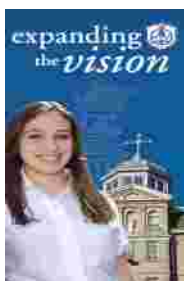




News from the Director - Sister Susan Wikeem Wikeem



St. Mary's Academy's capital campaign for library, athletics, visual and dramatic arts is underway. The campaign goal of \$6 million is an ambitious one which cannot be achieved through the contributions of a few prominent individuals, businesses and foundations alone. We count on the generosity of all constituents to help us meet

the challenge of this campaign.

Current parents are asked to join our effort. It is our

hope you will respond in a manner in keeping with the magnitude of the undertaking and with the knowledge that the future of St. Mary's Academy promises to be as distinguished as its past. Mark and Stephanie Dufresne, Parent Division Co-Chairs, have organized information sessions for each grade level and grade captains have been phoning to extend an invitation. If you are not able to attend on your night there will be another opportunity later this fall.

Thank you to those who have attended and taken the tour. Thank you for the positive feedback and thank you for the pledges.

What's New at SMA - Mrs. C. Yunyk

Over the past four years, St. Mary's Academy has experienced growth not only in student population but also in the variety of courses offered to our students. This year is no different with the introduction of pre-Advanced Placement Chemistry and American History as a Grade 10 optional course and Advanced Placement Literature as a second term English option for Grade 12 students. Feasibility for an accredited optional speech and debate course is also being considered, stay tuned for details at a later date.

Our school is rich with extra-curricular opportunities for our students. Over the years we have noticed that most club activities and meetings occur over the lunch hour, resulting in conflicts for students where they must choose one activity over another. In efforts to avoid this situation,

some extra-curriculars will run over the lunch hour first term, and then take place either before or after school hours in second term (February-May). Those extra-curricular activities which are taking place before or after school hours this term, shall have preference for a lunch hour spot in term two. Refer to the St. Mary's Academy website - Academy Life, clubs and activities for details.

Finally, November progress reports and parent-teacher request forms will be sent home with your daughter on Wednesday, November 19th. If you wish to see your daughter's teacher(s), the school resource teacher, career and guidance counselors, campus minister and/or members of administration, please return the parent-teacher request form as soon as you can.

Oh Canada! - Exploring Canada from Coast to Coast! - Juliet Daet

This past July, I had the pleasure of representing Manitoba and St. Mary's Academy at the National Historical Heritage Fair, in Victoria, B.C. The National Fair is an annual event which brings together the top 165 young historians from across the country. As a national delegate in 2006, I had the honour of being called back to the Fairs Program, to be the Manitoba Youth Alum Coach.

It was quite an experience for a prairie girl to experience the majestic mountains of the west coast, but what was even more memorable was sharing my skills and interests with other young Canadians. Participants of the National Fair have the privilege of presenting their winning heritage fair projects at the National Fair Exhibition, and it was my job to prepare Manitoba's young historians for this grand event, including SMA's own

Jane Hilder. In addition to being a mentor to the Manitoba team, I also had the role of being a journalist for the National Fair. I thoroughly enjoyed reporting on the activities of all the participants, and was even more thrilled to publish my pieces onto an online e-zine, *The Heritage Press*. (Cont'd on Page 4)

Two months later, I was once again on a plane, this time destined for the Atlantic Coast. This year marks an important milestone for our country – the 250th anniversary of democracy in Canada. I was thrilled to be chosen to travel to Halifax,



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Dates to Note:

Oct. 15 - 17 - Grade 7 Camp

Oct. 23 - 12:30 pm dismissal

Nov. 2 - International Day

Nov. 5 - Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day

Nov. 10 - Remembrance Day Service (11:40 a.m.)

Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day - school closed

Nov. 19 - Progress Report Distribution

Nov. 25 - Parent Teacher Conference (3:00 - 8:50 p.m. early dismissal)

Nov. 27 - Parent Teacher Conference (1:00 - 8:50 p.m.) no classes

Nov. 28 - PD Day - no classes

Dec. 2 - Parents' Guild Dinner

Dec. 5, 6 & 7 - Once Upon a Mattress

Dec. 8 - Feast of Immaculate Conception - school closed

Dec. 9 - Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass @ 2:15 pm in Alumnae Hall

School Closure - Inclement Weather

If it is necessary to close school due to severe weather conditions or failure of an essential service before the school day begins, an announcement will be made on various radio stations including CBC, CJOB and HOT 103, as well as, the SMA website.

When a storm develops during the school day, the school will remain open until 3:30 p.m. Students will not be dismissed until parents pick up their daughters.

When a service fails during the school day and it is determined the school should close, students will phone parents to make arrangements before leaving the school. On these occasions the school will remain open until 3:30 p.m.

Epipen Notice

On Friday, October 3rd SMA staff and faculty attended an Epipen training session with the River Heights Community Health Nurse Joanne Berezowski. Just a reminder to students that they must carry the Epipen with them at all times during the school day and at all extracurricular activities. Parents are reminded to check the expiry dates on the Epipen and ensure that they are current.

SUPER SIXERS

Congratulations to fifty Grade 12 students who were presented with their Super Sixer pins at the Blessed Mother Marie Rose Mass on October 10th.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all Grade 12 students as you enjoy and cherish your final year as students of SMA.

Invitation

Everyone is invited to join us for Wednesday morning Mass or prayer starting at 8:00 a.m. in Holy Names Chapel.



If the lady feels the pea, a princess she must be...

St. Mary's Academy is proud to announce that this year's production is Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Once Upon A Mattress". The production is an adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale *The Princess and the Pea*. The performances will take place at SMA in Alumnae Hall on Friday, December 5 at 7:30 pm., Saturday, December 6 at 7:30 pm., and Sunday, December 7 at 2:00 pm.

Ticket sales to the student body, with a homeroom ticket sales contest, began on Tuesday, October 14th with sales taking place at the ticket booth in the entrance to Alumnae Hall each school day beginning at 12:35 pm. The cost of the show is

\$12.00, and since tickets are pre-assigned, buy early for the best seats!

Friends of the Academy may purchase tickets by calling 477-0244. Just a reminder that all tickets purchased in this manner may not be counted in the homeroom ticket contest.

See you at the show!



Take Your Kids to Work - Mrs. S. Matheson

On November 5, 2008, hundreds of Grade 9 students from Manitoba will spend the day at a work place, job shadowing a parent, relative, friend, or neighbour. This day is titled **Take Our Kids To Work Day**. St. Mary's Academy offers this opportunity to the students as part of Grade 9 career planning and exploration.

Our mission is to nurture partnerships among schools, businesses, and communities, to encourage caring adults to share their expertise, talents and resources with students. This day provides a positive learning opportunity for students which is both exciting and challenging. Students will discuss

their work experiences in the career classes in the months that follow.

Information and permission letters for **Take Our Kids To Work Day** have been distributed to students. Families are kindly asked to return the permission letters to school by **October 22, 2008**. For further information regarding this day, please contact Mrs. Matheson, Career Counsellor at 477-0244, ext. 263.

SMA Learning Centre - Ms. L. Dart

The Student Support Services Team is very pleased to announce that Room 308 has been furnished as a Learning Centre. All students are invited to use this space as a quiet work area. It is open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

The office of Ms. Dart, the Resource Teacher, can be found right across the hall in Room 309. If a student is experiencing any academic difficulties, she is encouraged to consult with Ms. Dart.

A number of students have already taken advantage

Holy Hospitality! - Ms. M. Garlinski

Campus Ministry is on the move this fall! We are embracing the theme of People of Hospitality by welcoming the gifts of our community in a variety of ways. The YouthLeader 2008 team had an awesome experience this summer and are energized and empowered to serve (they have already implemented the revised Club L.E.M.O.N. and coordinated the details of the Retrally). The choir is growing and continuing to lead us in music at school liturgies and Wednesday morning prayer. The first SMA Service Fair was a big hit. Our students had a chance to visit and meet with 10 agencies /organizations that could be possi-

ble service learning sites. October 6th marked the beginning of Mother Marie Rose Week. It started with a school assembly and included meeting Holy Names Sisters and Associates. Each day we had a chance to grow in our understanding and awareness of Mother Marie Rose. The week culminated with the 2008 school-wide Retrally and Mother Marie Rose Liturgy. The Campus Ministry reps have been busy leading MMR week, set up for the Retrally and leading our Tuesday morning prayer for the entire school community. More about the 2008 Retrally, Justice Walking, and CLC (Club L.E.M.O.N. Communities) can be found on the SMA website.

Literacy with ICT - Mrs. L. Danylchuk

In the 2007-2008 school year, SMA implemented LwICT with one class period a cycle dedicated to this initiative at the Grade 7 and Grade 8 level under the direction of Mrs. L. Mackenzie who collaborated with the Science and Social Studies teachers at these grade levels.

This school year the continuation of the implementation process is under the direction of Mrs. A. Challes who has been working collaboratively with teachers at the Grade 7 and Grade 8 levels to determine how best to infuse literacy with ICT in all subject areas. They decided that subject teachers would design a project that would integrate specific learning outcomes along with computer technical skills. This would allow students to do some of the work in the classroom and part of the work in the computer lab which is available to students in the morning, at lunch time and after school.

News from Home of the Flames -

We are now six weeks into jumping, diving, spiking, serving, passing, and the 2008 volleyball season. Eight teams, composed of 95 athletes, are training hard and practicing with much enthusiasm, commitment, and dedication.

The Grade 7s participated in their first "Friendship Tournament" on October 9th. SMA volleyball athletes Sarah Vadeboncoeur, Jessica Malach, Taylor Tataryn, and Danika Picklyk are committed to coaching and supporting these three teams. Two more developmental tournaments are scheduled for October 23rd and November 13th.

The Grade 7 "Sparks", coached by Mrs. J. O'Leary and Kate Cook ('06), and the Grade 8 team with Lindsay Komishon ('06) and Tom Falconer, are participating in league play.

The Grade 9 athletes with coach Jocelyne Roy are involved in league play and had a top-four finish at the Shaftesbury Tournament. The Junior Varsity team, coached by Mrs. C. Rewniak, is also involved in league play where the team is undefeated. This team is hosting a tournament on October 17th-18th. The Varsity team, with long-time SMA coaches Leanne Leskiw and Michelle Sanheim, is also undefeated in league play. The team began the season with a first-

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

Once again we are off to a good start under the leadership of Jessica Enns and Christine Lam. Christine Caligiuri (secretary), Olivia Danylchuk (treasurer), Gabby Morrill, and Taylor Onsowich (special events) are also members of the mission team.

After several planning meetings, we met with our newly elected mission reps. In a 'mix and mingler', we got to know each other and shared ways to boost our weekly collections. Information is key. Each rep has been given information on the agencies we support. We will have a write up of our weekly collection

As a result of this change in approach, subject teachers will be reporting to parents regarding their daughter's developing literacy with ICT in the form of an LwICT report attached to the June report card.

SMA is committed to this project since our students will need to prepare themselves to enter a workforce that will require them to be critical and creative thinkers in the 21st century, to be able to manage information data and communicate clearly their ideas to others as well as being able to make responsible and ethical decisions regarding technology.

Mr. D. Danyluk, Mrs. J. O'Leary & Mrs. C. Rewniak

place showing at the Kildonan East Tournament and will be hosting a Varsity tournament on October 24th-25th.

The cross country teams have been performing very well. But, even better than their performance at the meets is their effort, dedication and commitment at all those morning practices. Thanks to Mrs. Mona Linton and Miss Ingrid Sproll for all your hard work and encouragement.

The SMA hockey team is on the ice. The team participated in the Sanford Tournament in late September where it finished as the B side champions. Thank you goes out to all the coaches, and we wish the team all the best this hockey season.

For information on game schedules check the SMA website - www.stmarysacademy.mb.ca!

Grade 12 Students

University Planning

October 16 - Evening for Outstanding Students: University of Winnipeg (Gr. 11 & 12) 7:00 - 9:30 pm, Duckworth Centre (Parents Invited)

October 20 - Evening of Excellence: University of Manitoba 6:30 - 9:00 pm, 2nd Floor University Centre Multi-Purpose Room (Parents Invited)

October 30 - Asper School of Business Info Session and Reception 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Drake Centre, U of M (Parents Invited)

November 6 - University Fair: St. John's Ravenscourt, 7:00 - 9:00 pm (Parents Invited)

November 7 - University Fair: Balmoral Hall, 7:00 - 9:00 pm (students may choose Nov. 6 **OR** Nov.7) (Parents Invited)

November 13 - Canadian Menonite University, 7 pm, Special Info Session for Prospective Students & Parents

December 1 - Advanced Early Application Deadline - U of M & U of W (Enables students with high averages to be recognized for scholarships with Advanced Early Admission).

Please note:

All students are encouraged to apply early for their universities or colleges of choice.

Mother Marie Rose Prayer

Blessed Marie Rose,

Obtain for us today

The Simplicity of hope,

The Audacity of faith,

And the power of love

That we may actualize the word of Jesus, "I have come to cast fire on the earth and would that it were already kindling" (Luke 12:49)

NS, the birthplace of Canadian democracy, as a delegate to the Democracy 250 Youth Summit. Here, we toured, "Canada's Ocean Playground", including Halifax Harbour, and a myriad number of famous sites. On top of all the touring, delegates discussed and debated issues in the democratic process, including voter apathy, and youth involvement in Canadian politics. It was also an honour to meet former Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, Myra Freeman; and former Nova Scotia premiers, currently Democracy 250 co-chairs, Drs. John Hamm and Russell MacLellan. I also enjoyed being chased around by paparazzi, namely, CTV National. I gladly represented my province by sharing my views about democracy and youth political involvement with the rest of Canada.

These trips have left me with incredible memories as well as some very special souvenirs – greater knowledge, and pride in my country.

News from the Parents' Guild - Katherine Dane

We began this year with a wonderful turnout to our first meeting held Sept 9, 2008. It was a lovely surprise to have twelve new parents join us for an informative meeting while our present conveners reported on their committees after giving a brief job description of their unit. The Parent Information Meeting on Sept 18th was well attended by the SMA community who were able to experience the hospitality of the Guild by joining in a wonderfully presented wine and cheese evening. Our most gracious appreciation is extended to SMA parent and co-owner of Banville & Jones Wine Company, Tina Jones, for donating all the luscious red and white wine for the evening. A new addition to the ambience this year was an incredible ice sculpture of the SMA crest which adorned the gathering area. SMA parent and co-owner of

Krystal Dreams Ice Sculptures, Larry MacFarlane was responsible for this creation. Thank you for your generosity and hard work.

Parents please mark your calendars for International Day, November 2nd which promises to be an incredible day of cultural experience. We'd love to meet more new parents so please join us for our Guild supper meeting on December 2nd. Check the school web page for more details. I ask each of you to be mindful of the regulations regarding parking and picking up your daughters in a safe and respectful manner as the winter season approaches. God bless!

International Day

Travel the world and get a glimpse of other cultures at **International Day** at St. Mary's Academy on **Sunday, November 2, 2008**.

Bring the whole family. The cost for your travel to other parts of the world is only \$2.00 each (children under 12 are free).

Start the day with the International Day Mass at 10:30 a.m. in Alumnae Hall. Then purchase lunch in the cafeteria at any of the countries represented. Return to Alumnae Hall during the afternoon where you will be entertained by local talent that will take you to the lands where their music originates. Try your luck with our monetary draw.

Raffle tickets have been sent home with the students. Please make an effort to sell them. At \$1.00 per ticket they will sell well. Advertise the day while selling tickets. Individual pavilion raffles are also part of the International Day activities.

The ever-popular home baking table will be ready for business as well. Baking can be dropped off on Friday, October 31st, Saturday, November 1st or Sunday, November 2nd, before 1:00 p.m.

Donations for the Rainbow Auction can be dropped off at Reception. Please label items with your name and also indicate Rainbow Auction. We look forward to seeing you at this annual family event.

Ukrainian Pavilion

\$4.00 / dz. Perogies \$4.25 /dz. cabbage rolls

\$4.00/dz. cabbage rolls for orders of 10 dz. or more

Please indicate whether you would like your bulk order in large roasters or 1 dozen packages. Send cash or cheque (payable to Elisia Ellie) along with your order to Ms. E. Ellie c/o Lauren Hammond (Gr. 8-1) at SMA. Please include your name and contact number for delivery arrangements.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Uniform Shop is located adjacent to the entrance to the cafeteria. The shop is staffed by parent volunteers. It is open every Friday over the lunch break from 12:35 p.m. to 1:35 pm with the exception of in-service and exam days. A percentage of all uniform sales is payable to the Parent Guild and these monies are used to fund projects in the school. PST is charged on all adult sized merchandise. If you are under 15 you must remember to fill out the PST exemption form that is in the uniform shop. GST is charged on all purchases.



Halpern's does not accept personal cheques as payment for merchandise purchased at the Uniform Shop. You may pay using cash, debit card, VISA or MasterCard. If you are sending your credit card with your daughter, she will also need a note, signed by the cardholder, indicating that she has permission to use the card.

SMA UNIFORM SHOP PRICE LIST 2008 is available online at www.stmarysacademy.mb.ca. We do have some vintage uniform items available, check with the shop for the updated sale prices of those items.