



# ST. MARY'S ACADEMY

## Newsletter for Parents and Students

October 2018

## President's Message

Mrs. Connie Yunyk (Scerbo '77) — [cyunyk@smamb.ca](mailto:cyunyk@smamb.ca)



*Preparing to Celebrate our Legacy* – this is our school-wide focus and inspiration for the year! St. Mary's Academy will turn 150 years old on May 1, 2019—what an amazing story

we have! To give perspective, the Academy is older than the City of Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba and Archdiocese of Winnipeg. Our team has been dreaming and visioning about how to honor St. Mary's Academy and The Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary for over 18 months now—please

refer to page 7 for details regarding 150th celebrations. We hope to see you at one or many events!

We welcomed Mrs. Cheryl Gilleshammer to our Finance Department on September 12— she serves as our Accountant. As a mother of two SMA daughters (alumnae from the classes of 2016 and 2018), Cheryl is familiar with our culture and mission. Welcome Cheryl!

Under the direction of the School Board, our Strategic Plan, *Leading, Learning and Legacy*, is in its third year of implementation—refer to page 6 of our Fall 2018 Torch Light magazine for an update of successes to date, as well as actionable tasks

for this school year—[www.smamb.ca/news/torch-light](http://www.smamb.ca/news/torch-light). Many, many thanks to Board members, parents, students, faculty and staff who continue to share their gifts of time and talent as we move through this ambitious Strategic Plan.

On October 21 the Parent's Guild hosted a very successful International Day! Hundreds of people from our community came together to worship, enjoy delicious ethnic cuisine and be entertained by many talented cultural performers. Many thanks to International Day co-chairs, Shannon Cisneros and Megan O'Laughlin, for their tireless efforts. Thanks also to pavilion and sector conveners as well all other volunteers and staff who helped make the day a success. Our community is truly blessed to have such wonderful people!

May our God continue to shower each of you with blessings of peace and joy.

## Senior School Principal's Message

Mrs. Michelle Klus — [mklus@smamb.ca](mailto:mklus@smamb.ca)



The first several weeks of the school year are completed and both students and teachers are settling nicely into a routine. Much has already been accomplished in both curricular and extra-curricular areas. We are truly blessed to have such talented students in our midst.

We take pride in making sure students get off to a good start. Each year in October, Administration and faculty meet to discuss students who may be experiencing challenges academically, socially and/or behaviorally. If it is determined that an action plan is required for a student, our Student Support Team (consisting of Administration, Resource, Campus Ministry, Guidance and Academic Advisor) will create an action plan to assist. This may include conversations with parents, students, Child Guidance Clinic professionals, or a referral to Mrs. Bohonos and/or Mrs. Sigurdson to help work through a defined challenge.

November Progress Reports will go home with your daughter on November 16. Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for November 22 and 23. Information to schedule your conference online will be included in the Progress Report. These conferences provide an opportunity to meet directly with your daughter's teachers.

We have many upcoming presentations for the students—some are for a combination of Grade levels relating to a variety of topics such as; online safety, drug and alcohol awareness and mental health. Other presentations are for senior students who are preparing to enter post-secondary education. A reminder to visit the homepage, events pages and calendar page on SMA's website on a regular basis, as well as to please read the weekly Communicate sent via email at the end of each week. These communications contain important information. Let's keep Holding High The Torch!

## Junior School Principal's Message

Mrs. Carol-Ann Swayzie (van Es '80) — [caswayzie@smamb.ca](mailto:caswayzie@smamb.ca)



The start of school has flown by with a great deal of energy and enthusiasm! Between initial activities enhancing our sense of community, and the routines of a new school year getting established, it has been busy indeed.

Our grade 7 students took part in the annual 'Grade 7 Camp' at Camp Arnes from September 19 to 21. This experience provided them with the opportunity to develop new connections with classmates, face unique challenges and increase awareness of their faith. Our symbol for reflection and prayer was a rainbow, which represented **hope**, and our promise that we will work hard to develop our sense of community and value our diversity, our gifts and be of service to one another.

On the academic front, October and November bring a greater awareness of, and immersion into the processes of learning—communicating, collaborating, creating and thinking critically, as our students work to increase their capabilities in a wide variety of curricular outcomes. Within these processes come challenges to persevere through, and become more resilient.

On a daily basis our Junior School students continue to respond to our community's call to personally develop character and citizenship as they journey through this part of their lives. Together, teachers and families will continue to mentor them, and encourage them to develop positive peer relations and help them navigate the nuances of changing friendships.

I extend my appreciation to all staff for ensuring that our youngest school members are nurtured and celebrated. I encourage all to find personal balance amongst busy lives in order to enhance well-being and growth, and that we find opportunities to, "just be" and enjoy the blessings in our lives!



## Charism and Mission

Sr. Michelle Garlinski '88, SNJM — mgarlinski@smamb.ca

At SMA, our Charism and Mission Office started the school year off with activities and opportunities to keep the Spirit alive and well! We've been busy with Opening Mass and Mother Marie-Rose (MMR) Day Mass, both of which offered great ways for us to celebrate the life of our community.

Opening Mass has taken on the tradition of being our, "ice cream" Mass, where we gather after Mass and enjoy ice cream and friendship. This year at our MMR Mass, we did something different as the day fell on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (Patron Saint of Animals). In addition to remembering and celebrating MMR, we paid tribute to St. Francis, and Fr. Sam Argenziano blessed our new betta fish, Flame. Flame resides in our school office and is cared for by Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Boulet.

Following is a list touching on areas I've

been serving in since the beginning of the school year:

- Facilitated the Grade 10s through part of their unit on Prayer.
- Visited Grade 7 classes to share information about MMR.
- Led staff in a faith formation session about Scripture.
- Met new board members and shared the SNJM Charism story with them.

On September 24 we participated in a Staff Retreat held at Saint Boniface Cathedral, with Sr. Kathleen Ross, SNJM, facilitating. We had a chance to open our minds to understanding both culture and various cultures more deeply, and becoming aware of how we personally respond to the "other". This is a journey we will be on for quite a while, as it takes

time and commitment to create the culture we are called to be. Our mission to educate young women in spirit, mind and body, so that each student reaches her full potential as an individual created in God's image—clearly sets the foundation for us and we are privileged to build this reality together.

I wish you blessings on the moments of fall which call each one of us to let go of what is behind us and look to what is ahead.



**Opening Mass**  
Campus Ministry team with Sr. Michelle Garlinski '88, SNJM (far left) and Fr. Eric Zadgi

## An Evening at the Academy In support of SMA's Bursary Fund

Fundamental to the mission of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary (SNJM) is the ethos of serving the impoverished and marginalized. At SMA, one of the ways this value is accomplished is through the Bursary Fund—this Fund provides tuition assistance to deserving students. For the current school year, 85 bursaries totaling over \$375,000 were awarded. It is incumbent upon SMA to have a Bursary Fund that meets the needs of families, and one of the way in which this is achieved is by hosting, *An Evening at the Academy*, with net proceeds going directly to the Bursary Fund.

**On January 26, 2019 the 4th annual, *An Evening at the Academy*, takes place.**

This unique event is a progressive dining experience that takes guests through time and space within St. Mary's Academy's historic

walls. The experience begins with cocktails and appetizers in the historic 1902 building, followed by dinner in the 1963 cafeteria (which is transformed into a fashionable dining hall), and the evening is capped off with drinks, mingling and live music in the 2013 Sheila Chipman Atrium.

### *Tickets on Sale Now*

[www.smamb.ca/events/an-evening-at-the-academy/EAA2019](http://www.smamb.ca/events/an-evening-at-the-academy/EAA2019)

Individual tickets are priced at \$195 each, student tickets are \$100 each and table packages are available. In all previous years this event has sold out quickly, get your tickets soon! If you have questions, please contact Kerri Moore, Admissions and Special Events Coordinator, at [kmoore@smamb.ca](mailto:kmoore@smamb.ca) or 204-478-6031.

## Walk for Cancer September 20, 2018

### Grade 8 - Ms. Alannah Thibodeau '13

SMA's Grade 8 class, joined by the Grade 8 girls from Gonzaga Middle School, walked together from SMA to Assiniboine Park, enjoyed a quick snack and walked back. Upon their return, students partook in a variety of fun activities including ice breakers and a photo scavenger hunt around the school. The day ended with students using chalk to write messages of love and support across the driveway. The Grade 8s had an action packed day and left the event feeling proud, knowing that they had made a difference.

### Grades 9 to 12 - Mrs. Cecilia Kolt

SMA's Grades 9 to 12 students, along with senior high students from Balmoral Hall and St. Paul's High School (SPHS), walked from SPHS to and around Assiniboine Park. During the walk students hydrated themselves at water stations and took part in obstacle courses and different activities. The afternoon was spent at SPHS where they had lunch, took part in more activities, such as outdoor bouncers, dunk tank etc., and listened to student musical performances,

SMA net proceeds from both Walks totalled \$3,500, which was donated to the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation.



## Campus Ministry

Mrs. Joanne Steeves (Weight '90)  
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As the leaves change colour we find ourselves preparing for winter. Pulling out our coats, finding matching mittens and dusting off boots are all practiced ways to get ready for winter. But how do you *prepare to celebrate a legacy of 150 years?* This September we set out a challenge for staff and students to learn about SMA's roots and rich history.

Students at the **Grade 12 Day of Reflection** spent the day reflecting on 'Our Story of SMA', and were asked to examine what their chapter in the story looks like, and how do they connect to the hundreds of young women who went before them. At the **Grade 9 Welcome Night**, students were given a glimpse of how the SMA story unfolded, and were challenged with a mission to be the best version of themselves. At the **Grade 7 Camp**, students shared in games and activities, and looked at what they need to begin their journey through SMA. They were then challenged to join a club, a team or activity that would help them become a part of our community, and enable them to share their gifts and talents.

On October 6 we celebrated the **Feast Day of Mother Marie-Rose (MMR)**. MMR, as we lovingly refer to her, was the foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary in October of 1843. It is through her vision and desire to educate the poor and empower women spiritually and intellectually that SMA is the school it is today. We spent a wonderful week highlighting MMR in many ways. Students went on

scavenger hunts around the school to find roses with clues to answer for spirit points. Lunch time activities included MMR trivia and a drawing contest, where Mother Marie Rose joined us and sat for her portrait. Our week long celebration was brought to a close with Mass and a small reception where three members from each homeroom had time to visit and celebrate with one of the SNJM sisters, and students taught them how to play our specially designed Kahoot. A high-light for the Sisters!

To encourage ongoing learning and to help us be ready for 150th celebrations, each class has been given the task of finding a small piece of SMA history of which they will share during their class **Wednesday Morning Prayer**.

### Events and Activities

**Wednesday Morning Prayer** began on October 17 and takes place every Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. in Holy Names Chapel until the May long weekend. Each week a different homeroom leads the ministries, as we celebrate together with Eucharist or Morning Prayer. Wednesday morning prayer is a long standing tradition that began when the SNJMs were living at SMA. Parents and families are always welcome! Holy Names Chapel is located on the 2nd floor of the Administration Building.

**Service Fair:** The Service Learning Fair took place on October 16. This Fair gave students a chance to talk to representatives from

various organizations, and learn about the many service-learning opportunities available to them. We were fortunate to have 10 organizations at the Fair.

**Harvest Thursday:** From Thursday, October 18, and for each Thursday until May long weekend, a small group of students accompanied by a teacher, serves for about an hour at the Unitarian Universalist Church (a Winnipeg Harvest satellite distribution location).

**Justice Walking (J-Walking):** Aimed at our Grade 11 classes, will help at the Welcome Home one Thursday evening a month from November to May.

**Junior Club L.E.M.O.N (Leaders Embarking on a Mission Over Noon/Nourishment):** This is a branch of Campus Ministry for junior students, led by a Grade 10 student team. Junior Club Lemon is a great place to meet new people, help others, build a sense of community and share faith over lunch.

**AMS@SMA (A Monthly Service):** Will start at the end of October. Together we help at various locations around the city including, Villa Rosa, Ronald McDonald House and The Angel Squad for Misericordia Health Center.

As we continue through the year we are excited to learn more about SMA's history and embrace our mission of, *Preparing To Celebrate Our Legacy*. We are truly thankful for the gift of this wonderful community that has enriched so many lives.

## Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka

Ms. Laura Davey '05 – Artistic Producer  
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**Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka!** Our cast features over 80 students, and our crews are working on amassing costumes, designing makeup plots, building props, painting sets and organizing our public relations, not to mention ordering in over 40 custom-made Oompa Loompa wigs!

We are so excited to be mounting this production, and hope that you'll be able to join us in celebrating the artistic talent of our students. The show runs Thursday, November 29 and Friday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 1 at 2:00 p.m. **Tickets are \$15 each and will be**

The hallways and theatre in the Performing Arts wing are buzzing with excitement as we rehearse our school production,

available for purchase online at [www.smamb.ca/events/dramatic-arts-production](http://www.smamb.ca/events/dramatic-arts-production) on November 1. Get your tickets early!

Remember, we are the music makers, the dreamers of dreams!

### SHOWTIMES

Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 30, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets available November 1, 2018

[www.smamb.ca/events/dramatic-arts-production](http://www.smamb.ca/events/dramatic-arts-production)



## Message from Ms. Lindsey Fennell, Academic Advisor

Ms. Lindsay Fennell '07 — lfennell@smamb.ca

Grades 11 and 12 students are encouraged to stay up-to-date on post-secondary information by making an appointment to meet with Ms. Fennell, lfennell@smamb.ca, and by accessing the developing **University Guidance Website:** <https://lfennell2.wixsite.com/mysite>

**Students should check their grade level Yammer page often:**  
SMA Grade 12 University Guidance  
SMA Grade 11 University Guidance  
SMA Grade 10 University Guidance  
SMA Grade 9 University Guidance

### University Application Deadlines

Grade 12 students planning to attend post-secondary **out-of-province** are encouraged to apply **prior to December 1, 2018.**

Grade 12 students planning to attend post-secondary **in Manitoba** should be aware of the **direct entry deadline of March 1, 2019.**

## University Presentations, Open Houses and Fairs

Ms. Lindsay Fennell '07 — lfennell@smamb.ca

### Presentations at St. Mary's Academy University of Winnipeg

**Monday, October 29**  
1:05 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Old Auditorium  
Grades 11 & 12 students & parents welcome

### University of Manitoba

**Monday, November 5**  
1:05 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Old Auditorium  
Grades 11 & 12 students & parents welcome

### Duke of Edinburgh's International Awards Information Presentation

**Tuesday, November 6**  
1:05 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Old Auditorium  
Grades 9 to 12 students & parents welcome  
[www.dukeofed.org/mb/division-home-](http://www.dukeofed.org/mb/division-home-)

### University Fairs and Open Houses throughout the City

**University of Manitoba Evening of Excellence**  
**Tuesday, October 30**  
6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Fort Garry Campus, University Centre  
Details and registration found at,  
[www.umanitoba.ca/eveningofexcellence](http://www.umanitoba.ca/eveningofexcellence)

**University of Alberta Information Night**  
**Wednesday, November 14**  
7:00 p.m.  
Balmoral Hall School

**University of Winnipeg Future Student Night**  
**Wednesday, November 28**  
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:00 p.m.)  
Duckworth Centre, 400 Spence Street

### National Universities Fair (taking place at three separate locations)

Opportunity for students and parents to speak to university admissions officers from across Canada.

**St. John's-Ravenscourt School**  
**Wednesday, November 7**  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Fort Richmond Collegiate**  
**Thursday, November 8**  
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Students are asked to see Ms. Fennell for a permission form. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from Fort Richmond Collegiate.

**Balmoral Hall School**  
**Thursday, November 8**  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

## Take Our Kids to Work Day

Ms. Lindsay Fennell '07 — lfennell@smamb.ca

On November 14, 2018, all Grade 9 students from across Manitoba will spend the day at a workplace, job shadowing a parent, relative, friend or SMA alumna. SMA offers this opportunity to students as part of the Grade 9 career planning and exploration program. **Take Our Kids to Work Day** provides a positive learning opportunity for students which is both exciting and challenging. Students will discuss their work experiences in career classes to follow.

Information and permission letters were sent home with Grade 9 students. Please return permission letters to Ms. Fennell as soon as possible. If you have questions, contact Ms. Fennell at lfennell@smamb.ca.

## Ask An Alum

Ms. Amy Houston '03 — ahouston@smamb.ca

In November 2017, SMA hosted, **Ask An Alum**, which was a Career and Mentorship event. The event provided Grades 11 and 12 students the opportunity to casually meet with recent grads and talk about expectations in post secondary life and transitioning out of SMA. The event was very well received and we are pleased to host it again this fall on **November 22 from 1:00 p.m.**

**to 3:30 p.m. at SMA.** There will be 15 to 20 recent alumnae from a wide variety of post secondary schools and programs on hand to answer questions students have about post-secondary studies and navigating life after high school. Please encourage your Grade 11 or 12 daughter to attend—students can sign up with Ms. Fennell, lfennell@smamb.ca. If you have a daughter who is a recent alumna and would like to share her experience with students, please ask her to contact Amy Houston, Alumnae Relations Coordinator, at ahouston@smamb.ca.



Alumnae Mentors from 2017

l-r: Emily Palmer '13, Michelle Prendiville '13, Julia Jones '13, Christine French '13, Erika Fridrik '10, Annie Quinton '12 and Julia Krovatz '12

## Cross Country

Mr. Demetro Danyluk — ddanyluk@smamb.ca

The Flames Cross Country running program had another successful season with the Senior and Junior team members training hard together on weekdays at 7:15 a.m. and on Saturdays at Garbage Hill. At the training runs the seniors were consistently setting a great example of how much hard work it takes to be a champion.

**The Flames' Running Program has two goals: The first team goal was to improve individually in order to help the team compete against schools in the province.** We believe we accomplished that goal again this year.

**The Junior team** started off the season with a small team as the grade sevens were at camp for the first race of the year. Despite that, the team was still very successful and continued throughout the season winning the conference championship with our top three runners finishing first, second and third in the final conference race. The Junior team capped off the season winning the Athletics Manitoba Provincial Cross Country Championship on a very cold, wet and windy day. A little added bonus we entered a second team that finished in third place at the Junior Athletics Manitoba provincial championship. Congratulations to Adra Bernet, Elle Wood, Molly McDonald, Abby

Sywake, Jordyn Espenell, Sara Johnstone, Ellie Bru, Katelyn Moon, Jordyn Allison and Ashley Garland.

**The Senior team** fought off injuries and illness throughout the season including at the provincial championships. Despite these obstacles, each runner made strides developing and improving at each practice and meet. Their attention to detail and concentrating on doing their job well lead them to another Conference Championship and Athletics Manitoba Championship. The Senior team went out to Roseisle (Birch Ski Area) for the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association (MHSAA) Provincial championship. The course was tough, a race not for the weary. The race is run in a valley going up and down steep long hills over rough and slippery terrain. The highlight of the race was the balmy 5 degree temperature. All athletes that competed at provincials came with a positive attitude and a mindset

that they could conquer all the obstacles that came their way. This positive mindset helped the Flames win their 4th consecutive provincial championship. Congratulations to Alyssa Moon, Cadence Christie (3rd place overall), Ella Thomson, Lily Francis, Jessica Tsai, Casey Nelson, Emma Sywake, Jasmine DeCaire, Jenna Solomon, Katie Sierhuis, Katie Bowman, Grace Francis, Elyssa Cortes, Caitlyn Willison, Melodie LePage, and Shea Carter.

**The second goal of the cross country program is to help team members prepare for their other athletic or non-athletic activities.** I wish the best to all our student athletes in all of their endeavours the rest of the school year. Thank you and congratulations to all our athletes! Thanks also to coaches, Mr. Rauno Ruus and Ms. Belinda Guerra, for their enthusiasm and commitment to the program. Thanks as well to all family members who supported runners.



## Golf

Mr. James Villa — jvilla@smamb.ca

The MHSAA Provincial Championships were held at Hecla Golf Resort On September 28. The team of Seren Joclyn, Gretta Styles, Reece Carter and Kate Gregoire braved frigid conditions and near white out snow to capture the Championship. Kate was also the low female score for the tournament. Our season continues in the spring, stay tuned.



## Parents' Guild

Mrs. Ramona Thomson

When a community comes together, great things happen—and SMA has a great community! Thank you to everyone who supported International Day. The event was a resounding success—everything from Fr. Mark Tarrant's beautiful Mass, to the delicious ethnic cuisine and the talented cultural entertainers. Funds raised at International Day go to enhance school programs, support extra-curricular activities and/or purchase needed equipment. Special thanks to International Day co-chairs, Shannon Cisneros and Megan O'Laughlin, for their dedicated efforts. Thanks also to all volunteers and to everyone who came out to enjoy the day!

### Cash Raffle

The Cash Raffle is wrapping up this Friday, November 2. **Students are asked to have all sold and unsold booklets and money**

**handed in by Friday.** A collection table is setup outside of the cafeteria. On behalf of the Guild, I extend huge thanks to students for selling tickets, and to parents and everyone else who purchased ticket(s).

### Parents' Guild Christmas Party

Please mark your calendars for the Guild's annual Christmas Party taking place on **Tuesday, December 4.** We will gather in the Sheila Chipman Atrium at 6:00 p.m. for a half-hour Guild meeting. Following the meeting we will assemble "Handbags for Hope"—these are handbags filled with new or gently used "life's necessary" items for women. The bags will be donated to the Handbags for Hope Organization. Watch for an invitation in this Friday's Communique—details and RSVP will be announced. This should be a wonderful evening following in the SMA spirit of "Women empowering Women".

## Corner Store

Ms. Tammy Zack

### Online Store



SMA 150th Crewneck

Have you checked out the online store? A variety of SMA branded apparel, including some merchandise with SMA's 150th logo, is available in a full selection of sizes, colours, and designs. The online store can be accessed 24/7. Find the link on the homepage of SMA's website (half-way down the homepage), or go to the following link, <https://teamstores.carberryinternational.com/SMA-eStore-Home-s/225.htm>. **The current order period closes October 31, 2019, to accommodate delivery before the holidays.** Note that after October 31, orders can still be placed but will ship at a later date.



SMA's bricks-and-mortar Corner Store, located near the cafeteria, is open during lunch hours and during events. Find a wide selection of SMA branded merchandise for immediate purchase, including our popular Roots sweats.



## Advancement and Alumnae Relations

Ms. Natalie Leroux — [nleroux@smamb.ca](mailto:nleroux@smamb.ca)

Homecoming 2018 was a great success! Thank you to everyone who attended and all those who welcomed out of town guests. Please check out photos at [www.smaphotos.ca/homecoming2018](http://www.smaphotos.ca/homecoming2018) to see highlights from the day.

### *An Evening at the Academy*

Planning and preparations for our gala event supporting the SMA Bursary Fund, *An Evening at the Academy*, are in full swing. Tickets went on sale last Friday and they are selling fast, please go to [www.smamb.ca/events/an-evening-at-the-acad-](http://www.smamb.ca/events/an-evening-at-the-academy)

[www.smamb.ca/events/an-evening-at-the-academy/EAA2019/](http://www.smamb.ca/events/an-evening-at-the-academy/EAA2019/), to purchase an **individual ticket** (priced at \$195 each). If you wish to purchase a student ticket (\$100 each), or a table package, please contact Kerri Moore, Admissions and Special Events Coordinator, at [kmoore@smamb.ca](mailto:kmoore@smamb.ca) or 204-478-6031.

Several Sponsorship opportunities are available for *An Evening at the Academy*. View the Sponsorship Package at, [www.smamb.ca/events/an-evening-at-the-academy/EAA2019/](http://www.smamb.ca/events/an-evening-at-the-academy/EAA2019/), or contact me for details at [nleroux@smamb.ca](mailto:nleroux@smamb.ca) or 204-478-6030.

### *Wine Donations needed for An Evening at the Academy*

We are asking our community for 100 bottles of wine, valued at approximately \$20 each, which will make up our, "You Had Me At Merlot", wine raffle. Your donated bottle will be wrapped, numbered and sold. Each buyer is the winner of a surprise bottle. Proceeds from this raffle go to the **Deo Gratias Fund**, which assists deserving students with day-to-day curricular, extra-curricular and co-curricular expenses. **Please take your wine donation to our Reception Office, stating it is for An Evening at the Academy.** Thank you for your generosity!

## Alumnae Relations

Ms. Amy Houston '03 — [ahouston@smamb.ca](mailto:ahouston@smamb.ca)

On September 29, 2018 we had a wonderful time reminiscing with alumnae at the Commemorative Years Brunch and throughout the afternoon. We are grateful for a record turnout at Brunch and wonderful attendance during other activities. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves at Homecoming.

### **Celebrating SMA Alumnae in Business**

On Thursday, November 15, the Alumnae in Business Networking Committee is hosting 2nd annual **Celebrating SMA Alumnae in Business** Networking event. The event will give attendees an opportunity to mix and mingle with alumnae, and be inspired by three panelists, Heidi Reimer-Epp '89, Lisa-Marie Buccini '97, and Giovanna Mi-

nenna '08, as they discuss their experience as prominent women in business. Although this event is at maximum capacity, if you would like to put your name on a waitlist, please do so at, [www.smamb.ca/events/alumnae-in-business/](http://www.smamb.ca/events/alumnae-in-business/)

### **A Poppycock Christmas**

Just in time for the holiday season, the SMA Alumnae Association is hosting, **A Poppycock Christmas**, Kitchen Party on Friday, November 16 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Join us, alongside much loved, former SMA teacher, Linda Dart, in the Foods & Nutrition Studio for an evening of making 'Poppycock'. This tasty, seasonal treat of popcorn, mixed nuts and sweet caramel makes a great gift for family and friends (you take

home what you make). In addition, guests will make a set of gift tags, with the help of Textiles teacher, Ms. Carmen Sichewski '86. Your \$35 ticket includes one glass of wine, appetizers and all baking and craft materials. Everyone is welcome. We hope to see you there! Buy your tickets at, [www.smamb.ca/events/kitchenparty](http://www.smamb.ca/events/kitchenparty).

### **December Celebration and Tea**

Our annual **December Celebration and Tea** takes place on Sunday, December 2, 2018. Everyone is welcome to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass begins at 11:00 a.m. in Holy Names Chapel followed by a Christmas Tea in the 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. We hope you will join us. [www.smamb.ca/events/calendar/view/448/december-celebration](http://www.smamb.ca/events/calendar/view/448/december-celebration).



*Celebrating St. Mary's Academy's 150 year legacy  
of learning, faith, service and leadership*



**150th Birthday Celebration Kick-Off**

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

School day event for students and staff



**15th Annual**

**Marian Awards For Excellence Brunch**

Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

The Gates on Roblin, 6945 Roblin Boulevard

Honouring The Sisters of Charity of Montreal, "Grey Nuns"

Everyone Welcome



**150th Birthday Picnic**

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Academy Grounds

Community celebration

Everyone Welcome



**150th Birthday Gala Dinner**

Friday, September 27, 2019 (Homecoming Weekend)

Victoria Inn, 1808 Wellington Avenue

Celebration of the

Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary

Everyone Welcome

**Homecoming**

Saturday, September 28, 2019

**Commemorative Years Brunch**

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

For the Classes of 1939, 1949, 1959, 1969

1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2009

**Homecoming Activities**

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tour the school, shop and reminisce

Everyone Welcome



**150th Birthday Mass**

Sunday, September 29, 2019 (Homecoming Weekend)

1:00 p.m.

St. Boniface Cathedral-Basilica, 180 Avenue de la Cathedrale

Everyone Welcome



**Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass**

**Steeped in Tradition High Tea**

Sunday, December 8, 2019

Mass at 2:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Cathedral, 353 St. Mary Avenue

High Tea from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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