

# Newsletter

Information for St. Mary's Academy parents and friends

# NEWS

February 2013

## Director's Message

Sister Susan Wikeem



Last week SMA was honoured to host the inaugural **Female Sport School Challenge**, an eight team Hockey Canada sanctioned tournament featuring

top prep teams from across Canada. We are very proud of our SMA Flames Prep team, in its second season, that played very competitively against well established teams narrowly missing the medal round. Thank you to our sponsors and the many parent, student, and alumnae volunteers who made the tournament possible.

Also last week we received special visitors – members of the General Administration of the **Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary**. After their visit they had high praise for our staff and students and words of encouragement for our work at SMA. They even made time to attend the opening ceremony of the hockey tournament and the Flames game against Okanagan Hockey Academy. For Sister Bathilda, who comes from Lesotho South Africa, this was her first hockey experience but she quickly caught Flames fever!

In a few short weeks it will be time to re-register for the 2013-2014 school year. Re-registration information and forms will be emailed to you. I ask for your cooperation in attending to the matter promptly once you have received the documentation. We delay accepting new students until we confirm vacancies. Most families will remember the anxious days waiting for the acceptance letter.

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Opening ceremonies at the FSSC

## Principal's Message

Mrs. Connie Yunyk



It is difficult to believe that we are past the midpoint of our school year and yet there is so much left to do! Highlights from the past few weeks include the

distribution of your daughters *February Academic Report Card*, *Parent-Teacher Conferences*, *Parent Information Session on Adolescent Emotional and Social Development* (notes posted on our website) and

hosting the inaugural *Female World Sport School Challenge*. All this is possible with the assistance and attention of our faculty, staff and parents. Thank you!

As we continue to roll out this year's program, plans for the 2013-2014 school year are also under way. This includes drafting the school calendar, re-registration of current students and the admission of new students to our school community.

### Highlights for the next few weeks

- **Option and Program Information Sessions** for students currently in Grades 8 -11 on Monday, March 4. Parents are encouraged to review the Option Sheet with their daughter(s) before signing

and returning it to the school office. Ms. Uruski, our Career Counselor is available to answer questions and provide guidance.

- **The Heritage Fair** will take place at the school on Thursday, March 7.

- **SMA Musical Production** *Anne of Green Gables*, directed by Ms. L. Davey and produced by Mrs. M. Franz is in full rehearsal mode and promises to be very entertaining; kindly support our students by purchasing your tickets early for our shows on April 12, 13 or 14.

Keeping our students focused on their school work and commitment to school clubs and teams is essential over the next few months. Parental support plays an important role to the successful completion of this school year. God Bless!



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## Dramatic Arts

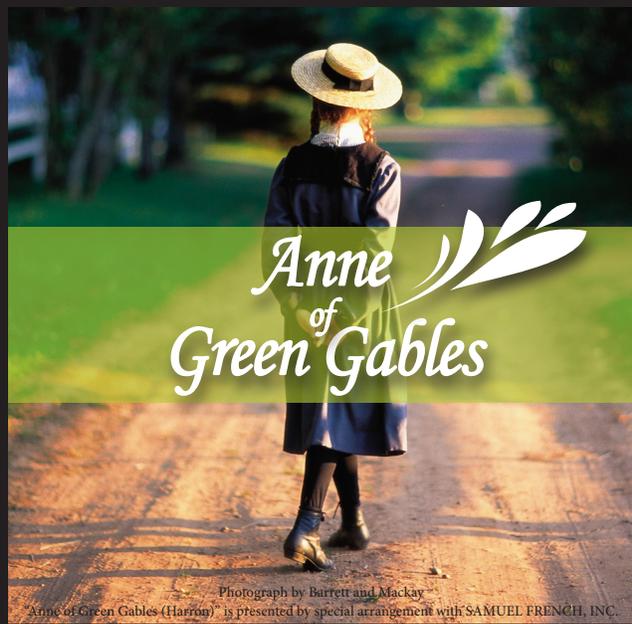
Mrs. Martha Franz

### SMA's Spring Production: Anne of Green Gables

The grades 7 to 12 students at St. Mary's Academy will be presenting their musical production of Harron's *Anne of Green Gables* this spring. The director of the show is SMA theater alumna, Laura Davey.

Students are busy with rehearsals all over the school in anticipation of our new theater wing opening in March.

*Anne of Green Gables* will be performed on:  
Friday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, April 14 at 2:00 p.m.



*Anne of Green Gables* (Harron) is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.

Photograph by Barrett and Mackay

**Come see this classic Canadian story and meet Anne with her fiery red hair**

*"I thought nothing could be as bad as red hair. Green is ten times worse."*  
- Anne Shirley

A  
St. Mary's Academy  
Production

#### SHOW TIMES

Friday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, April 14 at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$12

Available at St. Mary's Academy  
550 Wellington Crescent  
Winnipeg, MB R3M 0C1  
www.stmarysacademy.mb.ca

204-477-0244

anne@stmarysacademy.mb.ca

Assigned seating



ANNE OF GREEN GABLES  
Book by Donald Harron  
Music by Norman Campbell  
Adapted from the novel by L.M. Montgomery

## Campus Ministry

Ms. Michelle Garlinski

Well, here we are in Lent!

We had a wonderful shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras morning. With record numbers of participants, amazing cooks and serving team we bid farewell to Ordinary Time.

We celebrated a first on Ash Wednesday - our service was in the gym and it was amazing! Thank you to all who "stepped up" to help make it so prayerful; staff, students, campus ministry team, Con Spiritu, Sarah Mulhall (our leader of prayer) Dayna Konopelny (who preached).

Our focus this Lent is to **Live Like This** (based on the song/video by Sidewalk Prophets). If Jesus is who we follow and

love, then our challenge and invitation is to live like he did, especially as we journey to the cross and resurrection.

**During Lent we offer the following:**

**Wednesdays:** Morning Prayer

**Tuesdays:** 15 minute Pause and Pray moments

**March 15 and 18:** celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation

### Looking ahead

We are excited to be journeying to the Yakima Valley, WA this June with a team of students to experience service and ministries that are supported or served by SNJM Sisters and Associates in that region.

Blessings on your Lenten Journey!



Shrove pancake breakfast

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## Heritage Fair

Mr. Michael Saj

**Thursday, March 7, 2013**

The *Heritage Fair*, an annual event at SMA, is fast approaching. All students in Grades 9 and 11 participate in the Fair.

This year the Grade 11 students will be focusing on the topic of the *Industrial Revolution*, and once again, the Grade 9 students may pick any topic to do with *Canadian History*.

### Volunteers Needed

The Fair is a wonderful endeavor and an opportunity that SMA cannot offer

our girls without the help and support of volunteers from our SMA community.

Please consider being a judge, or mentioning it to a friend or family member who may be interested.

No prior experience is necessary as all judges will be briefed beforehand. Judges judge displays the morning of March 7 and are then invited to a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. If you have a child who is a student in either Grade 9 or 11, indicate the year that your daughter is in and we will arrange to have you judge the alternate grade.

To assist us with our contact list, please RSVP to Michael Saj at [heritagefair2013@gmail.com](mailto:heritagefair2013@gmail.com) by March 1st.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the Fair!

### Dates To Note

#### February

27th Grade 9 Immunization

#### March

1st Option meetings (students)

7th Heritage Fair

8th Option Sheets Due

11th Classes start at 9:50 a.m.

18th Re-registration Due

20-22nd Special Events Spirit Days

25-29th Holy Week/Spring Break  
No Classes

#### April

1st Easter Monday, No Classes

2nd Classes Resume

3rd Easter Liturgy at 8:30 a.m.

10th Career Symposium, Gr. 10

12th 12:35 pm dismissal, no  
afternoon classes

12-14th Drama Production, Anne of  
Green Gables

19th Junior Dance

19th Mission Colour Day

26th Classes begin at 9:50 am

## Choral Music

Mrs. Mary Morton



Con Spiritu and Con Fuoco perform at Residence Despina for the 2012 Christmas Concert

St. Mary's Academy has two choirs. Our liturgical choir, *Con Spiritu*, has 38 singers, and 5 instrumentalists who minister to the community at school masses, prayer services, and every Wednesday morning at our 8 am liturgies in Holy Names Chapel.

The school's performance choir, *Con Fuoco*, is made up of 22 singers who

are earning a provincial credit in choral music.

On December 19, both choirs combined for a wonderful Christmas concert at Residence Despina where, among others, many of our retired SNJM teachers now reside. We thank Residence Despina for its hospitality and look forward to celebrating there again.

### Spring Concert

Con Fuoco will be presenting a spring concert called "*Just Us*" in our newly refurbished Alumnae Hall on Sunday, April 28 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00/person and will be available from Mrs. Morton (204-477-0244 ext. 437) beginning April 1.

We hope many members of our school community will join us to share an afternoon of secular and sacred music, followed by refreshments. The concert also provides us with an opportunity to recognize the many ways in which our school community is engaged in acts of social justice ("Just Us"), and the people spearheading those projects.

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## Mission Club

Mrs. Linda Dart

This year the leadership team of the St. Mary's Academy's Mission Club decided to focus on charities and organizations started by or supported by the *Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary* (SNJM). Our goal has been to educate the students about the charities we support by highlighting one charity every month.

### Charity of the Month

**September 2012:** Esther House

**October 2012:** Rossbrook House

**November 2012:** Villa Rosa

**December 2012:** Immaculate Conception Drop-In Centre

**January 2013:** Holy Names House of Peace

**February 2013:** Next Step Program for recently released prisoners as well as our foster child, Rudy, who lives in Ecuador.



A few of the Mission Club members and Mrs. Dart preparing Christmas Hampers for distribution

Response to the needs of these charities has been good. Over five hundred individual hampers were donated by students and staff for the clients of the *Immaculate Conception Drop-in Centre* at Christmas. In addition, the members of the Leadership Council made cookies to supplement the lunch on hamper distribution day. Many classes have held in-class fund raising events to raise at least \$1.00 per student per month. Three color days have raised about \$3,300.00 to be distributed.

In October speakers from our favorite charities came in on a Saturday to educate the members of the Mission Club about their organizations. This was very enlightening and helped us realize that the need

for help is great in the City of Winnipeg as well as throughout the developing world.

This month the members of the Mission Club are collecting signatures on a petition to send to Mr. Vic Toews expressing concern over the government's decision to cancel salaries to part-time chaplains such as the one that supports the clients of the *Next Step Program*.

In May, together with other groups in the school, we are helping to organize a special day for all St. Mary's students dealing with issues of justice. So far, it has been a busy and rewarding year.

## Career Counseling

Ms. Teresa Uruski

### Gr. 12 Post-Secondary Planning

Grade 12 students are reminded to check the SMA Career Information website for regular updates on admission/scholarships/presentations.

#### Note the following deadline:

March 1, 2013: Early Application Deadline for the University of Winnipeg.

Students who are applying out of province are also reminded to email Ms. Uruski ASAP with the information of where their official school transcript needs to be sent.

### Gr. 11 Post-Secondary Information Sessions

#### Campus Tour

Grade 11 students attended the University of Manitoba Info Days on Feb 20th. This event offered students the opportunity to tour the U of M Campus and to find out more about the programs offered at the university. The students also received information about the advantages of becoming an affiliate of St. Paul's College at the University of Manitoba.

### Gr. 10 Career Development Classes

All Grade 10 students started their Career Development Classes in February. They also had an opportunity with their parents to meet with representatives from the Universities of Manitoba and Winnipeg

and Red River College as part of SMA's annual Post Secondary Information Evening.

Students will be attending the *Rotary Career Symposium* on April 10th where they will spend the day learning about a variety of career and additional post-secondary educational opportunities. This activity is mandatory for all Gr. 10 students and further information along with the permission form will be provided to your daughter in March.

A very *BIG thank you* to the Parents' Guild for its generous donation this year which will pay for our transportation to the Symposium.

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## Parents' Guild

Mrs. Kathleen Reid

### International Day Meeting

International Day has been successfully drawing participation from the St. Mary's Academy community of students, family and alumnae since its inception in November 1975. In addition to headlining annual Guild fundraising and community building, International Day has become an integral part of our SMA traditions. The last three years, International Day has

been spear-headed by a tremendous team of volunteers led by Bonnie Cadieux and Yolande Franzmann. While acknowledging the great success of International Day, there are also some challenges. One challenge in particular is the Guild's ability to recruit and retain volunteers in lead positions.

Given its importance to the SMA community, the Guild feels it is time to step back and review International Day by holding a special meeting. At this meeting, we will begin by reviewing the Guild objectives and receiving a short history lesson on the evolution of International Day from Sister Susan. Following this introduction, Yutta Fricke, one of our

school parents, will facilitate a group discussion to explore what we like best about International Day, the challenges we are facing and possible solutions.

### International Day Meeting Wednesday, February 27, 2013

**Dinner:** 6:00 p.m.

**Meeting:** 7:00 p.m.

**RSVP:** Jackie MacFarlane at:  
larryandjackie@shaw.ca

RSVP for dinner accepted until noon on Feb 27th.

All parents are welcome to attend this special Guild meeting to discuss International Day.

## Volunteer Needed

The *Hospitality Team* at St Mary's Academy is currently looking for a Chair to coordinate various events at SMA.

There are about 6 events per year. Examples include staff appreciation and the graduation reception.

If interested or if more information is required please contact:  
Janice Beveridge at 204-489-0696 or  
janicebeveridge@hotmail.com

## Cornerstore

Come and see our wide variety of SMA sportswear and keep your eyes open for new SMA merchandise arriving at the Spring/New Student Sale.

Don't know what to do with your daughter's old uniforms? Donate them to the cornerstore.

### Hours of Operation

Open everyday except Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

### Payment methods accepted

Cash and cheque

## Tartan Shop

### Summer Uniform Sale

**Monday, April 29, 2013**

**5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Summer uniforms may be worn starting **Wednesday, May 1, 2013**. Details on the summer uniform may be found in the 2012-2013 student agenda.

All students who wish to replace or add to their summer uniform are encouraged to attend this sale.

### Hours of Operation

Fridays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Last day the Uniform Shop is open for the school year is Friday, May 31, 2013.



*Saturday, May 11, 2013 at the Manitoba Club, 194 Broadway.  
Mimosa reception at 10:30 a.m. followed by brunch at 11:00 a.m.*

*Tickets: \$65 per person*

For more information or tickets, contact Andrea Cibinel at:  
204-478-6031 or acibinel@stmarysacademy.mb.ca

### 2013 Marian Award Recipients



**Dr. Leisha Strachan**  
(SMA '92)



**Janine Hanson**  
(SMA '01)

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## Around the Academy



Flames Prep team at the FSSC banquet



SMA Angels on the Bridge



Mrs. Morton in the chapel with Gr. 7's



Sr. Susan, recipient of Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal



Sara Orlesky & Jennifer Botterill at the FSSC banquet



Varsity Basketball



High School Hockey



Open House



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