

CRESTWOOD



AND WE’LL KEEP CHEERING

BY: JAKE PASCOE, ‘14
Not even Shakespeare could throw together a tragedy like this.

There they sat, kings and queens of the academic universe draped in brilliant cobalt. Row on row, huddled together on the side of the gymnasium watching as their hopes and dreams turned to liquid and sunk down the drain. “Corruption!” They cried, “J’accuse!” As father time ticked his eternal clock down to zero, as the yellow tug-of-war rope inched closer and closer into oblivion and as the Grade 8s jumped with joyful exuberance the Grade 12 students watched as everything we longed for drifted away into the winter sky.

It was a pretty rough afternoon.

A rainbow of school spirit packed into the gym, reds flowing into the yellows and blacks and blues, students on their feet clapping and cheering on their peers. Despite the less than satisfactory outcome of the senior student’s day, it was a pretty spectacular sight to see. The Crest-

wood Lion looming over the stands with his ever-present roar – and the students roaring right back. School Spirit is a difficult entity to grab hold of: it’s like trying to catch smoke. Most teenagers just are not interested in taking pride in their prison.

But every so often a school can grasp onto that smoke. Every so often there’s a day, sometimes as small as a single moment, when that spirit is apparent. For me it was the moment that Grade 12’s championship aspirations crumbled.

I was a member of our scorned tug-of-war squad, valiant though disappointed in both our efforts against the Grade 11s and the Teachers. In a single second during our battle against the Grade 11s I saw the pride that my grade and my school had in Crestwood. Storming the field in a tidal wave of blue I was joined by the rest of my grade. We grabbed on to the yellow rope and we pulled harder than we ever had. The war ended in a cheering mosh pit, students jumping and screaming to-

gether in a circle, chanting “Grade 12! Grade 12! Grade 12!”

Maybe it was the gravity that hung over this school year or maybe it was the universities that peeked just around the corner. Whatever it was, I saw the spirit that raged inside Crestwood grow exponentially.

Spirit is slippery but it’s more valuable than any test score, any essay mark, any project. It’s what keeps the students coming back, it’s what lights up the hallways. It’s what keeps school alive.

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HOOP! THERE IT IS!

BY: DANIELLE GIONNAS, '15

The student versus teacher basketball game on Tuesday, January 21, brought an enormous amount of excitement to Crestwood. As a part of Crestwood's annual Spirit Week, the game brought out some of Crestwood's best players as well as those looking to have some fun, for a thrilling game of basketball.

As students and staff filed into the gym, the players warmed up, giving the crowd a preview of what great shots and plays were to come. The attendance was great, with many staff members as well as students geared up to play. The rest of the school prepared to cheer from the bleachers. Crestwood's spirit did not die down, even as the game began.

The game started off strong, with the grade sevens representing the students first. The game was close and fair, but some good shots from the teachers brought them ahead in the game, while the students trailed closely behind. As the grade eights replaced the grade seven players, their strong skills helped keep the students in the game. As well it kept the teachers playing strong to retain their lead.

The tides changed when the grade nines came on the court to represent the students. Their impressive technique and multiple three-pointers helped the students gain the lead they were looking for. The crowd was going wild, giving support and spirit as the students stepped up their game, allowing the teachers to trail behind them.



As the grade tens, followed by the grade elevens and twelves, came on to face the teachers, they were able to retain the lead that had been achieved. They further widened the score between the students and teachers. At the end of the game, the students, who had showed amazing skills, perseverance, and great sportsmanship, came out victorious over the teachers.

The student versus teacher basketball game was a great success, with all of Crestwood showing incredible spirit. At Crestwood, Spirit Week is about having fun and showing your support for the school community, and this is exactly what Crestwood accomplished with this game.



REACHING FOR THE TOP

BY: SABRINA WASSERMAN, '16

On Monday, January 20th, Crestwood students and staff came together to celebrate the healthy competition of Spirit Week. The two groups met in room 203 for a fun, spirited game of trivia entitled Reach for the Top. Students were eager to play in the fun-filled trivia game, and hopeful to break the streak of teacher wins in the previous years.

The game began with a quick lead from the teachers. Questions were asked on various categories, including literature and geography. Mr. Hawkins increased the points of the teachers drastically with his vast knowledge of history, sports, spelling, and literature. Ms. Byant, Mr. David, and Mr. Cardinale also contributed to the scoreboard throughout the round, quickly hitting the buzzer. The students left round one with a score of 50 points, trailing far behind the teachers. They had managed to score an impressive 140 points in their first round.

The next round was a fun one for all. Students were invited up to the Quiz Master's podium in order to read

questions of their own invention. Categories ranged from pop culture, sports, to literature. The students were able to use their own knowledge in order to gain more points for the student team; however, they were unable to regain the lead from the teachers. Despite the imbalance of scores, smiles were still present on all of those playing and watching the game.

By the start of round three, the students felt apprehensive of the impending loss. The teachers continued to dominate their lead. Sydney Swartz, representing the students, was able to score the student team several points with her impressive knowledge of flora and fauna, as well as nursery rhymes. Unfortunately, the teachers prevailed, and the teacher winning streak continued.

Despite the score, all participants in the Reach for the Top game left with a grin on their faces. The game had featured many funny and happy moments, which brought joy to all who played. The game gave a great start to Spirit Week by providing everyone with a gleeful spirit.

AND WE'LL KEEP CHEERING, CONTINUED

I have immense pride in Crestwood because of the pride it has in me and the pride it has in all of its students.

We may have lost, yes, but I know I can speak for all of the Grade 12s when I say that Monday mornings at the school have become just that more attractive.

We relish our weekends, we savor our breaks, but we keep coming back to Crestwood's halls with a renewed spirit. We'll keep studying, we'll keep learning - but above all we'll keep cheering.



CRESTWOOD 'ROARS' FOR OLIVIA

BY: SYDNEY SWARTZ, '16

As I walked through the halls, a mass of blue and grey shirts met the eye. The backs boldly stated "Hear Me Roar," while the left hand sleeve expressed the true reason for the lack of uniform: Liv Wise.

Crestwood recently lost a member of its family, much too soon. Olivia embodied what it meant to be a Crestwood student, and person in general. The idea for "Roar Day," and the creation of the shirts, was born from the minds of the Athletic Council. In the midst of crazy dress up days and more, Roar Day reminds us of the inspiration that was Olivia Wise. According to Ms. Newton, who was in charge of shirt sales, the goal for this day was to have over 200 people wearing their shirts. From what I could see, I believe that they met and surpassed this goal.

The Liv Wise Fund was created in support of various health initiatives. These include children living with brain tumours, pediatric oncology, and the children whom it helps, are the benefactors of this event. The proceeds from the shirt sales, raffle tickets, and bake sales, all go to this more than worthy cause.

The muse for the writing on the shirt came from the inspirational Katy Perry song 'Roar', which was covered by Olivia. This empowering song features lyrics such as, "I got the eye of a tiger, a fighter, dancing through the fire 'cause I am a champion," with the final line, which is featured on the shirt, "You're going to hear me roar." This connects to Crestwood as a community in multiple ways. Crestwood's mascot, a lion, connects to this song, in a logical and creative way. It also both honours and supports Olivia and her family.



According to many teachers, Olivia was a wonderful and caring student, always with a smile on her face. Her enthusiasm is sorely missed at Crestwood. The Wise family has been part of Crestwood's community since elementary school, and continue to be involved.

Roar Day was a brief intermission to the festivities of Spirit Week to remember and celebrate the life of Olivia Wise. The support and spirit shown by students of all ages and teachers alike was inspiring. Through this day, Liv's roar was heard once more.



THE SPIRIT OF VOLLEYBALL

BY: MEGHAN KATES, '16

The smell of popcorn filled the air and the sound of quiet chatter reverberated through the gym. The Sr. Team was ready to play.

As the Albert College Team got ready to serve, the volleyball players bent down and readied themselves to receive. This was their shot to show the school their team. The ball went over the net, watched not just by the 12 sets of eyes on the court, but by hundreds of eyes from the stands. Through the points to come, the entire school whooped and groaned as the volleyball teams played with their emotions. This was not to be an easy game.

The Crestwood girls attacked the other team with their wicked overhand serves. Marina Morris and Brooklynn Hamilton were two of the players leading this difficult serving style. The players followed the ball with unwavering consistency. The score continued to go back and forth as these two competitive teams squared off. Crestwood gained some points through their three hit system. First, the bump from the back row to get the ball to the middle player at the net, or the setter. Secondly, this person gets the ball into the air for another player to spike it down onto the other team as the final step.

Even when the Crestwood team was down in points, they kept up their enthusiasm. They screamed "out" as a team when they saw the ball going outside the court. They also encouraged each other by giving high fives and words of advice.

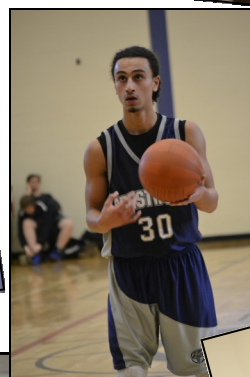
No one wanted to be out of the action. Even the two ladies scoring got their share of the excitement when the ball came crashing down upon them. The entire school got involved by starting the wave, and cheering on the players who were serving. Everyone kept the spirit up by cheering for the girls incessantly. After all, this is what spirit week is about: school spirit. This is something in which we were not lacking. As the Athletic Council came up to announce what was happening for the rest of spirit week, the other team gave us some weird looks. However, our spirit never wavered and it helped to carry the girls throughout the game.

Some of their rallies kept going back and forth, keeping the school in suspense the entire time. One rally in particular kept going with the crowd groaning and cheering the entire way.



When the rally ended with Crestwood gaining a point, the school went wild, cheering like mad. Although the score did not come out in favour of Crestwood, they still played an amazing game. Hats off to all players involved as well as to Coach Karisch. A big thank you to the teachers as well for letting us all come and enjoy this enthralling game.

THREE CHEERS FOR SPIRIT WEEK!





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TEACHERS — WAY BACK WHEN...



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