

Newsletter

Information for St. Mary's Academy parents and friends

NEWS

April 2013

Director's Message

Sister Susan Wikeem



When? It is the word I hear often these days. When is the construction going to be finished? My response is a definite "soon". Despite the fact that new

construction areas are not available yet, we have access to Alumnae Hall for the drama production, **Anne of Green Gables**, and the **Spring choir concert**. The show must go on!

At St. Mary's Academy our goal is that each graduate leaves the school empowered with an awareness of her gifts, a desire for excellence in all endeavors, and a sense of responsibility to use her gifts in

service and generosity to others. After our graduates leave us we continue to claim them and take pride in their accomplishments and their service to the broader community.

Nine years ago the school instituted the **Marian Awards**, so that each year the SMA family would have an opportunity to recognize and celebrate some of our remarkable women. The 2013 **Marian Awards** will be held on Saturday, May 11th. Come to enjoy a spectacular brunch and to celebrate recipients Janine Hanson and Leisha Strachan. Make it a Mother's Day event.



Saturday, May 11, 2013 at the Manitoba Club
Mimosa reception: 10:30 a.m. | Brunch: 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

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Dr. Leisha Strachan



Janine Hanson

Principal's Message

Mrs. Connie Yunyk



Happy Easter to all! As Catholics we are called to continue celebrating the Easter Season, the 50 days following Easter Sunday. We are reminded

that Jesus did not remain on the cross or in the tomb, but rose from the dead and gives us the gift of new life! Alleluia!

We hope you enjoyed our musical production of **Anne of Green Gables** this past weekend. We are proud of the dedi-

cation, patience, energy and professionalism of cast, crew and faculty involved in what has been a challenging journey over the past several months due to construction in the Alumnae Hall area. Bravo!

Once again Team El Salvador is busy planning its third **mission trip to Loma Linda** June 27 to July 10, 2013. Our foundress, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher would be very proud of this generation of young women and educators who continue to act justly and in solidarity with the poor and disadvantaged of our world. Vaya con Dios!

April Progress Reports will be mailed Wednesday April 17. Only students at risk of failing a course, have serious attendance challenges and/or demonstrate

ongoing unacceptable behavior are issued a report at this time.

Final academic exams are around the corner. We encourage you to support your daughters during this stressful time of the year! Teachers provide students with an exam outline along with a few days of overview during the final days leading up to the exam period. Exam guidelines are posted on our SMA website and the exam schedule will be posted by the second week in May. Kindly become familiar with your daughter's exam schedule to avoid any last minute complications and/or conflicts. In addition, familiarization with the year-end **textbook return policy** (found on page 2 of this newsletter) is recommended to avoid any misunderstanding at the end of June.



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Just Us

Con Fuoco Spring Concert

Join St. Mary's Academy's performance choir for an afternoon highlighting music and social justice in our community and beyond

Sunday, April 28, 2013
Concert: 3:00 p.m., followed by refreshments
St. Mary's Academy, Alumnae Hall
Tickets: \$5.00

Tickets available at St. Mary's Academy, 204-477-0244 ext. 437
Proceeds benefit Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary projects and ministries

SMA TEXTBOOK RETURN POLICY

Textbooks must be handed in to the issuing teacher:
Non-Exam Subjects: at the last class
Exam Subjects: prior to the final exam

Students who *do not* return textbooks as indicated or who have damaged or lost textbooks must pay both the replacement cost and a \$25.00 fine on June 26, 2013.

Private Music Lessons

If you are interested in private piano, music theory or beginner guitar lessons at the school, please call Sister Josephine Chudzik at 204-284-3309

YOUTH in PHILANTHROPY

Mission Statement: *Girls clad in plaid, working to create positive change through philanthropic contributions in our community.*

Mrs. Allison Challes



YIP members at October 2012 conference with Mrs. Challes



YIP members with full laundry bag hampers for Villa Rosa

Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) at SMA, in cooperation with the Winnipeg Foundation, is having a busy and successful year helping worthy causes in the Winnipeg community.

This year YIP members have focused on and granted money to the following charities:

- Andrews Street Family Center:** \$850
- Art City:** \$700
- Healthy Start for Mom and Me:** \$650
- Nine Circles:** \$895
- Osborne House:** \$1000
- West Broadway Youth Outreach:** \$800
- West Central Community Program:** \$1000

Learning

This year YIP members learned how to prepare a grant application. A Winnipeg Foundation **YIP in Action Grant** was applied for and granted, and with the grant our girls sewed and filled thirty-six laundry bag hampers for the women at Villa Rosa. The bags were filled with

essential items such as towels, dental hygiene products, personal hygiene items, key lanyards and laundry detergent. Our students learned a valuable life lesson when they realized that there are people in our community that don't have these essential items that we take for granted.

YIP wishes to thank the following organizations for their contributions to the laundry bag hampers:

- The Body Shop**
- Royal Bank**
- Super Store**
- Dr. MacLennan**
- Dr. Basse**

Since our girls have shown they have such remarkable sewing skills they will be ending the year by sewing pyjama pants for children receiving chemotherapy at the Children's Hospital.

The girls clad in plaid creating positive change in the community are certainly Holding High the Torch.

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Green Team

Ms. Janet Zonneveld

This year the Green Team (GT) at SMA has been busy informing, educating and being educated in greener ways:

- In the fall the GT hosted a **Boreal Forest Cafe** and raised \$350 to help save the boreal forest.
- The GT went to a sustainable learning conference at the University of Winnipeg where they learned how to apply for grants to help promote our campaigns.

The GT applied for and were given a \$300 **Learning for a Sustainable Future Grant** to assist with setting up composting in the school cafeteria. The GT collaborated with Chartwell's, our school's cafeteria food provider, to switch their disposable dinner wear to compostable materials and we retained the services of Samborski's Industrial Composting to pick up our composting on Fridays.

The Results

GT members spent one week in the cafeteria weighing the waste and the following week monitoring the practices of students' garbage disposal. The campaign was a success, reducing the amount of garbage in the cafeteria from an average of 68 lbs. daily to 25 lbs. - that equals 7,230 lbs. of garbage per year!

The Future

The student body must continue to compost responsibly, keeping in mind that the following items are fully compostable: any vegetable, fruit or organic waste, meat, egg shells, dairy, compostable plates and napkins from the cafeteria, tissues and small amounts of cardboard. Please consider sending your students with reusable food containers to further reduce the amount of garbage in the school.

The GT has more campaigns planned before the end of the school year:

- T-shirts for the team
- Water bottles to continue to promote the disposable water bottle free zone and to celebrate our new filtered water bottle



Ms. Zonneveld & Green Team members promoting composting in the cafeteria

stations

- Bike to school week for those who live within a reasonable distance to the school.

The GT thanks the maintenance staff at SMA for diligently helping with composting, recycling and installing the water bottle stations and Mary in the cafeteria for composting kitchen waste and helping organize the compostable materials.

Please come by to check out our new water bottle refilling stations and continue to encourage your daughters to care about the environment.

Mission Trip

Ms. Janet Zonneveld

SMA's mission trip goes to **Loma Linda in El Salvador** from June 26 to July 10 with 15 eager grade 10-12 students. This year our project is adding to the *Community House* to increase the storage space for building material and sports equipment.

SMA students have been preparing with travel arrangements, health and vaccination information, fundraising and learning Spanish.

Fundraising to date included a Jets ticket raffle (tickets graciously donated by Mr. Villa). Over \$500 was raised, and the lucky winner was very happy. Students and their families also offered 3 raffle prizes. Thank you to all who bought tickets.

Fundraising Efforts Planned

- Lunch at the Caboto Centre on May 5th: Tickets are \$20 each and our project receives \$10 for every ticket. Purchase tickets from members of Team El Salvador or the teacher advisors: Mr. Villa, Miss Marquez or Mrs. Zonneveld.

We hope to have a special guest from El Salvador. His name is Roberto and he is our guide, translator and educator while we are in El Salvador. Roberto is passionate about his country and walking the path of development with his

people. Please consider coming out to enjoy a good meal and to hear about our adventure.

- **Toonie Colour Day on May 21st:** Suggested donation is \$2 and if parents wish to make an additional donation it can be done at this time.

As we embark on this journey we appreciate the support of the entire community.

If you would like more information about this trip, e-mail jzonneveld@stmarysacademy.mb.ca



Ms. Zonneveld & Mr. Villa with some members of Team El Salvador

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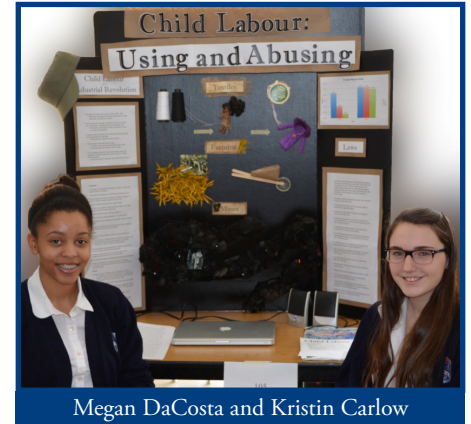
Social Studies

Mr. Michael Saj

SMA's annual *Heritage Fair* was held on March 7, 2013 and it was a great success.

With 178 different projects, the Fair was extremely competitive and informative. The Social Studies department thanks the volunteer judges who generously give their time and support. A special congrat-

ulation to the team of Megan DeCosta and Kristin Carlow for winning the *Janet Duggan Award* for their top Grade 11 project: Using and Abusing Child Labour.



Megan DaCosta and Kristin Carlow

Students representing SMA at the Red River Heritage Fair on May 2 at the University of Winnipeg

Grade 9-1	Grade 9-2	Grade 9-3	Grade 9-4	Grade 11
Janelle Lawrence	Sydney Kazina	Nicole Ganea	Emma Welham	Kristin Carlow Megan DaCosta
Katie Evans Fiona Ludlow	Ariana Buccini	Josie Abbott	Emma Reznichuk	Rachel Hill Maya McDonald
Melanie William	Emily Gartner	Maura Macaulay	Fiona Vowell	Jodi Kristjanson
Melissa Coleman	Peggy Harvie	Courtney Radcliffe	Brianna Patrick	Julia Frain
Haley Finch	Florence Macalalad	Lea Poirier-Cole	Sydney Baron	Kate Greenlay Tori Wyatt
				Julia Verrelli

Debate

Mr. Jordan Burg

First Annual Marian Cup Debate Tournament

SMA is excited to host our first Annual Marian Cup Debate Tournament on **Tuesday, April 23 at 4:00 p.m.**

The Marian Cup consists of three impromptu rounds based on the theme of *Bullying*. This tournament will be used to determine SMA's internal rankings and awards.

Volunteer Judges Required

Help SMA make the first-ever Marian Cup a success by offering your time as a Judge. No experience is necessary and a

judge's briefing will take place to explain how to judge a debate at the tournament.

Come out and enjoy brilliant public speakers square off on the issues of bullying in our society.

Contact jburg@stmarysacademy.mb.ca by April 19 to volunteer.

Track & Field

Mr. Demetro Danyluk

The SMA Junior and Senior Track and Field team has been up-and-running almost every school morning for the past month. There are many hard working, talented athletes who will perform at their

respective Track and Field meets. These student athletes will be competing at the following meets and possibly others if time permits:

- **May 16:** SMA, grades 7-8
- **May 21:** WWAC, senior grades 9-12 at Grant Park High School
- **May 24:** WWAC, senior grades 9-12 at the U of M

- **May 30:** PTAA, junior grades 7-9 at the U of M

- **June 5:** Junior High Provincials, grades 7-8 at the U of M

- **June 6-8:** MHSAA Senior High Provincials, grades 9-12 at the U of M

Good luck girls!

Parents' Guild

Mrs. Kathleen Reid

Online Volunteer Registration

The Guild Executive is in the process of developing an online registration process for parent volunteers to be launched by the end of May. Please stay tuned for fur-

ther information regarding this exciting development.

Hospitality Co-chair(s) positions open

The Guild is looking to fill the leadership roles of the Hospitality Committee. There is an opportunity to co-chair this position in order to share the workload and accommodate busy work and personal

schedules. Please see the Parents' Guild section of the SMA website for a position description.

All interested parents, please contact Janice Beveridge at: jbeveridge@hotmail.com or call/text: 204-880-8561

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Campus Ministry

Ms. Michelle Garlinski

CHRIST IS RISEN—INDEED HE IS RISEN! Campus Ministry life has been exciting as ever! Lent gave us a time to focus ourselves on LIVING LIKE THAT (like Jesus, that is). Through morning prayer, Pause and Pray opportunities and reconciliation services, we had a chance to deepen our prayer lives. Outreach continued through Harvest Thursday, AMS and the school was involved in bottle-free water day on March 15 which saw over one third of our community using reusable water bottles!

Coming Up

JUST US concert: April 28 at 3 p.m.

Yakima Summer Justice Team: The team has been selected and Ms. Wojcik and I will accompany them June 30-July 9.

YOUTHLEADER 2013: The team will be selected by the end of April and we are excited about August leadership week!

Continued blessings on your Easter season and feel free to join us on Wednesday mornings for Mass at 8:00 a.m. (until May 15).

Prayer on the occasion of our new pope

O Spirit of God, Wisdom through the ages, You have sent us leaders of faith through the generations—Abraham, Moses, Miriam, Mary, Peter, St. Francis, Blessed Marie Rose, Martin Luther King, blessed John XXIII, Oscar Romero and Pope Francis.

Bless him with the courage and vision to lead your people in justice and love, always remaining faithful to the Gospel.

And Bless us, the flock of The Lord, may we be open to his leadership and inspired by his service to the poor and most vulnerable.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus the Good Shepherd, Amen

Doors Open Winnipeg: Volunteers needed

St. Mary's Academy is participating in **Doors Open Winnipeg on Sunday, May 26, 2013** from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Volunteer Ambassadors are needed to assist visitors in finding their way through the Academy. Your volunteer shift can accommodate your schedule.

This is only the second time SMA has opened the doors to the general public in association with Heritage Winnipeg.

To volunteer, please contact Andrea Cibinel at 204-478-6031 or acibinel@stmarysacademy.mb.ca.

Cornerstore

The Cornerstore has new merchandise for Spring, come in and check it out!

Cornerstore Hours of Operation

Open every school day except Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. **Open** during the Summer Uniform Sale on April 19.

Dates To Note

April

19	Mission Colour Day
26	Faculty Planning Session (Late Start)
30	Final Grad Payment Due

May

1	Summer Uniform Option
6	AP Chemistry Exam (am)
8	AP Calculus Exam (am)
10	Mission Colour Day
11	Marian Awards Luncheon
14	AP French Exam (pm)
15	Gauss Math Contest
15	Grad: Silent Auction prizes due
17	PD Day - No Classes
20	Victoria Day - No Classes
21	Faculty Meeting - 2:30 Dismissal
27	Athletics Awards
28	Leadership Council Carnival
30	Parent/Daughter Mass & Brunch
31	Awards Assembly

June

4	Closing Mass
4	Grade 12 Alumnae Induction
19	Grad Dinner & Dance
24	Convocation Mandatory Rehearsal, 9 a.m.
25	Convocation: 2 p.m.
26	Textbook Return
27	Report Card Distribution
28	Administration Day

TARTAN SHOP

Summer Uniform Sale

Monday, April 29, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

	Top Marks	Halpern's*
Polo shirt (navy)	n/a	\$13.00
Polo shirt (white)	\$26.00	\$13.00
Summer skirt	\$49.00	\$41.65
Knee socks	\$6.00	n/a



*All Halpern's items are 50% off and available in limited quantities while supplies last. All Halpern's sales are final.

The Tartan Shop only accepts cash or cheques.
For a complete list of clothing items visit stmarysacademy.mb.ca

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Around the Academy



Heritage Fair



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Ms. Garlinski & SMA students at Harvest Thursday



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Teachers vs. Students dodge ball game



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Heritage Fair



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Grade 7 basketball team



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Anne of Green Gables

