



St. Mary's Academy

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Director's Message - Sr. S. Wikeem

I am pleased to announce that SMA has hired Mrs. Louise Danylchuk as Vice Principal starting August 2008. Mrs. Danylchuk brings to the job at St. Mary's Academy impressive credentials and extensive experience within a variety of educational settings. She currently teaches Grade 7 and Grade 8 at St. John Brebeuf School and she will be responsible for these grades at SMA. Mrs. Danylchuk's daughter Olivia is a student of the Academy.

This month we say good bye to four retirees with many years of service at SMA: Sylvia Beaucage-Pena (10 yrs), Sally Dick (15 yrs), Saratha Joseph (19 yrs), and Connie Strijack (20 yrs). In addition we lose Jey Thibedeau-Silver who is returning to university, and Colleen Villa and Gail Whitworth both of whom have accepted positions at Christ the King School. SMA is grateful to these dedicated staff members for their hard work and commitment to our girls. Mary-Anne Lovallo and Lucia MacKenzie will take MAT leave for the 2008/09 school year.

Principal's Year End Message - Mrs. C. Yunyk

As my third year as Principal is nearing completion, I am truly grateful to students, parents and faculty whose gifts and talents have enriched our school throughout the year. Many students and school clubs have been recognized this year; of special note is Priya Sharma who has been awarded a local Millennium Scholarship. Since 2000, St. Mary's Academy has had twelve recipients of this very prestigious honor. Well done Priya, we are very proud of you!

We are very pleased once again to offer the hockey skills development program, open to all students and offered jointly by St. Mary's Academy and Northwestern Hockey Outreach Camp. If you wish to register your daughter, please visit our website for further information and follow the link under Athletics.

Once again I would like to thank Mrs. D. May and Mrs. J. O'Leary for organizing a pre-season volleyball and basketball training camp for students entering Grade 7 in September. The camp, which is to be held August 25 – 29, filled up very quickly.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the Student

Last fall SMA launched a new website. It is updated daily. Our plan is to use the website to communicate information to parents more efficiently thus reducing the need for handouts that get lost in backpacks. Parents will be sent the usual August mailing this summer but it will not include the school calendar that is already posted on the website nor the supply lists and parking application since these will be posted in early July. This newsletter will also be posted in the Parents section.

Thank you to all the parents who helped further our mission by supervising, coaching, fundraising, chauffeuring, cooking, and hosting events. Special thanks to the faithful members of the Parents' Guild led by President Katherine Dane. The SMA staff is grateful for all parental support we receive.

I wish all families a restful, pleasant summer.

Leadership Council for its dedication and commitment to a successful first year. You have demonstrated the potential of how well this new student leadership model can improve student life in our school. The motto *Together We're Better* reflects the capacity of teamwork. Bravo!

To faculty members who are retiring or not returning in September, I thank you sincerely for your dedication to our mission at SMA. My life has been forever enriched by knowing you and walking with you on this journey.

I wish all Grade 7 to Grade 11 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.

Finally, I say goodbye to our graduates. I am proud of each of you and thank you for sharing your dreams with me during our exit conversations in late May and early June. You will make a difference as you continue to "Hold High the Torch" in whatever you choose to do. Good Luck and God Bless.

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Dates To Note

- Early July - School Information
Posted on School Website*
- Mid August - School Information Sent
Home*
- August 18 - School Office Opens*
- August 27-31 - Gr. 7 & 8 Volleyball
& Basketball Training
Camp*
- September 1 - Labour Day*
- September 2 - Administration Day
No Classes*
- September 3 - Orientation Day for
New Students*
- September 2 & 3 - Uniform Shop Sale*
- September 4 - First Day of Classes*
- September 5 - Opening Mass-2:00 pm*
- September 5 - Grade 9 Welcome
Evening*

**Young Historians
Awards Winners**

Congratulations to the following Grade 11 students who won writing prizes from the Manitoba Historical Society as part of the society's **2008 Historical Fiction Contest**

Breanna Mulhall tied for 1st place with her entry entitled

"One Bead at a Time"

(Teacher - Mr. D. Swirsky)

Jessica Enns placed 2nd for her entry entitled

"Death at Dugald"

(Teacher - Ms. J. Beauchamp)

Jennifer Burgess placed 3rd for her entry entitled

"Caged Bird"

(Teacher - Mr. D. Swirsky)

SANOFI-AVENTIS Biotech Challenge - Mrs. M. Klus

The SABC is a high-level science activity involving students from around the province and all across Canada. It is sponsored by "Sanofi-Pasteur" an international pharmaceutical/biotech corporation. The purpose is to give interested students an opportunity to learn more about biotechnology; the most rapidly growing area of science. Areas of biotechnology include medicine, agriculture, environment, and bioinformatics (computers).

The format of the SABC is similar to that of a science fair. This year five SMA students entered the challenge - Juliet Daet, Rachel Ward, Leslie Quintos, Yujin Kang, and Jenna

Gim. The girls worked closely with mentors who assisted them with their research. All girls developed spectacular projects and represented SMA in a very positive way. As a result of their hard work, SMA placed better overall than any other school in Manitoba with two teams in the top four. Yujin Kang and Leslie Quintos placed 2nd, winning \$1,500, with "Should Statins Be Used in the Treatment of Asthma?" Juliet Daet won \$750 and placed 4th with "Role of Non-Receptor Tyrosine Kinase c-Src in Estrogen Receptor-Alpha Regulation in Breast Cancer". Mrs. M. Klus was the teacher advisor for the winners and SABC mentors were Andrew Halayko and Leigh Murphy. Congratulations girls!

On a Mission - Ms. L. Dart & Sr. M. Gibney

We are pleased to say that our 2007-2008 year proved to be even more successful than last year. With so much need here at home and in our world, it is good to know that St. Mary's Academy comes through. Many groups have benefited from our weekly collections including Agape Table, Crossways in Common, Micah House, Next Step, Hospitality House, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Osborne House, Chez Nous, and our sister school, Holy Names High School in Lesotho, Africa.

In the first week of June most of our classes took up the challenge to raise as much money as they could for the Red Cross (the people of

Myanmar and China). An auction, bake sales, plant sales, a coffee party, and the regular collections from both students and staff amounted to \$2,327.14!!! We can be proud.

Recently, Mission reps attended two receptions: one hosted by UNICEF in appreciation for a contribution towards their African education campaign and the other for the presentation of a new wheelchair to Kristin through the Tabs for Wheelchair campaign. *Save those tabs. Ian will be our next recipient.*

"All it takes is the gift of giving." Thank you to all for your gift of giving. You have been most generous.

SMACKED - Mr. J. Burg

Our senior high debating season capped off this past month with two major events, and SMACKED had tremendous success at each of them. Firstly, the annual Manitoba Catholic Schools Championships was hosted at St. Maurice School with SMA taking home the Top School trophy. Congratulations to the team of Katharyn Burczynski and Olivia Prior for winning this award.

SMA hosted the Manitoba Provincial Senior High School Debating Championships and CSDF National Seminar Provincial Team Qualifier. Debating on the issue of whether or not the Olympic Games are worthwhile to continue running, SMACKED entered five teams who did a wonderful job. Congratulations go out to Kirstyn Koswin who was

named SMA's Top Debater. Kirstyn ranked 7th overall as an individual, and won one of four places on the Provincial Team which will compete in Calgary at the CSDF NatSem in November. Katharyn Burczynski ranked 10th overall as an individual. Congratulations also go out to the team of Samantha Hale and Andrea Jackson who ranked 6th overall in the team category, Emily Ashley and Katharyn Burczynski who ranked 8th, and Oksana Marushchak, who amazingly ranked 10th all by herself, debating all sides alone when her partner was unable to attend. Terrific performances were also turned in by Leigh Mackenzie, Alison Hall, and Kayla Ketcheson.

A special thank you goes out to all students, parents, alumnae, and SMA staff who assisted at this tournament as judges, speakers, clerks, and helpers.

School Curriculum Department News - Mrs. C. A. Northcott

This year Mr. D. Danyluk completes his two-year commitment as a member of the MECY committee developing the new Grade 11 and Grade 12 Physical Education/Health curriculum. Thank you Mr. Danyluk for your commitment and we are sure our students will reap the benefits of your insights as they take on these required courses.

We thank Mr. J. Burg, Social Studies Department and Mr. Gerard Bzdel, Religion Depart-

ment for their years of dedication as department heads in these respective departments. We wish them continued success in their roles as classroom teachers.

Ms. J. Beauchamp takes on the position of Social Studies Department head and Sr. M. Gibney is the Religion Department head. Mr. D. Danyluk and Mrs. J. O'Leary will share leadership in the Physical Education/Health department.

Check School Website For

- * School Calendar 2007-2008
- * Student Supply Lists
- * Parking Applications
- * Student Handbook Information
- * Information Pertinent to School Opening

Summer Professional Development

We wish great success to the following SMA faculty members pursuing summer

Professional Development

Ms. J. Beauchamp - 3-day Institute titled *Winnipeg: 1919: A City in Conflict* and 1-day institute titled *Introduction to the New Grade 9 Social Studies Curriculum*

Mr. D. Swirsky - 3-day institute titled *Winnipeg: 1919: A City in Conflict*

Ms. L. Dart - 3-day institute titled *Core Competency*

Ms. J. Dyck-Lyons - 2-day institute titled *Making Science Come Alive* and 1 week at YouthLeader

Ms. C. Wojcik - 2-day institute titled *Making Science Come Alive*

Mr. M. Saj - 1-day institute titled *Introduction to the New Grade 10 Social Studies Curriculum: Geographic Issues of the 21st Century*

Mrs. L. Danylchuk - 3-day leadership institute

Mrs. J. Ferguson - 1-day institute titled *The Wonders of the Grade 7 Mathematics World*

Ms. M. Garlinski - facilitator for 1 week YouthLeader program and 3-day institute titled *Roots of Empathy*

Mr. J. Villa - 2-day institute titled *Gaining a Deeper Understanding of the New Grade 9 Mathematics Curriculum*

Mrs. A. Challes - 3-day institute titled *Mentoring Teachers in LwICT*

SMA Scores Big at Provincial Science Fair Competition

- Mrs. S. Joseph

A team of twenty-seven SMA students, four seniors from Grade 11 and twenty-three from Grade 7, amazed us with their excellent performance at the 2008 Provincial Science Fair Competition. Their work, not only in researching and experimenting, but in presenting to judges was so outstanding that they won eight prestigious awards.

At the junior level special awards went to Alana Roberts & Alex Goodman - Best Group Overall Junior; Meghan Bourns - Best Individual Consumer Science Junior; Stephanie Hayden - Canadian Cancer Society Award Junior; Lauren Gowler - Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society Award; Kiera Garagan - Physiotherapy Alliance Award and CSAE/SCGR Biosystems Engineering Award; Isabella Marsiglia & Emily McPherson- I'm Lovin' It Science Award; and Isabella Dingman & Leigh Vossen - Maple Leaf Fresh Foods Food Excellence Award.

Victoria Snidal received honourable mention for her work. Bronze medal winners were Melanie LaBossierre, Hannah Diamond, Adrienne Cooper, Sydney Cadieux, Isabella Marsiglia and

Emily MacPherson, Emily Brownell and Cathleen Manalang, and Madison Magnus-Walker and Jessie Augustus.

Julia Jones and Lauren Kressock, Stephanie Hayden, Isabella Dingman and Leigh Vossen, and Kaitlyn Kaltenberg were awarded silver medals for their work.

Gold medals were awarded to Megan Bourns, Brianna Jarvin, Lauren Gowler, Kiera Garagan, and Alana Roberts and Alex Goodman.

At the senior level of the 2008 Provincial Science Fair Competition, all four SMA students were winners. Jenna Gim was awarded a silver medal. Juliet Daet received the silver medal and the Women's Health Research Foundation of Canada Award. Yujin Kang and Leslie Quintos were awarded the gold medal and recognized as Best Group Overall.

Congratulations to each and everyone of you for your hard work and dedication and for your contribution to the sciences. Maybe one day, you will be the one who finds the cure for breast cancer or asthma!

Athletic News - Mrs. J. O'Leary & Mr. D. Danyluk

Here in the gym, the home of the SMA Flames, 70 junior and senior high athletes have participated in badminton, rugby, soccer, track and field, and off-season volleyball and basketball training during the months of April, May, and

June. Countless hours have been spent running, jumping, sprinting, throwing, catching, spiking, smashing, and shooting.

With the help of SMA parent Ken Chartrand, the Junior Badminton team finished with a strong showing in the Pembina Trails Athletic Association. Emily McPherson and Landon Falk placed 1st in Grade 7 Girls Doubles. Claire Racette and Justy Linton were awarded 2nd in Grade 8 Girls Doubles, and Elleni Alevizos placed 2nd in Grade 9 Girls Singles. Maria Cortes-Toro and Tia Bereznyay placed 4th in Grade 9 Girls Doubles.

The SMA Senior Badminton team participated in the West Winnipeg Athletic Association Senior High Badminton Championships. Grade 12 student Alexa Laidlaw finished 2nd in Girls Singles, Brenlee Martin placed 3rd in Girls Singles, and Karen Dean and Stephanie Chung were awarded 1st place in Girls Doubles.

Alexa, Brenlee, Karen, and Stephanie attended Provincial Championships in Gimli and represented SMA with class and dignity. Hearty con-

gratulations to Alexa Laidlaw for winning the Bronze medal in the Girls Singles category. We would like to thank Jennifer Ferguson who coached the senior girls team.

The SMA soccer team was competitive this year losing a very close match in the semi-finals in conference play. This was a young team with the majority of the players trying out again next year.

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

On May 23rd the Athletic Awards Assembly was held in Alumni Hall. Many awards were presented recognizing students who have dedicated much time, energy, and enthusiasm coaching, participating, scorekeeping, and/or supporting our teams. The Junior Athlete of the Year was Grade 9 student, Jennifer Indome and Rebecca Hewett was named the Senior Athlete of the Year for 2007-2008. Mr. Eric Pele was awarded the SMA Coach of the Year award.

The awards ceremony was followed by a luncheon banquet in the cafeteria where 175 athletes, coaches, parents, and supervisors gathered together to celebrate and share in the 2007-08 athletic experiences and successes.

Congratulations to all athletic award recipients!

Concours d'Art Oratoire - Mme. M. Desaulniers

Félicitations/Congratulations to Grade 7 student, Sarah Haji for winning the Provincial Award at the Concours d'Art Oratoire, français Grade 7/8 level, for her outstanding speech, "L'alcool au volant". Sarah received a trophy for the school, a plaque, as well as a cheque for \$100 for her efforts.

Congratulations as well to Kira Putnam, Grade 7, for winning the Divisional Award at the Late Immersion 7/8 level of the Concours for her speech, "Mes sports préférés" and to Anik Chartrand, Grade 7 for winning second prize at the Divisional Level, français Grade 7/8.

Got Milk? We do! - Mrs. D. May

In order to help our students adhere to the "healthy schools" principles this year, the Grade 7 and Grade 8 students organized a MILK ONLY service line in the cafeteria.

This service line allowed students who wanted to purchase only milk the opportunity to buy their healthy beverage without having to wait in the long food lines. As a result of this strategy, milk sales in the cafeteria increased dramatically and consequently milk consumption by our students increased.

The implementation of this "milk only line" would not have been possible without students

volunteering time at lunch to sell milk. Thank you to the following junior students for making this worthwhile initiative possible: Sara Vis, Megan Marques, Ning Hao, Elise Ouellette, Alexandra Stephenson, Alana Robert, Lauren Becker, Maddie Hicks, Ashlea Moss, Amanda Loscerbo, Jessica Jureidini, Nicole McGlenen, Kelsey Desilets, Laura Enns, Jessica Diamond, Kyra King, Megan Linton, Emma McLennan, and Brianna Jarvin.

A special thank you goes out to Grade 8 student, Alex Goodman, for co-ordinating the volunteers operating the milk line and for covering shifts any time there was a shortage of volunteers.

Youth in Philanthropy - Mrs. B. Letkeman & Mrs. C. Strijack

This student-led group is responsible for the allocation of \$5,000.00 from the Winnipeg Foundation to local charitable organizations. Over the course of the school year, committee members in Grades 10, 11 and 12 decided upon grant-making criteria, researched local organizations and arranged site visits to selected charities. Our participants found it an invaluable experience to tour facilities and to gather information from staff and volunteers in order to make the selection of nine deserving grant recipients.

The recipients for 2007-2008 were: *Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg, Breast Cancer Centre of Hope, D'Arcy's Arc, Hope Centre, New Directions for Children, Youth, Adults and Fami-*

lies, North End Housing Project, St. Amant Foundation, Winnipeg Pet Rescue Shelter and Zoological Society of Manitoba.

We thank the St. Mary's Academy Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) Committee for its hard work and commitment to the program. Members of Yip 2007-2008 were Lovey Jasysyn and Clarisse Misa (co-chairs), Kimly Vu (inter-school rep), Susan Kim (secretary), Jessica Aguinaldo, Allison Alvero, Emily Ashley, Ariel Boughen, Suzanne Cadiz, Chelsea Caldwell, Jenna Gim, Emily Guttormson, Yujin Kang, Christine Lam, Eun-Ji Lee, Charmaine Manalang, Ola Pecuch, Maria Santiano, Kara Staples, Brittany Thiessen, Mika Udarbe, Angela Verrelli, and Alexis Zimak.

Grade 7 Chair Fair - Mrs. S. Joseph

The long awaited chair fair took place on June 5th in the Old Auditorium. It was a beautiful sight to see all sixty-three chairs 'sitting' comfortably on the sloping floor of the 'Old Aud', and no two chairs were alike. They came in diverse colors, shapes, sizes, materials and one even played music! The room was filled with chatter and photo flashes when the parents, grandparents, and other family members came to see their children's masterpieces. Congratulations to all the Grade 7 students. It was a lot of fun!

Grade 8 students Jenny Jo, Adriana Pawlowsky, Ali Derwin, Lindsay Warelis, Laura Enns, Alexandra Stephenson, and Victoria Lovell took responsibility for the canteen and the voting for the funniest and favorite chairs. They did a

phenomenal job and exhibited remarkable leadership. You were great!

We are grateful to the architects/interior designers, Hope Mackenzie, Ardelle Martin and Kimberly Walker, who took time from their busy schedules to address our Grade 7s about designing chairs.

In the category of *Funniest Chair* Emily Barber placed 1st with Madison Magnus-Walker receiving 2nd place honours. 1st place in the *Favorite Chair* category went to Emily Brownell with Alena Prochazka placing 2nd. Sarah Mulhall placed 1st in judging results with 2nd place going to Felicia Nunn, Alessia Guzzi, and Veronika Wierzbicki. Alena Prochazka was awarded 3rd place.



A Summer Prayer

God, thank you for summer!

Thank you for the warmth of the sun, the increased daylight, the opportunity to be outside and for more time to be with friends and family. Draw me closer to you this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

How to Pray in the Summer...

Walk with Jesus. Enjoy a nice walk on a cool summer evening at the beach, the neighbourhood, or on vacation. Imagine Jesus walking alongside you. Pour out what's in your heart to Him and ask Him for guidance and strength where you need it.

Under the Stars. On a clear evening, look up at the stars. God created them and knows each star by name. Ponder how immense God's plan is and your part in it.

Patio Prayers. Enjoy a refreshing glass of tea or lemonade out on the patio or deck while reading your Bible. Sit and relax with God. As you open your Bible, pray that God will be revealed to you. Why not journal what is revealed to you! As you sip your cool drink, consider how God refreshes you and strengthens you.

Gardening With God. When you garden, your hands are right in God's amazing creation. The soil, crumbling between your fingers, supports the life of the flowers, plants, and trees that God created to beautify our world and sustain us. Thank God for your own life. As you weed and remove old blooms, ask God to help you remove those things that need to go from your life so that you may grow stronger in your relationships. As you plant seeds and flowers, ask God to help you plant seeds of love in others.

SMA Faculty Members Honored - Mrs. C. A. Northcott

Last fall Mrs. A. Challes and members of the 2006-2007 yearbook committee received special recognition from Herff Jones Canada Inc., the yearbook company, for what was referred to as “an unbelievable job” on the 2006-2007 school yearbook. In her letter of recognition, Elsebeth Hansen-Kriening also wrote, “Nobody would ever guess that this was your first year as an adviser.” Mrs. Challes is the yearbook adviser again this year and we are sure that under her guidance it will be a masterful piece of work.

On Thursday, May 1, 2008, Mrs. M. Klus was one of a number of teachers and professors who were honored by the University of

Manitoba. This was part of the university’s Students’ Teacher Recognition Reception at which time outstanding University of Manitoba students were given the opportunity to introduce and thank one teacher and one professor for the contributions each made to the student’s education. Ms. Nita Abbi (’05) told the audience that she was particularly inspired by Mrs. Klus’ strength through adversity and her teacher’s emphasis on the fact that all women can achieve greatness. In Ms. Abbi’s eyes, Mrs. Klus was a role model for everyone. Congratulations Mrs. Klus!

Shock Volleyball Team

The 15 year old, Shock Volleyball Team, coached by Mrs. C. Rewniak, a member of the SMA faculty, won a gold medal in the Division 1, Tier 2 Nationals held in Calgary, Alberta in May. Players from SMA included Taylor Tataryn, Erika Sandor, Lauren Bakun and Natalie Manicotto.

The 15 year old, Jr. Bison Unleashed Volleyball Team won the National Championship for Division 1, Tier 1. They were undefeated all weekend! Danika Picklyk, a Grade 9 SMA student, and member of this team, was named to the National All Star Team.

Parents’ Guild - Katherine Dane, President

As our members enjoyed a fabulous wind-up supper meeting at Café Carlos on June 3rd I was reminded of how quickly the year has passed. Everyone enjoyed animated conversations about the pending graduation of our grade 12’s, the sharing of fond memories, the excitement of summer vacation and the anticipation of what September will bring to all our families.

A quick update...Plans for a September BBQ have been shelved for this year as the students organized a successful similar event the end of May. We are actively recruiting a co-chairperson for International Day. Previous experience not required. Email me if you are interested.

Initially I wanted to send personal cards of gratitude to those who

volunteer. However, when the names began to pour in, I was honestly overwhelmed and knew my intentions were not humanly possible. It is at this time I sincerely wish to thank the parents who have so generously given of their time, talent or treasure to help us achieve the goals we set throughout this school year. Our daughters have reaped the benefits of their parents’ examples in ways which have not yet manifested themselves. Well done!

To those graduating students and parents...your efforts and achievements at SMA are only the beginning of your potential. I can’t wait to see what the future holds for all of you who “Hold High the Torch”! Congratulations class of 2008!

SHOW & SAVE DISCOUNT CARD & COUPON BOOK

The St. Mary’s Academy English Department is in the process of planning a trip to England for March 2009. Students going on this trip will be raising money early in September by selling the Show & Save Card and coupon book.

The coupon book has over \$ 8,000 in money saving offers including coupons for 10% off your purchases at various grocery stores throughout the city (including Sobeys, IGA, Family Foods, The Marketplace, Food Fare, Price Chopper & Harry’s Foods) as well as 4 Domo Gas coupons. For only \$15 you can experience endless savings with the Re-usable Card and Coupon Book.

By purchasing your Show & Save from us, you will be supporting the students going on this trip and saving your family a great deal of money at the same time.

Thank you,

Mrs. Lê and Mrs. Pistawka

Piano, Guitar & Music Theory Lessons

Contact

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FALL UNIFORM SALE

SMA Uniform Shop News

FALL UNIFORM SALE
September 2 & September 3, 2008

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who helped in the shop on Fridays and with the major sales. It takes many volunteers to ensure that things run smoothly both in the shop and particularly during the sales. We are grateful to all of you who volunteer your time.

The Uniform store will be having an evening sale on September 2nd and 3rd for all students. If you need any uniform items this is the time to get them.

Please remember that Halpern’s accepts Visa, MasterCard, Debit card or cash, **but not cheques**. If a student is coming with a parent’s credit card, the student must have a note signed by the parent authorizing the student to use the card.

We will be opening on Fridays during lunch hour starting Friday, September 5th. Have a great summer!

“Judging a Book by its Cover” - Ms. D. Nickel

Again this year Grade 12 students from across Winnipeg were invited to paint an over-size “book” at Kildonan Place to raise money for Can-West’s *Raise a Reader* campaign. Participants were given Saturday, May 10, from 9am until 6pm, to complete their book cover design.

Four SMA Grade 12 students, Stephanie Chung, Alexandra Prior, Sarah Reimer, and Michelle Senez took up the challenge and they

did a terrific job, finishing with an hour to spare! A number of people passing by the painting stopped to congratulate the girls as they were working.

This is the third year of the campaign and St. Mary’s students have volunteered each year. The current Grade 11 students are excited about the project and want to become involved next year.

Heritage Fair News - Ms. J. Beauchamp



On Thursday, May 15th, Grade 9 and Grade 11 students of St. Mary’s Academy participated in the Red River Heritage Fair at the Duckworth Centre of the University of Winnipeg where many presenters commented on the focus and fine behaviour of our students!

Congratulations are extended to Grade 11 students, Breanna Mulhall who won the Dalnavert House Award; Samantha Hale who won the CTV News Award; and Mel Love and Kayla Ketcheson who won the Overall Grade 11 Prize.

Special congratulations goes out to Juliet Daet who has been chosen as the Manitoba Alum Youth Delegate to the National Heritage Fair in Victoria this summer and she will be coaching one of our own on the Manitoba team!!

Grade 9 students Samantha Reimer and Courtney Paquette won the CTV Journalism Award. Another Grade 9 student, Jane Hilder, was an Overall winner. Jane will represent

People of Service – The Beat Goes On! - Ms. M. Garlinski

Wow! What a year! Campus Ministry has continued to serve the community in ways that allow our community to grow in faith through the ordinary experiences. When I reflect on the events and activities that occurred, God is alive and moving through us as we serve others. I looked through our RAK Attak book that moved through the school and it was AWESOME to see how we have tried to help one another out in small ways. The experience of *Harvest Thursday* at the Unitarian Church across the street proved to be a great thing for our community. In fact, we will continue this outreach again next year.

We are pleased to announce that there will be

Manitoba and SMA at the Nationals in Victoria this summer. In preparation for this special honour, Jane and other Manitoba students, competing at the national level were honoured at a Government House reception on June 5th.

St. Mary’s Academy held its Heritage Fair on April 24th with more than 125 Grade 9 and Grade 11 projects judged and open for public viewing. We offer thanks to the 97 judges - grandparents, parents, alumnae, and friends who helped make this event possible. Your keen interest, good humour and generous gift of time are truly appreciated. A complete list of school winners who went on to the Red River Heritage Fair is posted on the school website.

At this time we would like to publicly recognize Breanna Mulhall who won the *Janet Duggan Memorial Heritage Fair Award* for the top Grade 11 project. This is the first time this award has been offered at SMA and it honours the memory of Janet Duggan who was a superb History teacher here at SMA for many years. The criteria outlined for this award describes a project that illustrates excellent research and critical thinking on the part of the winning student. Congratulations, Breanna!

Kudos to all the girls who participated in the school fair and the regional fair. You were such fine ambassadors for our school!

eight students and one teacher participating in *YouthLeader 2008*, August 11-15. This is our third year at YouthLeader and at the end of this summer’s experience 30 students and 7 staff are all YouthLeader alumnae!

On a personal note I would like to express my deepest thanks to all of the students and parents who have kept me in their prayers during my surgery and recovery. God truly blesses us with those people we need in our lives to help us on the journey!

The 2008-2009 focus for our community is *People of Hospitality* – looking forward to *welcoming* you back in the fall!

August Mailer

Watch for a package of information related to school opening that is prepared for mail delivery to each family in mid August.



Summer Office Hours

The school will be open from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

on the following dates:

June 30th

July 2nd - July 4th

August 18th - August 22nd

August 25th - August 29th

Please make requests for transcripts during these times.

The Accounting Office will be closed the week of August 5 - 8, 2008

The Advancement Office is open all summer.

Note: School building is closed July 1st

Earth Day Poster Winners

The art work of five SMA Grade 7 students was selected among the ten best in a province wide competition related to Earth Day.

The winners are

Lauren Gowler

Lauren Kressock

Cathleen Manalang

Isabella Dingman

Leigh Vossen.

Congratulations on a job well done!

We wish all St. Mary’s Academy students, parents, volunteers, faculty, and staff a restful and playful summer vacation.