

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs. Oct. 3rd – School wide assembly 12:30 at ESG
Wed. Oct. 9th – Parent teacher meetings 12:30 – 6:00
Fri. Oct. 11th & Mon. Oct. 14th – School closed

Being Brilliant in ...Grade 11 Biology

Ms. Sargeant's class did a lab on plants this week. Students examined stem cross-sections under the microscope, dissected flowers and bean seeds, and compared the leaves of plants that live in different environments. The bean-growing lab is also underway, with beans growing on the windowsill of Newfoundland.



Field Trip to "Come from Away"

On Wednesday Mr. Taylor's English class went on a field trip to see the much praised musical "Come from Away" at the Winter Garden Theatre. The audience meandering into the theatre was a typical matinee crowd, on both ends of the age spectrum. We shuffled inside the beautiful theatre with its ornate gold ceilings accented by masks of comedy and tragedy.

At 1:30 sharp the actors burst into song and didn't quit for two hours. It felt like two minutes for the audience but what endurance on their part. The full cast was on stage the entire time with no intermission alternating between playing the part of Newfoundlanders and "plane people", singing, dancing and acting without pause. The incredible true story of 38 planes grounded in Gander Newfoundland during the 911 airplane attacks came to life. The population of the small town more than doubled for days and the community came together to host their visitors from afar. The minimal set consisting of chairs was moved around to create the scenes of plane, bus, cafeteria, cliff top, pub and in all its Canadiana, a Tim's. When the last note was sung the audience leapt to its feet, giving an enthusiastic standing ovation. Once the actors had taken their bow the musicians came to centre stage and soloed their various instruments and the applause turned into rhythmic clapping. The lights came on and we shuffled out again blinking in the afternoon sunlight.

--Ms. Pothaar



What you never knew about...Ms. Leach

As much as I have an appreciation for the breadth and depth of English Literature, my favourite books have to be the 'Harry Potter' series, so much so that I wrote my undergraduate thesis on it! As a consequence of this, I speak at many Harry Potter fan events and literature festivals in the UK with my professor Dr. Martin Richardson from Durham University.



Coles Notes

The work of schools is no small thing; we must keep our students safe; to no less degree, we're charged with giving our students tools to know themselves, to interact with others, to find passions and ultimately pathways, and to treat our planet and surroundings and all living things well. All in all, to be kind and to contribute!

Some of our students will later today be attending the climate strike. Good to see passion and caring on display. That feels like good work, despite students missing school.

Also in the news are frightening illnesses and even deaths among youth who have vaped heavily. The medical community seems stunned by the rapidity and severity. For two years now, we've done our best to limit and ideally prohibit vaping close to school; and we continue to enforce separate policies for our Foundations classes and more senior students. This feels like unrewarding work, but important work nonetheless. Parents, please help us...the jury is no longer out, and we must be active and resourceful in getting all in our community off of these devices now and forever.