



# St. Mary's Academy

Volume IV

June Newsletter

Number V

## News from the Director - Sister Susan Wikeem

The SMA staff is grateful for the invaluable assistance we received throughout the school year from parents who supervised, coached, fundraised, chauffeured, cooked and hosted events. Special thanks to the hard working, dedicated members of the Parents Guild led by President Rita Serbin.

Those of you returning in the fall will see a different school. The new library, visual arts studio, strength and conditioning room, and uniform shop will be open. Design is underway for the next part of the expansion - theater production area, music studio, and multi-

purpose/athletic room. The expanding the vision capital campaign is on-going. Please consider making a contribution if you have not already done so.

Parents can expect to receive the next newsletter in early August. The school calendar is already posted on the website. The supply lists and parking application will be posted in early July. This newsletter will also be posted in the parent's section.

I wish all families a restful, pleasant summer.

## Principal's Message - Mrs. C. Yunyk

As this school year draws to a close, I would like to express my gratitude to all students, parents, faculty and staff whose gifts and talents have enriched our school experience. On a personal note, I would like to thank the Student Leadership Council for its dedication and commitment to a very successful year. You have demonstrated the potential of how well this model can empower others and improve student life in our school. The motto – *Support – Merge - Action* reflects the capacity of teamwork. Bravo!

I say goodbye to our graduates. I am proud of each of you and thank you for sharing your comments and opinions during our May 31 Glow and Grow activity. You will make a difference as you continue to "hold high the torch" in whatever you choose to do. In the prophetic words of Mother Teresa who encourages us to surrender to God's plan and *do it anyway....be it anyway ...live it anyway....because it is between you and God anyway!*

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. May you all be showered with our Lord's choicest blessings!

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. Our start-up mailer will be sent out in early August. However, you can visit our website during the summer months for school supply lists and other general information.

**God Bless and enjoy your summer!**



## Inside

SMA's Green Team Targets Water Conservation	2
In the Navy....True Ambassadors! On A Mission	3
News from the Parents' Guild	3
Social Studies News .....	4
The Cornerstone	4
French Department News .....	
News from the Track	
End of Year Prayer	

## Dates to Note

### AUGUST

- 16-20 - Youth Leader Program
- 30 - 3 - SMA Pre-Season Camp

### SEPTEMBER

- 6 - Labour Day
- 7, 8 - Uniform Sale (5:00—7:00)
- 8 - Student Orientation (am)
- 9 - FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
- 10 - Opening Mass (2:00pm)
- 14 - Club Heads' Assembly
- 14 - Parents' Guild (7:30)
- 15 - Picture Day (am)
- 17 - Grade 9 Welcome Day
- 17 - Last Day Option Changes
- 20 - Grade 12 Retreat Day
- 22 - Parent Information Evening (7:00pm)
- 23 - Walk for Cancer
- 24 - Alumnae Wine and Cheese
- 26 - Alumnae Tea
- 30 - Mission Color Day, Service Fair

### OCTOBER

- 1 - NO CLASSES
- 5 - 2:30 Dismissal, Parents' Guild (7:30)
- 6 - Mother Marie Rose Durocher Mass (8:35am)
- 7 - Retrally
- 11 - Thanksgiving (No Classes)
- 12 - Full Winter Uniform in Effect
- 15 - 16 - JV Volleyball Tournament
- 19 - Picture Retakes (am)
- 20 - Human Rights Dinner (6:00pm)
- 21 - 12:35 Dismissal
- 22 - NO CLASSES, Choir Retreat
- 22 - 23 - Varsity Volleyball Tournament
- 25 - 27 - Grade 7 Camp
- 29 - Junior Dance

## News from the Parents' Guild

- Rita Serbin

Congratulations and thank you to all of the parent volunteers for a very successful school year of "fundraising" and "fun raising". It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as President of the St. Mary's Academy Parents' Guild in 2009/2010.

As I bid farewell, I want to express my gratitude to the wonderful school staff and in particular Sister Susan Wikeem, who has provided continual support and guidance to the Guild.

Congratulations Class of 2010! Best wishes to the 2010/2011 Parents' Guild.



Private Music Lessons

At SMA?

Piano

Music Theory

Beginning Guitar

Sister Josephine Chudzik

284-3309

## Green Team is Granted Some Green - Mrs. K. Lê

On Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, SMA's *Green Team* invited Vicki Burns, Coordinator of *Foundations in the Lake Winnipeg Watershed Initiative* as its guest speaker for its first ever Environmental Assembly. This year's theme was *Conserve Water: One Conscious Act*.

Mrs. Burns shared information, ideas, and practical solutions for ways that our staff and student body alike could conserve water in our everyday lives. The team made a presentation and premiered its eco-video that was directed and edited by Grade 12 student Hollie Swart. It also launched its reusable water bottle campaign that raised money in support of *The Lake Winnipeg Foundation*. Grade 11 SMA student Kelsey Stevens did the artwork for the water bottle.

team did a wonderful job promoting water conservation. A huge thank you to all staff and students who helped to make this assembly a success! A special thank you to Emily Guttormson, this year's *Green Team* leader. Emily led the team with grace and enthusiasm.

For more information about Vicki's participation in our school's assembly, please visit her blog at:

<http://canadawater.wordpress.com>



## As the future stewards of our planet, the In the Navy... True Ambassadors! - Mrs. C-A. Swayzie

Congratulations to this year's inaugural ambassador team. These groups of Grade 9 and 10 girls applied, and were chosen, to serve as ambassadors for SMA. Their assistance at many events was invaluable, whether it was leading tours around the school, assisting with BBQs, or welcoming visitors to special events.

- Jaden Edginton
- Jasmin Geling
- Lisa Gingera
- Alex Goodman
- Leah Komishon
- Melanie LaBossiere
- Janaya Layte
- Sarah Mulhall
- Alana Robert
- Nadine Zeid

### Kudos go out to:

- Lauren Becker
- Rebecca Chess
- Danielle DeiConte
- Elizabeth Dufresne

We could not have asked for a more committed group of representatives.

## On A Mission - Mrs. L. Dart, Sr. M. Gibney

As we finish up this 2009-2010 year, we do so with gratitude. So many girls were involved in our colour days, our UNICEF campaign, Hunger Meal, Winnipeg Harvest Food Drive, fundraising for Haiti, the carnival, mini fundraising for local, national and international causes, as well as the weekly collections.

who are in need. Well done!!

Thank you to many of our graduating students who have faithfully contributed to the missions over their years here. We wish you well.

Thanks to our present students who have been so generous with their time, interest and contributions. We look forward to another year together.

God bless and keep you all.

In particular, our heartfelt gratitude goes to our Mission Leadership team: Lexa Twist, Gabby Morrill, Christine Caligiuri, Olivia Danylchuk, and Taylor Onsowich who have demonstrated real concern for those

## Social Studies News - Ms. J. Beauchamp

Congratulations to all the participants at the **Red River Heritage Fair!** A special congrats to the following who received prizes at the Fair:

Christine Bumstead was awarded a prize for having one of the top three overall exhibits at the Red River Heritage Fair for her White Otter Castle presentation; this award was granted from a field of well over 200 students presenting! Congratulations, Christine!

As well, Emily Meadows in grade 9 received a **CTV Research Excellence Award** and Sarah Mulhall, also grade 9, received a **Canada History Society Award**. Congratulations to you all!

Dominique Chell who placed second overall at SMA Heritage Fair and Emily Wilson, who placed third at the SMA Heritage Fair went on to the Red River Heritage Fair and were awarded with **Celebrate Canada Awards** as the top two grade 11 projects in the Red River Heritage Fair.

Olivia Danylchuk and Samantha Reimer, winners of the **Janet Duggan Memorial Award** for best overall project at the SMA Heritage Fair, were also noted at the Red River Heritage Fair with an **Outstanding Presentation** standing in the Grade 11 category.

Considering that over 3000 Heritage Fair projects are created to compete at the Red River Heritage Fair, St. Mary's outstanding recognition at the fair speaks very highly of the incredible creativity and scholarship of our grade 9 and grade 11 participants.

We would again like to thank all of the students, staff, volunteer judges and the Development Staff for all of their contributions to the SMA Heritage Fair- which makes our very participation at the Red River Fair possible. Thank you!

The month of May also saw the SMA halls roaming with many Medieval Folk as our annual Grade 8 **Medieval Feasts** took place May 12-14. Special thanks to Mrs. Lucas for graciously allowing us to convert her classroom into a Medieval banquet hall, and to our parent volunteers: Mr. MacFarlane, Mrs. Prenovault, and Mrs. Godenir who organized all our banquet foods!

A big SMA congratulations to Emily Wilson who won the Manitoba Historical Society's Bryce award for her historical fiction piece entitled "That Gold Rush". Congratulations are also extended to Victoria Weir who took second place in the historical fiction category with "Memo on a Scandal". Well done ladies!



## FALL UNIFORM SALE

**Tuesday September 7th  
and Wednesday  
September 8th, 2010  
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers that helped in the shop on Fridays and with the major sales. It takes a lot of 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 7th and 8th 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 you are coming with your parents' credit card you must have a note signed by them authorizing you to use it.

We will be opening on Fridays during lunch hour starting September 10th.

Have a great summer!



## THE CORNERSTORE

Just a reminder to our students and graduates, we accept gently used uniforms as well as white gloves and shoes.

The Cornerstore would like to thank our many volunteers. Without your support our success would not be possible. Congratulations to our Graduates and God Bless.

We wish the staff and students of St. Mary's Academy a safe and happy summer.

See you in September  
Sincerely,

*The Cornerstore Committee*

## French Department News! - *Mme. M. Desaulniers*

French Department Congratulations are extended to:

- The 42S Advanced Placement class who wrote the College Board exam at the beginning of May.
- Mary Lorenzo (Fr.40S) who has been awarded a language bursary to study in Quebec this summer.
- Our 6 participants in the first ever Jeune Artiste Manitobain(e) (JAM) at the College universitaire de Saint-Boniface with special 'félicitations' to Ariel Boughen who was among the 10 finalists
- Diane Bosc who was 2nd at the Grade 10 level at the provincial Concours d'Art Oratoire
- Sarah Haji, Victoria Nguyen and Katherine Kresta (Gr. 9) who participated in Semaine par excellence from April 26-30 at the CUSB.

*This is an enrichment program offered by the College which enables motivated high school students to study in different subject areas at the post-secondary level.*

Special thanks and recognition to Madame Letkeman, a truly exceptional French Teacher at SMA for the past 25 years, who is retiring this year.

On behalf of the French Department, we extend to her our appreciation for her "joie de vivre" & for her passion for the French language which she conveyed to her students. Merci beaucoup Madame Letkeman. We wish you a very happy, enjoyable retirement!

## News from the Track- *Mr. D. Danyluk*

Congrats to the St.Mary's track team we had a number of competitors do very well at the provincial championships. At the high school level SMA won two gold medals in the relays with our junior varsity teams finishing first in the 4 x 400 and the medley relay(800, 200, 200 and 400). The 4 x100 relay won the bronze medal at high school provincials. These relays consisted on a combination of these five runners.: Erin Teschuk, Julia Krovats, Anne Quinton, Samantha Allegro and Jane Axworthy. Erin Teschuk also

came home with a 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 800m and a 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 400m. Samantha Allegro finished in 7<sup>th</sup> in the 100m. Sarah Huebert who had an injury that plagued her in 2009; climbed back up the competitive ladder finishing in the top 5 in the 200m and 400m. Sarah's improvement and continued success should motivate her on her path of university athletics. Congrats to all track athletes and to those junior athletes who competed very well at their championships.

## End of Year Prayer:

*Ms. M. Garlinski*

Prayer as we end our year....

Gracious God,

Teach us to thank you for the past,

To trust you for the future,

To serve you in the present,

and celebrate everyday you give us with glad and joyful praise.

In the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, we pray,

Amen

