

Newsletter

Information for St. Mary's Academy parents and friends

NEWS

October 2014

President's Message

Mrs. Connie Yunyk (Scerbo '77)



Our annual *International Day* is fast approaching! *International Day* is the major fundraiser and friend-raiser organized by our Parents' Guild volunteers with net proceeds benefiting our students and programs. On Sunday, November 2, 2014 our school will be transformed into a multi-cultural display of food and entertainment. Our liturgical celebration will begin at 10:30 a.m. in Alumnae Hall, followed by "pavilions" offering ethnic food and beverages in the Cafeteria. Don't miss a line-up of lively entertainment with song and dance performed by our SMA students in Alumnae Hall at 12:45 p.m. This is your chance to "show off" our

school and the many talented and gifted parents and students who contribute to making this a successful event; invite your family and neighbors to join the fun!

I personally appreciate the efforts of International Day Chair Mrs. K. Degan, who has embraced this task with grace and enthusiasm. Additionally, the volunteer committee has been wonderful to plan and work with over the past six weeks. See you on November 2.

At this time we are undertaking the production of a new promotional video of our school and community. A videographer has been tasked to capture informal footage of "daily life" at the school, especially with our students. Your daughters have been informed that production will begin over the next few weeks in the school and on our beautiful grounds. This video will be used for promotional purposes at our Open House in January and will be made available on our website for viewing purposes in late January.

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Finally, many have inquired about our Principal Mrs. Josie Audino and her recovery from a surgical procedure in mid September. Mrs. Audino is recovering well and should be back to work by early November. We thank you all for your concern and prayers!

Female Hockey Fights Cancer game

Saturday, October 18, 2014

2:30 p.m.

Selkirk Recreation Complex

200 Eaton Avenue, Selkirk, MB

Tickets: \$5 each, available at the door

The St. Mary's Academy Prep team faces off against the Winnipeg Avros this Saturday in the 2nd annual *Female Hockey Fights Cancer* (FHFC) charity game. All proceeds go to the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation.

Last year's game raised \$17,000 and game organizers hope to top that number this year.

The FHFC game also has an impressive 50/50 draw with the winner not only taking half of the 50/50 proceeds but also getting four tickets to the Jets vs. Anaheim game on December 13th.

Donations of new or gently used hockey equipment will be accepted and donors will be entered to win a 'Big BBQ Prize Package.'

In addition to hockey action in support of a worthy cause, the *Rogers Hometown Hockey Tour* takes place at the Selkirk Recreation Complex on October 18th and 19th. The *Tour* will host various hockey-

themed events and broadcast from the Complex. Special appearances over the two-days will be by three-time Olympic Gold Medalist and Winnipeg raised Jennifer Botterill and longtime hockey newsman Ron MacLean.

Come out and cheer on our Flames while supporting CancerCare Manitoba.



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SHREK THE MUSICAL

Ms. Martha MacKinnon

Duloc has come to St. Mary's Academy!

Rehearsals for the 2014 Drama Production of *Shrek: the Musical* are well underway; our school is buzzing with ogres, donkeys,

dragons and fairy tale creatures as the sets are being built, costumes and makeup are being designed and our cast rehearses five days a week!

We are very excited to present this fun-filled story with a positive message about healthy relationships, body image and self-esteem.

Tickets are on sale now from www.stmarysacademy.mb.ca. Be sure to get your tickets early as last year's three shows ALL sold out!

Showtimes

Friday, November 28 at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 29 at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 30 at 2:00 p.m.

Support the Show

If you or your business would like to donate to the show, or advertise in the Program please go to the homepage of stmarysacademy.mb.ca for details. Thank you!

Campus Ministry

Ms. Michelle Garlinski

It seems that the words of Mother Marie Rose, "let us give thanks for the days God gives us" seems most fitting after the excitement of the first 7 weeks of school! The Campus Ministry team has been planning welcome cards, grade 12 retreat, Service Fair, Mother Marie Rose week, Ret rally 2014, and the list goes on!

Service Fair

We are pleased to have 16 agencies and organizations joining us for Service Fair '14 on October 16th.

Harvest Thursday

We participate in Harvest Thursday, helping out across the street at the food bank every Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30, beginning October 23.

J-Walking

Our grade 11 Just Walking (J-Walking) group begins soon.

A Monthly Service (AMS)

Our first AMS@SMA is October 28 at Rossbrook House.

Wednesday Morning Mass/Prayer

Please join us for our Wednesday morning mass/prayer beginning October 29 at 8:00 a.m. in the Holy Names Chapel.

So many good things - so much to be grateful for!

Debate

Mr. Jordan Burg

SMA debaters and teachers were quite prominent at the Canadian Student Debating Federation (CSDF) National Seminar, and annual debating extravaganza that was held from Oct 1-6 in St. John, NB.

Up and coming debaters Sanjam Panag and MacGregor Goodman were part of a six student Manitoba delegation that debated issues along the theme of *150 Years of Canadian Confederation: Then and Now*. Sanjam debated in the English category while MacGregor debated in both official languages in the Bilingual category. Students from four other Winnipeg schools rounded out the team, which was coached by Mrs. Bernice Lucas, SMA Junior Debate Coach.

Mr. Jordan Burg, SMA Sr. Speech and Debate Coordinator, also attended the event as a current CSDF board member, and was re-elected to another year on the board at the event's Annual General Meeting.

Along with the debates, which took place at St. John High School, the oldest public school in Canada, the delegates toured local geological wonders like the Reversing Falls and other sights along the Bay of Fundy. They had an audience with the Lt. Governor of New Brunswick and performed a model parliament in the legislature in Fredericton. There was a tour of the Gagetown Military Base, and many informative seminars from a variety of guest speakers.

Next year, the seminar will occur in Victoria, BC, and St. Mary's debaters will surely get a chance to show their stuff once again.



MacGregor Goodman & Sanjam Panag

Golf

Mr. James Villa - Coach

SMA's golf team made their way to *Shilo Golf Club* on September 19th to defend their championship. Returning players Kathlyn Santiano and Katie McGlenen were joined by new teammates Shea Pyle, Sydney Gobbelle, and Leanne Miele. Through periods of heavy rain, driving winds, and killer mosquitos, the team managed their games well and earned their second provincial title in as many years, and now 6 of the last 8 championships. Way to go team! Special thanks to Mrs. O'Leary for coming with us.



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Volleyball

Mrs. Jen O'Leary

We are now 6 weeks into jumping, diving, spiking, serving and passing in the 2014 volleyball season. Eight teams, composed of 90 athletes, are training hard and practicing with much enthusiasm, commitment, and dedication.

Grade 7

The Grade 7 athlete participated in their first *Friendship Tournament* on October 9th. SMA volleyball athletes committed to coaching and supporting these 3 teams are Brett Whitla and Julia MacCharles (Grade 12), Darby Coughlin and Larissa Gobert (Grade 11) and MacKenzie DeiCont and Jenna Cross (Grade 10). Two more developmental tournaments are scheduled for November 3th and November 18th.

The Grade 7 Traveling *Flames* team, coached by Mrs. Jen O'Leary will compete in league play which began successfully on September 29th.

Grade 8

The Grade 8 team with coach/teacher Mr. Lorne Hess have been practicing hard and are looking forward to their upcoming league play on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Congratulations to the team for bringing home the Silver Medal at the General Wolfe Tournament on September 27th.

Grade 9

The Grade 9 team, with Volunteer coaches Alyssa Kidd and Doug Ross began their season with a tournament at General Wolfe and Ecole Selkirk Junior High where they finished in second and then brought home the Gold Medal from Selkirk once again. League play began October 7th and the team will continue to work towards another Pembina Trails Athletic Association league championship. League games are Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Junior Varsity

The Junior Varsity team, coached by 15 year SMA coaching veteran Leanne Leskiw and Alumnae Anika Campeau are currently involved in their league play with the West Winnipeg Athletic Conference. They have competed in two tournaments at Miles Mac and MBCI where they finished in 1st. **The team will be hosting the SMA Invitational tournament on October 17-18th. Check the homepage of our website for game schedule. Our JV team is ranked #1 in the Province by the Manitoba High School Athletic Association! Come out and cheer on our Flames!**

Varsity

The Varsity team with Coach/Teacher Mrs. Christine Rewniak and long-time SMA coach Tom Falconer are currently **ranked 1st for High School** teams in the Province according to the Manitoba High School Athletic Association. The team began their season with a second showing at the Brandon Crocus Plains Tournament for the third straight year, and competed and brought home the Gold in the Lord Selkirk Tournament on September 26-27th. **The Varsity team will be hosting their own tournament on October 24-25th at SMA. Come out and cheer on our Flames!**

League play continues on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Congratulations to all teams on a fabulous start to the season! Thank you to all the volunteer coaches; we are surrounded by fabulous role models, amazing dedication and commitment to improving and strengthening our volleyball program.

October volleyball schedules can be found on our school website in the *Athletics* section under *Academy Life*.

Thank you for your continued support of the athletic department. For more information, please contact Jen O'Leary, Adriane McElrea or Demetro Danyluk at 477-0244.

Cross Country

Mr. Demetro Danyluk

Junior Team

Congratulations to the Junior Cross Country team for a remarkable season. The grade 7's and 8's worked hard at 7:15 in the morning preparing for their races. They exemplified the saying "what you put into it is what you get out of it." Their efforts paid-off as they won all three of their Conference meets and the Conference Championship! They continued their winning at the Athletics Manitoba Milk School Challenge Championship as they were crowned Grade 8 Champs with a team that also consisted of grade 7's. This team of spirited runners are: Alyssa Moon, Gabi Dawyduk, Emily Leskiw, Ella Thomson, Skyler Tycholis,

Rory Ringer, Amanda Dillon, Jade Blando, Ashley Manaigre and Sarah Dennehy.

Senior Teams

Junior Varsity Team

Congratulations also goes out to the Senior Cross Country Team for all the hard work they put into this season. The Junior Varsity team completed the season winning the Conference Championship, the Athletics Manitoba Championship and completed the year as Provincial Finalists at the Manitoba High School Athletic Association Championships (MHSAA). This team consisted of: Sierra Sutherland, Amanda Ludlow, Claire Healey, Tristan Chambers,

CoCo Koltek, Sarah Watson, Adara LePage, Adia Duehrsen, Sophia Partyka and Linnea Cox.

Varsity Team

The Varsity team also competed very well at all their meets. As a team they were conference finalists, took 3rd place at the Athletics Manitoba Championships and finished the year off in 6th place at the MHSAA championships. This team deserves to be commended on always giving 100% effort. Team members are: Tiffany Fernando, Sydney Baron, Melissa Dreger, Sydney Gabelle, Larissa Gobert, Megan Wrublowsky and graduating runners Belinda Guerra, Anna Zrinyi and Maddy Soubry.

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Take Our Kids to Work Day

Ms. Teresa Uruski

On **Wednesday, November 5, 2014**, Grade 9 students across the province will spend the day at a work place, job shadowing a parent, relative or neighbour. SMA is pleased to support this opportunity as part of our Gr. 9 career exploration program.

Our mission is to nurture partnerships among schools, businesses and communities, and to encourage caring adults to share their expertise, talents and resources with students. This day provides a positive learning opportunity for students which is both informative and exciting. Students will have a chance to reflect on their experience in light of exploring their own career interests.

During the 1st week in October, students were provided with information and permission letters for *Take Our Kids to Work Day*. Please review these handouts and have your daughter return the signed permission form to her Career Development Class on either Oct 21, 22, 23 or 28.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Uruski, Career Counsellor, at 477-0244 ext. 263 or by email: turuski@stmarysacademy.mb.ca

PSAT at SMA

On Wednesday, Oct 15th, Grade 11 students who registered at the end of May in Grade 10 had an opportunity to write the PSAT. The PSAT is a standardized test administered by the College Board in the United States and for a second year – SMA was granted the ability to offer this test to our students. The benefits of taking the PSAT is to get in some practice before a student writes the SAT in May/June of her Gr. 11 year or October/November of her Gr. 12 year as Universities in the USA require an assessment score as an integral part of their application process. Students currently in Gr. 10 will have an opportunity in May 2015 to register for the PSAT with Ms Uruski, if they have plans to apply or attend a University in the USA.

Grade 11 and Grade 12 Students — Key dates for University Planning:

October 28: Evening of Excellence at the U of M (Gr. 11 & 12 students and parents) 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., Fort Garry Campus: University Centre. Register online: <http://umanitoba.ca/student/admissions/uminfo/evening-of-excellence.html>

November 5: National Universities Fair at St. John's Ravenscourt, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Parents are invited.

November 6: National Universities Fair, at Balmoral Hall, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Parents are invited.

November 18: Scholarships and Financial Information Evening at SMA. Gr. 11 students & parents are required to attend. Gr. 10 & Gr. 12 students & parents are also invited. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Alumnae Hall

November 25: Evening for Future Students at U of W. Gr. 11 & 12 and parents. 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., Riddell Hall. Register online: <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/future-student-night>

December 1: Grade 12 only. U of W admission application deadline for students wishing to apply for Major scholarships (requires a separate scholarship application). U of M admission application deadline for students wishing to apply for the Leader of Tomorrow Scholarship (requires a nomination from SMA and separate scholarship application).

January 15: Grade 12 only. U of M Faculty of Music admission application deadline.

March 1: Grade 12 only. U of M Early Admission Deadline for automatic Entrance Scholarship consideration based on February Gr. 12 marks.

March 1: Grade 12 only. U of W Early Admission Deadline for automatic Special Entrance Scholarship consideration based on final June Gr. 12 marks.

Please note:

Students interested in applying to schools in Canada or the USA – should consult the website of that post-secondary institution for details on application deadlines before the end of October and/or see Ms. Uruski ASAP for assistance.

Dates to note Dates to note

October 2014

- 17-18 SMA JV Volleyball Tournament
- 20-22 Grade 7 Camp
- 23 12:35 p.m. Dismissal
- 23 Junior Dance
- 24 No Classes: SAGE
- 24-25 SMA Varsity Volleyball Tourney

Come out and cheer on our #1 ranked JV and Varsity volleyball teams at their respective tournaments. All games held at SMA.

November 2014

- 2 International Day
- 5 Take Our Kids to Work Day
- 7 Remembrance Day Assembly
- 10 No Classes: Staff Retreat
- 11 No Classes: Remembrance Day
- 14 Report Card Distribution
- 20 12:35 p.m. dismissal, PT Conferences
- 21 No Classes, PT Conferences
- 28 Colour Day
- 28 Shrek: The Musical - 7:30 p.m.
- 29 Shrek: The Musical - 7:30 p.m.
- 30 Shrek: The Musical - 2:00 p.m.

December 2014

- 2 Parents' Guild Meeting
- 5 Mass at 8:35 a.m.
- 8 No Classes: Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- 10 Gifts from the Heart Assembly
- 11 Mid-Year Assessments: Flex Day
- 12 Mid-Year Assessments
- 15 Mid-Year Assessments
- 17 Christmas Cafe: 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Advent to Christmas Service: 11:35 a.m.
- 19 Last Day of Classes

January 2015

- 5 Classes Resume

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Mission Club

Ms. Teresa Uruski & Ms. Joy Beauchamp
Mission Club Advisors

This year our exceptional leadership team includes Emma Reznichuk, Su Lim, Amrit Sandhu, Rachel Beazley, Haley Finch, Sydney Kazina, Tess Greenlay, Lauren Purves, Sam Furgale and Leah Brooke who bring amazing planning skills that will help organize all the activities of the SMA *Mission Club*.

One of our main goals this year is to educate all SMA students about the various Community organizations and programs that the *Mission Club* will be working to raise funds for. The *Classroom Education team* will be putting together resources that aim to provide detailed and very tangible examples of

real people in our community who need our help, not just in funds but in our actions and our prayers. This information will be presented by each *Mission Rep* during a class when their homeroom meets.

Every month the *Mission Club* will be focusing on charities and organizations started by or supported by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. Our charities of the month are as follows:

October: Rossbrook House

November: Villa Rosa and Ester House

December: Immaculate Conception Drop-In Centre (we will continue a long held tradition of preparing Christmas Gift Bags for the people that come to the Centre).

January: Holy Names House of Peace

February: Holy Names school and students in Lesotho Africa.

Some of the Club's activities to date include our first Mission meeting in September where over 45 students attended as representatives for their Homeroom or as members interested in assisting the *Mission Club* "help and support those in need both locally and in our global community".

On Oct 17th and Nov 28th we will be sponsoring a school wide 'Colour Day' where all students will have the option to donate a toonie and not wear their uniform for the day.

If you would like to make a donation to any of these organizations, please contact Ms. Uruski at 477-0244

International Day

Kristi Cumming

International Day

Sunday, November 2, 2014

Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Pavilions: 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Please join us for this long standing SMA community fundraising event. The day starts with Mass in Alumnae Hall at 10:30 a.m., followed by pavilions, international cuisine, entertainment, student art auction, rainbow auction and bakesale. Tickets for the annual SMA Parents' Guild Cash Raffle will also be available. Bring your family and friends and celebrate the wonderful cultural diversity of SMA. Admission is free.

Rainbow Auction Donations

New this year, each class is preparing a themed basket. Donations should be sent back to your daughter's homeroom. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Volunteers

Parents play a huge role in the success of International Day. Volunteers are needed for two hour shifts the day of International Day. Sign up on the SMA website (under Parent tab select "Volunteering") or contact our Guild Volunteer Coordinator Pam Knysh at jknysh@shaw.ca.

International Day Cash Prize Raffle

Draw date Sunday November 2, 2014 at 2:45 p.m. Books are \$50 (10 tickets at \$5 each). Each student is asked to sell one book of tickets. Additional books are available in Room 221 from 8:15 - 8:45 a.m. daily. Tickets will also be on sale at International Day. Funds raised go to support annual special projects, bursary and enhanced programming for your daughters.



Corner Store

Tracy LaBossiere

Come and check out our SMA sportswear at the Cornerstore. SMA sweatpants and sweatshirts make an excellent Christmas gift! The cornerstore is open every day from

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. except Tuesday. You can visit us on International Day, as well as at Parent-Teacher Conferences in November. We accept cash or cheque only.

Health News

Mrs. Carol-Ann Swayzie

Please be reminded that if your daughter has contracted a condition or illness that is communicable, **the school needs to be notified**. Examples: pink eye, mono, or head lice.

Your notification gives us an opportunity to respond appropriately, with proactive measures to restrict a potential spread. Thank you.

Around the Academy



MHSAA Provincial Golf Champs



JV volleyball team winners of the Miles Mac tournament held wknd of Sep 20



Grade 12 Retreat



Walk For Cancer - September 18, 2014



Mother Marie Rose brunch with Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, and SMA guest Vallimar Jansen

