



Happy New Year!

The next association meeting is **Wednesday, January 22**, at 7:00 in the library.

The **archives** group will also be getting together on the 22nd at 1:00. Help is always welcome as the documenting and storing of memorabilia is a never-ending project. Since the 2010 reunion, 3,682 alumni documents and 1,279 events have been recorded. If you're interested in helping out, please email Sue at sue.gibb@live.com.

Recent donations to the archives:

- Al Lucaschuk brought copies of the 75th anniversary Techonian to the meeting in November.
- Michael Rachlis donated six copies of the 1943 Torch and all of the information related to the operations and layout of the final product, including many of the original photos used. Michael's father Harry (1941-44) was the editor-in-chief of the yearbook.

In her spare time (LOL), Sue spends countless hours updating the website. The newest additions are PDFs of the 1926-1935 Torches. Being able to have these files available at all would not be possible with the tireless work of Frank Unger. Saying "thanks" again to Frank doesn't seem enough to express our gratitude for his commitment to digitizing the yearbook collection.

Yearbooks Available to View
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The Torch Yearbook 1943

Michael Rachlis, son of Harry and Ruth (nee Promislow) Rachlis (Students 1941-44) recently donated a package to the St John's Archives. Harry was the Editor-in-Chief of the 1943 Torch Yearbook. The package contained six copies of the 1943 Torch and all of the information related to the operations and layout of the final product. It also included many of the original photos used. Yearbooks are a valuable resource for the information included gives us a lesson of the history of the school times. Thank you for this wonderful gift to the school archives.



Champlain School Centennial

A celebration of Champlain's 100th anniversary is taking place this June. Principal Lisa Hasselfield and the staff are making plans to salute the past, celebrate the present, and look to the future of the school and community. It is hoped that former staff and students will contribute their own memories/stories, pictures and memorabilia to the displays.

Lorraine McLean, Carole Kurdydyk and former teacher Pat (Kochan) Zabolotny have been organizing the many pictures, documents and plaques in the school's archives.

More help is needed though, as well as contributions from former students and staff. There doesn't appear to be a lot from the 60's (especially class pictures), so if you have any to donate or would like to scan to us, just email champlain2020wpg@gmail.com. Donations and stories from all years are welcome as the school hopes to display them in the decade rooms, and prepare a book focusing on the North End and memories of Champlain. It's painless to get involved and a lot of fun – try it!

Do you recognize any of these players??



Kindergarten Patrol - 1961-62



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