

Dear Aspengrove Community,

We are excited to announce that registration is now open for the Ravens Rumble, taking place on June 7th! Here is what you need to know:

### What is the Ravens Rumble?

The Ravens Rumble was created in 2024 in celebration of Aspengrove's 20th Anniversary. We are excited to continue this event as an annual tradition. The Ravens Rumble is a 2.5KM obstacle course 'adventure' race, designed to bring our community together to celebrate our school. This race welcomes participants of all ages and athletic abilities, offering a great chance to explore our expansive campus trails, strengthen teamwork and have fun!

# Can I participate if I don't want to run?

Absolutely, and we hope so! The year-end picnic will be incorporated into the Ravens Rumble. Families who are not participating in the race are encouraged to attend and bring some field games, lawn chairs, and set up for the day! Cheer on the racers and connect with other Aspengrove families. There will be fun for everyone! Enjoy ice cream treats from *One Cool Cookie* and delicious bites from *Extreme Eatery*, a tasty food truck! Let the kids have a blast in the free Kid Zone with a bouncy castle and more!

### What is involved in the race?

All the details about the race can be found on the Race Roster registration site, including the race categories, map with obstacles, what's included in your registration fee, what to bring, schedule, information on lunch, volunteer sign-ups, etc.

### Is this a competitive race?

There are competitive and non-competitive race categories. The main purpose of the race is to come together as a team and a community and have fun! Whether you participate in the competitive or non-competitive race, team spirit and creative costumes are encouraged! Race expert, Natasha Parsons, has designed a course that caters to all ages and athletic abilities in the non-competitive race, while also providing a challenge for competitive race participants.

### Can I invite friends/family who are not part of the Aspengrove community?

Yes, we encourage this! Bring out your sports teammates, friends from other schools, etc. For the non-competitive race, we recommend teams of 2 to 6. The competitive race is a relay-style race with teams of 4 participants.

#### Is this a fundraiser for our school?

Did you know we are a not-for-profit independent school and registered charity? Like all independent schools, we rely on donations to support innovative programs and upgrades to our school that tuition doesn't cover. While fundraising isn't required, teams are encouraged to set up fundraising pages and reach out to their networks to support their team. You will also have the option to make a donation when registering.

# What are the funds raised being used for?

Aspengrove is committed to developing our students' creativity and innovation and is planning to enhance spaces and adjust course, club, and co-curricular offerings to engage students from the Junior, Middle and Senior School in STEM.

# We are thrilled to announce that a generous Aspengrove family is going to match all donations up to \$20,000!

Beginning in September, the Junior School is introducing a Design Class to students in Grades 3 through 5, and will add a Robotics Club to introduce students to creative problem solving.

In the Middle School, the Design Course will expand to include Robotics and 3D Art.

In the Senior School, the introduction of Computer Science at the Grade 10-12 level, combined with a Robotics Elective, will ensure that students have the opportunity to develop their personal creativity and innovation.

### Are there sponsorship opportunities available?

Thank you to our generous sponsors - Integral Wealth, Arrowsmith Bikes, Lantzville Dental, RLR Lawyers, Seamor Marine, and Sea Soil. We would be pleased to welcome more sponsors. You can find the sponsorship packet <a href="here.">here.</a>

### Are you looking for volunteers?

Yes! We have an amazing group of parent volunteers working hard to plan a fun event for our community. We need volunteers on the day of the event to ensure its success. More details on how to sign up to volunteer will be coming following Spring Break.

### What are the registration deadlines?

The Early Bird registration opens today and closes at midnight on **April 4th.** Regular registration closes on **May 15th.** \*\*Important note: As we need sufficient time to plan, late registrations will not be accepted. Thank you for your understanding.

### Special thanks to our wonderful, dedicated planning committee:

Andrea Parry, Khush Verraich, Monika Lombardi, Natasha Parsons, Sheena Eaton, & Tanaska Armstrong

# Where can I register?

You can learn more and register here.

# Questions?

Please contact Nicole Carpenter

We look forward to seeing you at the race/picnic!