

A Wonderful Role Model



On Remembrance Day, as you know, we honour our fallen soldiers; soldiers that fought and fell in the name of our country. There are 19 soldiers in particular that have stayed with us even after their passing and have brought together this school as a community and as a family. One soldier in particular pushed us to do more than remember. He pushed us to keep the memories alive. Chris Karigiannis did many things throughout his life but one of his biggest passions since he was 13 years old, was being an Air Cadet. Chris fell in love with Air Cadets and aviation. He took part in many events and earned many achievements. He earned a degree in aircraft maintenance, earned the *Lord Strathcona Medal*, which is the highest achievement an Air Cadet can earn. He was selected for the Air Cadets flying scholarship where one can learn to fly for free. Chris Karigiannis loved planes so much that he jumped out of them. Once he even jumped out of a plane riding an inflatable killer whale!

Air Cadets used to be a big part of L.J.H.S and L.L.H.S in the past, but over time it dwindled away, until it was forgotten and fell dormant. Despite that I am proud to say that we have brought it back to our school. We have started a new squadron here at Laval Liberty and Laval Junior High School. We are the 100th Laval Squadron, the first English squadron in Laval. Today we are proud to be here to honour our fallen soldiers and to honour Sergeant Karigiannis. We are proud to be able to keep Chris's memory alive in our school through Air Cadets, today and for many years to come.

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