



# Torch Light

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## *Strategic Plan released in 2017 takes the Academy to 2020*

Built on the foundation of our Mission, Vision and Values, the Strategic Plan for St. Mary's Academy defines five key areas that will guide our Students, Staff, Administrators and Boards in the coming years.



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### Editor's Note



Georgina (Gina) Borkofski

St. Mary's Academy's Torch Light magazine is our annual publication for alumnae and friends of the Academy. In these pages you will read about our Strategic Plan, which is a roadmap for the future of the Academy. You'll hear messages from people who are instrumental in leading the Academy and those who spearhead many of the activities and events that we host. We have also reached out to Tom Lussier, who gives you an update on the first year of operation at Gonzaga Middle School. You'll see a snapshot of present day life at SMA in our Around the Academy Section. In the Alumnae and Grapevine sections you'll read about events and activities in the past year, and hear about what some of your classmates and friends are doing now. We enjoy receiving updates from alumnae! Please consider sending us an update of your own for next year's Grapevine section (reach out to our Alumnae Affairs Department with your news). I hope you enjoy this edition of the Torch Light and that you are inspired to continue to Hold High The Torch.

# President's Message

Three years ago when I embarked on my role as President, one of my goals was to grow our Bursary Fund; a fund which allows young women to access a spirit, mind and body education. With the proceeds of two very successful *An Evening at the Academy* events in 2016 and 2017 and with strategic and thoughtful planning of numerous new and exciting fundraising initiatives through our Advancement Office, I am delighted to report that momentum and confidence are building in our SMA community to make this goal a reality. In the spring of 2017 the SMA Foundation Board, through careful analysis, determined that \$1 million dollars must be raised over the next five years in order to be economically positioned to meet future bursary needs. In June of 2017, a generous bursary donation in the amount of \$400,000 was confirmed by a family in our SMA community, exemplifying their commitment to ensure the mission, vision and values of an SNJM education would be accessible for all deserving students. Thank you for your trust in us, let's keep this momentum alive!

With our Strategic Plan officially launched earlier this year, our SMA Board of Directors has carefully and mindfully curated an operational plan for the next 4 years. My focus will be to manage the implementation of the scope of objectives, tasks and timelines of each goal. I am grateful to directors from both Boards, administration, staff, faculty, students and parents who will be instrumental in realizing the outcomes.

Each year we extend best wishes and bid farewell to individuals who have served on either the SMA School Board or the Foundation Board. I am grateful for the commitment and expertise these individuals have shared while serving our Boards and our school. Thank you Mike George, Danielle Fullan Kolton '89, Sarah Byers (Nutting '87), Clare MacKay (Duffy '86) and Susanne Parent '81. Your presence will be missed around the boardroom table, but I know you will continue to be committed to our school and students.

We welcome alumna Kelsey Stevens '11 to our SMA School Board and alumna Joyce Dalmyn '75 along with current parents Cheryl Atchison and Craig Christie to our SMA Foundation Board. Thank you for your willingness to share your time and talent with us!

If you are searching for information about any programs, contacts or activities related to our school, check out our new website, launched earlier this year, at [www.smamb.ca](http://www.smamb.ca). The next two phases of our online expansion include an online store and a portal for SMA community use only (current parents/students/faculty and staff). Many thanks to our Communications Department for taking on this colossal task and for the community's input and feedback during the design stage.



Connie Yunyk (Scerbo '77)

In conclusion, I have been influenced and nurtured by the SNJM since I was 12 years old, when I came to this school in Grade 7. My connection to, and admiration of, the charism, vision and mission have grown exponentially over the years, especially in these recent years in leadership. The charism, mission and vision are the heartbeat of our school and connects the entire community by guiding our actions, decisions and dreams. Thank you Blessed Marie-Rose and the SNJM for this gift!

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'C. Yunyk'.

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## MISSION

St. Mary's Academy is a Catholic school for girls, rooted in the tradition of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. Our mission is to nurture young women in spirit, mind and body, so that each student reaches her full potential as an individual created in God's image.

# Strategic Plan for St. Mary's Academy 2016-2020

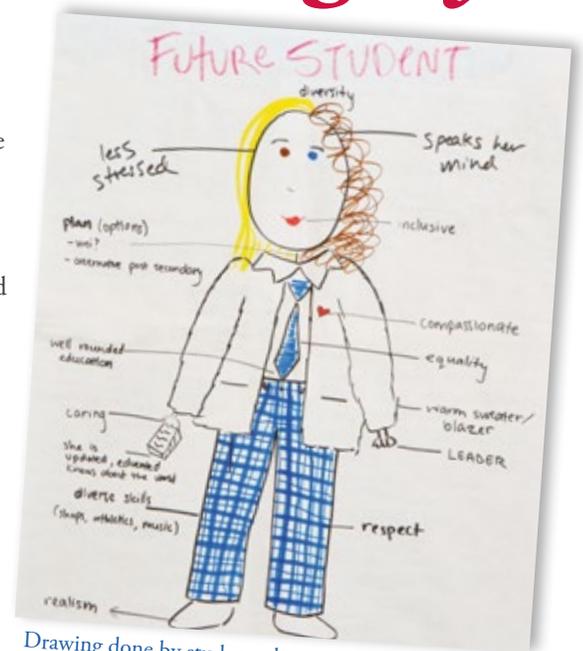
## *Leading, Learning and Legacy*

This past year St. Mary's Academy published its five year Strategic Plan—*Leading, Learning and Legacy*. The Plan is the result of extensive consultation by the School Board of Directors, with assistance from the consulting firm of Community and Youth Solutions. Students, faculty, staff, parents, alumnae, Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, SMA Foundation Board and the broader community were surveyed and interviewed. Additionally, the Strategic Plan Committee studied the evolving world of educational best practices and examined what schools in Canada and the United Kingdom were doing.

Built on the foundation of our Mission, Vision and Values, *Leading, Learning and Legacy* defines five key goals that will guide our Students, Staff, Administrators and Boards in the coming years. With this Plan, the Academy is poised to continue its tradition as a center for educational excellence and faith and spiritual development.

### Goals

Listed below are the five goals, and where applicable, the work that has been done to date. Read the entire Plan at [www.smamb.ca/about/strategic-plan-2016-to-2020](http://www.smamb.ca/about/strategic-plan-2016-to-2020).



Drawing done by students depicting a future SMA girl

### Identity

**Nurture and proclaim our identity as a community of learners who live their faith and spirituality based on the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary Charism.**

- Charism and Mission orientation and formation sessions of all new Board Members, Faculty, Staff, Students, Parents' Guild and SMA Alumnae Board (including retreat days, spiritual/educational journey to Longueuil QC, educational moments at board meetings).
- Re-design and implement Grades 7, 8 and 9 Religious Studies program (Grades 10-12 implemented by 2020).

### Academics, Learning and Innovation

**Prepare students to engage deeply, excel and be lifelong learners.**

- Completion of inventory of academic program by grade and subject.
- Introduction of new high school credit options to better align with post-secondary and workplace requirements, including 40S Economics, 42S AP Psychology, 20S Introduction to Interactive Digital Media and 20G American History.
- Hiring of full-time Academic Advisor to better assist senior students with transition from high school to post-secondary life.
- Support professional development opportunities for faculty and staff in alignment with Strategic Plan goals.

### Well-Being

**Value, promote and sustain the development of lifelong mental, physical and spiritual well-being.**

- Invitation to participate in Well-Being surveys for students, parents, faculty and staff, to suggest best practices and programming moving forward.

### Governance and Leadership

**Govern and lead in achieving our Mission, Vision and Values through clarity, collaboration and transparency.**

- Development of Codes of Conduct for Faculty and Parents and updates to current student Code of Conduct.

### Stewardship

**Foster the Mission of the Academy through responsible and forward-thinking stewardship of its physical and financial resources.**

- Research and conduct a study to assess scope and direction of SMA Archives.



Read *Leading, Learning and Legacy*

[www.smamb.ca/about/strategic-plan-2016-to-2020](http://www.smamb.ca/about/strategic-plan-2016-to-2020)



## Message from Bob Cox Chairman of the SMA School Board

To maintain this legacy, the Board is overseeing the fulfillment of our Strategic Plan to guide the institution under the leadership of President, Connie Yunyk.

The Strategic Plan is an ambitious effort to ensure St. Mary's Academy continues to fulfill its role educating young women in the traditions of the Catholic faith, even as there is less of a direct role by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary as teachers and administrators.

Over the past year, the Board has put in place five ad hoc committees to oversee each of the five goals of the Strategic Plan – Identity, Academics, Learning and Innovation, Well-Being, Governance and Leadership and Stewardship. At least one Board member has been assigned to each area to work with staff and faculty to achieve specific goals.

Much of the work so far has been preparing and organizing for a greater level of activity over the coming year. The Board will keep

all members of the St. Mary's Academy community updated as we move forward.

One area of change will be a renewed approach to student guidance beginning in 2017-2018. A full-time Academic Advisor will have an expanded role working with students to prepare them for post-secondary education.

In well-being surveys completed in the spring, parents, students, faculty and staff provided a tremendous amount of information about how they feel the school can improve.

The Board is grateful for this input. All members of the St. Mary's community can be assured that we will heed the concerns and priorities that they have identified.

Our ultimate goal is the same—to watch every year with pride as graduates demonstrate they are well-prepared to leave the Academy and accomplish great things!

Watching the Class of 2017 graduate in June was a proud moment for all of us connected to the St. Mary's Academy community.

The sheer volume of accomplishments by the young women on stage was impressive. Virtually every one going on to higher education had some kind of scholarship. There were athletic scholarships across the continent in multiple sports.

It was a great demonstration of the good work done by the Academy to prepare its students to take the next steps in their lives and in their communities.

## From the Charism and Mission Office

Our 174 year old SNJM story continues on in many ways. The phrase, “ever-ancient, ever-new” invites us to live the precious gift of our charism in unique and relevant ways today. We are blessed to share this treasure with all those who are in our midst as a Catholic School. Every Catholic institution has one primary goal—to proclaim Christ. At SMA, we do this in so many exciting, innovative and subtle ways. The spirit or charism that animated our foundress Eulalie Durocher (Mother Marie-Rose) and the thousands of women after her is how it has been passed down. The ways this spirit or charism is embodied today is our mission.

This past year, I have spent time informing the staff, students and boards about Charism and Mission in broad terms. The development of Campus Ministry provided

opportunities for faculty and staff to grow in faith through retreats and to participate in *Encountering our Story* (see article on page 11) and welcoming our friends from Holy Names University in Oakland, CA are some concrete expressions of our mission in action. As I reflect back, it was a graced-filled and a typical year of firsts for anything new. As we look to year two, the strong alignment of this office with the Identity Goal of our Strategic Plan will continue to unfold. The explicit formation of new Board members, the creation of Charism Mission Communities for new staff, intentional orientation experiences for new students, and developed units for our Religious Studies curriculum are a few of the highlights for the coming year. The Charism and Mission, though evidenced strongly with the Identity Goal, has a place



Sr. Michelle Garlinski '88, SNJM

in each of our Goals of the Strategic Plan. It is critical to the development of the whole that our identity be woven through our entire community like a seamless garment.

As we continue to stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us, we ask that Jesus and Mary be our Strength and Glory, as we celebrate what was and look to what will be.

# Public Way of the Cross



On Good Friday morning, SMA along with the Archdiocese of Winnipeg Youth and Young Adult Ministry, co-sponsored and organized the 30th annual **Public Way of the Cross**. The theme was *Living Peace through Justice Together*, and special recognition was paid to the 50th anniversary of Development and Peace. This prayerful experience was hosted at St. Mary's Academy and wound along a route from SMA to Wellington Crescent, Yale Avenue, Ruskin Row, Avonhurst Street, Kingsway Avenue, Stafford Street and back to SMA. Six stations along the route offered a theme related to *Living Peace through Justice Together*. Leading the procession, carrying the cross out of the Academy was His Grace, Archbishop Richard Gagnon. Over 2000 people walked the emotional journey and 1400 people viewed the event on Facebook Live. Photos from the experience are available at [www.smaphotos.ca/pwoc](http://www.smaphotos.ca/pwoc).

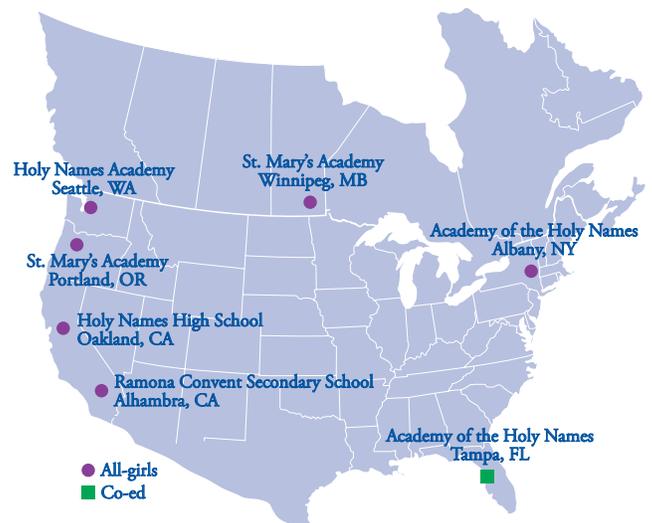
## Network of Schools

Blessed Mother Marie-Rose Durocher led her Congregation to promote education in the faith with a special concern for people who were poor and marginalized. Her dream lives on today in a Network of Schools across North America. These schools include: Holy Names Academy in Seattle, WA, St. Mary's Academy in Portland, OR, Holy Names High School in Oakland, CA, Ramona Convent Secondary School in Alhambra, CA, Academy of the Holy Names in Albany, NY, Academy of the Holy Names in Tampa, FL, and St. Mary's Academy in Winnipeg, MB.

As schools sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary (SNJM), a common Catholic faith tradition and SNJM mission and charism are shared and embodied in key values. The common thread that binds us is to provide excellence

in education, which brings about the full development of the human person. Our schools identify, cultivate and celebrate the talents, abilities and potential of each person: students, staff, faculty, alumnae, trustees/directors and parents.

Presidents and Principals from these schools meet annually, hosted by a different school. Participants pray together, discuss successes, similarities, challenges, timely topics and share comparative data, statistics and information. The goal of the Network is to build strong and professional practices, always respectful and mindful of the SNJM Charism and Mission.



## Gonzaga Middle School

From Tom Lussier, Executive Director and Principal

Thanks to the generosity, commitment and hard work of many people Gonzaga Middle School (GMS) successfully completed its first school year in June. Over the course of the first year, GMS students benefitted from intensive support in reading, writing and mathematics and from many enrichment activities, cultural excursions and other field trips. On average, student reading and writing levels increased by almost 2 grade levels and average mathematics levels by 1.5 grade levels. Students also developed many other new skills and knowledge while also developing a sense of school community and support.

A great first step of the new school's journey as Canada's second Jesuit endorsed Nativity-model school working towards its mission of helping students develop to their full potential, break the cycle of poverty and become leaders for the service of others.

GMS's first class of Grade 6 students was comprised of 17 children. Students are from diverse backgrounds and live in the North End and North East Downtown neighbourhoods.

In September 2017 this class becomes the first GMS Grade 7 class and will be joined

by a new Grade 6 class. Upon graduation, GMS will continue to provide support to students at the high school of their choice, independent or public. However, both St. Mary's Academy and St. Paul's High School have agreed to accept and fully support qualified GMS graduates.



Sr. Michelle Garlinski with students at GMS Grand Opening



# Around the Academy

## People of Hope

Each year SMA identifies a theme which reflects an aspect of the SNJM charism or values. The theme for the 2016-2017 year was **People of Hope**. This focus permeated all aspects of school life and students and staff were encouraged, in the words of Pope Francis, “to find new ways to spread the word of God to every corner of the world”.

Theme for the 2017-2018 school year is **People of Joy**. *Joy is the simplest form of gratitude.* - Karl Barth



## Generations Day



On April 25, 2017, SMA hosted our first annual Generations Day. This was a day for Grades 7 and 9 students to host their generational mentors (grandparents, extended family members or family friends) at our school. Activities included formal speeches, refreshments, fellowship and tours.

## United Nations Commission on the Status of Women

*I am not free while any woman is unfree, even when her shackles are very different from my own.* - Audre Lorde

In March 2017, grade 11 student Soomin Han and Grade 10 student Bethany Kolisniak, along with Junior School Principal, Carol-Ann Swayzie and Religion Teacher, Cecilia Wojcik attended the 61st Session of the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, NY. The priority theme was the economic empowerment of women in the changing world of work. The group attended a variety of sessions including empowering women’s voices in political processes, developing women’s strength in healthier relationships and issues pertaining to indigenous women. The group will be implementing an activity linked to the

UN’s Sustainable Development Goals in the upcoming school year. This trip was made possible through the generosity of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary and Development and Peace.



Bethany Kolisniak, Soomin Han, Cecilia Wojcik, Honourable Maryam Monsef, Minister of Status of Women, Terry Duguid, MP for Winnipeg South and Parliamentary Secretary for Status of Women

# Around the Academy

## Mother Marie-Rose Week

Mother Marie-Rose Durocher, the foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary (SNJM), has a special place in the SMA school community. The week of her feast day (October 6) is known as *Mother Marie-Rose Week*. Students take part in activities that are meant to help them learn more about Mother Marie-Rose, deepen a sense of community and grow in faith. Our week culminated with a school-wide Liturgy and the introduction of SNJM Prayer Pals.



Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, SNJM Associates, Fr. Mike Koryluk and Jade Blando dressed as Mother Marie-Rose

## International Day

The 42nd annual *International Day* took place on November 6, 2016. *International Day* is a time honoured tradition and signature fundraiser for the SMA Parents' Guild which raised over \$21,000 (funds go towards enhancing student experiences at SMA). The event offered delicious ethnic food from 10 pavilions, top notch cultural entertainment, a cash raffle, a variety of artistry in the art auction, wonderful gifts in the rainbow auction and many treats to choose from at the bake table.



## You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

A talented cast and crew of Grades 7 to 12 students staged *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* from December 1 to 3, 2016.

Charlie Brown, Linus, Lucy, Pigpen, Peppermint Patty, Snoopy and the rest of the gang entertained audiences, receiving standing ovations.



## War Memorial Trip



Juno Beach

On March 23, 2017 a group of 23, Grades 10 to 12 History students, accompanied by Mrs. Carol-Ann Swayzie, Ms. Stephanie Zirino and Mr. Jordan Burg, travelled to Europe to tour battlefield memorials and study WW1 and WW2 history. During the week-long trip the group visited: the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, Brandenburg Gate and a holocaust memorial site in Germany; the Dutch Liberation Museum and a Canadian Cemetery in the Netherlands; the In Flanders Fields Museum and Passchendaele Memorial Museum in Belgium; and the Juno Beach Centre, German battery in Longues-sur-Mer, Vimy Ridge Memorial and a Canadian Cemetery in France.

# Spark a Change Dinner

On May 11, 2017 the Human Rights Team hosted *Spark a Change Dinner-Empowering Women*. Three guest speakers, Evelyn Mayanja, Ph.D. Candidate, Jeannette Montufar, Ph.D. and Sr. Lorraine St-Hilaire, SNJM, spoke about women's rights and tangible ways to empower oneself. Net proceeds benefitted SNJM Schools in Lesotho, Africa.



Human Rights Team

## Marian Cup

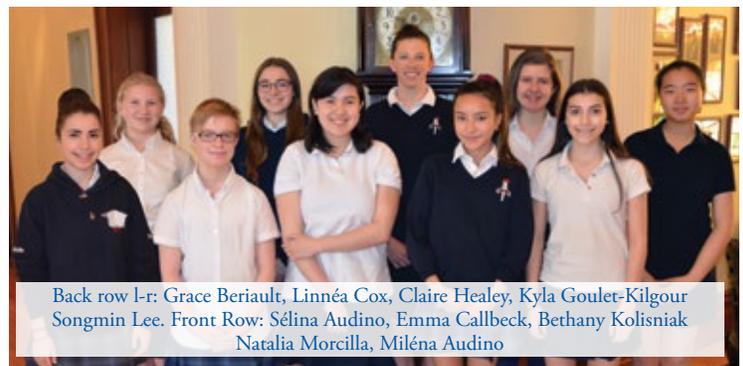
On April 11, 2017, SMA was host to the 5th Annual *Marian Cup High School Debate Tournament*. Featuring three rounds of impromptu debate on the theme of Education, this tournament was attended by seven schools and thirty teams. The team of Linnéa Cox '17 and Anaka Sandhu '17 won the Gold Medal as Top Team. Linnéa was also decorated as SMA's Top Debater, and Top Grade 12 Debater. Anaka won Silver for her second place performance in the Individual Category. The team of Emma Callbeck '19 and Katie Bowman '19 won Silver in the Team Category, with Emma also earning the Bronze as an Individual, and winning Top Grade 10 Debater. The team of Senna Scerbo '18 and Julia Petrie '18 took the Bronze Medal, with Senna placing 4th as an Individual, and winning Top Grade 11 Debater.



Linnéa Cox and Anaka Sandhu

## Concours D'art Oratoire

This spring ten SMA girls competed in the Concours d'art oratoire at the Collège Universitaire de Saint-Boniface. All students did remarkably well with the following students placing in their respective categories:  
Linnéa Cox '17: 1st Place, Impromptu Gr. 11-12  
Séline Audino '17: 2nd Place, Francophone Gr.11-12  
Claire Healey '18: 3rd Place, Late Immersion Gr.11-12  
Emma Callbeck '19: 1st Place, Late Immersion Gr. 9-10  
Bethany Kolisniak '19: 2nd Place, Early Immersion Gr. 9-10



Back row l-r: Grace Beriault, Linnéa Cox, Claire Healey, Kyla Goulet-Kilgour, Songmin Lee. Front Row: Séline Audino, Emma Callbeck, Bethany Kolisniak, Natalia Morcilla, Miléna Audino

## Spring Concert

SMA's music department was pleased to host an afternoon Spring Concert on May 28, 2017. Guests enjoyed performances from Con Fuoco (Performance Choir), Con Spiritu (Liturgical Choir), and the Violin Club. A silver collection supported projects for SMA's annual Mission Trip to El Salvador.



## El Salvador Mission Trip

A team of 18 students and two faculty members, Mr. James Villa and Ms. Maria Martino, journeyed to El Salvador on June 27, 2017 for our annual Mission Trip. They were joined by Mrs. Connie Yunyk, SMA's President, in their final week of the two-week long mission. This was SMA's sixth mission trip to El Salvador; the first three served the community of Loma Linda and the recent three served the community of Huisisilapa. Thanks to fundraising efforts throughout the year and many generous donors, the team was able to purchase materials necessary to build the first phase of a cinder block security wall around the village school.



# Sports

## Volleyball



They did it again! The Flames Varsity Team, coached by SMA teacher Christine Rewniak and Tom Falconer, won the Manitoba High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Provincial Championship for the second consecutive year. The Flames beat the squad from Vincent Massey High School out of Brandon, MB in three straight sets. Jenna Cross '17 and Laura Hill '17 were named tournament All-Stars and Julia Tays '17 was the MHSAA Tournament MVP. Jenna, Laura, Julia and Taylor Boughton '17 were named to the Manitoba Volleyball Association Graduating All-Star team. Laura was awarded the Mike Burchuk Player of the Year Award and Taylor was awarded the Stefan Savoie Memorial Scholarship award.

## Cross Country

The Flames Cross Country teams had a successful year with the Junior High Team (grades 7 and 8) finishing as conference champions; the Junior Varsity team also finished as conference champions as well as Athletics Manitoba Junior Women's Team champions; and the Varsity Team placed second in their conference and were Athletics Manitoba Senior Women's team champions. At the Manitoba High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Provincial Championships held in Winnipeg, our Junior Varsity and Varsity teams competed as a combined team and finished as the MHSAA Varsity Girl's Provincial Champions with a low score of 21 points. The teams are coached by teacher Demetro Danyluk and Rauno Ruus.



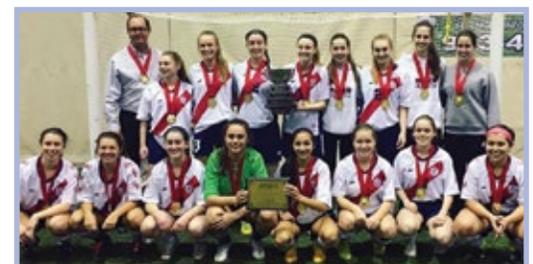
## Golf

In early September 2016 the Flames team of Alexi Cheveldayoff '18, Kate Gregoire '19 and Morgan Steel '18 captured second at the Manitoba High School Athletic Association Provincial championship. This was the team's 10th consecutive year of bringing home either a first or second place banner. After a long off-season the team had a whirlwind spring season participating in five different tournaments. The team, with the addition of Gretta Styles '19, captured the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute Invitational for the 6th consecutive year and won the Selkirk Invitational. The team also represented the school at the Miami Invitational, the Steinbach Invitational and the Buckeye Invitational.



## Indoor Soccer

For the first time in many years the Academy fielded a varsity Indoor Soccer Team in the 2016-17 school year. The Flames enjoyed a successful season and capped it off by winning the Winnipeg Youth Soccer Association High School Girls' A side championship.



# High School Hockey

The Flames High School Hockey team competed in the CTV Division of the Winnipeg Women's High School Hockey League (WWHSHL), finishing third overall. Following the regular season, the team reached the semi-finals of the playoffs for the second straight year. Grade 9 defender, Gabi Dawyduk was named Rookie of the Year in the WWHSHL, CTV Division.



# Prep Hockey

The Flames Prep Hockey team's sixth season featured 32 wins, 20 regulation losses, 2 ties, 2 overtime losses and 1 shootout. Head Coach Larry Bumstead and staff reached a milestone 150 wins over the past five seasons, as the Flames competed as founding members of the Canadian Sport School Hockey League six team Female Prep Division. League weekend games in Penticton, BC, Calgary, AB and Wilcox, SK as well as in Winnipeg were complemented by weekend showcase tournaments in Stoney Creek, ON, Detroit, MI, Wilcox, SK, Morden, MB as well as the tournament we host, the Female World Sport School Challenge in Winnipeg. Stay up to date with the Flames Prep team at [www.smaflamesprep.ca](http://www.smaflamesprep.ca).

# Female World Sport School Challenge

For the fifth consecutive year SMA hosted the *Female World Sport School Challenge*, a Hockey Canada sanctioned tournament. The eight team tournament took place at the Bell MTS Iceplex from March 16-18, 2017.

Participating teams were host St. Mary's Academy Flames Prep, Eastman Selects (Eastman Region, MB), Minnesota Revolution (St. Paul, MN), Northern Alberta Xtreme (Edmonton, AB), Notre Dame Hounds (Wilcox, SK), Pursuit of Excellence (Kelowna, BC), Shattuck-St. Mary's Sabres U-19 (Faribault, MN) and the Thunder Bay Queens (Thunder Bay, ON).

The tournament featured a Saturday night banquet at the Victoria Inn with keynote speaker Jennifer Botterill, three time Women's Hockey Olympic Gold Medalist.

## Final Standings:

**Gold:** Shattuck-St. Mary's Sabres U-19 | **Silver:** Pursuit of Excellence | **Bronze:** SMA Flames Prep

**2018 Female World Sport School Challenge** | March 1-4, 2018 | Bell MTS Iceplex | [www.fwssc.ca](http://www.fwssc.ca) | @FWSSChallenge



# SMA Athletic Banquet and Awards

SMA's annual Athletic Banquet was held on May 24, 2017 featuring guest speaker, Olympic Swimmer Rhiannon Leier. The Athletic Awards Assembly took place on May 31, 2017. Both events recognized and honoured athletes and coaches for the dedication to excellence given to their respective sports.

Of special note are the following awards:

**Nikki Redekop Coach of the Year award:**

Rauno Ruus, Cross Country

**Assistant Coaches of the Year:** Regan Forzley '11,

Connor Forzley '14 and Quinn Forzley '16, Soccer

**Senior Athlete of the Year:** Sierra Sutherland '17

**Junior Athlete of the Year:** Gabi Dawyduk '20

**Team of the Year:** Flames Varsity Volleyball

**Sr. Susan Wikeem Athletic Service Award:**

MacKenzie Kolton '17 and Anaka Sandhu '17

**Sr. Mary Gorman Athletic Spirit Award:**

Lindsay Solmundson '17



Athletics Council with Rhiannon Leier (far left) and teacher advisor Ms. Adriane McElrea (far right)

# Faculty and Staff

Faculty and Staff retirements, farewells, years of service and maternity leaves were celebrated at the annual President's Luncheon at the end of June. The luncheon took place at The Gates on Roblin.

## Retirement and Farewell

**Julie Biggs:** Choral Music Director, 1 year of service

**Jordan Burg:** Humanities and Senior Debate Coach, 21.5 years of service

**Sr. Josephine Chudzik:** Accounting Clerk, 34 years of service

**Wilhelmina Duffy:** School Office Assistant, 13 years of service

**Vivian Epp:** Mathematics and Grad Teacher Advisor, 32 years of service

**Audrey Mireault:** Humanities, SPARK student newspaper and Teacher Advisor, 19 years of service

**Deborah Nickel:** Fine Arts and Pottery Club, 34 years of service

**Michael Saj:** Humanities and Junior Debate Coach, 10 years of service

**Teresa Uruski:** Career Counsellor and Mission Club Teacher Advisor, 13 years of service

## Maternity Leave

**Laura Davey '05:** Simon, born June 16, 2017

**Catherine David (Marquez '01):** Brady, born May 30, 2017

**Sylvia Falconer (Bator '01):** Ellyanna, born April 19, 2017

**Amy Houston '03:** Tully, born December 3, 2016

## Years of Service

### 10 Years

Judy Ashcroft '80

Catherine David (Marquez '01)

Jessica Dyck-Lyons '99

David Morrison

Robert Morrison

Michael Saj

Dana Sigurdson

James Villa

Cecilia Wojcik

### 30 Years

Demetro Danyluk

### 35 Years

Allison Challes



Retirement, Farewell and Years of Service Faculty and Staff

Back Row l-r: Demetro Danyluk, Michael Saj, David Morrison, Cecilia Wojcik, Jessica Dyck-Lyons '99, Jordan Burg, Middle Row l-r: Vivian Epp, Wilhelmina Duffy, Catherine David (Marquez '01), Allison Challes, Dana Sigurdson, Robert Morrison. Front Row l-r: Judy Ashcroft '80, Audrey Mireault, Teresa Uruski, Sr. Josephine Chudzik  
Missing: Julie Biggs, Deborah Nickel, James Villa

## Faculty and Staff who joined the Academy in 2016 and 2017

**Jason Athayde:** Mathematics (MAT Leave), **Jill Boulet:** School Office Assistant, **Eliana Dell'Acqua '03:** Dramatic Arts/Social Studies

**Lindsey Fennell:** Academic Advisor, **Tejal Friesen (Kristjanson '11):** Mathematics/Sciences (MAT Leave), **Katie Friess:** Humanities

**Robin Gacek:** Humanities, **Anastasia Geras:** Choir, **Alfina Grande:** Français, **Giuliana Grande:** Fine Arts, **Alyssa Nabess:** French/Français

**Audrey Ross:** Accounting Clerk, **Meghan Slater (Reid '10):** Science, Economics and Digital Media, **Gina Unger:** Human Ecology

## Encountering Our Story

Since July 2016, eight staff members have travelled to Longueuil, QC to experience the roots of our SNJM foundress, Blessed Mother Marie-Rose Durocher (MMR) and the SNJM community. This pilgrimage to our sacred sites helps us to understand who we are and what our rich history is. During the trip, staff toured the

SNJM Congregational House, Archives, Co-Cathedral where MMR's tomb is and the SNJM Foundation house. They also traveled along the Richelieu River and stopped in at the places of MMR's birth, baptism, ancestral home, childhood school and parish.

SMA staff in the Congregational House Archives ➔



# MARIAN AWARDS



FOR EXCELLENCE

*Hold High The Torch*

## 2017 Marian Awards For Excellence Recipients The Class of 1965, School and Commercial

The Class of 1965 was honoured at the 13th annual Marian Awards for Excellence Brunch, which took place on Saturday, May 13, 2017, at The Gates on Roblin. Former SMA Principal, Patricia Johnson (Burns '67), was the Master of Ceremonies and Sr. Alice Konefall '58, SNJM, introduced the Class prior to presenting them with a Marian Award For Excellence. Lucy Beckta (Stepien) accepted the Award on behalf of the School Class and Maria Anderson (Lannoo), Linda Dalrymple (De Meyer) and Linda Guernsey (Porter) accepted on behalf of the Commercial Class. Twenty-one Class of 1965 members were in attendance at the Brunch. (pictured below). Fifteen classmates who have passed away, were honoured with a candlelight memorial.

The Class of 1965, School and Commercial, epitomize what it means to Hold High The Torch for their generous and continued service and engagement in the St. Mary's Academy community. The bonds they formed through Grades 1 to 12 have stayed strong, and the charisma which was instilled helped the class show deep commitment to their community and their fellow graduates. In 2005, at their 40th reunion, the class decided to give back to the SMA community by establishing the Class of 1965 Bursary Fund—to date they have raised \$57,570.

The kindness which was shown to them many years ago by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary is now being shared with current students who benefit from the Class of 1965 Bursary.



Back Row l-r: Lucy Beckta (Stepien '65), Regina Porth (Cottingham '65), Mary Alice Isaac '65, Maria Anderson (Lannoo '65), Mary Kirkpatrick (Rockett '65), Linda Dalrymple (De Meyer '65), Donna Cadieux (Mathewson '65), Linda Guernsey (Porter '65), Charlette Novak '65. Second Row l-r: Valerie Duma '65, Elizabeth Bacinger (Chudzik '65), Rosalyn Ogilvie (Albi '65), Joy Lussier (Casey '65), Jocelyn Preston (Martens '65). Front Row l-r: Linda Cook '65, Louisa DiNicola (Macario '65), Bonnie Hopps (Johnstone '65), Gloria Bryan (Cuff '65), Bernice Holowachuk (Pronchuk '65), Margaret Birk (Ostermann '65), Lorraine Sebastian (Normandeau '65)

St. Mary's Academy thanks the generous sponsors who supported the Marian Awards For Excellence Brunch and the donors who contributed to the Class of 1965 Bursary Fund.

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Lorraine Sebastian (Normandeau '65)  
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Nedina Stephenson (Jordan '65)

# An Evening at the Academy

- Igniting Hope -

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord,  
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

The Academy’s 2nd Annual Gala Evening, supporting the Mother Marie-Rose Bursary Fund, took place on Saturday, January 28, 2017. Guests began the evening with prosecco and appetizers in the historic 1902 building, followed by dinner in the 1963 cafeteria, which had been transformed into a fashionable dining hall. The evening culminated with entertainment and socializing in the 2013 Sheila Chipman Atrium.

Master of Ceremonies for the gala was Clare Mackay (Duffy ’85). Guest auctioneers, Richard Cloutier (680 CJOB) and Doug Speirs (Winnipeg Free Press) kept the crowd entertained while auctioning eight dynamic packages in the live auction. Winnipeg Blue Bomber, Maurice Leggett, was in attendance and assisted with auctioning the Bomber Bonanza package. Larry Bird, Vice-Chair of the SMA Foundation Board, launched the Academy’s *Legacy & Hope Campaign* (read about this Campaign on Page 27) and 34 guests generously donated \$1000 or more each. Guests also graciously purchased 100 bottles of wine in the “You Had Me At Merlot” wine raffle. Cumulatively, the gala raised over \$90,000 for the Mother Marie-Rose Bursary Fund. The Academy extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported this event.

The 3rd annual *An Evening at the Academy-Lighting Our Legacy* takes place on Saturday, January 27, 2018.



### Mother Marie-Rose Bursary Fund

The Mother Marie-Rose Bursary Fund honours the legacy of the Foundress of Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary (SNJM). Mother Marie-Rose resolutely held a special concern for the poor and disadvantaged, which permeates the SNJM ministry in every setting. The

Mother Marie-Rose Bursary Fund provides tuition assistance to families who do not have the financial means, but who desire an Academy education for their daughter.

### Hosts

Dinner Host	Pre-Dinner Reception Host	Post-Dinner Host	Wine Host	Entertainment Host



SMA student volunteers with Maurice Leggett, Defensive Back, Winnipeg Blue Bombers



**An Evening at the Academy Steering Committee**

Back Row l-r: Kelsey Stevens '11 , Marcia MacKenzie (Maia '92), Kerri Moore (McIvor '94), Pina Aiello, Kathleen Reid, Christina Albi '85, Kelly Moon, Alexandra Logan '06.  
Front Row l-r: Candace Partyka, Georgine Van de Mosselaer '83, Connie Ynyk (Scerbo '77), Gina Borkofski, Clare MacKay (Duffy '86)



Sr. Alice Konefall '58, Sr. Michelle Garlinski '88, Sr. Josephine Chudzik '59, Sr. Lorraine St-Hilaire, Sr. Cathy Laviolette, Sr. Jeannine Vermette, Sr. Marylyn Gibney, Sr. Susan Wikeem '63



Clare MacKay (Duffy '86)–Master of Ceremonies, Larry Bird–Vice Chair, SMA Foundation  
Richard Cloutier–680 CJOB and Global News



Connie Ynyk (Scerbo '77)–SMA President, Carol-Ann Swayzie (van Es '80)–SMA Junior School Principal, Michelle Klus–SMA Senior School Principal



Irene Gartner, Carolyn Meadows (Eva '83) Carla Grom (Wall '83)  
Mary Hower (Smendziuk '83), Mary Shariff '83, Jacqueline Picard '83



Reynaldo Pagtakhan, Mabini Pagtakhan, Olivia Mestito, Milton Mestito  
Irene Mestito-Dao '89–SMA Alumnae Association President



Colleen and Kevin McFadden, Ramona and Todd Thomson



# Alumnae

## Alumnae Association President's Message



Irene Mestito-Dao '89

It has been another amazing year working with the wonderful group of women on your SMA Alumnae Association Board. This past November, the Alumnae Association hosted *Cocktails on the Crescent*, featuring auctions showcasing the works of some local artists, including many SMA graduates. Our guests

enjoyed a lovely evening of art, live music, cocktails, appetizers and desserts in the 1902 building.

The mission of the Alumnae Association is to enhance the connectedness of our alumnae to the Academy. In keeping with tradition, we are hosting *Homecoming Day* on September 30, 2017. The day begins with breakfast for our commemorative years to celebrate and visit with their fellow classmates. The whole SMA community is invited to join us at the Alumnae Association Annual General Meeting at 11:45 a.m., followed by Mass in Alumnae Hall at 12:00 p.m. Following mass, the school will be open for touring and reminiscing. Be sure to join us for tea in the Sr. Susan Wikeem Boardroom on the second floor between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Our *December Celebration and Christmas Tea* will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2017. We are excited to have some new events this school year

thanks to the initiative of some of our younger alumnae, including a professional networking event, *Celebrating SMA Alumnae in Business*, on Thursday, October 26, 2017 and the *Academy Closet Pop-Up Shop* on Saturday, February 10, 2018. We also hope to hold another *Paint Nite* in the spring. If you would like more information on any of our upcoming events, have ideas about how we can better connect with alumnae or want to work with fellow alumnae on the board, please contact Kerri Moore at [kmoore@smamb.ca](mailto:kmoore@smamb.ca).

In SMA's new Strategic Plan, our current students defined a future SMA student as a diverse individual who is compassionate, respectful, well rounded, caring, realistic, one who speaks her mind and is a leader. I am proud to say that these are the characteristics that I see in many of the alumnae that I come into contact with today. Blessed Mother Marie-Rose believed that an entire society could be transformed if the minds and hearts of young women are properly formed. I hope all of you continue to work towards this goal and I look forward to seeing you at our events this year.

Warm regards,  
Irene



**2016-2017 SMA Alumnae Association Board of Directors**

Back Row l-r: Mary Shariff '83, Sandra Martin (Alwis '97), Cheryl Dixon (Memka '89), Stephanie Grabau '07

Front Row: Joanne Steeves (Weight '90), Athena Dinos '83, Lois Bosc (Dusessoy '83), Irene Mestito-Dao '89, Carolyn Eva-Meadows '83, Marcia McKenzie (Maia '92), Christina Tompkins (Woods '90), Amy Houston '03, Alumnae Relations Coordinator

# Homecoming Day

October 1, 2016

Commemorative Years Breakfast Reception | Alumnae Association Annual General Meeting | Mass | Open House





# Alumnae Events

## Cocktails on the Crescent

The Alumnae Association hosted *Cocktails on the Crescent* on Saturday, November 19, 2016. The evening included a Live Art Auction, as well as silent art auctions, featuring pieces of art donated by local artists and galleries. Guests enjoyed live music, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres catered by The Gates on Roblin.



## December Celebration and Tea

Our Annual *December Celebration and Tea* was held on Sunday, December 4, 2016. More than 100 people turned out to enjoy this special SMA tradition of celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with Mass in Holy Names Chapel, followed by a traditional Tea in the Sister Susan Wikeem Boardroom. We hope you can join us this year on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.



## Paint Nite

On March 3, 2017, the Alumnae Association welcomed over 50 alumnae and friends to their second *Paint Nite*. The cafeteria was full of mothers, grandmothers and daughters, enjoying an evening of art, wine and mingling.



# From the Alumnae Office

What an exciting year we have had in the Alumnae Relations office. Summer provides an opportunity to reflect on the year that was, and I've experienced many special moments: I'll always remember hearing the ladies at the 58th Annual SMA Vancouver Chapter Reunion sing the SMA Song (yes we have one!) for the first time. Witnessing the amazingly strong connection among the Class of 1965 as they celebrated the receipt of their Marian Award For Excellence. I also felt incredibly honoured to officially welcome the wonderfully "chill" Class of 2017 into our Alumnae Association at their Alumnae Induction. I feel so blessed to be a part of this vibrant SMA community!

I am most excited for what lies ahead. This year we are *People of Joy*, which is reflected in the events planned for the year. We invite our whole SMA community to join us for **Homecoming** on Saturday, September 30, 2017. We begin Homecoming with a **Commemorative Years Breakfast Reception**, hosted by the Alumnae Association, at 10:00 a.m. in

the Cafeteria. Commemorative years are as follows: Classes of 1937, 1947, 1957, 1967, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997 and 2007. Tickets are \$25 each and available by contacting me at 204-478-6031 or [kmoore@smamb.ca](mailto:kmoore@smamb.ca). Homecoming opens up to all with a celebration of **Mass** in Alumnae Hall at noon. You're then invited to stay for **SMA Alive** (wander the halls, experience the activities taking place and view the fabulous enhancements to the school over the last decade). In keeping with tradition, **Tea and Dainties** will be served—not in the cafeteria, but in the Sister Susan Wikeem Boardroom on the 2nd Floor.

While we continue to celebrate our SMA traditions, we are pleased to introduce two new events this year. Under the leadership of Delaney Vun '03, a Professional Networking Committee was formed in an effort to connect professional SMA graduates, working in various fields. They will host their first event, **Celebrating SMA Alumnae in Business**, the evening of Thursday, October 26, 2017 at SMA.



Kerri Moore (McIvor '94)

The **Academy Closet Pop-Up Shop** will appear on Saturday, February 10, 2018, featuring donated vintage clothing. Katherine Pulak '12 and Committee have organized a vintage clothing drive and have planned a sale here at SMA, with all proceeds benefitting the Mother Marie-Rose Bursary Fund.

We are so grateful for the dedication of our alumnae, Delaney, Katherine and their committees, in their efforts to give back to the SMA community. Watch your inbox for more information about how you can get involved in these fabulous new events.

We hope you can join us at the Academy at some point this year to share in our joy!

Please keep in touch,  
Kerri

## 59th Annual Vancouver Chapter Reunion

### Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, November 5, 2017

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Richmond Guide House, 4780 Blundell Road  
Richmond, BC

For more information contact Darlene Burns (Woerlee '69) at [Darlene\\_burns@telus.net](mailto:Darlene_burns@telus.net)

**All SMA alumnae are welcome!**



### Alumnae Induction Brunch ↑

The Class of 2017 was inducted into the SMA Alumnae Association on June 6, 2017.

### Drinks Under The Dome →

On December 21, 2016 a number of 2016 grads reunited to collect their yearbook and reminisce.



# Grapevine

## 1936

In September 2016, **Marian Greenway (Taylor '36)** travelled to Winnipeg from Victoria, BC with her son Bob, where she celebrated her 80th Reunion at Homecoming. Marian is pictured below in front of her 1936 graduation photo.



## 1937 and 1947

**80th and 70th Year Reunions**  
Members of the Class of 1937 and 1947 are welcome to attend the Commemorative Years Breakfast at Homecoming on Saturday, September 30, 2017. Contact Kerri Moore in the Alumnae Relations Office at 204-478-6031 or [kmoore@smamb.ca](mailto:kmoore@smamb.ca) for more information.

## 1947

**Lillian Caden (Boxer)** provided this update, "I have been enjoying living in a retirement residence for two years. I believe my Catholic education taught me about discipline and respect. Most importantly, it strengthened my relationship with the Holy Spirit—which has been a source of strength to me for 70 years. I keep in touch with childhood friend and classmate Georgina Hodgson (Whitbread). I enjoy receiving the Torch Light because it brings back many fond memories of my high school years. May God bless you all."



Class of 1956

## 1956

The **Class of 1956** celebrated their 60th Reunion with a luncheon at Rae & Jerry's last September. Thank you to Vicky Gretchen (Mihychuk) for organizing the reunion.

## 1957

**Lois MacDonald (Sobey)** is organizing the **60th Reunion** for the Class of 1957, following Homecoming celebrations on Saturday, September 30th, 2017. Please contact Lois at [loismacdonald@mymts.net](mailto:loismacdonald@mymts.net) for more information.

**Marlene Senko (Pettitt)** sent this update, "As a boarder at SMA, I graduated from the Commercial Class in 1957 and worked in Winnipeg for 4 years. In 1961, I married Lorne and moved to Russell, MB. I worked in a law office until our first child was born and then I stayed home with our three children (two sons and a daughter). In 1973, with all the children in school, I went onto a 30 year career as a library technician at our local K-12 school. Life has come full circle as our daughter, Beverly Henry, is a secretary in the SMA school office."



Marlene and her daughter Beverly

## 1957

**Linda Spear** touched base to say: "My last 60 years have been a mixture of study and teaching. After graduation at SMA I finished a BA at St. Mary's College in 1961. I entered a religious community in 1961, made my novitiate and then my first vows in 1963. I taught in Manitoba until I realized that community life was not for me. However, I'm still in touch with the Sisters and we remain good friends.

I finished an MA in medieval history in 1968 and a BED in 1970 at University of Manitoba. In 1970 I left for the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies in Toronto where I finished a license in Medieval Studies in 1974, and then a PhD in the same field at the University of Toronto in 1979. I moved to Montreal where I taught in a Jewish high school for six years while finishing an MA in Pastoral Studies at Université de Montréal. I finished my teaching career with thirteen years at CEGEP Champlain Regional College in Montreal.

I have lived in Sutton, QC, since 1981. In 2010, I was ordained as a Roman Catholic priest. Since then I've exercised my ministry in the Eastern Townships, borrowing an Anglican church for my Masses and other sacraments.

I'm looking forward to our 60th Reunion."

## 1957

**Tatiana Szuflynn** lives in Italy and worked at the Vatican for many years. This year she was back at SMA for the first time since graduating to attend *Generations Day* on April 25 with her great niece Emily Leskiw '20.



## 1963

**Sr. Lesley Sacouman, SNJM**, received the 2017 *Distinguished Alumni Award, Community Service* from the University of Manitoba. Sr. Lesley expressed, "I've never had a plan for what's next. I have a gut feeling, I listen and I respond. I don't know what's next, but I'm ready". Last October Sr. Lesley was the guest speaker at SMA's *Burning Bright Speaker Series*, where she spoke about the transformative power of mercy.



## 1965

The Class of 1965 is planning a 70th Birthday Party over Homecoming Weekend on Saturday, September 30. For more information, contact **Lucy Beckta (Stepien)** at [babalux2@hotmail.com](mailto:babalux2@hotmail.com) or **Margaret Brett (Hetke)** at [mbrett@shaw.ca](mailto:mbrett@shaw.ca).

## 1965

**Susan Marrin (Cucchiarelli)** sent in this update: "I am living in Adelaide, South Australia and have been here for 40 years (my husband is an Aussie). We have a vineyard in the Adelaide Hills and bottle wine under our label, Birdwood Estate.

Prior to retirement, my career was as a high school Physical Education and Geography teacher. I have played sports competitively: volleyball, lacrosse and water polo. My real love is for the outdoors with a special passion for SCUBA diving and instructing, which I have done for over 35 years.

In recent years I travel back to Winnipeg every year to see my Mum who is a healthy 95! Last summer I was lucky enough to meet up with a few girls from SMA. Unfortunately, I missed the 50th reunion."

## 1966

**Dr. Heather MacKenzie** and her husband moved to northern France. They are living happily in the countryside. Heather continues to write and present workshops internationally.

## 1967

Class Captain, **Gwen Buccini (Pucci)** and Committee have planned a number of **50th Reunion** activities over Homecoming weekend. Events include— Friday, September 29: Dinner in the Dome at SMA. Saturday, September 30: Commemorative Years Breakfast and tours of SMA and Dinner at Breezy Bend Golf Course. Sunday, September 30: Mass at Holy Rosary Parish followed by brunch at Mary Claire's home. Please contact Gwen at [gwenbuccini@hotmail.com](mailto:gwenbuccini@hotmail.com) for more information.

**Patricia Patkau (Gargett)** and her husband John, received the 2017 *Distinguished Alumni Award in Lifetime Achievement* from the University of Manitoba. They established Patkau Architects in 1978 and have worked on many high profile projects, including the Millennium Library, the ARTLab and Taché Hall in Winnipeg. Patricia is Professor Emerita at the University of British Columbia and has been a visiting professor at a number of universities in the United States. John has served as a visiting professor at Harvard and Yale. They were made members of the Order of Canada in 2005.

## 1969

**Dianne Barnes (Oram), Marcia Meyer, Darlene Burns (Woerlee), Josette Desquins and Barbara Kroeker (Hornung)** enjoyed visiting at the 58th Annual SMA Vancouver Chapter Reunion last November.



Dianne, Marcia, Darlene  
Josette and Barbara

## 1970

**Sheila Grover** and her husband Gregory Thomas recently launched their illustrated book titled "The Forks: A Meeting Place Transformed", which includes a History of the Forks, details of its transformation from an industrial site to its current status as a centre of culture, recreation, dining and shopping.

## 1973

**Brenda Rusen (Delabbio '73)** attended SMA's 2016 Homecoming with her granddaughter, Annika Holtmann. Annika will start Grade 7 at SMA this Fall. Annika's other Grandmother, the late **Mary-Jane Holtmann (Seier '69)** and mother **Lisa Anttila '95** are also SMA alumnae.



Annika and Brenda

1974



Members of the Class of 1974 enjoyed getting together at Bellamy's Restaurant last Fall.

1977

Plans are underway for the Class of 1977 **40th Reunion**. An event is planned for Friday, September 29 at Mona Lisa Ristorante, as well as the Commemorative Years Breakfast and Homecoming on Saturday, September 30. Please contact **Sally Taylor-Alexander** at [sally\\_alexander@mymts.net](mailto:sally_alexander@mymts.net) for more information.

1979

**Kathy Booth-Smith** retired this past June after a 32 year teaching career at St. Charles Catholic School.

1982

The Class of 1982 are celebrating their **35th Reunion** this year. Plans for Homecoming weekend include a Potluck Dinner on Friday, September 29 and attending the Commemorative Years Breakfast, other Homecoming activities at SMA and a class dinner on Saturday, September 30. Please contact Mary-Ann Mitchler at [mmitchler@shaw.ca](mailto:mmitchler@shaw.ca) for more details.

1985

**L.M. (Lisa) Bryski** is an Emergency Physician in Winnipeg. Lisa published her debut novel, "Book of Birds", in 2016, followed by her children's book "The Harmonica Tree" in 2017.

1987

**Genevieve Michael** attributes her 19 year career with the Department of Justice and Corrections, as their sole policy analyst, to Mrs. Kruk and Mrs. Johnson's English class! Maintaining a fit lifestyle, Genevieve is a Spartan, BattleFrog OCR Ambassador, boxer, fitness motivational speaker and was named the NLT Fit Mom. She was invited to join the men's competitive boxing team in January 2016 at United Boxing Club. Genevieve can be found training, sparring and boxing 6 days a week, getting fight ready. Her son Cristiano, a grade 11 student, is a NLT All Star Athlete and just returned from NCAA D1 International Soccer ID camp where he placed in the top 3. Genevieve is also a volunteer coach with Rock Steady Boxing, a non-contact boxing program specifically designed for individuals with Parkinson's Disease, which was founded by her boxing coach Brandt Butt (SPHS '08).



1987

To celebrate their **30th Reunion**, the **Class of 1987** has a Girls Night Out planned for Friday, September 29, as well as, Homecoming activities on Saturday, September 30. Please check the following Instagram pages for more information: [instagram.com/mrscr07](https://www.instagram.com/mrscr07) or [instagram.com/nenetteinthesarong](https://www.instagram.com/nenetteinthesarong).

1989

**Heidi Reimer-Epp's** daughter, SMA student, Sophie Reimer-Epp '22, won the Royal Conservatory of Music gold medal for grade 5 violin. Pictured is the proud mother and grandmother, **Mary Reimer '67**. Three generations of SMA girls who play the violin!



Heidi, Sophie and Mary

1992

**Marcia McKenzie (Maia)** and Committee have planned a Paint Nite at SMA on Friday, September 29 to celebrate the Class of 1992's **25th Reunion**. Please contact Marcia at [mmaia74@yahoo.com](mailto:mmaia74@yahoo.com) or check out the Class of 1992 Facebook page for more information.

## 1992

**Susie Erjavec Parker** is owner of SPARKER Strategy Group, a Winnipeg based social media and public relations agency. Susie is a frequent speaker and media commentator on the current and future state of social media, having been featured on CBC, CTV, The Globe and Mail and more. Additionally, she is the founder and managing editor of WinnipegMom.ca. She has been married to Jack since 2003 and they have three children, Mike, Sam and Stefanie. Tweet her at @susie\_parker.



## 1995

**Cara Campbell** was appointed Principal of St. John Brebeuf School (SJB) for the 2017-18 school year. Prior to being named Principal, Cara served at SJB as a teacher and then as Vice-Principal. SJB was founded by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary in 1957. Pictured below is Cara with fellow alumna **Julie Mistri** at last September's Homecoming.



Cara and Julie

## 1997

**Sandra Martin (Alwis)** is devoted to her family with whom she strives to spend as much time as possible. Her Social Work career has lead her to work in the area of mediation, in particular, supporting couples through separations. As an Alumnae Association Board Member, Sandra enjoys staying connected to her alma mater and fellow alumnae. She has been busy working on organizing this year's Homecoming celebrations and would welcome the help of volunteers! Contact the Alumnae Office at kmoore@smamb.ca if you would like to get involved.



Sr. Marylyn Gibney and Sandra (left)

## 1997

Plans for the Class of 1997's **20th Reunion** at Homecoming, the weekend of September 30, 2017, are underway. Please contact **Lisa-Marie Buccini** for details at [buccini.lisamarie@gmail.com](mailto:buccini.lisamarie@gmail.com).

## 1999

**Suzan Tetrault (Goritz)** has worked as a Commercial Imaging Radio Producer at Today's Country QX104 and 94-3 The Drive Winnipeg's Greatest Hits since 2004. Suzan and her husband, Rene, were married in April, 2017.



Rene and Suzan

## 2000

**Lisanne Pajot:** In April of this year Lisanne spoke to SMA's Grades 10-12 ELA students about her documentary "Indie Game: The Movie" and using Kickstarter to promote entrepreneurial ideas. Students were given the opportunity to interview Lisanne. Teacher, Mrs. Kendra L , was struck by three key messages from Lisanne throughout the interviews: the project-based learning Lisanne experienced during her time at SMA proved to be valuable in her career, the importance of getting out of your comfort zone and saying yes to opportunities that foster growth and that there is incredible value in being of service to others rather than "just chasing money".



Lisanne (right) with student MacKenzie Kolton '17

## 2001

In February of this year **Andrea Caners (Jasysyn)** spoke to **Catherine David's (Marquez)** Essential Math classes about success after SMA. Andrea shared how her time at SMA prepared her for University and her career in Accounting, and she answered questions from students. Andrea works as Procurement & Payment Services Manager for West Jet and lives in Calgary, AB. This was also an opportunity for Andrea, Catherine and fellow classmate and SMA teacher, **Sylvia Falconer (Bator)**, to see each other and reminisce.



Sylvia, Andrea and Catherine

# Grapevine

## 2003

**Delaney Vun** was recently admitted to the partnership of Fillmore Riley LLP. Delaney is also leading a newly formed SMA Professional Networking Committee, which will launch its inaugural event the evening of Thursday, October 26, 2017 at SMA. The goal of the SMA Professional Networking Committee is to provide opportunities for professional graduates to network and engage with one another. Watch your inbox and check [www.smamb.ca](http://www.smamb.ca) for details.



## 2005

**Danielle Dubois** received the Gold Medal in Law, presented at the University of Manitoba Convocation this spring. Danielle is pictured with her mother, **Monica Dubois (McInnis '81)**.



Danielle and Monica

## 2007

The **Class of 2007** had a wonderful turnout for their 10 Year Reunion celebration at Mona Lisa Ristorante on Thursday, May 18, 2017. Please contact Kerri Moore in the Alumnae Office, at [kmoore@smamb.ca](mailto:kmoore@smamb.ca), for tickets to the 10 Year Reunion Breakfast taking place at Homecoming on Saturday, September 30, 2017.



Breanna Armstrong, Malary Wood  
Erin Ward



Ivanna Lukie  
Samantha Pierce



Gabrielle Demers  
Jaime Prystenski, Stephanie Zirino

## 2007

**Catherine Metrycki's** online flower business, [calliaflowers.com](http://calliaflowers.com), recently won both the Top Prize and People's Choice Award at this year's Innovate Manitoba's Pitch Day.

## 2007 and 2011

**Nikki Hawrylyshen '07 and Dominique Chell '11** were among 23 graduates into the College of Dietitians of Manitoba. They completed a rigorous nine-month long internship and are now recognized as Graduate Dietitians able to pursue full-time employment. Dominique is the daughter of Dave Chell, Senior High Religion and Humanities teacher at SMA.



Nikki and Dominique

## 2011

**Taylor Tataryn** recently graduated from the Police Academy and is now working with the Winnipeg Police Service.

## 2012

**Shauna Matthews** was presented with the medal for the highest standing in the Art History Honours Program at the University of Manitoba this spring. Shauna is the daughter of **Judy Ashcroft '80**, SMA's Executive Assistant to the President.

**Alicia Ogoms** made the Canadian National Volleyball Team early in 2017. Alicia competed with the National Team at the Pan Am Cup in Peru in June. She will go to Trinidad with the National Team to compete in the NORCECA Continental Championship this October. Alicia is pictured with her mother, Laura Kwiatkowski, at SMA's 2016 Athletic Banquet, where Alicia gave the keynote speech.



Laura and Alicia

## 2012

**Katherine Pulak** and Committee are organizing an **SMA Pop-Up Shop**. The Shop will sell donated vintage clothing Saturday, February 10, 2018, at SMA. Net proceeds will benefit the Mother Marie-Rose Bursary Fund. Katherine was also the guest alumna speaker at this year's Alumnae Induction Brunch.



## 2013

**Megan Bourns** received the Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences medal for highest standing in the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Program at the University of Manitoba this spring.

**Natalie Desaulniers** is beginning her second year of studies at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in Saskatoon, SK. Natalie is pictured with her mother, Marie, French teacher at SMA, and her father Marty.



Since graduating from SMA, **Amanda Gilmore** has been pursuing an honours degree in Anthropology with a focus in Archaeology at the University of Manitoba. Her studies have taken her to Scotland where she's participated in three archaeological expeditions since 2015. Additionally, last June she took part in an excavation in Lockport, MB. Amanda was published in the 23rd volume of the Scandinavian-Canadian Journal. Her work titled, "Trees as a Central Theme in Norse Mythology and Culture: an Archaeological Perspective", was the inaugural winner of the Gurli Agaard Woods Undergraduate Publication Award, which was awarded by the Journal organization in May 2016. She is currently working as an archaeology assistant for the Manitoba Government while she finishes her degree.

## 2013

In June of 2017 **Julia Jones** graduated with an Honours Business Administration degree from the Ivey Business School at Western University. Julia moved back to Winnipeg over the summer and is working on a business development project, and looks forward to reconnecting with fellow alumnae.



## 2014

**Danielle Krzyszczyk** is in her 4th and final year at Harvard University, pursuing a degree in Cognitive Neuroscience and Evolutionary Psychology, with the ultimate goal of obtaining a PhD in Clinical Psychology. Danielle plays for the Crimson women's hockey team. She has been sidelined with injuries from time-to-time over the past three years, most recently with a shattered talus resulting from a hit-from-behind while playing against Yale this past January. Danielle hopes to be recovered enough to lace-up for the Crimson again this fall. This past summer Danielle worked as a proctor for the Harvard Summer School, took a class, worked-out with her teammates and did psychology research. Danielle fondly remembers the motto "Hold High The Torch", and continues to be inspired by it.



## 2016

**Kearley Abbott** was named Canada West Rookie of the Year. Kearley is currently a member of the University of Manitoba Bison Volleyball Team, along with her twin sister **Josie Abbott '16** and SMA alumna, **Darby Coughlin '16**.



**Rachel Beazley** has been keeping busy during her first year away from SMA. She is a full-time student in the Faculty of Education at the University of Winnipeg, and she published a book about her experience with mental illness and its associated stigma called "This Is The Day: One Year of Mental Illness Advocacy Through Storytelling". In May, she received a Youth Role Model Award for Courage from the City of Winnipeg. Most recently she has been selected for a national campaign called "Faces of Mental Illness" which is sponsored by Bell Let's Talk. The campaign will involve her participation in a nationwide public service announcement and meetings on Parliament Hill during Mental Illness Awareness Week in October.



# Births

*With joy St. Mary's Academy acknowledges the birth of children to alumnae.*

Leighla Sina-Lynn born October 4, 2016 to **Silvia (Moraca '97)** and Terrence Markewitz  
Lachlan Allan Paige Moore born October 15, 2016 to **Allison Paige '97** and Allan Moore  
Tully Davies born December 3, 2016 to **Amy Houston '03** and Dale Davies  
Claire Frances Elcomb born December 10, 2016 to **Noelle Bowles '91** and Jonathan Elcomb  
Violet Catherine Willer born January 9, 2017 to **Mary-Alex (Puchniak '03)** and Lance Willer  
Ellyana Evelyn Falconer born April 19, 2017 to **Sylvia (Bator '01)** and Graeme Falconer  
Rebecca Jane Steinsvik born May 25, 2017 to **Caitlin (Holtmann '03)** and Randy Steinsvik  
Brady Alexander David born May 30, 2017 to **Catherine (Marquez '01)** and Francis David  
Simon Michael Banias born June 16, 2017 **Laura Davey '05** and Michael Banias

# In Memoriam

*With sorrow St. Mary's Academy acknowledges the passing of alumnae and former teachers. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.*

Beatrice Connell (Barkwell '36)  
Eileen English (O'Connell '38)  
Emily Osborne (Eibner '40)  
Katherine Ritchie Mulholland (MacDonald)  
– attended 1932-1934  
Helen Verville (Martelli '40)  
Glenrose Turner (Macdonell '44)  
Louise Brown  
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Anjane Keagan '97  
Angelique Antaya (nee Stella Valcourt)  
– former teacher  
Maria Carignan, SNJM – former teacher  
Ingrid Pichette (Schniegel) – former teacher  
Dale Swirsky – former teacher

## Bob Ritchie Scholarship

The **Bob Ritchie Scholarship** is for Academic Achievement and Outstanding

Involvement at SMA, as established by the Ritchie Family. The award winner must be in Grade 11 and returning for Grade 12 in the fall, must be an honours student and must be involved in the school community. **Congratulations to recipient Cameron Armstrong.**



## Christine Skublics Scholarships

Each year scholarships are given in memory of **Mrs. Christine Skublics** who was a teacher at St. Mary's Academy and Principal from 1985-1990. The students awarded these scholarships have obtained the highest academic average for their grade level.

**Congratulations to the following recipients:**

**Grade 9**  
Caitlin Marques

**Grade 10**  
Clare Hibbert

**Grade 11**  
Claire Healey



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# BURNING BRIGHT SPEAKER SERIES

*Sharing the Fire Within*

The Burning Bright Speaker Series (BBSS) continued for its 2nd year in the 2016/2017 school year with two enriching presentations by religious members of our community. The purpose of these events was to gather, engage and inspire members of our community by listening to, and sharing in, the life experiences of the presenters.

SMA hosted over 100 attendees at two evening sessions to bear witness to the presenters' journeys.

View video of these presentations at [www.smamb.ca/events/burning-bright-speaker-series](http://www.smamb.ca/events/burning-bright-speaker-series).



### **The Transformative Power of Mercy: Where Do You Stand?**

Sr. Lesley Sacouman '63, SNJM

October 18, 2016

Sr. Lesley gave an emotional and inspirational talk about how mercy has been an instrument of change for her throughout her life. "Where do we stand?" she challenged us all. "Where our feet are planted determines what we see, what we hear and what seizes our imagination."



### **Living the Beatitudes—A Different Insight into the Beatitudes from Jesus' Language**

Fr. Sam Argenziano

May 16, 2017

Fr. Sam presented a profound and inspiring message on the Beatitudes. The lessons from Jesus' sermon on the Mount, as researched by Fr. Sam, reminded us to be the "I can" everyday, and that "everyday is a new creation."



# DEO GRATIAS FUND

*thanks be to God*

St. Mary's Academy's mission is to "nurture young women in spirit, mind and body, so that each student reaches her her full potential as an individual created in God's image." To assist with our Mission, we are pleased to be launching the *Deo Gratias Fund* in September 2017. This Fund will ensure that any economically hindered student will be able to access the necessary financial resources to help her reach her full potential. The *Deo Gratias Fund* will be used for day to day, curricular, extra-curricular and co-curricular expenses to ensure an equitable experience for all students at SMA.

For more information or to make a donation, please contact Georgine Van de Mosselaer at 204-478-6030 or [gvandemosselaer@smamb.ca](mailto:gvandemosselaer@smamb.ca).

# From the Advancement Office

Greetings from the Advancement Office! I am going to attempt to channel Sr. Marylyn Gibney style Irish wisdom into this update (this is quite fitting as she continues to be a part of our community in her office around the corner from the Advancement Department). Sr. Marylyn is active in the SMA community as a prayer pal to students, 2016 Marian Award For Excellence recipient, communications expert in the Alumnae Department and a board member on the Alumnae Association Board of Directors. With the luck of the SNJM Irish on my side, I am hopeful that my report will get a passing grade from Sr. Marylyn!

*"You've got to do your own growing, no matter how tall your grandfather was."*  
Irish Proverb

Like a flower in bloom, SMA is ever growing and you, our community, are water for the students who are planted in our rich and fertile soil. Your watering of the SMA Foundation's funds is evidenced by the addition of two newly named bursaries in the past year, the Puchniak Family Bursary and the John and Cora Wikeem Bursary. Total donations to bursaries, school programs, plant fund and general fund exceeded \$240,800. Because of your generosity, 70 students

## Legacy & Hope

in the 2017/2018 school year will receive bursaries totaling approximately \$320,000.

In response to our students' needs, Advancement grew by adding the **Legacy & Hope** campaign to increase bursary resources in the Mother Marie-Rose Durocher Bursary Fund. **Legacy & Hope** launched in January at the 2017 **An Evening at the Academy** dinner. You fertilized the campaign and it bloomed at the event and continued to blossom with generous donations from new and returning student families and alumnae. Mother Marie-Rose, foundress of the SNJM, prophetically said that by educating and nurturing young women, we can change the world. To date, 89 friends and families have supported the **Legacy & Hope** campaign, and we thank you. With a new annual goal of \$50,000, we hope that you will consider joining



Georgine Van de Mosselaer '83

your community on the **Legacy & Hope** tribute wall.

You were also instrumental in the growth of events this year, with the addition of an annual **Generations Day** event for the generational mentors of our Grades 7 and 9 students. The event was held in April and enjoyed by hundreds of mentors, as they shared the "fruit" of their life experience with our students.

You have nurtured the bloom of philanthropy and today we are sitting in a field of flowers. Your kindness and generosity are humbling. In closing, an Irish blessing and my sincere thanks:  
*May the blessing of the Rain be on you.  
The soft sweet rain. May it fall upon your spirit.  
So that all the little flowers may spring up, and shed their sweetness on the air.*

Kind regards,  
Georgine

## Annual Giving

*We are thankful to the many donors who support the Academy and its mission through our Foundation's Annual Giving program. Your gifts help us in our commitment to provide the necessary resources in order to ensure the highest standards in programs, facilities and student aid.*

*Thank you to the following donors who made gifts between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017.*

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Thank you to the many alumnae who supported the construction of the theatre arts wing at the Academy by participating in our **1000 for \$1000** campaign. You made a difference in the lives of many young women and your commitment to continuing the legacy of the SNJM's focus on the arts is inspiring! The **1000 for \$1000** campaign recognizes one donation between July 1, 2016 and August 30, 2016: Fiona Vowell '16.

# Legacy & Hope

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In September 2016 we were pleased to transition the **1000 for \$1000** campaign to the **Legacy & Hope** campaign, in support of the Mother Marie-Rose Bursary Fund. The **Legacy & Hope** Bursary Campaign honours our foundress Blessed Mother Marie-Rose Durocher and the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. Our commitment is to educate young women in the faith and to encourage the full development of the human person in service to the Church and the world. A donation of \$1000 or more to this bursary fund enables you, your family, your daughter, your organization, or your business to be named on our **Legacy & Hope** wall in the Sheila Chipman Atrium.

Thank you to the following community members who generously supported **Legacy & Hope** from September 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

Scott & Pam Greenlay  
Melissa Harju (Coutu '89)  
Kate Kiernan  
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Georgine Van de Mosselaer '83  
Yunyk Family

*Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of our donor reports.*

*If any errors or omissions have been made, please accept our sincere apologies and notify the Advancement Office at 204-478-6030.*

# Coming Events

## Homecoming: Saturday, September 30, 2017

**Commemorative Years Breakfast Reception:** 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | SMA Cafeteria | \$25 per person

For alumnae from the Classes of 2007, 1997, 1992, 1987, 1982, 1977, 1967, 1957, 1947 and 1937.

For more info or to buy tickets, please contact Kerri Moore (McIvor '94); kmoore@smamb.ca or 204-478-6031 before September 22nd.

**SMA Alumnae Association Annual General Meeting:** 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Alumnae Hall

**Mass:** 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Alumnae Hall

**SMA Alive and Tea:** 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | Tour the school and have tea in the Sr. Susan Wikeem Boardroom. Everyone welcome!

## Celebrating SMA Alumnae in Business

**Thursday, October 26, 2017 | 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. | Sheila Chipman Atrium**

You are invited to SMA's first-ever alumnae business networking event. Engage with fellow alumnae over hors d'oeuvres and wine and hear from Susie Erjavec-Parker '92 on her entrepreneurial success, as well as practical advice on social media and digital marketing.

## International Day

**Sunday, November 5, 2017 | Mass at 10:30 a.m. | Pavilions open at 11:30 a.m.**

Celebrate the diversity and culture of the SMA community while enjoying a variety of ethnic food, live entertainment and a bake sale.

## Vancouver Chapter of SMA Alumnae: 59th Annual Potluck Luncheon

**Sunday, November 5, 2017 | 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Richmond Girl Guide House, 4780 Blundell Road, Richmond, BC. For information contact Darlene Burns (Woerlee '69) at darlene\_burns@telus.net.

## Cinderella – High School Drama Production

**Thursday, November 30, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. | Friday, December 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. | Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.**

Tickets available this fall from [www.smamb.ca](http://www.smamb.ca).

## December Celebration and Christmas Tea: Sunday, December 3, 2017

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass:** 11:00 a.m. | Holy Names Chapel

**Christmas Tea following Mass:** Sr. Susan Wikeem Boardroom

Donations of non-perishable food items, new hats, mitts and scarves, or monetary donations will be accepted and donated to Rossbrook House.

## Drinks Under the Dome

**Wednesday, December 20, 2017 | 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

Grads from the Class of 2017 gather in the Sr. Susan Wikeem Boardroom to share a Christmas beverage and snacks, pick up their yearbooks and take the opportunity to get their classmates' autographs. Please use the 550 Wellington Crescent entrance.

RSVP to Kerri Moore (McIvor '94) at kmoore@smamb.ca or 204-478-6031.

## An Evening at the Academy – Lighting Our Legacy

**Saturday, January 27, 2018 | Cocktails at 5:30 p.m., Dinner and Live Auction at 7:00 p.m. | St. Mary's Academy**

An Evening at the Academy is a progressive dining experience that will take you through time and space within SMA's historic walls.

Cocktails and appetizers in the 1902 facility, dinner in the 1963 wing and dessert and music in the 2013 Sheila Chipman Atrium.

Tickets on sale on October 2, 2017 from [www.smamb.ca](http://www.smamb.ca). For information on sponsorship opportunities, contact

Georgine Van de Mosselaer '83 at [gvandemosselaer@smamb.ca](mailto:gvandemosselaer@smamb.ca) or 204-478-6030.

## Academy Closet Pop-Up Shop

**Saturday, February 10, 2018 | 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Sheila Chipman Atrium**

Enjoy an afternoon of vintage clothing shopping, visiting and refreshments. Donations of gently used women's clothing are being accepted at the Wellington Crescent entrance of the Academy during regular school hours. All proceeds of the sale benefit the Mother Marie-Rose Bursary Fund.

For more information, contact Kerri Moore (McIvor '94) at kmoore@smamb.ca or 204-478-6031.

## Generations Day

**Tuesday, April 17, 2018**

Generational mentors of Grades 7 and 9 students gather for a special two hour event which includes refreshments, a special activity with their student and a tour of the school.

## Marian Awards for Excellence Celebration

**Saturday, May 12, 2018 | Reception at 10:00 a.m. | Brunch to follow at 10:30 a.m.**

The Gates on Roblin, 6945 Roblin Blvd.

Tickets are \$75 each and will be available from [www.smamb.ca](http://www.smamb.ca) early in 2018.

## Burning Bright Speaker Series

**Thursday, May 17, 2018 | 5:30 p.m. | Sheila Chipman Atrium**

Tickets are \$20 by reservation from Georgine Van de Mosselaer '83 at [gvandemosselaer@smamb.ca](mailto:gvandemosselaer@smamb.ca) or 204-478-6030.

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*Dinner at 7:00 p.m.*

*St. Mary's Academy, 550 Wellington Crescent*

Proceeds benefit St. Mary's Academy Bursary Fund

Tickets: \$190 each

Black Tie Optional

Tickets available October 2, 2017, from [www.smamb.ca](http://www.smamb.ca)



## St. Mary's Academy 2017 Dramatic Arts Performance

### *Cinderella*

Showtimes

Thursday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 2 at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets \$15 each

Available this fall from [www.smamb.ca](http://www.smamb.ca)



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*Save the date for our Birthday Party!*

**Friday, September 27, 2019**

Victoria Inn, Winnipeg, MB