

What's the **GOOD NEWS**... "*No prophet is accepted in a prophet's home town*" (Luke 4:24). Well, what does that mean? If a prophet speaks the truth even when it is not popular and makes Jesus more present by their words and actions; most people don't want to be challenged or made uncomfortable. The "home town" is not just a city. It might be among our friends, in a classroom, our family or in the staff room. Truth for a prophet is not their personal truth (their opinion) it is Gospel truth – the ways of Jesus. Jesus was never about himself. He was about love and justice, and rooted in prayer. Who are the prophets in my life? What is it about the Gospel that challenges me?

Charism Corner...MMR was committed to education and justice. Charity responds to an immediate need and justice can change a system. The commitment to making a difference through systemic change is as critical now as it was then. One way we work for justice is through SNJM Corporate Stands. A Corporate Stand in a congregation is not just a suggestion and everyone says yes, then it is never talked about again. On the contrary, it is proposed, researched, voted on and then ways to implement and live out the corporate stand are created for the congregation and all affiliated with it. So this week we will learn more about Human Trafficking as a SNJM corporate stand. Consider this statement *"Today, as in the past, slavery is rooted in a notion of the human person which allows him or her to be treated as an object...Whether by coercion or deception, or by physical or psychological duress, human persons created in the image and likeness of God are deprived of their freedom, sold and reduced to being the property of others. They are treated as means to an end." (Pope Francis, 2015) This week think about; "Have you ever experienced yourself using another person as a means to an end?"*

FROM THE SCHOOL:

Campus Ministry Breakfast Club: Calling all CM reps! Our next CM Breakfast Club is on **Friday, February 8** at 7:50am, in the Old Aud. Please remember to bring a snack to share!

MANITOBA ALIVE - GRADES 10 & 11:

Learn more about volunteerism and make connections with other youth leaders. Grade 10 & 11 students are invited to submit their application to be attend the Manitoba A.L.I.V.E. Leadership Symposium held here at SMA March 14-16. Application deadline is February 15. See <u>www.manitobaalive.ca</u> to submit application.

Course Selection for 2019-2020:

Grades 8-11 students and parents can now log into PowerSchool <u>https://smamb.powerschool.com/public/home.html</u> and choose courses/electives for next year. Please ensure that you are choosing the grade you will be going into in the Fall. The course registration screen will be open until the end of the day TODAY. If you need any help, please see Mrs. Henry in the school office or email <u>bhenry@smamb.ca</u>.

GRAD PHOTO RETAKES:

The website is now open to sign up for Grad Individual Photo retakes on February 20. Please note there is a \$20 sitting fee.





"I Love to Read" month is kicking off this week with our annual book drive. We are looking for gently used books at all reading levels to donate to Inner City reading programs. Let's see if we can reach 1400 books this year! Be sure to drop off your books in the correct box in the library and check out the other exciting events happening this month!

Survivor:

Are you ready for a drama-filled fiction? Survivor 2019 has officially started! These candidates are our favorite heroines ranging from Artemis Fowl, Sailor Moon, and even the famous Harry Potter himself! The fierce competition began on February 4th and will end on February 22nd. Vote on who shall leave the island and who shall reign as Ultimate Fantasy Survivor!

SPRING BREAK 2020 EUROPE TRIPS:



Attention all current grades 9, 10, and 11 students. There are two different travel opportunities being offered for next year at spring break. There will be a parent/student info evening on February 12 at 6pm. See Ms. Gacek (London) or Mr. Villa (Germany/Switzerland) for more details.

CLAY CLUB:

Clay Club Starts on March 6th and goes until May 8th every Wednesday after school in the Art Lab From 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. There is a \$30.00 Lab Fee which pays for all the clay and glazes. Please see Ms. Grande in the Art Lab to sign up. "Come Make Something Out of Clay And Have A Real Good End to Your Day!"

YEARBOOK-ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES:

This year the yearbook is collecting your grad quotes via a google form. the link is <u>http://goo.gl/forms/el4Gxw2HCnESUptR2</u>. We have a firm deadline of February 28 and no late entries will be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.

POSTER CONTEST - GRADES 7 AND 8

In recognition of Burn Awareness week in Manitoba (Feb 3 - 7, 2019); the office of the Fire Commissioner and the Manitoba Firefighters' Burn Fund invite all grade 7 and 8 students to submit original artwork featuring fire and burn prevention safety messages for a provincial poster contest. Prizes will be awarded to four students. Winners will receive a \$200 gift card for the LEGO store, safety materials for their classmates and teacher as well as a cash prize from the Firefighters' Burn Fund for their school. Details are on the bulletin board by Mrs. Swayzie's office. Deadline to submit is April 2, 2019.

SPECIAL LANGUAGE CREDITS/AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE:

Applications are available in the school office. Deadline for Special Language Credit is February 11 and the deadline for American Sign Language is April 12.

CAREERS:

Grade 11 & 12 Panel Interviews Thursday, April 4th

St. Mary's Academy wants to offer an authentic chance for students to develop career readiness skills, practice professional interview skills and receive practical and individualized advice. Students portfolios should include a resume and a small body of work that documents skills and experiences. Students must RSVP by March 12th using the Office Forms Survey



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Want help with your resume or portfolio?!? Tues, March 5th (Day4)<u>Ms. Fennell</u> Lunch Help Lab 210 Thurs, March 7th (Day 6) <u>Ms. Fennell</u> Lunch Help Lab 210

More info@ https://lfennell2.wixsite.com/mysite OR Yammer: SMA University Guidance + Grade

SERVICE LEARNING:

The **Autism Learning Centre** is looking for volunteers to help with their upcoming Spring Break Camps for Children 5 - 12 years old. March 25 - 29, 2019 from 9:00 - 4:00 p.m. Volunteers will be helping/assisting the instructors and other duties will follow. Please contact Amy Allen at the Autism Learning Centre Telephone: (204) 226-7247 or email: <u>info@autismlearningcentre.ca</u>

** See the Service learning Board by Sr. Michelle's office for more information

