

## Back-to-School Dates and Times

### New Students

New Student Orientation takes place on **Wednesday, September 4**

**9:00 AM** - All new students meet in Alumnae Hall.

**9:15 AM** - Students meet with their homeroom teachers until 10:00 a.m.

**10:00 AM** - School Orientation Tour

**12:30 PM** - Dismissal

Uniforms are *not* required for Orientation morning.

### All Students

Classes begin for all students on **Thursday, September 5 at 8:30 AM**. This is Day 1 of the School Day cycle.

Homeroom lists will be posted in the cafeteria by 7:30 AM. Students are to proceed directly to their homeroom for 8:30 AM for opening exercises, locker distribution, timetable and agenda distribution.

- Full winter or summer uniform is required.
- Bring school supplies.
- The cafeteria will be open.

## Important General Information

### Administration

#### Senior School Principal

**Mrs. Michelle Klus** is responsible for all activities and academic programs in Grades 9 to 12.

#### Junior School Principal

**Mrs. Carol-Ann Swayzie (van Es '80)** is responsible for all activities and academic programs in Grades 7 and 8.

### Mandatory Assessments

**Two major assessment periods take place during the school year, in January and June.**

**Assessment dates are as follows:**

#### Common Assessments

On January 17 and 20 major assessments for **some** subject areas take place. For **other** subjects, individual class assessments will take place during dates outside of the common assessment dates. This information will be conveyed to students and parents by the subject area teacher.

#### Grade 12 Provincial ELA Standards Test

January 7 to 10, 2020

#### Final Exams

Grade 12: June 3 to 11, 2020

Grade 11: June 8 to 16, 2020

Grades 7 to 10: June 15 to 18, 2020

All students are expected to be present during the assessment periods, a doctor's certificate is required to verify illness or absence. Parents are asked to **NOT** book holidays or time away from school during these periods. If a student misses an assessment it will affect the value of their final mark.

### Liturgies and Reflection Days

These are important, mandatory community-building events for all students. Kindly become familiar with the school calendar and do not make any appointments on these dates.

### Student Timetables, Student Agendas, Lockers and Locks

These will be distributed during the first homeroom period on Thursday, September 5. The agenda includes the school calendar, general school information, policies and procedures, and student information. Please take time to read through the front section of the agenda to familiarize yourself with SMA policies and procedures.

### Textbooks

On the first day of classes, subject teachers issue numbered textbooks to each student. Each assigned textbook is the responsibility of the student to whom it is assigned. In June 2019, students are responsible for returning assigned textbooks in accordance with the following procedures:  
**Non-exam courses:** to the subject teacher at the last class.  
**Exam courses:** prior to the final exam in a designated classroom.

### School Supply List

SMA's School Supply List is found on the homepage of [www.smamb.ca](http://www.smamb.ca).

### Daily Bulletin

SMA publishes a bulletin daily on

PowerSchool with information relating to classes, clubs, activities, sports etc. SMA will also post this bulletin to our website three times per week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week. Note: new parents and students will receive PowerSchool login information early September.

### Weekly Communiqué

Throughout the school year, SMA emails a Communiqué to parents on the last day of each school week. Important information is in this communication, be sure to check your email. If you do not receive the Communiqué, contact Mrs. Jill Boulet at [jboulet@smamb.ca](mailto:jboulet@smamb.ca) or 204-477-0244 to add your email address to our list.

### Newsletter

SMA publishes a Newsletter three times per year. The Newsletter is emailed to parents and is also found on our website at [smamb.ca/news/newsletter](http://smamb.ca/news/newsletter).

### Website: [www.smamb.ca](http://www.smamb.ca)

Check SMA's website for the following information: school calendar (downloadable to smartphones), daily bulletin, newsletters, Academy Bistro menu, photos, coming events, general information and more.

### SMA on Social Media

Follow SMA on social media for regular updates and highlights of school life:  
**Facebook:** [facebook.com/smawinnipeg](https://facebook.com/smawinnipeg)  
**Instagram:** [instagram.com/smawinnipeg](https://instagram.com/smawinnipeg)  
**Twitter:** [twitter.com/smawpg](https://twitter.com/smawpg)

## Important Dates

### Fall Uniform Sale

**September 3 & 4**

**5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

**Sheila Chipman Atrium and Tartan Shop**

Cash, debit, visa and mastercard accepted (cheques not accepted).

Beginning Friday, September 6 the Tartan Shop will be open on Fridays during the lunch hour.

### Academy Bistro Loadable Card Sale

**September 3 & 4**

**5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

SMA's new food service provider, Academy Bistro, will be selling loadable cards during the Uniform Sale. Cards are available in any denomination. Cards can also be purchased during the school year.

### Mass of the Holy Spirit

**Friday, September 6**

**2:00 PM in Alumnae Hall**

Full winter uniform required  
Parents welcome

### Parent Information Afternoon

**Friday, September 6**

**3:45 PM to 5:45 PM in the Cafeteria**

Join us to mix-and-mingle with our community and informally meet your daughter's teachers. Parents of new students will formally meet at 4:00 p.m.:

- Grades 7/8 meet in Alumnae Hall
  - Grade 9 meet in Durocher Library
- Refreshments and light snacks provided.  
We look forward to meeting you!

### Auditions for The Sound of Music (SMA's fall drama production)

**September 9 to 13**

Auditions are open to all students.

Further details will be provided in the Daily Bulletin and in the Communiqué.

### High School Hockey Tryouts

Sept 9: 4:40 PM on ReMax Rink

Sept 12: 5:30 PM on RRCO Rink

Sept 16: 5:00 PM on Canadian Tire Rink

Sept 18: 5:05 PM on Canadian Tire Rink

All tryouts held at the Bell MTS Iceplex.

If you have questions, please contact

Mr. Noel Rautert at [nrautert@smamb.ca](mailto:nrautert@smamb.ca).

### Picture Day

**Tuesday, September 10 starting at**

**9:00 AM**

### Parents' Guild Meeting

**Tuesday, September 17**

**7:00 PM in Durocher Library**

All parents welcome

### Grade 12 Reflection Day

**Wednesday, September 11**

This is a regularly scheduled school day at an off-site location and attendance is mandatory. The day will end at approx. 7:30 PM with closing prayer. Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to attend prayer, starting at 6:15 PM. Details will be provided from homeroom teacher and an email will be sent to parents.

### Grade 9 Welcome Day

**Friday, September 13**

**1:30 PM to 9:30 PM**

Workshops and activities are planned to facilitate the transition for all Grade 9 students. All students are strongly recommended to remain until the end of the event. Details will be provided from homeroom teachers.

### Grade 7 Camp

**September 18-20**

Camp information was emailed to parents of Grade 7 students on Monday, August 19. If you did not receive the email or require further information, contact Mrs. Carol-Ann Swayzie at [caswayzie@smamb.ca](mailto:caswayzie@smamb.ca).

### Walk for Cancer

**Thursday, September 19**

During the school day, students will participate in the annual **Walk for Cancer**.

### Golf Tryouts

**Week of September 9 (exact dates will be published in the Daily Bulletin).**

Open to all Grades 9 to 12 students with some golf experience. We are building a new team this year, all interested students are encouraged to tryout. If you have questions, please contact Mr. James Villa at [jvilla@smamb.ca](mailto:jvilla@smamb.ca).

A \$10 flat fee will be collected from each student for a donation and to defray costs for student-led activities. Teachers will provide students with more details.

**Grades 9-12 Students:** Participate in this walk with students from St. Paul's High School and Balmoral Hall. Location of walk begins at St. Paul's, 2200 Grant Avenue.

**Grade 8 students:** Gather at St. Mary's Academy and walk to and from Assiniboine Park.

### Service Learning Fair

**Tuesday, September 24**

All students from Grades 7 to 12 will attend the **Service Learning Fair**. Service organizations from around Winnipeg will be be setup in the Sheila Chipman Atrium, educating students about the mission of their organization and where service opportunities are available.

### Head Girl Speeches and Election

**September 25-26**

Interested candidates from our Student Leadership team will speak to our student body on September 25, in preparation for election day on September 26.

### Mother Marie-Rose Week

**October 7-October 11**

Week dedicated to celebrating Mother Marie-Rose Durocher, the Foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary (SNJM).

### Come and See Week

During Mother Marie-Rose Week, SMA will host students from six SNJM schools. Groups will experience classes in the morning and a focus excursion in the afternoon.

### Private Music Lessons

For private piano, music theory or beginner guitar lessons at St. Mary's Academy, please call Sr. Josephine Chudzick '59, SNJM, at 204-284-5501.



# 150th Birthday Community Picnic

*Rain or Shine!*

**Wednesday, August 28, 2019**

**4:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

**St. Mary's Academy Grounds**

Enjoy food vendors, games, a historical display and entertainment by the Red River Folk Ensemble.

Launch and presentation of Legacy Rose Garden from 6:00 PM to 6:15 PM.

There will be no on-site parking at the Picnic (Stafford Street gates closed to vehicles). A drop off zone, using the Wellington Crescent gates, will be open.

Parking available at Shaarey Zedek Synagogue and neighbouring streets.

Bicycle valet available.

RSVPs for this event are appreciated: [rsvp150@smamb.ca](mailto:rsvp150@smamb.ca)

*All SMA Community Members Welcome!*



## Homecoming Weekend

### 150th Birthday Gala

**Friday, September 27, 2019**

Join St. Mary's Academy as we honour the **faith, vision, courage and leadership of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary**

Cocktails at 6:00 PM

Dinner and presentation at 7:00 PM

Masters of Ceremonies:

Lucy Beckta (Stepien '65) and Emily Meadows '13

Dancing to the Big City All Star Band

Victoria Inn, 1808 Wellington Avenue

#### Tickets

Tickets are \$150 each, available at [www.smamb.ca/events/birthday-gala](http://www.smamb.ca/events/birthday-gala)

Student tickets available for \$100 each, table packages also available. For these purchases, contact

Kerri Moore (McIvor '94) at [kmoore@smamb.ca](mailto:kmoore@smamb.ca) or 204-478-6031

### Homecoming Day

**Saturday, September 28, 2019**

#### Commemorative Years Brunch

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

For the Classes of 1939, 1949, 1959, 1969, 1979 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2009

Ticketes \$30 each available at [smamb.ca/events/homecoming](http://smamb.ca/events/homecoming)

#### SMA Alumnae Association Annual General Meeting

12:30 PM - 1:00 PM | Durocher Library

All alumnae welcome

#### Homecoming Afternoon - Come Tour & Reminisce

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Tour the school, visit with alumnae, hang out in Club Room and enjoy tea and dainties in the Sr. Susan Wikeem Boardroom

### 150th Birthday Mass

**Sunday, September 29, 2019**

1:00 PM | St. Boniface Cathedral-Basilica

180 Avenue de la Cathedrale

Everyone Welcome