

Newsletter

Information for St. Mary's Academy parents and friends

April 2015

President's Message

Mrs. Connie Yunyk (Scerbo '77)



Happy Spring and Happy Easter to all! As Catholics we are called to continue celebrating the Easter Season, the 50 days following Easter Sunday. We are reminded that Jesus did not

remain on the cross or in the tomb, but rose from the dead and gives us the gift of new life! Alleluia! With another round of re-registration and new student acceptances completed, our focus now turns to the final three months of what has been a very rewarding and enriching year so far! Many thanks for your support and prayers!

Deadline for bursary applications is May 1, 2015.

I encourage families to apply for a bursary if you believe you meet the requirements (www.stmarysacademy.mb.ca, under Admissions-Tuition and Financial Aid). During the current school year, SMA has disbursed \$265,000 to

financially assist over 60 families and their daughters; providing access to families is rooted in our mission. For the upcoming 2015-2016 school year, over \$300,000 has been earmarked for bursary disbursements to qualifying families.

This year the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary (SNJM) are celebrating 140 years of service in Manitoba! There have been three events since last August to celebrate their commitment to the charism, mission and values since arriving in Manitoba. The arts have always been integral to an SMA education and Mother Marie Rose strongly advocated for educating young women body, mind and spirit. In the spirit of honoring this central value endorsed by the SNJM is their fourth and final celebratory event of the year, you are invited to **Honouring the Arts in Education** in Alumnae Hall on **Sunday, May 24 at 1:30 p.m.** The program includes performances by our school choirs, Grade 11 drama class, violin club, an art display and cookies baked in our Foods lab by students.

Finally, our 11th annual **Marian Awards for Excellence Luncheon** will take place on **Saturday, May 9** honoring two distinguished alumnae Gwen Buccini ('67) and Marianna Carol Hryniuk-Adamov ('72).

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Only a few seats are still available. If you cannot make the event but would like to make a donation to the SMA Bursary Fund, kindly visit our website and follow the directions once you select "click to purchase tickets" or contact Georgine Gaudes in our Advancement Office at 204-478-6030. God Bless!

Principal's Message

Mrs. Josie Audino



I hope everyone had a restful and wonderful Spring Break and Easter. The Easter season lasts for 50 days until Pentecost and the message that we receive at Easter

is one of joy, new life and hope. We wish all our families best wishes for happiness and peace!

We have many things for which to be thankful:

- Our conscientious students who try to, not only keep up with their studies, but also help each other when the need arises.
- Our dedicated Staff who put in many extra hours helping our students to be as successful as possible.
- The mission demonstrated for helping those less fortunate than ourselves, for example: collecting more than 1000 food items for Harvest and 1400 books for inner city classroom libraries.
- The wonderful school spirit that our students demonstrated, not only during Spirit

Week, but also when supporting our many athletic programs.

- The many applications received to enter our school for next year.

We look forward to a number of activities: Day of Pink to make people aware of Anti Bullying, Math contests, the Career Symposium, the Junior High Dance, Concours d'art oratoire, our Fine Arts Concert, the leadership Council Carnival and our Convocations/Grad celebrations.

I trust that you will be able to attend some of these activities.



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Campus Ministry

Ms. Michelle Garlinski ('88)

Christ is Risen – Indeed He is Risen!

Alleluia! This wonderful Easter greeting is echoed for 50 days (until Pentecost). So many signs of new life and hope – and Campus Ministry is definitely one of them! Our “Tapping Into Our Talents” which “welled up” in Lent and “overflowed” into Easter was a great way for our community to celebrate with the SNJM Sisters during their 140th Anniversary year in Manitoba. By Easter we added close to 1100 drops of service into our bucket – truly embracing our theme as *People of Service*.

As we look to April we are having our Campus Ministry Retreat with the theme, “What direction is SHIP going?” We are currently looking at selecting our YOUTHLEADER 2015 team to

represent SMA June 29-July 3. We will be remembering and praying in a special way for all of creation on EARTH DAY, April 22, since it is a Wednesday morning. We are also looking forward to the afternoon of *Honoring the Arts In Education* (see advertisement on page 5). This is a unique year so our *Spring Concert* has expanded to include other Arts. Education in the faith is foundational to SNJM Schools and this is highlighted during the 140th Anniversary year.

Continue to join us Wednesday mornings for 8:00 a.m. Mass until May 13 and Harvest Thursday will run until May 14. May the tomb that had the stone rolled away challenge all of us to bring the GOOD NEWS to the world with JOY that Jesus is alive. Alleluia! Happy Easter!

Prayer for Easter

Creator God, in this season, bathe us in the light of Christ and lead us to the eternal vision of your beauty. Grant all of our community – students, family, staff, Sisters, Alumnae and friends, a new life during this season. We make this prayer through Jesus our Risen Lord and through the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, Amen

Ever wonder why JELLY BEANS are popular at Easter?

Red is for the blood He gave.

Green is for the grass He made.

Yellow is for the sun so bright.

Orange is for the edge of night.

Black is for the sins we do.

White is for God's grace anew.

Purple is for His hour of sorrow.

Pink is for a new tomorrow.

And handful of jelly beans, colorful and sweet, is a prayer, a promise, a loved one's treat!

Happy Resurrection!

Programme for International Student Assessment

Mrs. Carol-Ann Swayzie (van Es '80)

SMA has been selected to participate in the 2015 **Programme for International Student Assessments** (PISA), which selected schools write every three years.

Canada has been participating since the PISA project began in 2000. The PISA is intended to help those who administer education systems determine whether or not Canadian children are acquiring the necessary skills and knowledge to meet the challenges of the future. These indicators

will provide direction, insights and tools to improve the effectiveness of education for all involved.

This year's PISA has one primary assessment area: Science. Literacy skills will also be assessed. A small subset of students will also be tested to determine an initial overview of capabilities regarding financial literacy.

SMA's test date is Monday, April 27. The PISA will be administered via comput-

ers. The Department of Education will be randomly selecting 42 of our 15 year old students (born in 1999) to participate. Mrs. Swayzie and Mr. Villa attended the initial training session and will be gathering the selected students together to both inform them of their mandatory participation and also to give them a sense of what the assessment may look like. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Swayzie.

Drama Department News

Ms. Laura Davey ('05)

Drama Performance Exams are in full swing!

- **Grade 9:** Drama students performed scenes from *The Diary of Anne Frank* in February.

Congratulations to the grade 9s on their performance!

- **Grade 10:** Drama students will perform excerpted scenes from *World Theatre* on **Thursday, April 16** during the afternoon.

- **Grade 12:** Drama students will present two shows of their final play, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* on:

Wednesday, April 29

- afternoon show for the school

- **7:00 p.m. show open to the public**, in Alumnae Hall. Admission is free, please come out and support these hardworking students! (This show is entirely staged, set and directed by the Grade 12 Senior Drama class).

- **Grade 11:** On **Friday, May 22 and Sunday, May 24**, in conjunction with the 140th Celebration of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, our Grade 11 Drama class will be performing an original theatre piece celebrating our SNJM heritage and legacy (see page 5 for details about Honouring the Arts In Education).

Thank you for all of your support for our Drama Program at St. Mary's Academy!

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Athletics

Mrs. Jen O'Leary (Heywood '85)

In the home of the Flames, the high top basketball shoes have been stashed on the top shelf to be replaced by badminton court shoes, spikes for Track and Field, soccer cleats and rugby jerseys.

Badminton

The senior badminton team, coached by Mano Navarro, is in full swing in the West Winnipeg Athletic Conference league play. Michelle Degeus (Grade 10), Selina Audino (Grade 10) and Sam Cattani (Grade 11) hope to attend and strike gold on May 1st in Winkler at the 2015 Provincial Championships. They are joined with Haley Finch, Sydney Kazina and Zoe Dratwa (Grade 11), wrapping up the doubles contingent. Grade 8 Junior Badminton, also coached by Mano Navarro has begun league play with Pembina Trails Athletic Association so all shuttlecocks and racquets are being well used. Congratulations to Grade 8 Students Chloe Kreitz, Sevina Tayeb-Oskouie, Amanda Dillon, Clare Hibbert, and Natasha Oberoi for their outstanding commitment to badminton at SMA.

Track & Field

Demetro Danyluk, Desire Budigoma and alumnae Julia Krovats and Annie Quinton

(2012) have a large and very keen group of athlete's committed to 7:00 am Track and Field and Fitness practices. All girls in Grade 7-12 are welcome and practices will continue in the morning, lunch and after school in time for the up-coming divisional track and field meets in May and June.

Rugby

Rugby will be coached by SMA new-comer Patricia Fraser and the extremely dedicated duo of Alumnae Halie Friesen ('12) and Leah Soenen ('12). League play begins at the end of April.

Soccer

Soccer Coaches Kelly Forzley and daughter Regan Forzley ('11) will have tryouts for all Grade 9-12 soccer players interested in playing on the SMA Flames team on April 15 (4:00-5:00 p.m.) and April 17 (3:45-4:45 p.m.) at the U of M soccer complex. There will be a \$10 fee to pay for the facility.

Basketball

2015 yielded yet another successful basketball season for the SMA Flames. The grade 7 developmental basketball program, lead by SMA parent Stephanie Beechinor and student Rachel Beazley (Grade 11) had excellent attendance, students were eager to learn and represented SMA exceptionally well at all four Pembina Trails Athletic Association tournaments. The grade 8 Bas-

ketball team, coached by Angie Adams and Carol Ploen-Hoosegood, had an incredible season. They made it to the second round of playoffs and came in first place in the HGI tournament! The grade 9 team led by returning coaches, Genny Brown and Jed Dodd, grew and developed throughout the season. The Junior Varsity squad, coached by Audrey Dragojevic played during league play and finished 2nd in the WWAC division and also took 2nd place in the SMA Invitational Tournament. The Varsity girls basketball team led by new coach Mark Nieman had a great year. The girls competed in the JAVA Jam Tournament in Brandon Manitoba where they beat two top 10 ranked teams and they finished in 3rd place in the Varsity St. Mary's Invitational. It was overall an excellent showing for SMA Basketball. Congratulations to all coaches and teams!

As you can tell the gym is a hub of healthy, active young women playing, running, jumping, throwing, catching, striking, skating, and serving, all in the name of SMA. **The annual Athletic Banquet will take place in late May** and all coaches and players are welcome and encouraged to attend (check SMA's website for details). Thank you to all for your continued support of the SMA Athletic Department.

Track & Field

Mr. Demetro Danyluk

After a number of years absent from the indoor track and field competitions versus other schools, our student athletes did not miss a beat and competed very well at all the meets. These athletes competed on the week days late morning and afternoons at the Max Bell Center (James Daly Field house). The juniors competed in 4 meets and the seniors at 4 meets, plus a championship meet.

The seniors competed at the senior meets: Belinda Guerra (2nd 1500m and 3rd 800m at championship meet), Megan Wrublow-sky (5th 60m Hurdles and 7th 200m at championship meet), Sierra Sutherland (2nd 1500m and 4th 800m at championship meet), Sam Cattani (7th Triple Jump at championship meet), Adara Lepage, Serena Marino, Claire Healy, Rachel Beazley and Maia Idzikowski.

The following juniors competed and placed high in the rankings in the 60 meters, hurdles, 200 meters, 300 meters, 800 meters,

1200 meters, high jump, triple jump, shot put, long jump, 4x200 relay and 4x100 relay: Gretta Styles, Alyssa Moon, Ashley Smalley, Grace MacPherson, Allison Rakowski, CoCo Kolttek, Sophia Partyka, Katrina Tobin, Meagan Gillis, Amada Dillon and Neve Borsboom.

Outdoor Track & Field

The outdoor track and field season has begun and we will be competing in our first meet very soon. If your daughter is interested please have her visit Mr. Danyluk in the gym.



FWSSC

The third annual Female World Sport School Challenge, which took place March 12-15 at the MTS Iceplex, was a success! Exceptional hockey was played from eight

teams from across Canada. Pursuit of Excellence (Red) took Gold, Shaftesbury Titans came in with Silver and Pursuit of Excellence (Black) got Bronze. The banquet on Saturday evening was very well attended. Guests heard from keynote speaker Janine

Stephens ('01), and emcee Jill Coubrough ('06). **View tournament photos at: www.smaphotos.ca/fwssc_2015**

Many thanks to all the people who volunteered and who came out to watch. See you again next year!

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Lenten Project for Lesotho, South Africa

Mrs. Joy Beauchamp ('80)

This Lent, Grade 8-1 learned about the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, Lesotho South Africa, service to others, and how to knit. Thanks to our knitting "Captains", students learned how to "Keep Calm and Cast On!" Several premie and new born baby caps were completed thanks to the help and support of staff members and their families, and the Moms and Grandmas

and Aunts that often helped support our new knitters! A special thank you to Sr. Cathy who came and shared photos of Lesotho and stories with 8-1, and answered many questions! The caps will be taken to Montreal by Sr. Cathy and then taken on to Lesotho where they will be offered at a local clinic.



From the Advancement Office

Ms. Georgine Gaudes (Van de Mosselaer '83)

"I owe my past, my present and my future to the kindness of those who gave to the bursary fund. It was through their generosity that I was blessed to walk these halls and it has made all the difference."

Christine, SMA Bursary Recipient

SMA's *Marian Awards for Excellence* celebration is one month away and although ticket sales are at an all time high, at over 85% sold, we are still short of our goal to raise \$20,000 in donations for the event. All donations to the *Marian Awards for Excel-*

lence will be directed, in full, to the SMA Bursary Fund, where they are most needed at this time. Donations are eligible for a charitable receipt and will be acknowledged in the program at the event.

Help us to ensure that all deserving students have the ability to "walk these halls" by contacting Georgine Gaudes, Director of Advancement and Alumnae Affairs at 204-478-6030, mobile 204-290-2006 or ggaudes@stmarysacademy.mb.ca. Thank you!

Marian Awards for Excellence

Saturday, May 9, 2015

Mimosa Reception at 10:30 a.m.

Brunch at 11:00 a.m.

The Manitoba Club, 194 Broadway

Tickets \$75 each or two for \$140

Tickets available online

www.stmarysacademy.mb.ca

For information contact Georgine Gaudes at ggaudes@stmarysacademy.mb.ca or 204-478-6030

2015 Marian Awards Recipients



Gwen Buccini ('67)



Carol Hryniuk-Adamov ('72)

From the Alumnae Office



Ms. Amy Houston ('03)

Greetings from the Alumnae Office! I have had a fabulous start to my new role here as Alumnae Relations, Advancement and Special Events Coordinator. During my time as an SMA student, I spent a lot of my time in the gym playing a number of sports and served on our Student Council for two years. I have many, many cherished memories over my six years at SMA and it delights me to be able to be back here, to see firsthand, our younger generations making those same memories and so much more!

Over the past couple of months, since starting my role in February, I have had the pleasure of meeting our parents at various events I have been a part of. As your daughters grow into young ladies during their time here at SMA, I look forward to being a part of that journey with them. As a recent grad ('03) I now understand and value the support of our Alumnae. The Alumnae Association and I are looking forward to welcoming our graduating ladies into this incomparable sisterhood this year. We hope that you will take an opportunity to share your experiences with them about what is to be an alumnae of an organization.

Through the coming months, I will be introducing myself to our graduating classes and working closely with class captains to

put together a beautiful morning for our Alumnae Induction Ceremony on Tuesday, June 2. I will also be at the Grad Dinner and Dance as well as Convocation and I welcome you to please introduce yourself to me at any time. I look forward to welcoming our newest alumnae, Class of 2015, back to SMA at Homecoming this fall on Saturday, September 26 and staying connected with all of our young ladies as they transition into post secondary ventures near or far. If I can pass along one piece of wisdom it is this: "Know that no matter near or far, the spirit and faith of SMA will always remain close by."

My door is always open to our students and parents alike. Our goal is to strengthen the communication among alumnae and continue to build the talents and resources that lie in our vast community of alumnae so we can continue to support the growth of each other, long past our days of graduation.

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Parents' Guild

Mrs. Kristi Cumming

The SMA Parents' Guild final meeting and officer election for the 2015-16 school year will take place:

Tuesday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m. in Durocher Library. Following the meeting, Tina Holland, Director of Education

for the Mood Disorders Association of Manitoba will present to parents on the following topic:

Family matters: What to know about navigating mental health issues - Real Talk and Information for Families from someone who has been there. This presentation takes place from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Please plan to join us!

Volunteer Thank You Reception

Please join us **Tuesday, June 2 between 4:00 and 6:30 p.m.** in the Sheila Chipman Atrium for a come-and-go-cocktail reception. We look forward to seeing our many wonderful Guild volunteers to say thank you for all the amazing work you do!

SMA Corner Store

Come check out our new merchandise for Spring. We will be open during the Summer Uniform Sale on April 21 and the New Student Sale on May 26 and 27.

Corner Store regular hours are Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 12:35 to 1:35 p.m. Cash or cheque only.

TARTAN SHOP

Summer Uniform Sale

Tuesday, April 21, 2015

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Polo shirt, navy or white	\$26.00
Summer skirt	\$49.00
Knee socks	\$ 6.00



SNJM CELEBRATING 140 years IN MANITOBA

The Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary invite you to continue celebrating their 140th year in Manitoba.

Honouring the Arts in Education Sunday, May 24, 2015

1:30 p.m., followed by refreshments
St. Mary's Academy, Alumnae Hall
550 Wellington Crescent

Afternoon includes:

- Dramatic Arts performance of Sister's arrival in Manitoba
- Con Fuoco & Violin Club performances
- Visual Arts display
- Culinary Arts sampling



"For everything there is a season."

Ecc. 3:1

DATES TO NOTE

April 2015

- 15 Euclid Math Contest
- 16 Fryer, Galois & Hypatia Math Contests
- 17 Colour Day
- 21 Summer Uniform Sale: 5 to 7 p.m.
- 22 Earth Day
- 24 2:30 pm Dismissal/Student Centered Mtgs
- 24 Junior Dance: 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.
- 29 Gr. 12 Final Drama Play, 7:00 p.m.

May 2015

- 1 Summer Uniform Option
- 4 Exams Begin
- 5 Parents' Guild Meeting (Elections)
- 8 Colour Day
- 4-8 Art Auction (during lunch hour)
- 12 2:30 p.m. Dismissal
- 13 Gauss Math Contest
- 14 SMA Gr. 7 & 8 Track Meet
- 15 No Classes - PD Day
- 18 No Classes - Victoria
- 19 Late Start: 9:55 a.m.
- 24 Honouring the Arts in Education
- 25 Athletic Awards Assembly
- 26 Leadership Council Carnival - 2:30 to 6:00
- 28 Parent Daughter Mass/Brunch - 8:35 a.m.
- 28 Late Start - period 3 (10:40 a.m.)
- 30 Awards Assembly

Around the Academy



Easter Liturgy, presided over by Father Sam



Spirit Days



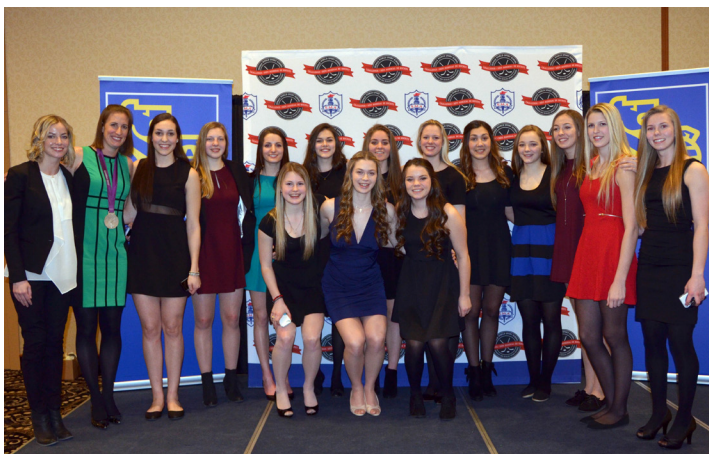
Hess and the Mess performing at Spirit Days



Japan Cultural Exchange, Official Closing Ceremony



Flames High School Hockey Team with Guest Coach, Paul Maurice



Flames Prep team with Jill Coubrough ('06) and Janine Stephens ('01) at the FWSSC Banquet



SMA high school athletes at Track & Field Provincial Championship along with alumnae that compete at the university level