

Newsletter

Information for St. Mary's Academy parents and friends

April 2014

Director's Message

Sister Susan Wikeem



March is always a busy month at SMA. In the first week, department requests for program expenditures are considered one last time and the budget is finalized for the

Board meeting. Tuition is set and returning students are re-registered. New student applicants are interviewed and tested. Administrators begin the difficult task of determining acceptances. Program information sessions are held for parents and students to choose courses for next year. And the whole school engages in community building activities such as the Shrove Tuesday pancake

lunch, the prayer service on Ash Wednesday and spirit days just before Spring Break. This past March the Academy also hosted two events. The first, the second annual Female World Sports School Challenge, was a success once again. I am pleased to report that Hockey Canada has awarded this tournament to SMA for the foreseeable future. And this year was our turn to host the annual meeting of administrators of our Holy Names Schools. Our visitors were impressed by our beautiful school and our wonderful students who entertained and toured them.

This week is Holy Week. In these last few days before Easter we are making an effort to slow the pace and make room for God. Next Wednesday, April 23, we will celebrate Easter together with a special mass at 8:35 a.m. in Alumnae Hall. We welcome our new Archbishop, Most Rev. Richard Gagnon, who will preside for the first time at SMA. Parents welcome.

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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 gave us the gift of new life! Alleluia!

April Progress Reports will be mailed Tuesday April 22. 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 16 of the Student Agenda is recommended to avoid any misunderstanding at the end of June.

The Administration team will begin the work of timetabling for the 2014-2015 school year in early May. If your daughter has changed her mind about option selections for next year, please email me as soon as possible so I can update her file. Any special requests should also be forwarded in writing to me as well.

Celebrating Sister Susan's Retirement

As we prepare to celebrate the retirement of Sister Susan, I invite you to participate in creating a special gift for her. This is a gift of your words (best wishes, memories, prayers, poems, photos etc.). Email your message to sistersusanmessages@gmail.com (all messages are held in confidence and will be published only for the personal enjoyment of Sister Susan). **Submit your message as early as possible but no later than May 16.**

Please save the date of Friday, June 6 for Sister Susan's retirement gathering. The celebration will take place between the hours of 4:30 and 8:00 p.m. in SMA's Cafeteria and the Sheila Chipman Atrium with speeches in Alumnae Hall at 6:00 p.m. Watch your email for an invitation the week of April 21. We look forward to seeing you there!



April 2014

Spring Pops Concert

St. Mary's Academy Spring Concert

featuring

Con Fuoco | Con Spiritu | Violin Club

Saturday, May 3, 2014

Concert: 3:00 p.m., followed by refreshments

St. Mary's Academy, Alumnae Hall

Tickets: \$2.00, available at the door

Dramatic Arts

Mrs. Laura Davey

Do you know the Muffin Man?

Looking ahead to next fall, the SMA Drama Department is pleased to announce that we will be producing *Shrek: The Musical* in Alumnae Hall for our annual school drama production! We are excited to tell this story, with its positive message about anti-bullying and having a healthy body image, and look forward to seeing you next fall in our audience, or on our stage! Auditions will be in September - stay tuned for further details!

Graduation News and Important Dates

Mrs. Mary Anne Lovallo

Request for Grade 12 Parent Volunteers

Parent volunteers are still needed for Safe Grad Entertainment, Silent Auction and Decorating committees. Please contact Mrs. Epp at: vepp@stmarysacademy.mb.ca.

Request for Grade 11 Parent Volunteers

Grad 2014 parents are asking Grade 11 parents for assistance with decorating the venue for the Graduation Dinner/Dance. Volunteers are required on the evening of June 19 and during the day of June 20. If you are interested and available, please contact Mrs. Epp at: vepp@stmarysacademy.mb.ca.

Important Dates for Graduates

APRIL 30: Final Payment (\$225 + any additional expenses). Also, return Brunch Seating Request form and Graduation Attendance form to Mrs. Lovallo (room 201).

MAY 29: Parent-Daughter Mass in Alumnae Hall 8:30 a.m. followed by Brunch at Fort Garry Place 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

JUNE 3: Alumnae Induction after closing Mass (attended by Graduates only).

JUNE 20: Dinner Dance at the Winnipeg Convention Centre (6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.) followed by Safe Grad Party at the Winnipeg Convention Centre (11:00 p.m. – 4:00 a.m.).

JUNE 23: Convocation Rehearsal (for students only) in Alumnae Hall 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY.

JUNE 24: Convocation in Alumnae Hall 2:00 p.m. Students must be at school no later than 1:00 p.m.

Let's Talk Science Challenge

Mrs. Michelle Klus

Sixteen of our brightest and bravest grade 8 students will be participating in the *Let's Talk Science Challenge* which will take place at the University of Manitoba on May 2, 2014. The competition is an enrichment event that inspires students to acquire science knowledge beyond their curriculum. Students work in teams of

four to learn science, technology, engineering and math material prior to the competition. On the day of competition the girls will participate in a hands-on design challenge, as well as a question and answer contest. Good luck to all of our competitors!

Marian Cup Debate Tournament

Judges are needed for SMA's 2nd annual Marian Cup Debating Tournament (no experience necessary). Contact Jordan Burg to volunteer: jburg@stmarysacademy.mb.ca.
Date: April 23, 2014
Registration: 3:45 to 4:15 p.m.
Judge's Briefing: 4:30 p.m.
Location: St. Mary's Academy

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Campus Ministry

Ms. Michelle Garlinski

What a Lent! It was a journey for us to really pause, embrace and work on **WHO I AM** - the person God calls me to be and sometimes that is different from the one we show others. Our *Pancake Lunch* was a huge success as we definitely were People of Community with one another.

The following activities and services helped us know **WHO I AM**:

Ash Wednesday Liturgy, Wednesday Morning Prayer of the Church, Grade 7 Reconciliation services, Come 'n Go Reconciliation, National Bottle Free Water and World Water Days, and staff and J-Walkers providing and serving the meal at Welcome Home.

From the Career Counsellor

Ms. Teresa Uruski

Gr. 12 Post-Secondary Planning University of Manitoba – What happens next? Specific date to be announced in the *Daily Bulletin*.

University of Winnipeg – Course selection/timetable and registration. Specific date to be announced in the *Daily Bulletin*.

Gr. 11 Career Development Sessions

This month, Grade 11 students will be attending a presentation regarding scholarships. They will receive information about the different types, sources of where to find scholarships and tips on how to apply.

Gr. 10 Career Development Classes

Grade 10 students attended the Rotary Career Symposium on March 18 where they learned about a variety of career and post-secondary educational opportunities. This month, students are learning how to put together a 'skills-based' resume. At the end of May, students will present their Career Portfolio which will be a valuable tool that they can update yearly and use for future applications to universities, colleges and/or scholarships.

As Easter approaches, may we be *joyful* disciples ready for new and exciting ways to live and share our faith!

YOUTHLEADER 2014 Team SMA

YOUTHLEADER is a 5 day Christian Leadership week that helps high school students, Grade 10-12 (and adults) grow in their call to leadership. The week looks at skill development and enrichment (effective communication, group facilitation skills, being proactive, etc). It also looks at the gifts that individuals bring to leadership. This is done through a Christian lens.

A team of 5 will be selected to represent SMA (SMA has participated in YOUTHLEADER for 7 summers and over 50 stu-

dents and staff have been involved). This year **YOUTHLEADER is June 30 -July 4, at St. Benedict's Retreat and conference centre.** For more information about the program visit www.archwinnipeg.ca. **Registration deadline for our team is Tuesday, April, 22.**

School-wide Easter Liturgy

Wednesday, April 23

8:35 a.m. in Alumnae Hall

We welcome our new Archbishop, Richard Gagnon, as our Presider.

Wednesday Morning Mass

April 30, May 7 and May 14

8:00 a.m. in Holy Names Chapel.

All are welcome .

Mission Club

Ms. Teresa Uruski



Yes you CAN

Food Item Drive for Winnipeg Harvest

During the first week of March, the Mission Club organized the collection of food items for Winnipeg Harvest. Students and staff were generous in contributing over 700 items for the drive. A special **thank you** to the students in Grade 8 for bringing in the most items (192 to be exact)!

Mission Club Monthly Organization Focus

During the month of April, Gr. 7 Mission Reps will be organizing major fundraising activities for programs offered at:

- Honouring the Spirit of Our Little Sisters Transition Home
- Next Step
- Artbeat Studios

Each of these organizations provides assistance to various people in our community.

Honouring the Spirit of Our Little Sisters Transition Home is a safe home for females between the ages of 13 and 17, who are being subjected to sexual exploitation.

Next Step offers support to offenders who are transitioning out of prison.

Artbeat Studios provides people with studio space to be creative in their own way along with a supportive community environment as they deal with a mental illness.

During the month of May, we will focus on the projects that the SNJM Community is coordinating in Brazil.

If you would like to make a donation to any or all of these organizations – please contact Ms Uruski at 204-477-0244 or turuski@stmarysacademy.mb.ca

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Athletics

Mr. Demetro Danyluk

Track & Field

Despite the long winter, our track and field athletes have been preparing for the outdoor season most mornings at 7 a.m. since the beginning of March. They will be competing in a variety of meets this spring:

- Athletics MB Spring Open: May 9 & 10
- SMA Meet: May 12
- Royal Rumble: May 14

- Lord Selkirk Jr. High Meet: May 15
- WWAC meet: May 20 & 22
- SATT Meet May 23 & 24
- PTAA (7-9): May 27 & 29
- Junior High Provincials (7-8): June 4
- MHSAA Senior High Provincials (9-12): June 5-7

Soccer

The soccer program is preparing for the outdoor season. Tryouts were held in March at the U of M Soccer Complex. Thanks to all who tried out! Best wishes to the team this season!

SMA 2014 Soccer Team Roster

Bre Smith	Leah Dingman
Cecilia Lopez	Mackenzie Spellman
Christiane Malone	Maddi Soubry
Connor Forzley	Monica Moss
Danielle Mackenzie	Olivia Chomicki
Jasmine Gilchrist	Quinn Forzley
Jessica Szun	Sydney Baron
Juliana Anderson	Taylor Solmundson
Laura Quinton	

Flames Prep hockey season in review

Mr. Dave Chell

The SMA Prep team had a great 13-14 season with consistent improvement, culminating in a standing of 28 wins, 12 losses, 5 ties and 2 shutout losses for a 60% overall wins record.

The team travelled to several tournaments. The first was in Stoney Creek, ON in Sept 2013, with a final placing of 2nd out of 64 teams from across North America. A highlight of the trip was a visit to the childhood home of the Great One, where Walter Gretzky entertained the team and coaching staff for over an hour!

The next tournament was in October in Morden, MB for the 2nd annual Thanksgiving Classic, where the Flames continued on an amazing run, scoring 17 goals and only

giving up 6 in 4 games to go undefeated in capturing the Classic Championship. The third tournament was the Two Nations College Prep Series in Detroit, Michigan. A disappointing semi-final 5-4 loss in overtime did not erase fond memories of excellent hockey, and a team outing to Joe Louis Arena to watch the Detroit Red Wings take on the New York Rangers.

Early December took the team to the Mandi Schwartz Classic in Wilcox, SK for the third straight year. A strong win, a close loss and a tie put the team on the difficult side of trying to get into the Championship. A semi-final nail-biter went to a shootout and a 3-2 loss sent us to the B side finals, where our gals literally put a stamp on their feelings with what would be the most lopsided victory of our entire season, a 9-0 shellacking of long-time rival and equally strong opponent, the Westman Wildcats.

In January the team went to Thunder Bay,

ON for the 3rd annual home-and-away series of three games against the Queens squad. The Flames came out with two strong wins and a third game 3-0 loss.

The season, sprinkled in with several exhibition games each month, ended on a high note with a very impressive 3rd place showing in our own 2nd Annual Female World Sport School Challenge in mid-March.

As we say goodbye to eight players (five graduating) we celebrate all five seniors who found a meaningful and competitive place to play university/college hockey next year, and that our grade 11s are all receiving offers and committing to major Division One schools for the 2015 season.

God has been good to us in granting us safe travel, relatively speedy recoveries from injuries and health scares, and we all can look back on a year of new friendships and great memories.

Quebec Trip

Mme Desaulniers

Thirty Grade 10 and 11 French/Français students accompanied by Mme Desaulniers, Mme Grande, and Mlle Prystanski, travelled to Québec City and Montréal from Feb 14-18.

We enjoyed dogsledding, snowshoeing, dancing at an authentic sugar shack, tobogganing in front of the Château Frontenac and tubing at the Winter Sports Village. We had the privilege of visiting the Marie-

Rose Centre in Longueuil where the Holy Names Sisters graciously toured us around the Congregational House, the chapel and the Cathedral where we visited the tomb of Blessed Mother Marie-Rose. We were also blessed to attend mass at the Ste-Anne-Beaupré Basilica, a world-renowned pilgrimage site. We visited the tomb of St. André at Saint Joseph's Oratory in Montréal and went through the Sacred Door at Notre-Dame in Québec city.

We admired four centuries of history in Canada's oldest neighbourhood, Place

Royale in Québec city. We took a ferry ride across the St. Lawrence River and we also visited the Montmorency Falls. We were impressed by the Ice Hotel, a work of art made entirely of ice and snow. The Biodome was an interesting walk through four ecological zones, including a tropical rainforest and the Arctic Desert.

We had a wonderful trip and hope to return to Québec soon!

See page 6 for a group photo.

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Parents' Guild

Mrs. Kathleen Reid

Volunteers Needed

The SMA Parents' Guild needs enthusiastic parents willing to fulfill leadership roles for the upcoming school year. There are two key positions available: President

and Vice President. The position descriptions can be viewed on SMA's website under Parents/parents_guild_president_welcome/Parent Guild, under Constitution (scroll to bottom of page).

This is a great opportunity to be a voice in the decisions that benefit our school community.

For more information contact:

- Sr. Susan Wikeem: swikeem@stmarysacademy.mb.ca
- Lorraine Kuzyk: lkuzyk@hsc.mb.ca
- or
- Candace Partyka: partyka@mymts.net

SMA Corner Store

The Cornerstore has **new items** available on April 29: hooded sweatshirts, crewneck sweatshirts and sweatpants (available at the Spring Uniform Sale on April 29 from 5-7pm).

Open for the New Student Sale on May 21 and 22 in the evening. The Cornerstore is always open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 12:35-1:35.

TARTAN SHOP

Summer Uniform Sale

Tuesday, April 29, 2014
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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



DATES TO NOTE

April 2014

- 18 No Classes - Good Friday
- 21 No Classes - Easter Monday
- 23 Easter Liturgy - 8:35 a.m. **All welcome.**
- 23 Marian Cup Debating Tournament
- 25 Junior Dance
- 28 Late Start - Mass Day Schedule
- 29 Summer Uniform Sale: 5 to 7 p.m.

May 2014

- 1 Summer Uniform Option
- 3 Spring Concert - 3 p.m.
- 3 Concours D'Art Oratoire
- 5 Exams Begin
- 6 Early Dismissal - 2:30 p.m.
- 9 Colour Day
- 5-9 Art Auction
- 10 Marian Awards Luncheon
- 14 Gauss Math Contest - Gr. 7 & 8
- 16 No Classes - PD day
- 19 No Classes - Victoria Day
- 23 Volunteer Appreciation Lunch
- 26 Athletic Awards
- 27 Leadership Council Carnival - 2:30 to 6:00
- 29 Parent Daughter Mass/Brunch - 8:35 a.m.
- 29 Late Start - period 3
- 30 Awards Assembly

MARIAN AWARDS

HOLD HIGH THE TORCH

St. Mary's Academy Marian Awards recognize alumnae and friends who model excellence and service in their personal and professional lives.

2014 RECIPIENTS



Leanne Boyd



Kellie O'Rourke

Please join St. Mary's Academy for the tenth annual Marian Awards Luncheon

Saturday, May 10, 2014

Mimosa Reception at 10:30 a.m. | Brunch at 11:00 a.m.

The Manitoba Club, 194 Broadway

Tickets \$70 each

Available at St. Mary's Academy | 204-478-6031

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

Around the Academy



Quebec trip group in front of Chateau Frontenac



SMA Flames Prep - Bronze medal winners at FWSSC



Holy Week (Holy Names Chapel)



SMA's JV Basketball Team - W.W.A.C. Champions



Spirit Afternoon



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