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WELCOME!!!

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Welcome to the first edition of *LPSS Matters*. This on-line, quarterly newsletter is written by LPSS alumni for LPSS alumni. It will exist as long as you, the alumnus, can find value in our newsletter.

The initial response to the concept of an on-line alumni newsletter has been extremely positive. There are over 400 graduates who have asked to be on the *LPSS Matters* distribution list – and that's before the first newsletter has even been written.

Lorne Park Secondary School has been in existence for over 40 years, so there are thousands of alumni. Please spread the word to your old high school friends and family. Our goal is

to get as many graduates as possible receiving *LPSS Matters*. The list of alumni receiving the newsletter is attached to the e-mail that *LPSS Matters* was attached to.

As mentioned earlier, this newsletter is written by LPSS alumni for LPSS alumni. Your input into how to make our newsletter into a valuable resource for alumni will be most appreciated. What would YOU like to see in YOUR newsletter? People have mentioned a people directory, an alumni referral service for recent graduates, an update on successful Spartan sports teams, business networking within our group of alumni, reunions, etc. What would YOU like to see?



There is a section entitled "Alumni Advice". Alumni are asked to share their expertise and knowledge in whatever their area of specialty may be.

Finally, please advise of any corrections. If your name or year of graduation are incorrect, simply e-mail the correct info.

Careers

Many alumni and current LPSS students have indicated a desire to benefit from business networking. *LPSS MATTERS* is NOT designed to be a commercial marketplace. However, it will be an added bonus if alumni or students can gain career insight from the knowledge or expertise of graduates.

A Career Directory will be set up. ***Would all graduates please e-mail their occupation to LPSS Matters?*** A directory will be set up so that alumni or existing students can contact those that are in a field they are interested in. You can then contact people in a particular industry via *LPSS Matters*. Your message will be

forwarded, and it will then be their choice to respond directly.

For anybody who is interested, we've been asked if alumni might offer to speak at career talks during Teacher Advisor Days. These are held monthly, and LPSS is looking for additional speakers for Feb. 28th. Please contact LPSS directly.

Alumni Advice—Colour For Your Home (by Gail Allen-Cyr ('76))

More than anything else you can do in decorating, selecting a colour scheme for your home can make the most difference, for the least cost. Here is a handy checklist of things to consider before choosing colours:

1. How will the room be used, and by whom? Take in to account the colour preferences of people using the room.
2. Look at the entire home and rooms immediately adjacent. Colour schemes should relate from one room to the next.
3. Based on usage of the room and the style of your home, what decorating style do you want for room? Casual, formal, a specific period?
4. Will the room be used primarily in the daytime or at night? Natural light and the type of artificial light will greatly affect colour in a room.
5. Do the room dimensions need to be visually altered?
6. Note any architectural details and wood finishes in the room that will stay.
7. What pieces of furniture and elements of the decor will be staying? Draperies, rugs, artwork, accessories?
8. What is your lifestyle? Are you looking for easy care solutions, home office, entertaining?
9. What type of ambience would you like? Calm/relaxed? Sophisticated? Warm/casual?
10. In what kind of climate do you live?

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Spartan Football

On Friday December 1st at Sky-Dome, the Senior Football Team won the Metro Bowl Championship for the first time in school history. They defeated #1 ranked Burlington Notre Dame 11-0. Overwhelming fan support was shown by more than 3000 current and former students, staff, family and friends who came to the Dome to cheer the team on.



Spartan Hockey

Also on Friday, December 1st the Varsity Boys Hockey Team defied the odds and won the coveted North York Classic Ice Hockey Tournament. The team won the final game in sudden death overtime, off a Chris Clarkson goal. Congratulations!

Senior Football team captures the Metro Bowl Championship for the first time in LPSS history.

Alumni Websites

There are several websites where LPSS alumni are registered:

www.peel.edu.on.ca/~lorneprk/
www.classmates.com
artsweb.uwaterloo.ca/~terober/lpss.html
www.gradfinder.com/login.asp
www.planetalumni.com/

If anybody knows of more sites, please send an e-mail to *LPSS Matters* and we'll be sure to let the readers know.

Where In The World Are You?

LPSS alumni are around the world. In the Careers section (front page) you were asked to e-mail your occupation to *LPSS Matters*. **Could you also include where you live?** City, province/state and country. We'll attempt to put together a geographical listing of alumni, which could be useful for trips, reunions, or whatever.



"When I was a kid my parents moved a lot—but I always found them."

Rodney Dangerfield

Principal's Message

January 2001

Dear Alumni of Lorne Park Secondary School,

Greetings to all of you from an administrator who is about to share your experience and become a new Lorne Park alumna herself.

I have been a member of the administrative team here since January of 1992, first as a vice-principal under Peter Swalwell, and then as principal myself since September 1994. I will retire from the Peel Board on January 31st and my replacement, Mrs. Cathy Patterson, brings new energy, (ah youth!), enthusiasm and different experiences to this position.

Despite the years since your departure, I think you would

continue to recognize many of this high school's characteristics. The students and staff here in January 2001 continue to demonstrate enthusiasm, a desire for competition in both academic and co-curricular areas, quiet professionalism on the part of the teaching staff and a drive for athletic championships on the part of various coaches and their student teams.

What's new? We now have both a boys' and girls' hockey team as well as a girls' rugby team; our music students have begun to compete in Canada-wide contests; parents continue to volunteer their assistance as coaches but for a greater diversity of teams; movie companies use the school site, both indoors and out as film sets, sometimes using our students as extras.

With the educational changes with which secondary schools are currently dealing, there is a wider role for interested school supporters to play. The new Teacher Advisor Program which is mandated for students in grades 9 to 12, for example, provides opportunities for willing community members to share personal career experiences with and give advice to our students. Students in Co-op education need mentors both for one day job shadowing experiences and longer placements.

I hope that this new alumni newsletter, *LPSS Matters*, will provide you with opportunities to renew relationships which time and distance have changed. I also hope that the school and its alumni can forge a relationship which will be productive for our current students



and their teachers.

I extend my best wishes for success with this new endeavour. Thank you as well for providing a creative opportunity for a great school and its grads.

Yours truly,

Stella Voisin

Alumni Advice—Strategic RRSP Investing

RRSPs—Three Deadly Sins (a.k.a. Tips & Strategies for Wise RRSP Investing)

The Canadian Registered Retirement Savings Plan is among the best government approved savings strategies anywhere in the world. RRSPs encourage Canadians to save for their retirement by providing powerful tax reduction options. Often we connect RRSPs with a tax refund, however the long-term benefits of wisely accumulating assets in a tax-sheltered plan are extremely important.

There are strategies to consider when investing in your RRSP that can make a substantial difference in your retirement nest egg. Following are three deadly sins **NOT** to commit when investing in RRSPs:

Deadly Sin #1—Invest whatever money you can get together at the

end of the year.

The wise contributor will invest as much as reasonably possible, and do this on a regular basis (i.e., monthly). Examples:

As much as reasonably possible: \$3,000 contributed annually will only grow to \$189,000, while larger contributions of \$5,000 will accumulate to \$315,000. In fact, \$10,000 contributions will grow to \$630,000 (20 years, 10% annual rate of return)

Regular basis: yearly contributions of \$6,000 will grow to \$590,000, whereas monthly contributions of \$500 will accumulate to \$617,000 (25 years, 10% annual rate of return)

Monthly contributions have three important benefits – you are not tempted to spend the money; you are not scrambling for money in January or February to make your

RRSP contribution; and you are employing an excellent investment strategy known as “dollar-cost averaging”.

Deadly Sin #2—Forget About the Rest of the World

Maximize foreign content to a reasonable level. The Canadian economy represents 3% of the world's economy, yet RRSP guidelines only allow 30% of your RRSP to be invested internationally. Some outstanding international opportunities can be missed. However, by using RRSP-eligible mutual funds (“clone” funds), up to 100% of your RRSP can be invested internationally.

Deadly Sin #3—Now I know it all!

Other strategies include spousal RRSPs, asset allocation, diversification, labour-sponsored venture capital, when alternatives to an RRSP make sense, the “69” trick, \$2,000 over-contribution limit, mutual funds, borrowing, RRSP vs. RESP, etc. Talk to an expert. A little advice now can make a huge difference later.

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Reunions:

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The third Tuesday of each month LPSS alumni get together at the Clarkson Pump & Patio in Mississauga. Wings served starting at 5:00, get there by 6:00 to get a table.

Address is 1744 Lakeshore Blvd. West, near Clarkson Road and Lakeshore Blvd. Phone number is (905) 855-9354. Next get together is Feb. 20th.



Other

Name: The Albert Formal

What: An annual event designed to reunite recent UWO alumni who live in the Toronto area. Meant to rival the John Orr dinner that Queen's holds every year. If they can do it, UWO should be able to do it much better.

When: Saturday, Feb 3, 2001

Where: The Design Exchange in Toronto (Bay and Richmond)

Cost: \$45 - (DJ, dancing, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar)

Tickets: 1-800-ALUM-UWO (all credit cards accepted)

Info: www.thealbertformal.com

For more information on The Albert Formal, contact Brian Astl at:

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The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.

Anonymous

We Remember...

A number of people have asked for an "In Memoriam" section in our newsletter.

The passing of a fellow alumnus is a sad event. The purpose of the "We Remember..." section is to enable alumni to learn of the passing of their friends and acquaintances.

Please advise LPSS Matters of the passing of fellow students

so they may be remembered by those who knew them. Name and year of graduation, years born and died.

We remember...

Rick Jones ('73) 1955-1992

Rick Williamson ('72) 1952-1990



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