

## CCJHS Christmas Assembly

Central Colchester Junior High held their annual Christmas Assembly on Dec. 15th with lots of great entertainment and carol singing. Donations were gathered by each class over the last few weeks to fill Christmas Hampers and a huge presentation was made to the Salvation Army. The top class was 7-4, who gathered a total of 530 items! (Harrington Photos)



The CCJHS Jazz Band performed at the Assembly. Left to right- Chase Upham, Jaegar Laird, Celidh McKay, Alexis Grant and Ava O'Brien Fisher.



The CCJHS Choir, accompanied by Ashlyn Johnstone on piano, and under the direction of Mrs. Chambers sang several Christmas pieces including Jungle Bell Rock and Silent Night.



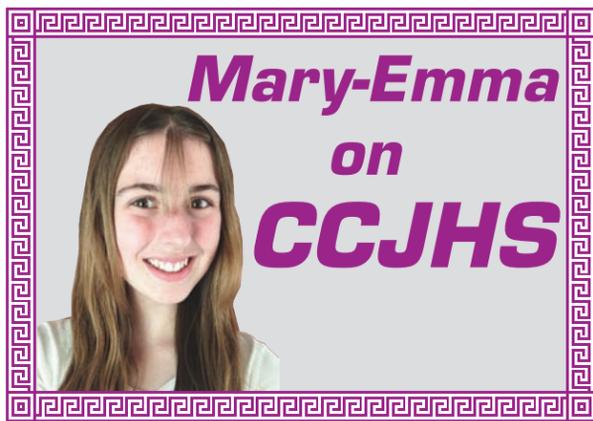
Stephanie Archibald performed a Christmas rap song, and was joined by Danielle Donkin, Savannah Hamilton, Anthony Legge and Mallori Llewellyn.



Andrew Hamilton and Dee Hawkins from the Salvation Army were thrilled to accept all the donations from Central Colchester Junior High School. Mallori Llewellyn and Jillian Hill-McMillan were ready to help load the van.



Ashlyn Johnstone accompanied singer Mya Johnson on piano for a Christmas song.



### Students Clean-Up Illegal Dumpsites

By Mary-Emma Barnhill

In mid-October fifty grade nine students from CCJHS went with a group of staff members and volunteers to clean up illegal dumpsites around Colchester County. The opportunity was given to them by Ross White, a retired teacher and member of the Nova Scotia Trappers Association. He approached the Nova Scotia Wildlife Habitat Fund and asked if CCJHS could clean up illegal dumpsites to get a grant for their breakfast program.

The Habitat Fund agreed and the project was born. Volunteers from CCJHS went around Colchester County to locate the dumpsites. Colchester Solid Waste Management supplied all the dumpsters,

marked hazardous materials at the dumpsites, collected the garbage and did a presentation for all of the Grade Nine students going on the cleanup. Tim Horton's donated \$500 for a lunch for the students, which was from Revana Pizza, Debert.

Students went out in teams of twelve or thirteen to the dumpsites and loaded the garbage into donated trucks that were used to send it back to the dumpsters. Four sites were cleaned up and two industrial size dumpsters were filled. A total of \$8,500 dollars was raised for the breakfast program. Many thanks to Paul Kittilsen, Bryan Dennis from Cook's Landscaping, Baird Septic, Rivana Pizza, Tim Hortons Truro locations, Brandy



Emma Brady carries a tire over to the dumpster. (Mary Emma Barnhill Photo)

Oderkirk, Robert Chisholm, Ross White, Francis Gibbs, J. P. Wood from Waste Management and the Nova Scotia Trappers Association.

The Grade Seven students recently participated in a Mangahigh Halloween Math Challenge. Congratulations to Hanna Marshall, Jeremy DeWolfe, Lauren Mattatall, Ethan Dunlap, Kaelan Bakker, Bailey Wolfe, Egypt Andrews, Evan Fisher and Alex Baggio, who all received medals.

There were lots of fun activities during the week before Christmas Break at CCJHS. Monday was the Long Winter's Day Nap, when students wore their pyjamas to school. Tuesday was Ugly Christmas Sweater Day, Wednesday was Christmas Costume Day and

Thursday was Christmas Hair/Hat Day.

Thursday was also Activity Day, when students got to attend one of many different activities during school hours. The activities included bowling, swimming, skating, a cook-



A team of students walk to the dumpsite with their shovels. From left to right, Brayden McGee, Marten Zijlstra, Hannah Gilcrest, Emily Ross, Victoria McKeen and Tanner Altenkirk. (Mary Emma Barnhill Photo)

ing class at Superstore, Christmas crafts, robotics, t-shirt design, board games, video games, felting, Christmas card making, hip hop dancing, yoga, or watching The Nightmare Before Christmas, Elf, or Home Alone 2.

There was also a Christmas dinner served in the cafeteria on December 14th. It cost five dollars and included roasted

turkey, savoury stuffing, creamy mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, gravy, cranberry sauce and a cookie.

**Mary-Emma Barnhill, a student at CCJHS, started writing for the Shoreline Journal as reporter for the Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club.**

**This school year her monthly report focuses on activities at CCJHS.**



Some of the students and volunteers who attended the cleanup stand in front of the filled dumpster. (Mary Emma Barnhill Photo)

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