



# St. Mary's Academy

## April 2009 Newsletter

### News from the Director - Sister Susan Wikeem



We have a birthday in the SMA family. In April 2009, the St. Mary's Alumnae Association will mark the 100th anniversary of its establishment. For a century the Association has been faithful to its mission of fostering life-long connections among former students and with the school.

To mark the milestone, the Alumnae Association is planning celebrations throughout the year including a **Gala Dinner at the Fairmont Hotel on May 2, 2009**. The program for the evening will include special recognition of alumna Kimberly Prost, an *Ad*

*Litem* Judge of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, and the unveiling of a painting of the Academy by Winnipeg artist Roman Swiderek. MC for the evening will be alumna Amanda Lang, host of BNN's Squeeze Play. The program will be followed by a live band.

We hope current SMA parents and students (future alumnae) will be able to attend the Gala to celebrate with the Alumnae Association and to show our gratitude for the continued support of our former students.

### "Heaven Is ..." - Mrs. M. Franz

This term, more than seventy juniors are taking part in the Saint Mary's Academy production of "Heaven Is...". We are excited to see so many of our students involved.

"Heaven Is..." is a one act play about a group of children on a mission to discover the true meaning of heaven. Written by the late Dr. George D. Falk of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, the show incorporates a diverse offering of the performing arts including: dance, gymnastics, and singing.

This is truly an event for all ages; a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a theatrical presentation as a whole family - from young ones to grandparents.

Show dates are Friday, May 22nd at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 24th at 2 p.m.

Tickets will go on sale on April 14th for \$8. Invite your family and friends and come out to see what "Heaven Is...!"



### Spring has Sprung! - Ms. M. Garlinski

Since spring is about "new life", 17 students in our choir will leave April 23 for both Seattle and Portland to plant new seeds of friendship with students from other SNJM schools and shower them with our hospitality! We are very excited and privileged to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with St. Mary's Academy in Portland. The students will be part of a choir and orchestra of 400 for the final concert on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. We wish them well as they meet more of the SNJM family!

### Summer plans at SMA

We are pleased to offer two great summer projects! Youth Leader 2009 is being sponsored once again by the Archdiocese of Winnipeg and we will be sending

a team of participants. Youth Leader week will be August 17-21 and is open to students in Grade 10-12 as of the fall. For more information, check out our website.

We also will be hosting the first SNJM Justice Network Summer Project. Students from Portland, Seattle, Oakland, Quebec, and Sisters from Lesotho, Africa will be participating in a 5-day service learning experience. The week will focus on outreach, building community with other SNJM schools, learning more about the charisma of Mother Marie Rose, and our call to Justice as members of the SNJM family. Jessica Thompson, Keanna Berzowski, Samantha Richmond, Alana Robert, and Ms. Wojcik will be representing SMA.

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### Dates to Note

#### April

- 23 - 2:30 dismissal/Faculty meeting/ newsletter distributed
- 24 - Senior Dance
- 28 - Grade 7 Tea and Poetry

#### May

- 1 - Spring Uniform (optional)/ Junior Dance
- 2 - Alumnae Association Gala Dinner
- 4 - 8 Art Display
- 5 - Parents' Guild Meeting 7:30
- 8 - Professional Day/no classes
- 12 - Track and Field Day
- 18 - Victoria Day/no classes
- 21 - 2:30 dismissal/Faculty meeting
- 22 - Athletic Awards Luncheon
- 25 - 2:30 Leadership Council Carnival
- 29 - 8:30 Grade 12 Parent/Daughter Mass and Brunch/ Grades 7 - 11 start at 10:30

#### June

- 2 - Parents' Guild 6:30
- 7 - Alumnae Picnic
- 8 - 11:40 Awards Assembly/ Grade 12 Alumnae Induction BBQ
- 9 - 8:30 Closing Mass
- 10 - Grade 12 exams begin
- 16 - Grade 11 exams begin
- 18 - Grade 10 exams begin
- 19 - Grade 7, 8, 9 exams begin
- 22 - Grade 12 exam review
- 23 - last day of exams
- 24 - textbook returns
- 25 - exam review by appointment
- 26 - 2:00 convocation
- 29 - Administrative Day/no classes
- 30 - Grade 7 - 11 reports distributed



**IMPORTANT GRAD DATES**

Here is a list of important dates for the 2009 Grads to remember:

- May 29 - Parent/Daughter Mass and Brunch
- June 8 - Alumnae Induction and BBQ
- June 19 - Dinner and Dance
- June 25 - Convocation rehearsal  
Mandatory attendance
- June 26 - Convocation

**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN APRIL!!!!???**

Living Catholic Faith- the recently released Chicken Soup for the Soul book is being sold by Kara Staples (SMA '09) to raise funds for the OLPH youth mission trip to El Salvador. The first chapter in the book is written by her Mom, Stephanie, and is about Winnipeg's very own St. Paul's High School! Subsequent chapters are full of other inspiring, faith-filled stories that will help to deepen your faith, hope, and resolve. The books are \$20 ea. or 2 for \$35. For more info. contact Kara at 253-7826 or

[Stephanie@YourLifeUnlimited.ca](mailto:Stephanie@YourLifeUnlimited.ca)

Thank you for your support.

**Track and Field Day**

Tuesday May 12, 2009

Come prepared to throw, run, jump, soar, and participate!



Rain date: May 15

**Heritage Fair Results - Ms. J. Beauchamp, Mrs. B. Lucas**

158 projects were set up, students were rehearsed, and 75 judges were briefed about their quest as St. Mary's Academy became the host to another successful Heritage Fair. Typically, in SMA style, this day was bigger and better than last year's. The Fair became a full day with judging starting in the morning and the afternoon set aside for public viewing. Judges were treated to lunch "under the dome" on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor and an SMA historical display set up by Sr. Mary Gorman.

Winners of the Heritage Fair will move on to the Red River Regional Heritage Fair to be held in May at the University of Winnipeg, in the Duckworth Center. Our congratulations to all participants for a job well done!

**Grade 11 winners:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Alanna Scammell - "The Feminization of Poverty"-winner of the Janet Duggan Memorial Award
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Laura Blakesley & Shalaka Godse - "Winnipeg Strikes Back"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ashley Ryz - "The Vote For Women : Nellie McClung"
- 4<sup>th</sup> Emily Guttormson - "Anne Ross: Angel to the North End"
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dominique Demers - "Canadian Women in WWII"
- 6<sup>th</sup> Zoe Prefontaine - "But Alas! She was a Feminist Nun" (drawing)

As a fun event, students and visitors got to vote for their favourite projects.

Results from the "VIEWER'S CHOICE" were:

**Grade 9:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Anika Campeau - "Duff Roblin Floodway - An Engineering Feat"

Honourable Mention:

- Maddie Hicks & Leah Heppenstall - "Music, Mood and Money: The Winnipeg Folk Festival: It's Got It All"
- Alana Kremel & Karla Ordonez - "Laura Secord : War Heroine"
- Victoria Lovell & Lindsay Warelis - "Emily Carr: Artist, Writer and Rebel"
- Elena Huebert - "The Whiteshell: Past and Present"

**Grade 11:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ariel Boughen, Alex Cornick, Sam MacRae, Hollie Swart " Journey through the gallows : Hilda Blake"

Honourable mention:

- Eun-Ji Lee & Jenna Glidden - "Pearl McGonigal"
- Ainsley Balcewich, Taisa Markiw & Jasmine Magnus-Osborne - "Girl Guides of Canada"

**Grade 9 winners:**

- Jenny Jo - "Korean War: 6.25"
- Marty Southall - "The Formation of the CN"
- Jessica Thompson - "Inuit Sculptures: Past and Present"
- Rachel Nickel - "A Hidden History"
- Diane Bosc and Shaylee Wolsey - "Evolution of Canadian Sporting Events"
- Amanda Loscerbo - "Prairie Cathedral"
- Chelsea Jones - "Lest We Forget" (Valour Road)
- Keanna Berezowski - "Health Sciences Center, Winnipeg: Hope, Caring, Learning, Discovery"
- Alexandra Stephensen - "Grace General Hospital: Past to Present"
- Anika Campeau - "The Duff Roblin Floodway: An Engineering Feat"
- Brittany Hince-Siwicki - "Molding Canada's Identity: The Great Depression"
- Samantha Richmond - "Where is the Booze?"

**Science for Life Conference - Jenna Gim**

On February 11, 2009, six St. Mary's students had the privilege of attending the Science for Life Conference, hosted by the University of Winnipeg. Juliet Daet, Yujin Kang, Leslie Quintos, Eun-Ji Lee, Alyssa Verrelli, and I had the pleasure of attending this conference to explore various careers in the science field.

The Conference began with a panel discussion, featuring prominent and renowned panelists Mr. Bob Brown, Dr. Suzanne Fortier, Mr. John Graham, Dr. Mitchell Joachim, Mr. Frank Nolan, Dr. Stephen Pistorius, Mr. Chris Saunders, Dr. Uta Sbotto-Frankenstien, and Ms. Chris Zeller. The panelists answered questions from the audience, explained what drove them to pursue scientific careers, and discussed the difference their roles make in the world.

Following the discussion, Dr. Suzanne Fortier, President of the Natural Sciences and Engineering

Research Council of Canada, presented her keynote lecture on crystallography and the development of mathematical and artificial intelligence methodologies for protein structure determination, a vital component of biology research.

After the lecture, several University of Winnipeg students delivered poster presentations on current topics in modern research. In the evening, Dr. Joachim Mitchell, Co-Founder and Partner of a non-profit organization, Terreform 1, spoke about his innovative work on "The Future Carborexic City". Dr. Joachim is a high-profile figure in environmental architecture, a faculty member of Columbia University and Parsons New School for Design, and one of WIRED magazine's SMART-listed "15 People the Next President Should Listen To".

All in all, it was a memorable day of scientific exploration!

## Mission...Possible! - Ms. L. Dart & Sister M. Gibney

Our mission reps prepared for our annual Hunger Meal on Holy Thursday. Volunteers shared their experiences at St. Angela's Home for disabled children in Lesotho. Afterwards, we, the SMA community, ate bread and water to demonstrate our solidarity with those less fortunate than ourselves. Donations towards the meal will be shared with our SNJM family in Lesotho.

The Food Drive for Winnipeg Harvest was a real success - perhaps due to the creativity of our reps,

who exchanged tokens for the food donated! These tokens then determined which teachers would learn a cultural dance and then perform it. Several of our gifted students worked *very hard* with the contenders: Ms Beauchamp and Mr. Villa and Mr. O'Donoghue, and Mrs. O'Leary. There was absolute delight as both students and staff performed.

Our thanks go out to all who worked to make it happen. Also, thanks to our faithful reps and all those who contribute weekly. *It's all in the gift of giving.*

## Career & Personal Counselling - Mrs. S. Matheson & Mrs. D. Sigurdson

### Grade 11 - University of Manitoba

On February 18<sup>th</sup>, the Grade 11 students attended the U of M Information Days. The students started the day at St. Paul's College with a presentation by Dr. Bracken. The students then toured the campus, attended sessions hosted by specific faculties, and visited numerous information booths, and venues. There were also many fun activities, draws, and contests throughout the day. The students enjoyed an informative and enlightening day learning about life at university.

### Grade 10 - Rotary Career Symposium

On March 11, the Grade 10 students attended the Rotary Career Symposium at the Winnipeg Convention Centre.

The Career Symposium provided a forum for students to explore a variety of career and post-secondary education options. This year's Symposium included 179 exhibitors, and displays including Service Canada, Manitoba for Youth and much more. The students found the symposium to be very entertaining and informative.

## Science Fair Results - Ms. J. Dyck-Lyons, Ms. C. Wojcik, Mr. J. Villa

This year's Science Fair was a great success!

Our students' hard work and effort were demonstrated as 120 projects were wonderfully presented and displayed on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Judges were impressed with the standard of learning and the quality of projects that were presented. Congratulations to all students.

We would also like to thank all staff for its help in organizing this day and to all the judges who volunteered their time to make the Science Fair successful.

The following students received the top award in their grade and categories:

### Artistic Presentation

- Grade 8: 1st place – Meaghan Roe  
2nd place – Katelyn Howorth  
3rd place – Sara Fraser  
Grade 7: 1st place – Lauren Kressock  
2nd place – Bronwyn Seier  
3rd place – Kaitlyn Kaltenberger & Alessia Guzzi

### Chemistry

- Grade 8: Leigh Vossen & Savini Jayasinghe  
Grade 7: Alexandra Decker

### Health Sciences

- Grade 8: Melanie LaBossiere & Julia Jones  
Grade 7: Sara Fraser

### Physics

- Grade 8: Emily Fridrik  
Grade 7: Megan Dacosta

### Engineering

- Grade 8: Kiera Garagan  
Grade 7: Connor Forzley

### Environmental Science

- Grade 8: Lauren Gowler  
Grade 7: Elizabeth Wilde

### Biology (animal)

- Grade 8: Jaden Edginton  
Grade 7: Zoey Godenir

### Biology (plant)

- Grade 8: Liliya Medynska  
Grade 7: Nicole Bailey & Haley Walton

### Consumer Science

- Grade 8: Kaitlyn Kaltenberger & Alessia Guzzi  
Grade 7: Katelyn Howorth

### Best Overall

- Grade 8: Kiera Garagan  
Grade 7: Michaela Lang

Award winners will be taking part in the Manitoba Schools' Science Symposium. This event will be held April 23 - 26 at the University of Winnipeg, Duckworth Centre.

Join us in prayer!



Wednesday mornings

@ 8am in the

Holy Names  
Chapel

**Date Change!**  
Please

don't forget to  
change your school  
calendar:

May 8 - no school  
Professional

Development Day

May 15 - regular  
classes!

**CONGRATULATIONS**

to

**SAMANTHA HALE**

2009 Manitoba High  
School Provincial  
Debating Champion.

**UNIFORM  
SHOP**

Friday May 15, 2009  
will be the last day  
the Uniform Shop is  
open for this year.

## Physical Education Update - *Mr. D. Danyluk and Ms. J. O'Leary*

Congratulations to the St. Mary's Basketball teams: your dedication and commitment to the game of basketball and towards your team was admired by all who came to watch you play the game.

There are many people to thank - people without whom these sports could not continue. First, to all the coaches who put in countless hours preparing practices, coaching, and analyzing to see the positives and to look at what still needs to be developed. Second, to all the students who helped at the score table for all the games and tournaments and the canteen workers at our three basketball tournaments. Third, to the teachers who helped supervise the various teams and helped at the three tournaments. The teams appreciated the support they received from fellow students, parents, and staff.

All the best to the girls with their off-season training.

To all students interested in participating in track and field or just working on their fitness, practices will be held at 7:15am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Our spring sports are off to a roaring start! Varsity Soccer tryouts will be starting soon, with the first league game on April 30<sup>th</sup> versus Fort Richmond. We have a new sport called Ultimate coming to St. Mary's thanks to Emily Ashley and Chris Ashley (Coach). The St. Mary's Rugby team has also been training hard for the past month and is looking forward to the upcoming season. The senior badminton season started before the spring break and ends at the beginning of May with the provincial championships. The junior badminton teams begin their first games the third week of April.

Good luck to these five teams. Have a great season!

## Alumnae News - *Ms. A Cibinel*



### 100 Anniversary Alumnae Association Events

**May 2, 2009**

Join us as we celebrate our Gala Dinner at the Fairmont Hotel and present the annual Marian Award! This will truly be a night to remember. All alumnae and friends are welcome. Watch for your invitation in the mail.

**June 7, 2009 1 - 3 pm Academy Grounds**

A perfect date for our Turn of the Century Picnic. All families are welcome. Admission is free, and there will be activities for children and adults alike. Food and refreshments will be available at a nominal charge. As well, turn of the century entertainment and music will be incorporated. Turn of the century costumes are optional! If you plan to attend or require more information, please contact [picnic@stmarysacademy.mb.ca](mailto:picnic@stmarysacademy.mb.ca)

**June 13, 2009 - Players Golf Course**

Fore! Our annual alumnae golf tournament is designed for all golfers: novice to pro. Lunch will be at 12:30 pm, with green fees and prizes galore! For more information please e-mail [golf@stmarysacademy.mb.ca](mailto:golf@stmarysacademy.mb.ca)

**September 25 - 27, 2009**

Homecoming weekend returns for another opportunity to gather together with friends and family. A wide assortment of activities are in the works: stay tuned for more updates.

If you are interested in volunteering your time with one of the activities, contact us at [Alumnae100@stmarysacademy.mb.ca](mailto:Alumnae100@stmarysacademy.mb.ca)

For more information on these events go to [www.stmarysacademy.mb.ca](http://www.stmarysacademy.mb.ca)

### *A Prayer in Spring*

*Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers to-day;  
And give us not to think so far away  
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here  
All simply in the springing of the year.*

*Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,  
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;  
And make us happy in the happy bees,  
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees*

*And make us happy in the darting bird  
That suddenly above the bees is heard,  
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,  
And off a blossom in mid air stands still*

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Robert Frost