community in the Masai Mara region.

A limited number of tickets for this special evening are available. Tickets are \$15 per person or a table of 8 for \$100. There are also a very limited number of special "tables for two" for \$50 per table (first come first served). Tickets will be available from the reception desk in the main office, or through the music department at (613) 968-5726 ext. 2221 (smills@albertcollege.ca).

So mark your calendars now and don't miss out on the most romantic evening in Belleville!

ALBERT COLLEGE SWIM TEAM

Written by: Kirby Fredericks

On January 18th and 25th the Albert College Swim Team traveled to Brock University and Saint Andrews College to participate in the final two CISAA qualifiers. The team posted some outstanding results. At the Brock meet, Zach Foster was first in 50 Fly and 50 Breast and placed second in the 50 Free. Ryan Lewis placed 4th in the 50 Free and 5th in the 50 Breast. Alex Davis was in the top in all of his events. Avey Garner was 2nd in the 50 Fly and Kaede Shimanuki placed 3rd in the 50 Free.

At the SAC meet, Zach Foster placed 2nd in the 50 Fly and Ryan Lewis was 3rd in the 50 Free. Burak Aksoy and Phillip Savic were in the top three in all of their events. Both the Men's U16 and U20 Relay teams performed very well. It is also important to recognize swimmers who continue to better their personal best (PB) times - Kirsty Bowie and Christoph Frey both shaved seconds off their PB times in Free and Breast.



This is a very exciting time for the Albert College Swim Team. With the CISAA finals weeks away, we have five swimmers who are the top two or three in their events and are producing OFSAA qualifying times. We will keep you posted!

Check out our swim meet and other school videos on our You Tube page

<http://www.youtube.com/user/AlbertSince1857?feature=watch>

Zach Foster's technique swimming the butterfly!

JUNIOR SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE (PRE-K TO GRADE 6)

Wednesday, February 15 from 4-6 p.m.

Please note that the upcoming Junior School Open House originally scheduled for Tuesday, February 14th has been moved to the following day, Wednesday, February 15th in the interest of not competing with Valentine's Day. The event will run from 4 to 6 p.m. at both the Early Primary Learning Centre and the Junior School. Over the next few weeks you will see and hear ads locally promoting the open house, but our best advertising is our current families! Please pass along an invitation to any friends, neighbours or relatives who might be interested. If you know of anyone who would appreciate a personal invitation, please contact Ric or Lori Lynn at the Junior School.

BIRDS OF PREY



On Tuesday January 24, Chris Ketola, from The Centre for the Conservation of Specialized Species near Peterborough, came to Albert College to talk about what the centre does and brought some of the animals they have there! The Centre has worked with over 40 unique species of animals such as birds of prey, bats, primates, reptiles & invertebrates and is currently home to over 300 animals. Chris brought along a horned owl, a snowy owl, a falcon, and some vampire bats! He met with two different groups of students, the Middle School, and the PK, JK, and grade 1 classes. They learned amazing facts, such as vampire bats are very good at walking and owls have such great hearing they can hear the heartbeat of a mouse 10m away! All the students were part of a great audience and they asked many great questions. As a reward, they were allowed to pet the falcon and horned owl who both had very soft feathers. Thank you to Chris for staying behind to talk with a number of other interested students from the Senior School who stopped by afterwards.

For more information you can visit their website:
<http://www.conservationcentre.org/>

SLEEP OUT SO OTHERS CAN SLEEP IN!



On Friday, January 27th, 34 students accompanied by Mr. Stacey and Ms. Woloshyn participated in "Sleep Out...So Others Can Sleep In". People slept outside at Belleville's Market Square to raise awareness about the issues surrounding homelessness, and to raise funds for the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) to support their homeless initiative. The CMHA runs three houses in the community: "Our House", "Our House Too" and "Casa Tres" that help get people off the street, especially during the coldest months of the year, and give them the support to get back on their own.



"I chose to participate because I've seen a lot of homeless people in my life, but I have never thought how it would be if I didn't have a house," said Narumi Shimoda, a Grade 12 student from Japan. "I wanted to see how it feels and help these people from suffering. I want to help people when I grow up, and it was a good experience."

Over \$1300 was raised for this worthy cause by Albert College Students. The entire community event held in both Bancroft and Belleville raised in excess of \$11,000.



JOHN DAVIDSON '59 GOLF TOURNAMENT- FRIDAY, JUNE 1

Please join us for our annual Golf Tournament at Timber Ridge Golf Course in Brighton. The cost of the tournament this year will remain at \$160.00 per golfer WHICH INCLUDES sharing a golf cart, bag service, registration gift and a delicious steak dinner to conclude the day. In addition, lunch is included too, so come early to register and enjoy a hamburger or jumbo hot dog with a soft drink! You will receive a charitable receipt of \$40.00 after the tournament.

New this year, is the option to pre-purchase raffle tickets and 1 mulligan. You will receive an extra 2 raffle tickets if you do pre-pay.

Proceeds from this annual event support The John Davidson '59 Memorial Scholarship Fund. Thanks to our major sponsors, Tim Hortons - Hanley Corporation, Mix 97 and Stevenson, Waplak and Associates. If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle or become a hole sponsor, please contact Karen Windover, Special Events and Development Coordinator, at (613) 968-5726 ext 2264.

Registration is now available by calling or online at www.albertcollege.ca

UPCOMING ADMISSION TRAVEL

ALBERT COLLEGE IS COMING TO BAHAMAS!

Canadian Boarding School Fair
February 7, 2012 from 5 - 8 p.m.
British Colonial Hilton, Nassau

ALBERT COLLEGE IS COMING TO MEXICO CITY!

Canadian Boarding School Fair
February 15, 2012 from 6 - 9 p.m.
Derechos Reservados Hotel Nikko

UPCOMING EVENTS...

FEBRUARY

- 6-7 - GRAD PHOTOS
- 7 - GRADE 9 INFORMATION EVENING
- 10-11 - SENIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION, THE LARAMIE PROJECT
- 13 - RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK
- 14 - AC PARENT GUILD TOONIE BAZAAR
- 14 - VALENTINE'S CAFÉ
- 15 - JUNIOR SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
- 16 - PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
- 17 - BREAK WEEKEND
- 20 - FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY

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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