

Newsletter

Information for St. Mary's Academy parents and friends

NEWS

February 2014

Director's Message

Sister Susan Wikeem



St. Mary's Academy, a Catholic school in the tradition of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, has participated in the Church's mission of educa-

tion for 145 years. The Academy is committed to being a preeminent educator of young women by providing exceptional academic and extra-curricular programs in an environment that integrates learning, religious instruction, gospel values, and spiritual formation into all aspects of the curriculum and school life. The achievement of this aim depends on the people who work here.

It is important, then, to provide our staff, especially the teachers who are on the front lines, with opportunities to learn about the faith and to reflect upon our shared mission. That is what we will be doing at Catholic Schools Day on February 14th, along with the staffs of the seventeen other Catholic schools in Winnipeg. Topic for the day is Why Be Catholic. The keynote speaker is theologian Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio.

Re-registering for St. Mary's Academy

Just a reminder that in early March the Board sets the tuition for next year. Prior to Spring Break you will receive an email notice of the new tuition rate and the re-registration documents. **Re-registration is due Friday, March 21st.** If you need to have a discussion at home about this please start now. We will not hold a place for the undecided. Eager new applicants will be waiting to hear from us.

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Messages to Sister Susan

After 36 years of service to the Academy, Sister Susan is retiring this June.

The committee arranging Sister Susan's retirement gathering is compiling a very special gift for Sister Susan. This gift is from you - the SMA community. It is a gift of your words, thoughts and best wishes to Sister Susan who has served and led the Academy with courage and vision.

Your message can be a personal note, a blessing, a prayer, a story, a memory, a poem, a letter etc. You are also welcome to send a jpeg image to be included with your message.

Email your personal message to sistersusanmessages@gmail.com (all messages are held in confidence and will be published only for the personal enjoyment of Sister Susan).

This gift will be presented to Sister Susan at her retirement party on Friday, June 6, 2014.

Please submit your message as early as possible but not later than May 1, 2014.

Sister Susan Wikeem Bursary Fund

Another way to pay tribute to Sister Susan is to make a contribution to the Sister Susan Wikeem Bursary Fund.

The Sister Susan Wikeem Bursary, established in 1985, provides financial assistance to deserving students through the reduction of tuition fees. It is Sister Susan's wish that in lieu of retirement gifts, donations be made to the bursary to ensure St. Mary's Academy remains accessible to all qualified students regardless of their economic circumstances.

To make your donation, call 204-478-6030 or mail a cheque made payable to the St. Mary's Academy Foundation (note Sister Susan Bursary Fund on your cheque).

St. Mary's Academy Foundation
550 Wellington Crescent
Winnipeg, MB R3M 0C1



Students and Sister Susan at the theatre performance of *Sister Strikes Again!*



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2nd Annual Female Sport School Challenge

St. Mary's Academy is pleased to once again be the host school for the 2nd annual *Female Sport School Challenge* (FSSC) taking place at the MTS Iceplex from March 13-16, 2014.

The FSSC is an 8-team tournament that features three local Sport School teams: Shaftesbury Titans, Balmoral Hall Blazers and our St. Mary's Academy Flames. They will be joined by the Banff Hockey Academy, Edge School for Athletics (Calgary, AB), Pursuit of Excellence (Kelowna, BC), Rothesay Netherwood Riverhawks (Rothesay, NB) and the St. Francis Xavier Hockey Academy (Edmonton, AB).

Friday, March 14 promises to be an exciting evening as all three Winnipeg teams will be on the ice! Plan to attend!

The tournament schedule will be posted on the Flames Prep website: www.smaflamesprep.ca

Individual game tickets are \$5 each (12 and under are free). Tournament Passes are \$25 each. Available at the door.

In addition to showcasing elite female hockey action, the tournament weekend also has two special features:

RBC Night with Olympian Jill Officer



**Friday, March 14
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**
Meet and have your photo taken with Olympic curler Jill Officer.

Tournament Banquet with keynote speaker Paul Maurice, Winnipeg Jets Head Coach



Saturday, March 15
Cocktails: 6:00 p.m.
Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
Victoria Inn,
1808 Wellington Avenue
Tickets: \$75 each. Request your tickets by emailing St. Mary's Academy: bhenry@stmarysacademy.mb.ca (Visa & Mastercard accepted)



SMA High School Hockey Team Holds High The Torch

Mrs. Allison Stefanyshyn

In what was to be a rebuilding year, the SMA High School hockey team has proven that it is a force to be reckoned with! The Flames finished the regular season with a 9 wins, 5 losses and 5 ties in the very tough CTV Division A schedule.

Lead by rookie coach Ms. Stephanie Zirino and assistant coaches Michael Zirino, Danny Militano and Bella Dingman, the team has come together to post an impressive record, narrowly finishing second overall in regular season play and heading into play offs.

First ever road trip

For the first time in SMA hockey history, the team travelled to Quebec City from February 5-9 to take part in a multilevel tournament where they competed in the Open category, taking on teams from both Canada and the United States.

Playoffs

The players would love to see lots of spectators out to cheer them on during the playoffs in the coming weeks. Stay tuned for times and places.
GO FLAMES GO!



Flames High School Hockey Team

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From the Career Counsellor

Ms. Teresa Uruski

Gr. 12 Post-Secondary Planning

Grade 12 students are reminded to check the SMA Career Information website for regular updates on admissions, scholarships and presentations.

Note the following deadlines:

February 21, 2014

Application Deadline for scholarship consideration: University of Manitoba

March 1, 2014

Application Deadline for scholarship consideration: University of Winnipeg

Students who are applying out of province are also reminded to email Ms. Uruski ASAP with the information of where their official school transcript needs to be sent.

Gr. 11 Post-Secondary Information Sessions

Campus Tour

Grade 11 students will attend the University of Manitoba Info Days on Feb 19th. This event offers students the opportunity to take a tour of the U of M Campus and to find out more about the programs offered at the university. The students will also receive information about the advantages of becoming an affiliate of St. Paul's College at the University of Manitoba. Students must return their permission forms to their homeroom rep by Feb 11th.

Gr. 10 Career Development Classes

All Grade 10 students started their Career Development Classes in February. They will also have an opportunity, with their parents, to meet with representatives from the Universities of Manitoba and Winnipeg

and Red River College as part of SMA's annual Post Secondary Information Evening at 7p.m. on Tuesday, Feb 25th.

Students will be attending the Rotary Career Symposium on March 18th where they will spend the day learning about a variety of career and additional post-secondary educational opportunities. This activity is mandatory for all Gr. 10 students and further information along with the permission form will be provided to your daughter in March. A very BIG thank you to the Parents' Guild for their generous donation this year which will pay for our transportation to the Symposium.

Gr. 12 Advance Placement Students

All students currently enrolled in our AP classes at SMA will receive an information package regarding the option to sign up for the Advance Placement Exams which are offered by the US College Board during the month of May. Students are asked to review this option with their teacher and parents and return their 'intent form' by March 7th.

Campus Ministry

Ms. Michelle Garlinski

Campus Ministry at SMA is looking forward to Lent! Ash Wednesday, which begins on March 5, starts our 40 day journey to Easter. Our annual SHROVE PANCAKE TUESDAY will be March 4 with a new twist - this year it will be at lunch and our awesome food services team is helping us with this venture.

As we prepare ourselves for Lent, it is a good time to start thinking about how we can 'let go' of some things that complicate our lives and "let God" have a bit more space. Join us on Ash Wednesday at 11:30 for our student led Liturgy of the Word and distribution of ashes. May our Lenten journey as People of Community deepen our commitment as disciples. Happy Lent!

Heritage Fair

Mr. Michael Saj

St. Mary's Academy Heritage Fair for Grade 9 students is taking place on Thursday, March 13.

Judges needed

If you are interested in being a volunteer judge to this celebration of Canadiana please email Mr. Michael Saj at msaj@stmmarysacademy.mb.ca. No experience required.



2013 Heritage Fair

Parents' Guild

Mrs. Kathleen Reid

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered at SMA assigned bingos at Club Regent or McPhillips Street Station Casinos.. A significant amount of money is raised each year through volunteer participation at our 20+ Bingos. Proceeds go to assisting the school financially with selected projects that endeavor to provide an enriched experience for the students at SMA.

Thank-you to our volunteer coordinator, Gwen Lawrence, who tirelessly rounds up the three volunteers needed for each bingo. Please contact Gwen if you are interested in helping out with bingo. Your name will go on an email volunteer distribution list. When notified of upcoming bingos, volunteers only need to reply to the dates and times that suit their schedule. Please contact Gwen at: gmlawrence5@me.com

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Grade 12 students

Important dates for grade 12 students

February 11: Homeroom grad photos (period 4 and lunch). Remember to bring your white shoes, white gloves, nude pantyhose and nude undergarments.

March 4: Sobey's Orders due. *Late orders will not be accepted.*

March 24: First Payment for grad

April 30: Final Payment for grad

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 and Safe Grad at the Winnipeg Convention Centre 6:00 p.m. - 4:00 a.m.

June 23: Convocation Rehearsal in Alumnae Hall 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY

June 24: Convocation in Alumnae Hall 2:00 p.m.

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. Thank you!

SMA Corner Store

The Corner Store is **clearing out merchandise** during Parent Teacher Conferences on February 12 & 13. Prices slashed! The Corner Store will be set up just outside the cafeteria.

Cash or cheque only.

Regular Hours of Operation

Open everyday except Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Dates To Note

February 2014

- 12-13 Parent-teacher conferences
- 14 New student applications due
- 14 No Classes - Catholic Schools' Day
- 17 No Classes - Louis Riel Day
- 20 Pascal, Cayley & Fermat math contests
- 24 Course options info. evening for parents
- 25 Gr 10 post secondary info evening
- 24-28 La Semaine Française

March 2014

- 3-7 Wpg Harvest Food Drive
- 4 Shrove Tuesday, pancake lunch
- 4 Student option meetings
- 5 Assembly day schedule
- 7 Colour Day
- 10 Late Start, Mass day schedule
- 13 Heritage Fair
- 13-16 Female Sport School Challenge
- 18 Gr. 9 Immunization
- 21 SMA Student Re-registration Due
- 26-28 School Spirit Days
- Mar 31-Apr 4 Spring Break

10th Annual



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

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Around the Academy



SMA Open House, Jan 28, 2014



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Archbishop Richard Gagnon toured SMA with Sister Susan on January 30



SMA High school hockey team in Quebec City visiting Cathedrale Notre Dame de Quebec while on a break from tournament games Feb 5-9



Sister Strikes Again!
SMA Alumnae Association, crew & Sister Susan with Kim Richards (Sister)

