

CRESTWOOD

THE SHIVA THAT MUST NEVER END

BY: JENNIFER FREEDMAN

The world is still sitting shiva (a period of seven days' formal mourning for the dead, beginning immediately after the funeral) as we mourn over our loved ones who were slaughtered during one of Europe's darkest periods in history.

During 1933, darkness concealed the land and started to spread like a wild fire. It wasn't long until all of Europe was swallowed into madness known as the Holocaust. The Holocaust was the genocide of approximately six million Jews during World War II. It was a systematic process- sponsored murder by Germany led by Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party. Of the nine million Jews who lived in Europe before the terror of the Holocaust, approximately two-thirds were brutally killed. Over one million Jewish children were killed, as were two million Jewish women and three million Jewish men. This tragic event has left an imprint on the Jewish people and the Jewish identity. No matter what kind of event we are at, whether it's a bar-mitzvah, a Passover Seder, or a Shabbat dinner, the Holocaust always exists in our conversations as a reminder of the struggles we've had to endure and a reminder to stick together.



Over the duration of two years, I've visited two different concentration camps. The first one I went to was called Dachau and was situated about an hour outside of Munich, Germany. I shared this experience on the Blyth Grand Tour with my friends Benji Baker, Michelle Goldsand and Jessica Beatty. The second one I visited was called Stutthof which was located about an hour and a half outside of Gdansk, Poland. This time I went with my family including my Bubba (grandmother). As I walked through these massive graveyards, the Holocaust came alive. The Holocaust isn't just something that only exists in our history textbook; it was a horrible event that unfortunately happened.

The Oral History Project, developed by Mr. Masters, is a way of keeping the memories of those who faced the war alive in order to teach students about World War II and the many unique experiences that veterans and survivors have had. Mr. Masters uses the footage that students record from the numerous veterans and Holocaust survivors in many ways.

I was honored when Mr. Masters asked me to be a part of the Holocaust Education Week presentation held at the Forest Hill United Church on November 2nd. Even though my grandfather left Poland before the Holocaust, my family shares a Jewish identity.

This gave me, as well as the other presenters, the opportunity to hear the many stories that holocaust survivors had to share. This was one of the many ways that Mr. Masters used this footage to teach us about the horrors and times of victory that these brave individuals faced. The audience included many survivors of the Holocaust who have spoken at Crestwood, like the Kleinbergs and Martin Maxwell.

Three of my family members came to view the presentation. They were eager to hear the inspiring survivor's stories that were told. My Bubbie (grandmother) was amazed with the presentation and said to me "It was the best presentation I have ever seen on the subject of the Holocaust, and I have been to many."

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MY PERSONAL READING JOURNEY

BY: MEGHAN KATES

My personal reading journey began very early and has continued in strength ever since. Similar to Scout Finch, I do not remember a time when I could not read. My parents have told me that my reading journey began some time from the age of three to the age of four. Apparently, I began to read because I preferred to do it myself rather than have someone read out loud to me. It was easy for me to begin to read because I already had a large vocabulary and this helped me put words together. I used to read with my parents a lot. Some of the first books I read were *But Not the Hippopotamus*, *Goodnight Moon* and *Moo Baa La*. Even from this early age, I was interested in reading.

I have always been fascinated with my brother and whatever he does. He is three years older than me, and was therefore reading more advanced books. When he was in grades four and five, his teachers made him do a lot of book reports. This required him to read a lot of different books that were very interesting. Whenever he would be discussing these book with my mom, I would be in the room to listen to their conversation. Since I wanted to know what they were talking about, and participate in these discussions, I would read the books that my brother was reading. This required me to read books that were several years ahead of my grade level. I remember loving all of these books.

Since I was reading several years ahead of my grade, I was placed in a higher reading level. In grade one, we had different bins of books that were at different reading levels. I was in a grade one/two class and most of the younger students were in lower bins. I was in the second highest reading bin. This was at a level past even many of the grade two students in my class. Two years later, when I was in grade three, we had a teacher who was very much into creative writing, as well as reading. Every time we read a book, we would get a sticker to put on our paper. If we got a certain number of stickers, we would go to the principal and get an award. I recall going to the principal to get my award. I was very proud that I had managed to read the number of books required to get this award. The following year, I changed schools from Ledbury Park to Lower Crestwood. At Crestwood, there was a librarian, Ms. Bafaro, who knew what types of books each student liked and exactly what to recommend. Some of the books that she recommended for me were not the usual books that I read. However, she knew me well, and I even liked the books that differed from my usual taste.



MEGHAN WITH HER ENGLISH TEACHER, MR. JULL

There have been very few books in my life that I have read and have not liked. I am mostly interested in fantasy and mystery. Some of my favourite books that I have read include the *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling, *The Inheritance Cycle* by Christopher Paolini, *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown and the *Inkheart* series by Cornelia Funke. The *Harry Potter* series is one example of how my reading skills have developed. It started with my father reading the first few books of the series to me. Then, as the series and my reading skills progressed, I would occasionally read parts of the books alone. Finally, when it came to the sixth book, my skills had progressed to the point where I could read the book alone, and I actually read it to my dad.

I enjoy reading for many reasons. The first of these is that I love meeting characters and falling in love with them or hating them. It feels like I am meeting a new person every time I read or even re-read a book. I also love reading new stories and experiencing different adventures and thrills. It often feels as if I am accompanying the characters on their journeys. I love laughing, crying, being scared, and loving along with the characters in the stories. However, most of all, I like visiting different worlds through reading. When I read, I feel as if I am jumping into another world. And living in it until I close the book. Many times when I am reading, I am reluctant to close the book and climb back out of the story. This often leads to me staying up later than I should, just to find out what happens next in my book. My reading journey has consisted of many different stories, characters, emotions and worlds. My reading journey began a long time ago and there have been many different legs to it – and I'm hoping that there are many more to come.

THE EVOLUTION OF BULLYING

BY: SHELBY FEIGEN

In years past, being bullied meant being stuffed in a locker, or having your lunch money stolen. It was often physical, and usually involved just boys. Today, the bullying landscape has changed. Kids can pick on someone on Facebook, over text, and even through nasty rumors and gossip. Often, no one knows about the extent of the bullying until it's too late.

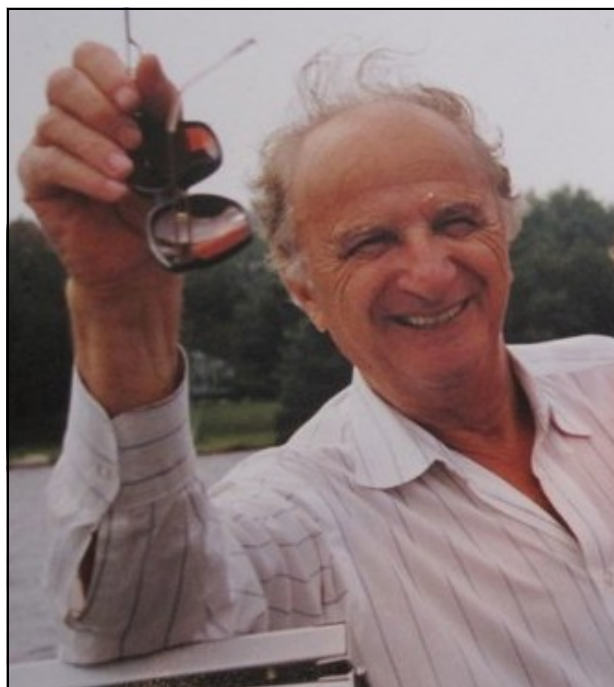
We've heard about high profile cases across the country, where a victim of bullying decides the only way to make it stop is to take his or her own life. Amanda Todd (November 27, 1996 – October 10, 2012) was a 15-year-old Canadian teenager whose suicide was attributed to cyber-bullying. On September 7, 2012 Todd posted a video on YouTube in which she used a series of flash cards to tell of her experience of being blackmailed, bullied, and physically assaulted. On October 10, 2012, Todd was found dead at her home, and a further investigation ruled her death as a suicide.

Amanda's heart-wrenching story should help open the eyes of kids of all ages to the fact that bullying needs to come to an end. Unfortunately, tragic endings like this are happening more frequently, and you never know

when a misfortune like Todd's will happen near you. This is why we need to become more aware of our words before we speak them and our actions before we act on them, because you'll never understand the effect you have on the victim. Every day remind yourself of two things... One, that everybody has a secret that would break your heart, and the second is that a few nice words can help a person more than you think. Just by remembering those two simple things, you can save a life.



THE SHIVA THAT MUST NEVER END, CONTINUED



My history with the Oral History Project started in grade nine when I was fortunate enough to be assigned the project by my history teacher. As soon as he mentioned the criteria of the project, I was very excited to get started. I decided to interview my Zaida (grandfather) who immigrated to Canada from Poland at the age of seven, and was a soldier during World War II. Although he was in Canada during the time of the Holocaust, he unfortunately faced anti-Semitism in Canada. When he arrived in Canada, he had to change our family name from Frimmerman" to "Freedman" so it wouldn't be obvious that he was of the Jewish religion.

My family and I will be forever grateful for the method of historiography that Mr. Masters has invented to document these special wartime stories. He is an inspiration to us all. Since my Zaida passed away when I was in grade ten, it was so special for my family and I that we have a film of him where he explains his story. Now we can share the story of our family's establisher with the future generations of the Freedman family. On behalf of my family and I, we would like to say thank you to Mr. Masters.

U14 BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The U14 Boys Volleyball played an exhibition season this year against C.I.S.A.A and S.S.A.F. schools. The boys worked hard to develop their skills and capped off the season with a victory against Sterling Hall.

U14 GIRLS BASKETBALL

This year the Under 14 Girls Basketball Team was comprised of a number of first year players. These girls exemplified the true nature of sport, game in and game out. They worked very well together and improved with every game. Mr. Pagano and Mr. Rachlis would like to thank the members of the Under 14 Girls Basketball Team for their hard work and dedication throughout the season. The members of the 2012 U-14 Girls Basketball team were Sydney Steiman, Nicole Templeton, Amanda Lawee, Julia Lee, Maya Morrow, Jessica Weinberg, Jasmine Schariefy, Marissa Rosenberg and Dana Doubrovsky. The coaches are looking forward to another terrific season next year!

JUNIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL

This year the Junior Boys Volleyball players had a very successful season considering the majority of the team had no real previous experience. Fittingly, the boys played their best game of the season during the playoffs unfortunately, they their the first round match-up. The strides the boys made from the beginning to the end of the season were remarkable as their skill set and volleyball IQ improved immensely. Mr. Vaillancourt and Ms. Dickinson are extremely proud to have been a part of a team that was eager to learn and work hard. It was a pleasure to see how far the team came in such a short period of time.

JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Junior Girls Basketball Team finished 4th in the East division. The highlight of the season came in a game against Lakefield College when the girls were down 20 points at the half time and pulled out a come from behind win 43-38. Stephanie Erdman scored an amazing 20 points in the game.

VARSITY ULTIMATE FRISBEE

This fall the Varsity Ultimate Frisbee team played four outstanding games at the SSAF tournament. Showing passion, commitment and spirit, the team captains Jesse Cooke and Liam Wilson lead the team in a battle of stamina and endurance. Winning the final playoff, our victors had a day of fun and displayed the incredible teamwork CPC is known for. Way to go team!

U14 ULTIMATE FRISBEE

The U14 Ultimate Frisbee team did a fantastic job this year. Winning all their round-robin games, they went onto playoffs and placed third overall! They did a great job representing Crestwood with their amazing spirit, determination and cohesiveness. Congratulations on an excellent tournament!

U14 CO-ED FLAG FOOTBALL

U14 Co-ed Flag Football competed in their annual tournament at the end of October. The team was comprised of grade 7 and grade 8 students that had a great time and played extremely well against very good competition. Mr. Pagano would like to thank all of the boys for their efforts and sportsmanship. Looking forward to another successful tournament next year.



ABOVE: KATHERINE CHARNESS
MAKES A LAY-UP



ABOVE RIGHT: JACKIE
HERSHENHORN COVERS THE
BALL AGAINST LAKEFIELD

SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Senior Girls Basketball finished in 3rd place overall this season. Although our outcome wasn't what the team had hoped for the girls showed dedication and commitment throughout the entire season. We will miss our graduating seniors; Michelle Goldsand, Katherine Charness, Jessica Beatty, Jackie Hershenthorn, Stephanie Tanz, Beth Cohen, Alex Chan, Julie Cho, and Brooke Weger. Looking forward to another year with our returning seniors Alexis Winfield, Hailey Friedrichsen, Alexandra Galperin, Thalia Rassias and Kristen Gallagher.



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SENIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The Senior Boys Volleyball team had an outstanding season. They finished with a record of 10 wins and 2 losses. The boys played amazing throughout the season. Highlights of the season were Oliver's six pack and the overall amazing play by all the boys. In the CISAA championship game, the team surprised the first place team, Bayview Glen, by winning the first set. Although Bayview Glen won, the boys were amazing. Mrs. Sawka and Ms. Williams are very proud of the boys and will miss every one of them who are graduating this year. The team's coaches and players have been together for 6 years, and have grown tremendously together.



2012

VARSITY FLAG FOOTBALL

The Varsity Flag Football team competed in the S.S.A.F championships on October 18th. It was the greatest day in Crestwood Varsity Flag Football history. After finishing the round robin with a 2 wins and a tie, the Fightin' Lions advanced to the semi-finals.

Crestwood's steal-trap defense kept the games close in the playoffs, and they fought hard for every yard until the final whistle.

Nolan 'Straight Cash Homie' Moss
Damon 'Grizzly' Barrett
Richard 'White Chocolate Thunder' Laramie
'Ramblin' Jacob Hamblin
Jake 'go to jail, do not' Pascoe
'Old testament' Isaac Papsin
Aiden 'the Celtic warrior' Reilly
Austin 'the Hoosier' Mason
Benji 'the Grim Reaper' Gertin
Evan 'Triple threat' Weiser
Ryan 'See no evil' Seigel
'Hollywood' Jonny Ziner-Cohen

Coaches Hawkins and Chait would like to thank the entire team for their hard work, commitment and spirit.

CROSS COUNTRY

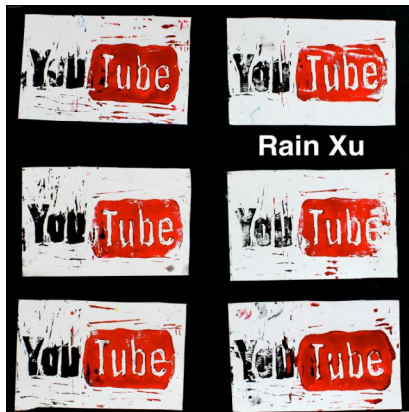
The Crestwood Cross Country team had another successful season. The team braved the "dreaded Mt. Trinity", ran the Colts Classic, locked down 1st and 3rd place at the SSAF championship, and powered through arctic conditions and driving rain at the Trinity CISAA championships. Highlights include newbie Sean Eyllott placing 1st at Sunnybrook with Kevin Todd finishing a close 3rd, junior girl speedster Caitlin Skain placing 6th at CISAA championships and junior boy phenomenon Emmanuel Zambazis leaving the competition far behind to win first place in the CISSA championship race and qualify for OFSAA. At the OFSAA championship, in a race of over 200 of Ontario's very best, Emmanuel placed an impressive 17th. Congratulations to everyone on a fantastic season!

VARSITY BOYS SOCCER

The Varsity Boys Soccer team went above and beyond all expectations finishing the season with a 5-2 record, earning them a spot in this year's playoffs. The season was marked by a series of TSN-highlight reels: There were two opening wins against Greenwood and RSGC which saw Emmanuel Zambazis, the team's leading scorer and assist-specialist, score in both games. The defense, including its last line, made up of Richard Laramie - the envy of many opposing teams - was especially assertive and impressive. The away game at Crescent was also particularly memorable. The teams played a tight and grinding match up until the 88th minute when Emmanuel, showed his special abilities with a sparkling bicycle kick in the top corner of Crescent's net; the game ended 1-0 in CPC's favor. And who could forget the quarter final match against St. John's Kilmarnock. The game was played in Guelph on a dark wet and dreary day. Despite the conditions, CPC would not be denied as it went on to win resoundingly 5-1. The player of the game was Sean Eyllott who managed to find the goal 4 times.



DENNY NA DIGS DEEP FOR VARSITY BOYS SOCCER



Rain Xu



Sabrina Wise



Billy Hochberg



Shane Sigesmund

GRADE 8 WRITING "S.K.O.G."

BY: KEVIN KOZIK

Supposed Grow-up Rule: Don't watch T.V. for too long!

Official Reason: You will get dumb and your brain will turn to mush!

Real Reason: That's not the real reason! The real reason is that if you watch T.V. for too long you will turn into a zombie. I know it sounds unreal but believe me, it's real. See, have ever looked at your T.V. before have you noticed the little green coloured LED light when you turn it on? Well, that's really not just a light. It's actually a mole-cruel control base! I know what you're thinking, this is just a little tall tale. Well, it's not!

As you may not know, a mole-cruel is just like a little mini molecule, harmless and no need to worry about it. There's really nothing to worry about when they're around. Well, except for one thing. See, mole-cruels are actually little mini zombies themselves, NO JOKE! Mole-cruels will actually travel into your brain and control it. They do this using little mini remotes called 'Zombiefiers'. Creepy huh? Well anyways, that zombiefier that they use is shoved into your brain. I mean like shoved as though you're putting a wooden stake into the ground.

Okay so how this all works is that first, the mole-cruels will travel, not on the wind, not on a moving object but on a significant light source. Mole-Cruels travel on things called light bridges. These light bridges are formed by their special non-hipochermatic-deno-light-afire laser beams (or denonermatic lasers for short). These laser beams will actually shoot a quick little beam of pulsion 44, (a chemical used in most poisonous substances) at that little green ray of light coming from the T.V. (as I had said before). Then they would take off on their journey. Now most journeys you would think that it would be a crazy adventure with terrible weather conditions and horrid dragons, right? Well, the journey for the Mole-cruels is a lot like that journey. Except for the fact that instead of crazy weather they have to suffer from winds, particularly from people breathing. Another thing is that instead of horrid dragons, they have to face germs along the way. Their worst enemy of the germs though is the bacteria since the bacteria travel in groups of 150-7500. A lot isn't it?

Again, like seriously guys, just don't ever watch T.V. for too long. I mean it's for your own good. If you do, just don't get mad at me for not warning you because I did. Remember though, never ever, ever. Whatever you do not touch the person that is zombiefied at all causts. If you do touch them they may and probably will, bite you and you'll turn into one of them as well. Now again, don't watch T.V. for too long ever again or else you might and probably will regret it for the rest of your life!

I AM FROM...

BY: AMANDA LAWEE

I am from the pink bedroom, with the rounded wall, maple floors that were laid by hand, that confront the crown moldings to no end, the scar where my old room used to end, and the spray painted blue and white ceilings. Roz and Mocha on Kiss 92.5 to soft rock with life lessons and deep meaning to Frank Sinatra and the blues from Elvis.

From "The rain in Spain falls mainly on the plane" and "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger" and "Different is beautiful."

I'm from Judaism, and sometimes going to Synagogue, teaching myself the Hebrew alphabet and trying to Skype my cousins in Israel.

I am from Women's College Hospital, Winnipeg and Iraq, Grandma Joyce's brisket and Auntie Irene's rice krispies, and chunky chocolate chip cookies.

From "Please pass the potatoes," my brother Michael telling me the tooth fairy dropped my gift on his nose, from my little brother David making me smile, talking to Grandpa David about medical stuff, and my mother's words, "I love you."

I am from an array of remarkable black and white photos that display the harmony of a family, life is like a camera, focus on the positive, capture the good times, generate from the negatives, and if things don't work out, just take another shot.

GRADE 9 ENGLISH DESCRIPTIVE PARAGRAPHS

During a class last month, Mr. Jull took his students on a ramble around the school, looking for inspiration to write a descriptive paragraph with as many sensory details as possible.

MADELEINE LEFTWICK

When we walked outside when we were touring the school, the wind was blowing through my hair. I saw lots of green. I saw trees, and people walking about enjoying the nature surrounding them. The grass was wet when we walked on it. It wasn't too hot or too cold: it was perfect weather. I know that the trees offer homes for animals. There was a white sky at the time. The trees were soon going to change colour.

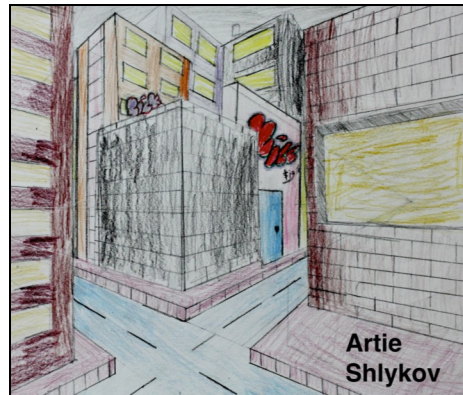
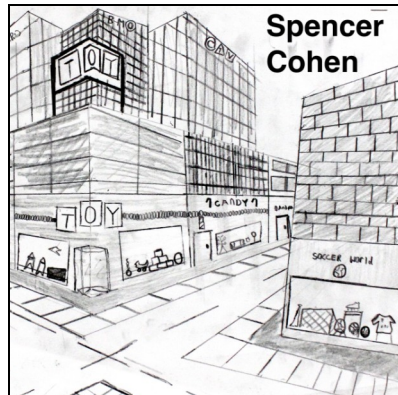
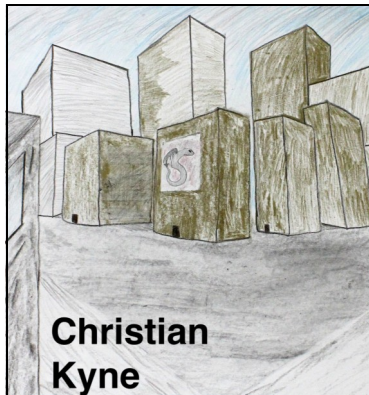
LOREN LETTIERI

As I stepped outside, I smelled the bitter, yet sweet smell of the leaves. They were swaying back and forth from the strong wind. The colour of the leaves was slowly changing, day by day. Some were big, some were small. The leaves from the trees were falling.

MATTI MACLACHLAN

It was white with specks of green. Pushed against the ground from all the people's footprints. It was dried, but you would have known that it was once white and squishy. It had no smell from standing beside it, but if you bent down to take a whiff, it would definitely cause a sickness in your stomach. It was bird poo.

GRADE 8 TWO-POINT PERSPECTIVE DRAWINGS





Halloween is a time of celebration and superstition. It originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off roaming ghosts. Later, Pope Gregory III designated November 1st as a time to honor all saints and martyrs, known as All Saints Day. The evening before was known as All Hallows' Eve and later Halloween.



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