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.

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.

Liturgy 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.

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 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.

Website: 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
Instagram: instagram.com/smawinnipeg
Twitter: 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.

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.

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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 on 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.

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All tryouts held at the Bell MTS Iceplex. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Noel Rautert at nrautert@smamb.ca.

Picture Day
Tuesday, September 10 starting at 9:00 AM

Parents’ Guild Meeting
Tuesday, September 17
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Grade 12 Reflection Day
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Grade 9 Welcome Day
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Grade 7 Camp
September 18-20
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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.

Private Music Lessons
For private piano, music theory or beginner guitar lessons at St. Mary’s Academy, please call Sr. Josephine Chudzik ’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

All SMA Community Members Welcome!

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
Student tickets available for $100 each, table packages also available. For these purchases, contact Kerri Moore (McIvor ‘94) at kmoore@smamb.ca or 204-478-6031

Homecoming Day
Saturday, September 28, 2019
Commemorative Years Brunch
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Ticketes $30 each available at 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