

Newsletter

Information for St. Mary's Academy parents and friends

NEWS

June 2016

President's Message

Mrs. Connie Yunyk (Scerbo '77)



At our recent Parent and Daughter Mass for our graduating students on June 2, our presider Father Michael Koryluk ended his homily by sharing a quote from Mother Teresa: "Reach high, for the stars lie hidden in your soul! Dream

deep, for every dream precedes the goal!" Indeed a genuinely thoughtful message as our young women in Grade 12 prepare for their final days at SMA. I congratulate you and wish you life's choicest blessings.

June is also a time to say goodbye to several faculty and staff members. After an incomparable and stellar thirty year teaching career at SMA, Ms. Joy Beauchamp has decided to retire. We will miss her professionalism, dedication and creativity, yet are thrilled she will be spending time with her family and enjoying life! We also say farewell to the following individuals who have decided to leave our school community: Mr. Roby Yeung (science teacher), Mrs. Barb Batulla (educational assistant), Mrs. Mary Morton (Con Spiritu liturgical choir), Miss Michelle Allard (Con Fuoco choir), Mrs. Josie Audino (Principal). I extend my deepest gratitude to each one of you for your commitment to educating young women mind, body and spirit. Best wishes and good luck!

Principal's Message

Mrs. Josie Audino



It is difficult to believe that it is already June! How quickly time flies when one is surrounded by many success stories! Athletic accomplishments, first place winners at the Scirocco

SMA continues its mission to serve, even during the summer months: eighteen students along with Ms. Janet Zonneveld, Miss Rebecca Mandrick, Mrs. Joanne Steeves and me will travel to El Salvador on our fifth mission trip June 30 – July 14. Remember we are Christ's hands and feet on earth as we walk in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in El Salvador. This work is especially meaningful in this Year of Mercy when showing mercy to others aligns with how God responds; with compassion.

Our faculty continues with professional development over the summer which includes Mrs. Carol Ann Swayzie and Mrs. Mary Anne Lovallo who will travel to Portland at the end of July to attend the SNJM Leadership Forum. Ms. Jessica Dyck-Lyons will travel to Longueuil to attend Encountering our Story (the SNJM story) and Miss Cecilia Wojcik will travel to Ottawa to complete the third year of a three year Religious Education Certificate program.

Finally, I am delighted the Parents' Guild has agreed to share in the costs of a total renovation of the Corner Store (where students buy SMA apparel and other items). On a personal note, I extend my gratitude to Kristi Cumming for her commitment and leadership as she completes her term as president of the Parents' Guild.

Other major repairs and maintenance the school is undertaking this summer include installing new cafeteria lighting, purchasing 120 new lockers, refinishing and waxing wood floors on the second floor of the 1902 and 1909 building and replacing the Liebert unit for our Archives room. Of course, general scrubbing, cleaning and maintenance all summer long to make sure the school "sparkles" for the return of our school community in September.

Drama Playwriting Contest, Provincial winners and National participants at the Concours d'art oratoire speech contests, a number of students who continually help those less fortunate; and therefore, the St. Mary's Academy students continue to "Hold High the Torch!"

Final academic exams have begun or will soon begin. Thank you for continuing to support your daughters during this time! The examination schedule is posted both on our web-site and in individual classrooms. We wish all

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I extend an abundance of gratitude to many for your continued support and kindness in my second year as President; the SNJM, who are true mentors and supporters for us all, members of both Boards (in particular the Chairpersons-Scott Greenlay and Susanne Parent), SMA Alumnae Association, Parents' Guild, SMA Administrators, teachers and support staff, students and families and especially my husband and children for their patience, unwavering support and love!

I am confident we will have a great year ahead and look forward to the unveiling and implementation of our Strategic Plan. Take care and have a restful and enjoyable summer!

students well.

As some of you may already know, I am leaving St. Mary's Academy effective June 30, 2016. It has been both a privilege and an honour serving the students, parents and staff during my tenure at the Academy. I will keep all of you in my prayers and wish you all much success in your future endeavours.



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Message from the Board of Directors

Mr. Scott Greenlay, SMA Inc. Board Chair

As our thoughts turn to summer, our Graduating Class of 2016, and summer holidays, our Board is wrapping up a busy year.

We had promised to update everyone on our progress towards developing a new five year Strategic Plan. Our consultants presented a draft at our final board

meeting which we will be reviewing over the summer months. When our board convenes in the Fall, we hope to finalize the Plan. Once finalized, we will publish the Plan to share with everyone. While we can't share details yet, we've worked very hard to capture the input from all our stakeholders, and we are all very excited about the Plan.

As we close the year, we are blessed with wonderful students, dedicated faculty and staff, fantastic support from our alumnae, and our broader community. On behalf of the Board, I wish you all the very best for the summer. To our graduates, congratulations! And to our returning students, enjoy your holidays - we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Assessment Dates For the 2016-17 School Year

SMA is providing families with advance notice of major assessment dates for the 2016-2017 school year. As per our student handbook, we remind you of the following: *All students are expected to write assessments and exams on the dates scheduled. Parents are asked NOT to book vacations during assessment and exam time. A zero will be*

given for an assessment or exam missed due to a vacation. A doctor's certificate is required to verify an absence. It is our hope that the early publication of these dates will assist families in planning their schedules.

Mid-Year Assessments

December 15, 16 and 19, 2016
January 19, 20, 23 and 24, 2017

Grade 12 Provincial English Standards Test

January 10 – 13, 2017

Final Exams

Grade 12: June 7 – 15, 2017

Grade 11: June 12 – 22, 2017

Grades 7 to 10: June 19 – 22, 2017

Campus Ministry

Mrs. Joanne Steeves (Weight '90)

It was a wonderful year in Campus Ministry that helped our community truly become **People of Hospitality**. I am filled with gratitude for each kind word, thoughtful gesture and welcoming smile I have experienced. I would like to say a huge thank you to the Campus Ministry Core Team and reps under the guidance and support of students, Fiona

Vowell and Melissa Coleman. These two outstanding young women shared their gifts to lead a very inclusive and proactive team and did so with spirit, commitment and faith. I am very pleased to share that Shayna Bellingham and Nanki Saluja will be Campus Ministry co-chairs for the 2016-2017 year. Together, with other gifted young women involved in Campus Ministry, we look forward to a great year as **People of Hope**.

El Salvador Mission Trip

I will have the pleasure of being part of a service and outreach experience together with 18 of our students and 3 other staff in Huisisilapa, El Salvador from June 29 to July 14. Thank you to everyone who attended Paint Nite in support of the projects we are working on in Huisisilapa and those who donated needed items for the El Salvadorian people. We look forward to a trip that is both productive and rewarding.

Drama News

Ms. Joy Beauchamp '80

Congratulations to Grade 11 Drama students Mackenzie Kolton and Julie Fernandez for successfully being cast to act in nominated plays in The Scirocco Drama Manitoba High School Playwriting Contest held May 26-27.

Also a huge congratulations to Grade 11 drama student Essence Wandering Spirit Mordoch, whose play "A New Beginning" won First Place at The Scirocco Drama Manitoba High School Playwriting Contest. A wonderful achievement, Essence!

Congratulations are extended as well to the amazing Grade 12 Drama Class who produced and performed High School Musical Junior for their final performance exam the afternoon and evening of May 26. Putting on such a complex show was a huge undertaking that was extremely well done! Bravo!



2016-17 Musical

Ms. Martha MacKinnon

SMA is proud to announce our 2016-2017 school musical is **You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown**. We are pleased to have alumna Eliana Dell'Acqua '03 as our guest Director, working with Laura Davey '05 as Artistic Producer.

Auditions and show dates

Auditions will take place after school from September 12 to 15. The show will be performed the evenings of December 1 and 2 and there will be a matinee on December 3. Can't wait to see you at the show!

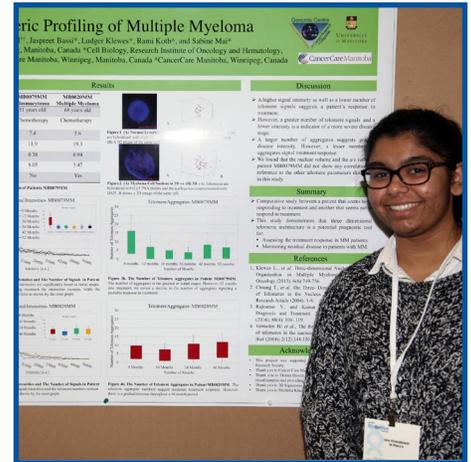
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Science News

Mrs. Michelle Klus

On April 8th, Grade 10 student Isha Khan-delwal, participated in the Sanofi Biogenius Canada competition. Her project was titled "Three Dimensional Telomere Profiling in Multiple Myeloma, Monoclonal Gammopathy of Undetermined Significance, and Relapsed MM". Isha won a proposal writing portion of the competition, which is a huge accomplishment. Later in April Isha went on to compete in the Manitoba Schools Science Symposium where she was awarded a gold medal. Way to Hold High The Torch Isha!

About the Sanofi Biogenius Canada Program For over two decades, the Sanofi Biogenius Canada (SBC) program has nurtured young minds and fostered great talent for the future, challenging high school students to carry out groundbreaking research projects in the field of biotechnology. For many participants, the SBC has proven vastly influential in mapping out future careers – in some cases paving the way for studies in Ivy League schools and exciting internships in the biotech industry. The SBC is essentially a high level, extremely competitive science competition



French News

Mme Maria Marasco

Le Concours d'Art Oratoire

In January 2016, the Advanced French classes at SMA worked diligently on preparing speeches for the written and oral component in the French curriculum. In March they presented their speeches to their classmates and then a select few were chosen to represent our school at the annual Concours d'Art Oratoire Provincial competition held on May 7 at St. Boniface University. Once again our

girls did an amazing job! We are pleased to announce that all our ten participants placed in their respective categories. Félicitations à tout le monde!

Séline Audino also represented Manitoba at Nationals held in Ottawa on May 27-28, 2016.

We are so proud of all our students! Way to Hold High The Torch!

Le Concours d'Art Oratoire Results

- Katarina Stipanovic: 3rd Place, Late Immersion Gr. 7-8
- Hana Chyzy: 3rd Place, Francophone Gr. 7-8
- Bethany Kolisniak: 3rd Place, Early Immersion Gr.9-10
- Emma Callbeck: 1st Place, Late Immersion Gr.9-10
- Milèna Audino, 1st Place, Francophone Gr.9-10
- Gloria Nguyen: 3rd Place, Early Immersion Gr.11-12
- Emma Reznichuk: 2nd Place, Late Immersion Gr.11-12
- Alana Lesperance: 1st Place, FCC Advanced Gr.11-12
- Séline Audino, 1st Place, Francophone Gr.11-12
- Linnéa Cox: 2nd Place, Impromptu Gr. 11-12

French Dining Experience

Mme Marie Desaulniers

On May 16 the Grades 11/12 French class enjoyed their year-end French restaurant dining experience at Chaise Café in St. Boniface.

The three course meal of three salads, two pastas and two panini was served in a unique "family style" with large portions designed for sampling and sharing. To top it off, the meal included unlimited seconds including

beverages. This was indeed a memorable, special, authentic French restaurant experience for the senior French students! Bravo les filles!

Art News

Mrs. Deb Nickel

Recently a group of Grade 11 art students created set pieces for the Grade 12 drama performance exam. This is the same group of students that created set pieces for the Grade 11 drama performance exam. The group was delighted to have another project to paint, and proceeded to have fun with the East Side High flats and the banner. What an amazing year the group of Grade 11 students have had! In addition to the work they did for drama performance exams, they also created a life size inukshuk for the Female World

Sport School Challenge. The girls have challenged themselves to learn new techniques and have created memorable, monumental artwork. Well done all!

Art Auction in support of the Bursary Fund

Every year there is an art auction of student work, with the proceeds going to SMA's Bursary Fund. The auction was held from May 2 to 6 during the lunch hour and many students came out day after day to bid on and buy original work. As a result of the participation of everyone, **the auction raised over \$2100 for the Bursary Fund!** An amazing result achieved only because of the collaboration of students, staff and alumnae. Thank you all.

Dates To Note

June 2016

- 13 Grade 11 Exams Begin
- 16 Grades 7-10 Exams Begin
- 17 Grad Dinner and Dance
- 23, 24 & 27 - JV Volleyball Tryouts
- 27 Textbook Return Deadline
- 27 Convocation Rehearsal **Mandatory:** 9:00 a.m.
- 28 Convocation: 2:00 p.m.
- 30 Report Card Distribution: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

August 2016

- 23 School Office Opens
- 29 to Sep 2 - Grade 7 Camp

September 2016

- 6-7 Uniform Sale: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- 7 New Student Orientation: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- 8 First Day of Classes
- 9 Opening Mass: 2:00 p.m. in Alumnae Hall
- 9 Parent Info. Session: 3:45 to 5:45 p.m.
- 12 Parents' Guild Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

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Athletics

Mr. Demetro Danyluk

Soccer

Congratulations to the Flames varsity soccer team who won the West Winnipeg Athletic Association championship and

went on to represent the conference at the provincial championships on June 3 and 4th. At Provincials the team played fantastic and made it all the way to the championship game but were outscored in a shootout. To top off their fine play, four players were recognized as tournament allstars, they are Danielle Mackenzie, Emma Romanica, Breanne Smith and Jessica Tsai. Thank you to Kelly, Regan and Connor Forzley for coaching the team.

Rugby

The Flames varsity rugby team had a great season making it to the city conference semi-finals. With an amazing comeback in the second half of their semi-final playoff game, they almost pulled out an upset. Despite the loss, the team bonded and continued to improve throughout the season. To finish off the season the team won 3rd place in the city conference championship in a highly contested match at Maple Grove Park. Thank you to Patricia Erichsen and her coaching staff for giving these girls the opportunity to play and compete in the game of rugby.

Track and Field

The Flames Track and Field team competed very well at various invitational meets which helped to prepare them for their conference and divisional championship.

Junior Team

At the Pembina Trails Athletic Association Track and Field championships the Junior team's efforts were well noticed by all that were present at the divisional meet. Both

Grades 7 and 8 teams won the conference championship, everyone should be proud! Following are the individual performances:

Caitlyn Willison: 2nd in 100m and 2nd in Long Jump

Julia Bayer-Cheung: 1st in 200m, 1st in 800m and 2nd in 300m

Brooke Oxenforth: 3rd in 1200m and 5th in 800m

Talia Kantautas: 2nd in High Jump

Ireland Smith: 10th in Shot Put

Jorie Garchinski: 1st in Javelin

McKenzie Bellingham: 6th in Javelin

Grade 7 relay team of Caitlyn Willison, Julia Bayer-Cheung, Brooke Oxenforth and Talia Kantautas: 3rd

Ailish O'Shea: 1st in 200m and 2nd in 100m

Gaby Dawyduk: 1st in Javelin, 1st in Long Jump and 4th in 100m

Linnea Kosokowsky: 5th in 100m

Jean Thomson: 2nd in 300m, 3rd in 200m and 3rd in High Jump

Rorie Ringer: 3rd in 300m and 5th in 200m

Alyssa Moon: 1st in 800m, 1st in 1200m and 1st in 3000m

Julia Beechinor: 4th in Triple Jump and 5th in Hurdles

Nicole Howorth: 1st in Shot Put and 4th in Discus

Casey Nelson: 2nd in 800m, 2nd in 1200m and 2nd in 3000m

Amanda Dillon: 2nd in Long Jump, 4th in 800m and 4th in Hurdles

Emily Leskiw: 8th in Long Jump

Grade 8 Relay team of Alish O'Shea, Gaby Dawyduk, Linnea Kosokowsky and Rorie Ringer: 2nd

Senior Team

The Senior team competed very well at the West Winnipeg Athletic Association Track and Field championships. Following are the individual performances:

Tristan Chambers: 1st in 1500m, 1st in 3000m, 3rd in 400m and 2nd in 800m

Casey Nelson: 3rd in 800m, 5th in 400m,

3rd in 1500m and 2nd in 3000m

Sally Al-Hadidi: 4th in 400m

Amanda Dillon: 5th in Hurdles and 3rd in Tetra Athlete

Charlotte White: 3rd in Javelin

Ainsley Cameron: 5th in 100m

Megan Wrublowsky: 3rd in 400m and 1st in hurdles

Sierra Sutherland: 4th in 400m, 2nd in 800m and 2nd in 1500m

Samantha Cattani: 2nd in Hurdles, 2nd in High Jump, 2nd in Javelin and 3rd in Tetra Athlete

Adara LePage: 5th in Shot Put

Linnéa Cox: 4th in Tetra Athlete

Junior 4x400 Relay: 1st

Junior Medley Relay: 2nd

Senior 4x100 Relay: 3rd

Senior 4x400 Relay: 2nd

Senior Medley Relay: 2nd

From the Junior and Senior High teams we had a number of athletes move on to the Athletic Manitoba Junior High Championships or the Manitoba High School Championships. The results of the provincial championships will be listed on social media once the competition has been complete. Thank you to Nicole Dubois and Belinda Guerra for their help at those early morning practices.

Athletes wanted for next school year

All students who are interested in participating in cross country running and track and field at all grade levels, please email Mr. Danyluk at ddanyluk@smamb.ca regarding your interest. You will receive an individual training plan and dates when team training begins.

The SMA Athletic Department thanks all parents for their support, and for transporting your daughter and other athletes to their practices and games. Have a great summer of physical activity!

Leadership Council

SMA thanks the dedicated students who were co-chairs on the Leadership Council in the 2015-16 school year, and we wish the 2016-17 council members a great year.

Head Girls Faith Daza and Sydney Kazina

2015-2016 School Year Co-Chairs

Athletics	Josie Abbott and Kearley Abbott
Campus Ministry	Fiona Vowell and Melissa Coleman
Green Team	Reyna Stefanson and Rachel Beazley
Human Rights Team	Melanie William and Mara George
Mission Club	Haley Finch and Sydney Kazina
Peer Support	Faith Daza and Bailey Magnus-Walker
Special Events	Rhea Rodych and Selena Alevizos
The Spark Newspaper	Nicole Brownlee and Karla Chingcuangco
Yearbook	Colleen Decker and Erin Petreny

2016-2017 School Year Co-Chairs

Athletics	Mackenzie Kolton and Anaka Sandhu
Campus Ministry	Shayna Bellingham and Nanki Saluja
Green Team	Reyna Stefanson and Julia Tays
Human Rights Team	Lumiere Parrenas and Amy Tran
Mission Club	Sidona Alem and Madison Maurice
Peer Support	Annie MacRae and Essence Wandering Spirit Mordoch
Special Events	Mackenzie DeiCont and Laura White
The Spark Newspaper	Linnéa Cox and Adara LePage
Yearbook	Tiana Klippenstein and Stephanie Knysch

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Parents' Guild

Mrs. Kristi Cumming (Stuart '89)

As everyone prepares to wrap up the school year and start summer holidays, I wanted to say thank you, on behalf of the Guild Executive, to all the committee chairs and tireless volunteers that enable the SMA Parents' Guild to facilitate and support its events and programs throughout the year. ! It has been a pleasure meeting and working with such an amazing group of parents and grandparents. We look forward to seeing you in September. For those moving on from SMA – best wishes!

Don't forget to complete your volunteer registration on line at: stmarysacademy.mb.ca/home/parents/volunteering__parents_guild/

Have a safe and happy summer.

Alumnae Office

Ms. Amy Houston '03

Another year flies by! June is a particularly special month for the Alumnae Office as we welcome the Class of 2016 into the SMA Alumnae Association. I have had the opportunity to get to know many of our graduates this year and I am very proud to say that the world out there just became 111 women stronger!

Fellow alumnae, friends and family are invited to the 2016 Homecoming Day on Saturday, October 1. This is a perfect day to visit the school and show it off to your loved ones. Details will be available on stmarysacademy.mb.ca.

Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing summer.

Advancement Office

Ms. Georgine Van de Mosselaer '83

Wow! The 2015/2016 school year is almost a wrap! We have been blessed this past year with unprecedented attendance at our various functions and most grateful for the donations, especially in answer to our call for bursary funds, from our kind community.

We are busy planning many events for the upcoming year, including a Burning Bright Speaker Series on October 18, 2016 at 5:30 pm, featuring reflections from Sr. Lesley Sacouman and our 2nd Annual Evening at the Academy on January 28, 2017. Mark your calendars and hope to see you there.

Wishing you a glorious, rejuvenating summer.

Grade 11 Parents

Please look for white shoes and gloves at this time of year, while they are available in stores. This is in anticipation of grad class photos in February (when these items will not be readily available).

Private Music Lessons

If you are interested in private piano, music theory or beginner guitar lessons at St. Mary's Academy, please call Sister Josephine Chudzik at 204-284-3309.



Congratulations Grads!





Grades 11/12 French Dining Experience



Concours d'Art Oratoire Provincial Competition



Paint Nite supporting El Salvador



Athletic Banquet: SMA Athletic Council with guest speaker Alicia Ogoms



Soccer: West Winnipeg Athletic Conference Champions



Burning Bright Speaker Series: "Nice Women Don't Want The Vote"



Marian Award Recipients Sr. Marylyn Gibney (middle) and Susanne Parent (right) with Connie Yuyk (left)

