

# Newsletter

Information for St. Mary's Academy parents and friends

June 2013

## Director's Message

Sister Susan Wikeem



June is a month of exams and goodbyes.

At the final school mass we said goodbye and thanks to Archbishop Weisgerber, who

celebrated 50 years of ordination this month, and who is retiring after 13 years of service in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. There was also a tearful goodbye to our graduating students followed by their induction into the SMA Alumnae Association. We will welcome them back with open arms at Homecoming in the fall.

### Farewell

This June we say good-bye and thank you to staff members who are moving on:

**Mrs. Linda Dart** will retire after 27 years as resource teacher.

**Mrs. Mary Morton**, who brought music back to SMA, will return to giving private music lessons.

**Mr. Michael Macaraeg** will leave SMA after 5 years service to teach at Morden Collegiate in September.

**Mrs. Kelly Hill** will return to Ottawa.

Construction of the theatre production area will come to an end mid-June. It has been a long 15 months. During the summer our staff will touch up a few adjoining areas so that all will be ready for a **grand opening in September**. We are still taking donations. Help us retire the debt. I wish everyone a restful, safe holiday.

**Good-bye and God bless to the families leaving SMA.**

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## Principal's Message

Mrs. Connie Yunyk



As this school year draws to a close, I congratulate all students, parents, faculty and staff whose gifts and talents have enriched our school experience.

### Exams and Textbooks

It is important for parents to be familiar with their daughter's exam schedule (posted on SMA website) and textbook return policy (found on page 16 in the Student Agenda). Good luck to all students on exams and final assignments!

Our call this year has been to be a **People of FIRE** (Faith, Integrity, Respect, Empathy). You have all been examples of hearts ablaze and poised to share in all aspects of our school life, both in and out of the classroom. I value and appreciate your abundant love and pride for our school, ever-present throughout the school year!

To faculty members not returning in September, **I thank you sincerely** for your commitment to our mission at SMA. My life has been forever blessed by knowing you and walking with you on this journey. May you continue to be showered with our Lord's choicest blessings!

With a quasi-sad heart, I say goodbye to the Class of 2013. I am proud of each of you and thank you for enriching my life by your generosity of spirit! You will make a difference as you carry high the torch in whatever you choose to do.

Best wishes to two groups of young women and teacher supervisors; one travelling to Yakima Valley, Washington and the other to Loma Linda, El Salvador at the end of June and returning in mid-July. I thank you for nurturing the fire within by serving the poor and disadvantaged of our world.

I wish all students and their families a safe, restful and re-creative summer break. I look forward to all that the coming school year has to offer.

### Watch for SMA's August Newsletter

You can visit our website during the summer months for school supply lists and other general information. Our newsletter, officially launching the 2013 school year, will be available in early August.

**God Bless and enjoy your summer!**



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## Campus Ministry

Ms. Michelle Garlinski

God is Good—Summer is here! When we reflect on the year as *People of Fire* we are filled with gratitude for the ways we shared the many gifts with which has God blessed us.

A huge thank you to our Campus Ministry Leadership team with co-chairs Jaden Edginton and Micaylee Rodyniuk, who led with style and grace.

We welcome our new Campus Ministry co-chairs Taylor Martin and Kasen Neufeld, who have already started to plan for the new

year as *People of Community*.

We also pause to thank our teacher advisors Ms. Beauchamp (J-Walking), Mrs. Hill (Jr Club LEMON/AMS) and Ms. Wojcik (SMJM Youth Justice Forum).

**What's up for the summer?**

**Yakima Summer Justice Team:** In July we are off to Yakima, WA with seven students.

**YOUTHLEADER 2013:** In August five students are participating in YOUTHLEADER 2013.

Have a safe, restful and blessed summer!

## Summer Prayer

May the openness that Summer brings be a gift to us.

To open the windows of our lives to other people, to open our to homes to share the hospitality of table and faith.

Open our minds, and revel in the beauties of nature.

The smell of newly mown grass, the morning dew on the rosebud, the scent of honeysuckle on the evening air, the open spaces offering relaxation and a change of pace.

Open our hearts to your love and may your Spirit rest with each one of us!

## Science News

Mr. Chris O'Donoghue

The *Manitoba Schools Science Symposium* (MSSS), the largest annual science event held for students throughout Manitoba, took place at the University of Manitoba in late April. The weekend saw eight budding young scientists from SMA competing with other students from all over the province.

**Grade 7:** Kailani Pagtakhan and Bea Bernardo won a silver medal for their project entitled Membrane Integrity and the Health of the Cell.

**Grade 8:** Alex Degen won a silver medal for her study, **The Effect of Music on Memory Retention**. Adara LaPage and Kenidi Longclaws won silver for their project entitled **Cinnamon; The Mold Fighter**. Gold medals were awarded to Stephanie Knysh & Kate George for their project, **The Effects of Physical Activity on the Female Brain**. Stephanie and Kate also received the Women's Health Award, consisting of a certificate and cash award.

**Grade 12:** Sandy Lee has been working on aspects of cancer research with her mentor for several years as part of the Sanofi BioGENEius Challenge program. Sandy's

project this year **Claudin 1 Transcripts in Human Breast Cancer** won her a silver medal at the MSSS. Sandy also received two special awards, the Derek Wong Scholarship in the amount of \$450 and the Women's Health Award and scholarship. This is the fourth year in a row that Sandy has won this award!

Congratulations girls, you represented SMA in such a positive and intellectual manner.

Way to Hold High the Torch!



Alex Degen



Kenidi Longclaws & Adara LaPage



Stephanie Knysh & Kate George



Sandy Lee



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## French Department

Mme Marie Desaulniers

SMA's French Department had a very productive 2012-2013 year.

The Grades 10-12 Basic & Advanced French students had a wonderful field trip in January to view the film *Les Misérables*. The beautiful music and excellent story will never be forgotten.

Colleen Decker, Gloria Nguyen and Keziah Brothers participated in the *Semaine par Excellence* at the University of St. Boniface in April. This is an enrichment program offered by the University which enables motivated high school students to study in different subject areas at the post-secondary level.

Emily Meadows deserves recognition for having been selected as a finalist in the Young Manitoba Artist Festival of Manitoba (Jeune Artiste du Manitoba) for her beautiful vocal interpretation of a selection from *Les Misérables*.

Congratulations to the 42S AP French students who wrote their French Language exam in May.

### *Trip planned for February 2014*

The French Department is planning a trip to Montréal-Québec in February 2014. We'll keep you posted!

## Provincial Concours Art D'Oratoire

Mme Marie Desaulniers & Mrs. Alfina Grande

Congratulations to all the participants of this year's *Provincial Concours Art D'Oratoire* that took place May 4 at the Université du St. Boniface.

SMA girls shone bright among the 138 participants!

### *Results*

- Selina Audino placed second in the 7/8 francais category.
- Linnea Cox placed second in the 7/8 immersion category.
- Gloria Nyugen placed second in the 9/10 immersion category.
- Anya Ingram placed third in the 9/10 francais category.
- Elena Basford placed second in the 11/12 impromptu.
- Emily Meadows placed third in the 11/12 Core French category.

Congratulations also to Emily Prenovault and Sydney Kazina for their participation in the Concours.

Way to Hold High the Torch!



*Concours Art D'Oratoire participants* l-r: Anya Ingram, Emily Meadows, Gloria Nyugen, Sydney Kazina, Sélina Audino, Elena Basford, Linnéa Cox, Emily Prenovault

## Social Studies

Mr. Michael Saj

Congratulations to the following girls who participated and won prizes at this year's *Red River Heritage Fair* at the University of Winnipeg on May 2, 2013.

### *Heritage Winnipeg Award:*

Floeanne Macalalad  
Sydney Kazina

### *KGS Group Award:*

Emma Resnichek

### *Grade 11 Award:*

Julia Verelli

### *Hong Kong Veterans Commemorative Association Award:*

Fiona Ludlow and Katie Evans  
Melanie William

### *Manitoba Association of Computer Educators ManACE Award:*

Fiona Ludlow and Katie Evans

### *Manitoba Genealogical Society Award:*

Emily Gartner

### *Impact of Faith Award:*

Emily Gartner

### *Begbie Historical Contest*

This year 33 grade 11 students participated in The Begbie Historical Contest, a nationwide Canadian History exam with 14,000 participants. Congratulations to Megan DaCosta who placed 137th in the nation.

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## Physical Education

Ms. Jen O'Leary & Mr. Demetro Danyluk



Here in the gym, the home of the **SMA Flames**, 70 Junior and Senior High athletes participated in Badminton, Rugby, Soccer, Track and Field,

Field Hockey, Ringette and Beach Volleyball during the months of April, May and June. Countless hours have been spent running, jumping, sprinting, throwing, catching, spiking, smashing and shooting!

### Badminton

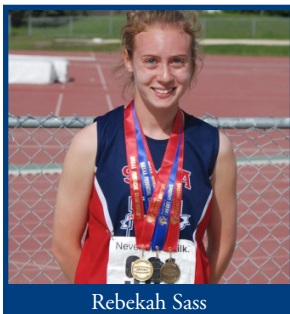
The **Junior Badminton** team coached by Carolyn Fenny finished with a strong showing in the Pembina Trails Athletic Association.

**Samantha Cattani:** 2nd, Grade 9 Girls Singles  
**Alex Degen:** 4th, Grade 9 Girls Singles  
**Selina Audino:** 2nd, Grade 8 Girls Singles

The **Varsity Badminton** team along with coach Mano Navarro had an extremely successful year at the West Winnipeg Athletic Conference Badminton Championships.

**Alannah Thibodeau:** 1st Place. Alannah went on to finish 4th at the Manitoba High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Badminton Championships.

**Michelle Paluscek:** 3rd place



Rebekah Sass



Ms. McElrea & Athletic council with Olli Jokinen

### Soccer

The SMA soccer team was competitive this year winning the West Winnipeg Athletic Conference play. The team advanced to the MHSAA Provincial Championships held on May 31st and June 1st in Winnipeg.

### Rugby

The rugby team loaded with rookies showed great development in skills and knowledge of the game. The best of luck next year, we hope some of the players are able to take advantage of practicing and playing this summer.

### Track & Field

#### West Winnipeg Athletic Conference

The varsity and junior varsity Track and Field teams competed at the **West Winnipeg Athletic Conference Meet** held at the U of M. The varsity team finished in second place and the junior varsity in third.

#### Results

**Rebekah Sass:** 1st in 800m, 1500m and 3000m. **Alyssa Willson:** 2nd in 200m. **Belinda Guerra:** 1st in 1500m and 2nd in 800m. **Keziah Brothers:** 2nd in 3000m. **Megan Wrublowsky:** 2nd in 80m hurdles. **Rachel Hill:** 3rd in 100m, 2nd in High Jump and 3rd in Long Jump. **Angie Nguyen:** 3rd in triple jump. **Alannah Thibodeau:** 1st in Javelin.

SMA also did well in the relays. The **junior varsity team** finished 3rd in the 4x100, 1st and 2nd in the 4x400 and 1st in the Medley relay. The **varsity team** finished 2nd in the 4x100 and 4x400 medley relays.

#### Athletics Manitoba Provincial Champions

The Junior High Conference meet was rained out however many of SMA's junior athletes competed in the **Athletics Manitoba Provincial Championships**.

### Results

**Sierra Sutherland:** 3rd in the 1200m.

#### MHSAA Provincial Championships

SMA had a number of athletes qualify for the **MHSAA Provincial Championships** held from June 6-8 at the U of M.

#### Results

**Rebekah Sass:** 1st in 1500m and 3000m, 2nd in 800m.

**Junior Varsity Medley Relay (Belinda Guerra, Ciara Okumura, Keziah Brothers and Alyssa Willson):** 3rd place.

#### Breakfast of Champions

On May 27, 2013 the **Breakfast of Champions** Banquet with guest speaker Olli Jokinen of the Winnipeg Jets was held in the cafeteria, followed by the **Athletic Awards** Assembly which was held in Alumni Hall. One hundred and forty-five athletes, coaches, parents and supervisors gathered together to celebrate and share in the 2012-13 athletic experiences. Several awards were handed out recognizing many students who have dedicated much time, energy and enthusiasm coaching, participating, score-keeping or supporting our teams.

Congratulations to Michael Macareag and Michael Saj who won the **SMA Nikki Redekop Coach** of the Year awards.

The **Grade 7 Pre-Season Training Camp** will be held August 26-30, 2013. For more information please contact Jen O'Leary at [joleary@stmarysacademy.mb.ca](mailto:joleary@stmarysacademy.mb.ca)

#### Congratulations

Congratulations to all athletes, coaches, parents and supervisors for their dedication and commitment to the SMA athletic program. Enjoy a healthy, relaxing summer and be fit.



Athletic award recipients and coaches



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## Art Department

Mrs. Deb Nickel

### Art Auction supports SMA's Bursary Fund and the Art Department Special Fund

This year SMA's annual live Art Auction was a resounding success with a record \$2,246 raised!

The Auction was held in Durocher Library over the lunch hour during the week of May 6. Hundreds of students and staff enthusiastically bid on over one hundred pieces of student and teacher art.

This year's enthusiastic grade twelve art students created a number of original canvasses just for the auction, contributing to its great success!

The Auction also benefitted from a small core of grade 12 students who helped get the work to the library, display work, keep records of sales etc.

### The Beginnings

The Art Auction started in the late 1980s to increase awareness among the students of the wonderful work of SMA's [Bursary Fund](#). Every year, the proceeds from the Art Auction are split between the Bursary Fund and the Art Department—Special Fund.

Over the first number of years, the students donated small drawings from their sketchbooks and the items would sell from 10 cents to a few dollars.

In 2003, the Auction hit a record high amount when Katie Cibinel ('01) donated a number of her St. Mary's Academy cartoon characters. These items were incredibly popular and a record amount of approximately \$880 was raised.

The next major growth came in the Spring of 2009. The previous May ('08), the grade eleven art class asked "What was the record amount raised." One student - Melissa Coyle ('09) - promptly said "We'll break \$1,000."

Sure enough, the next spring, the Auction swept past the \$1,000 with the great support of the senior art students.

Many thanks to students and staff for supporting this effort!



## SMA Parents' Guild

Mrs. Kathleen Reid

### The Guild is looking for volunteers

Sign-up online to volunteer for the 2013-2014 school year!

Go to [stmarysacademy.mb.ca/home/parents](http://stmarysacademy.mb.ca/home/parents) and click on the **Build the Guild** icon to register yourself as a volunteer with the SMA Parents' Guild. When you are contacted to volunteer, you are not expected to volunteer unless it suits your schedule. Note: The *Parents* section of the website provides more information about the various activities and events that the Parents' Guild puts on.

### Actively recruiting for key positions

If you are looking for a volunteer position that puts you behind the scenes organizing a committee, please consider

the following positions:

- **International Day Convener**
- **International Day Co-Convener**
- **Hospitality Chair(s)**

To view a detailed description of these positions go to SMA's website and follow the *Parents* tab to *International Day* or *Hospitality*.

### Thank You

The Parents' Guild **thinks all parents** for their continued support. The hours volunteered in a school year to run our events and activities is immeasurable.

The Guild thanks **Bonnie Cadieux** for her dedication to International Day over the past three years. All the work Bonnie has put into building this event is much appreciated. The Guild looks forward to her help with the Art Auction at International Day 2013.

The Guild also thanks **Jackie MacFarlane** for her four years of dedication as the Guild's Secretary. Jackie's commitment to her work, the executive and to the Guild as a whole is to be commended. This past year Jackie spent many hours helping out with the Guild's online volunteer registration project. Jackie will continue her good work by helping out with grad next year.

Last but not least thank-you to **Shaun Mallory** for developing the Guild's *online volunteer registration form*. Shaun's expertise and quick turn-around on this project is greatly appreciated.

### Welcome

Welcome to Teresita Chiarella, who will serve as the Parents' Guild Secretary.

Have a safe and relaxing summer!

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## Math Department

Mrs. Vivian Epp

### **Math Contest Awards 2013**

This year SMA had a great number of students who participated in writing math contests. Congratulations to all students who accepted the challenge and wrote.

#### **Grades 7 & 8**

The **Gauss Contest** is written at these grade levels. Students who achieve scores in the top 25% in our school receive Certificates of Distinction and the top student in the school receives a Certificate of Outstanding Achievement.

#### **This year's recipients for grade 7 are:**

Gillian Besko: Outstanding Achievement

#### **Top 25% Certificates of Distinction:**

Erica Forbes, Danielle Sneesby, Alexandria Koltek, Tristan Chambers, Kiara Calista, Cameron Armstrong, Elisabeth Thorlakson, Julia Cornejo, Annemiek Mallory, Nicole Kaneski, Laura Nerinck, Grace Scott, Meredith Cumming, Jenna Klippenstein, Sarah Girard and Jasmine Tavares

#### **This year's recipients for Grade 8 are:**

Neiva Desrocher: Outstanding Achievement

#### **Top 25% Certificates of Distinction:**

Raleigh Frank, Madison Hook, Laura White, Cristina Doyle, Lumiere Parrenas, Stephanie Knysh, Laura Hill, Stephanie

Houvardas, Adara LePage, Maiya Gowder, Mackenzie DeiCont, Abbey Roskos, Helen Macaulay, Tyra Godenir, Jasmine Gilchrist, Grace McDonald and Kaitlyn Scott

#### **Grade 9**

The **Pascal Contest** is written at this grade level. Students who achieve scores in the top 25% in Canada receive Certificates of Distinction and the top student in the school receives a medal.

#### **This year's recipients are:**

- Maia Idzikowski: Medal
- Melissa Coleman: Medal
- Rachel Beazley: Certificate
- Nicole Ganea: Certificate
- Danielle MacKenzie: Certificate
- Andrea Ayo: Certificate

Grade 9 students may also write the **Fryer Contest** which is a 75 minute, challenging long answer contest. Students are required to meet certain standards in order to achieve recognition. SMA is pleased to acknowledge **Melissa Coleman** and **Maia Idzikowski** who achieved Bronze Standard and received Certificates of Distinction.

#### **Grade 10**

The **Cayley Contest** is written at this grade level. Students who achieve scores in the top 25% in Canada receive Certificates of Distinction and the top

student in the school receives a medal.

#### **This year's recipients are:**

Melissa Solomon: Medal  
Jaeyoen Park: Certificate  
Megan Todoruk: Certificate

#### **Grade 11**

Students at this grade level write the **Fermat Contest**. Students who achieve scores in the top 25% in Canada receive Certificates of Distinction and the top student in the school receives a medal.

#### **This year's recipient is:**

Hyebin Cho: Medal

Grade 11 students may also write the **Hypatia Contest** which is a 75 minute, challenging long answer contest. Students are required to meet certain standards in order to achieve recognition. SMA is pleased to acknowledge **Jung Min Hong** who achieved a Bronze Standard and receives a Certificate of Distinction.

#### **Grade 12**

Grade 12 students write the **Euclid Contest**. This is a 2 1/2 hour, long answer competition. SMA congratulates **YeJi Hong** who is awarded a medal for her achievement in this contest. SMA also congratulates **YeJi Hong, Katherine Kresta and Megan Linton** for their achievement as a team winning the Zone Championship.

## Water Walk

Ms. Stephanie Zirino

### **Grade 7-3 Fundraising Initiative**

On Friday, May 24, 2013 the class of 7-3 walked 5.5 km's with backpacks full of water bottles in an effort to raise money for the **Free the Children Water Initiative**.

This fundraising activity, created and executed entirely by the grades 7-3 class, raised **just over \$775**. The students created pledge forms and canvassed for pledges for over a month.

The Grade 7-3's reason for doing this was to pay tribute to all those individuals who walk miles each day for clean drinking water.

Way to Hold High the Torch!





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## Dramatic Arts

Ms. Laura Davey

### *Grease is the Word!*

Attention all lovers of poodle skirts and Rock n' Roll! The SMA Drama Department is pleased to announce that next year's Grade 7-12 drama production will be *Grease!*

### Save the Date!

Performances will be held on:

- Friday, November 29
- Saturday, November 30
- Sunday, December 1

Auditions will be held in September - stay



## Dates To Note

### June 2013

- 19 Grad Dinner and Dance
- 24 Convocation Mandatory Rehearsal: 9 a.m.
- 25 Convocation: 2 p.m.
- 26 Textbook Return Deadline
- 20-27 Volleyball Tryouts
- 27 Report Card Distribution
- 28 Administration Day

### August 2013

- 20 School Office Opens
- 26-30 Grade 7 Pre-season Training Camp

### September 2013

- 3-4 Uniform Sale: 5-7 p.m.
- 4 New Student Orientation: 9-11 a.m.
- 5 First Day of Classes
- 6 School Liturgy: 2 p.m. in Alumnae Hall

## Private Music Lessons

If you are interested in private piano, music theory or beginner guitar lessons at St. Mary's Academy, please call Sister Josephine Chudzik at 204-284-3309.

## Note to Grade 11 Students

Now's the time to purchase white gloves and white close-toed pumps in anticipation of next year's graduation class photos, which will take place in February. The timing is important since white pumps and gloves are available in stores now, but very hard to find in January and February.

## Volleyball Coach Needed

SMA's Athletic department is looking for a grade 9 girls volleyball coach for the 2013-14 school year. If interested please contact Jen o'Leary at joleary@stmarysacademy.mb.ca.

## Cornerstore

Thank-you to our many volunteers who helped with the Cornerstore this year. Without your time and hard work the Cornerstore would not be possible.

Congratulations to the class of 2013!

We wish the staff and students at St. Mary's Academy a safe and fun-filled summer.





# St. Mary's Academy NEWS

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## Around the Academy



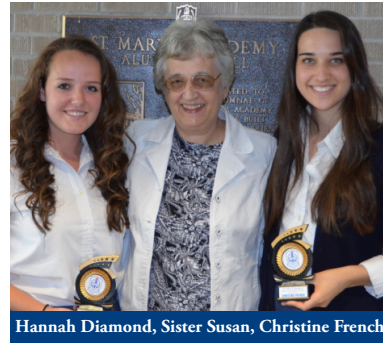
Grade 12 drama exam: Beauty and the Beast



Flames prep team with Olli Jokinen



Faculty professional development day on May 17 at the Qualico Centre



Hannah Diamond, Sister Susan, Christine French



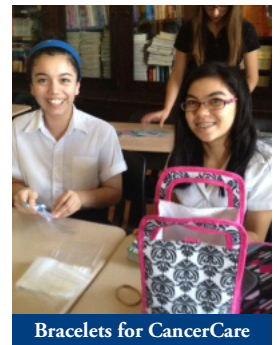
Junior track meet



June 3, 2013 rugby game



Carnival



Bracelets for CancerCare



Marian Awards Luncheon  
Sister Susan Wikeem, Janine Hanson, Leisha Strachan, Andrea Cibinel



SMA blood drive

