

Growing Strong

The Crestwood Scholarship Foundation Newsletter

Letter from a Valedictorian

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When asked to write an article for the Crestwood Preparatory College Foundation I was honoured to have an opportunity to talk about this wonderful program.

The Foundation helps students become a part of the Crestwood community by providing them with financial assistance. I myself would not have been able to attend Crestwood without the help my mother and I received from this Foundation.

When I first visited Crestwood I knew immediately that this was the place I wanted to go to high school. The teachers were nurturing and all of the students that I met were friendly. I felt that this would be the perfect community for me to become a part of. However, the only thing that stood in my way was the cost of the tuition. When we found out that the Foundation would be able to assist us with the cost of tuition, I was thrilled. The financial

support provided by the Foundation made it possible for me to attend Crestwood and be a part of an amazing community that has helped me to become the person that I am today.

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dents have benefited from the financial assistance that the Crestwood Foundation provides. The foundation does not only benefit the students but the school as a whole. It helps to create a closely-knit community.

Once I was a part of the Crestwood family, I took full advantage of every opportunity thrown my way. I joined the many clubs and teams that Crestwood had to offer during my first year and remained a part of them throughout high school up until grade twelve. I think that during my time at Crestwood I was a part of every possible club at some point or another. From DECA, the peer mentorship program, the Ambassadors Program, and the jazz band, to the basketball and swim



teams, there was always something that I enjoyed being involved in to give back to the Crestwood community. I was part of a safe environment where I could try new things and I always felt supported.

Looking back at my years at Crestwood I value and appreciate all of the teachers' support given to me to be the best student that I could be – and also the best person that I could be. I was able to achieve my goals because I was a part of such a great community of friends and teachers.

One of my proudest moments at Crestwood was when I was elected Valedictorian of my graduating class.

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Swing Into Summer: Golf Gala

Join us for Crestwood's annual "Swing Into Summer" Golf Gala at the Richmond Hill Golf Course for a fun-filled day of golf, dinner and auction.

Come golf for the day and stay for the prime rib dinner and auction. Can't get away for the whole day? No problem! You can still join us for dinner!

It's going to be a lot of fun and a great way to "swing into summer" – so don't miss it!

When is it? Wednesday, June 10, 2015

Where is it? Richmond Hill Golf Course

How can I get involved? You can get involved by playing golf, attending the dinner, sponsorship of prize donations.



Options to Participate

Option 1

18 Holes of Golf
 Prime Rib Dinner and Auction
 Day pass to Country Club
 \$225/Golfer or \$850/Foursome

Option 2

Prime Rib Dinner and Auction
 \$60/Person

For information on how to register, prize donations or sponsorship opportunities please contact us by email at golf@crestwood.on.ca

Letter from a Valedictorian, continued

Being able to represent my class showed me that I was really able to become a part of the Crestwood community during my time there.

I am now in my first year at the University of Western in the Medical Sciences program. I really feel as though my experiences at Crestwood prepared me for my future by giving me opportunities that I may not have been able to have at another school. Receiving financial assistance gave me the opportunity to grow in an environment that helped me to achieve my goals and work towards my future.

I want to thank past, present, and future donors for giving me, and other Crestwood students, the ability to become a part of the school's wonderful community. The financial support provided through this Foundation opens doors to students and provides Crestwood with students whose excitement for learning is felt throughout the school.

This generous gift goes beyond monetary support. It is something that has shaped the course of my life and I will carry with me forever. I am so thankful to have been a recipient of the Foundations' support, and I hope that the donations to the Foundation will continue to grow.

It does not take much to change the course of a student's life. You too can be part of that change.

Words from Mr. Vince Pagano

I once had a mentor who told me that, with the right teachers, he would be able to teach kids in a barn. I agree. I find it somewhat odd how careful some parents are about reviewing the facilities, but spend so little time investigating the teachers.

People make or break an institution. We are blessed to have staff and students at the school who have formed the kinds of positive relationships and respect the important processes at hand, that allow them to drive into the academic universe in leaps and bounds.

The CPC Scholarship Foundation, a registered charity, was founded over ten years ago. Notwithstanding its limited resources, it has provided financial assistance to kids and families who have added immeasurably to the positive environment at Crestwood Preparatory College. We would not be the same without these children, and your generosity will continue to make it possible for us to include them in our wonderful student community.



Many of you have already donated. Thank you. Some of you will be unable to donate, and we understand perfectly. For those who can, and haven't yet made a cheque out to the cause, your support would be greatly appreciated.

The Foundation is administered by a separate board and will issue tax receipts for all donations.

Grade Level Challenge Raises over \$4,000

For a week this January, Crestwood students joined together in friendly competition to raise money for a great cause and to win a grub day for their grade. The Crestwood Scholarship Foundation raises money to help bring students to Crestwood who couldn't otherwise be here. From January 12 to the 17, each grade came together to compete against each other and to help out this great cause.

It wasn't about how much money each grade donated, but about how many students participated in the charity drive. Students were asked to donate an amount that was at least equivalent to their grade level. The response was overwhelming and the competition for the grub day was fierce. Each day it seemed like the grade 9s would take the lead, only to be overtaken again by the grade 8s.

Ultimately, the grade 9s won the competition with 91% participation, narrowly beating out the grade 8s who had 89% participation! Several homerooms, including Mr. McCluskey, Mr. Tanev, Mrs. Pagano and Ms. Cooper had 100% donation rates.

Crestwood students raised over \$4,000 for the Crestwood Scholarship Foundation in the challenge and helped deserving students experience everything Crestwood has to offer. As Student Body Co-President Aaron Jackson put it, "The Crestwood Scholarship Foundation is a cause that brings amazing students to Crestwood so they can simultaneously thrive and better the Crestwood community."

For a week this January, all the grades competed against each other, and everybody won!

The Crestwood Preparatory College Scholarship Foundation



Each year the Crestwood Preparatory College Scholarship Foundation helps assist deserving students who could not otherwise afford to come to Crestwood.

The Foundation allows students to enjoy the Crestwood experience and the rich variety of opportunities at the school. At the same time, Crestwood is enriched by the presence of energetic and dynamic students who contribute to the Crestwood community. The Crestwood Foundation benefits both the school and the students it assists.

How to Give

1. Go to the Crestwood Upper School webpage and click on *Foundation*. Choose "click here".
2. Decide whether you want to donate once, or create an annual donation.
3. Enter your donation amount, choose between the Alumni Fund and the General Scholarship Fund, and follow the instructions.

Of course, you can always mail a cheque to help the Crestwood Foundation do its good work.

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(Donations will be eligible for a tax receipt.)
BN/Registration Number: 823355219RR0001

CPC Alumni Blue Jays Game Saturday May 23rd

This year the Crestwood Preparatory College Alumni will get together for a Blue Jays game. It would be great to see everyone, talk about old times and cheer on the Jays.

Come get together with old friends and even older teachers!

We will reserve seats in the 200 section. To do this we will need confirmation and payment by April 23rd, 2015.

It would be great to see everyone, so please join us on Saturday May 23rd at 1:00 pm for the Crestwood Alumni Blue Jays Game.



Please confirm tickets by emailing Ms. Newton at:
lisa.newton@crestwood.on.ca

How Much? \$40:00/ ticket (\$10 donation to the Crestwood Scholarship Foundation)