



St. Mary's Academy

October 2010

From the Principal - Mrs. C. Yunyk

WE ARE A PEOPLE OF P.O.W.E.R.

Passion, Ownership, Wisdom, Enthusiasm, Responsibility

I am always amazed at the energy, enthusiasm and excitement generated at the beginning of each school year. This year is no different! I would like to report many "firsts" happening in our school this year:

Due to unprecedented interest in women's high school hockey and thanks to many skilled players in Grades 9 to 12, we now have two hockey teams. Division 1 Team coaches are Mr. Eric Pele, Miss Caitlyn Pele ('09) and Miss Kyla Fraser ('06) supported by teacher managers Mrs. Connie Yunyk and Mrs. Bonita Friesen. Division 2 Team coaches are Mr. Bob Johnson and Mr. Brad Porath supported by teacher managers Mrs. Pat Johnson and Mr. Dave Chell.

On the heels of a very successful rugby season last spring and under the coaching guidance of Mr. Michael Macaraeg and Mr. Michael Saj, the 2010-2011 Rugby team will be traveling to California in March 2011 to participate in the Fullerton International Youth Rugby Tournament.

In late June 2011, a group of Grades 10, 11 and 12 students, along with teacher supervisors Mrs. Janet Zonneveld, Mrs. Connie Yunyk and Mr. Dennis Kuzenko (coordinator) will have an opportunity to travel to El Salvador. This mission trip has been a few years in the making and will focus on working in a small community called Loma Linda.

It is through the generous spirit of many people that all this is possible and I extend my gratitude to all.

Give 'Em an Inch - Mrs. C. Swayzie

Tuesday, October 12 marked the calendar change-over to formal winter uniforms at the SMA. As with many kinds of change, we need to work together at implementing it. Our students wear their uniform with pride as it is considered a symbol of their commitment to our community. There is nothing like the image of a responsible teen who presents herself with pride!

As you know, the winter uniform requires a regulation kilt, **hemmed to a maximum of 6 cm above the knees**. It is with this issue that we require you, as parents, to support the policies of the Academy. Please check up on this at home and ensure that your daughter's kilt is fitting properly and is hemmed to the correct length. Of late, there is a

trend of pushing the length shorter and shorter – either with a hem that has been shortened beyond acceptable limits, or the infamous rolled waistline trick. This lack of decorum can result in awkward or uncomfortable situations –for peers, staff members and visitors. Let's not forget that some of our students have grown quite a bit since the kilt was last fitted and hemmed. Now is the time to make the necessary adjustments. Teachers and administrators have been speaking directly to individual students who need to fix their hemline or to move buttons. Parents will be called if the issue is ongoing and the student has not taken the responsibility of altering the kilt as expected.

We thank you for your support.

Campus Ministry News — Ms. M. Garlinski

With the Opening Mass, Grade 12 retreat, Service Fair, Mother Marie Week and two breakfast club meetings behind us...we are in full swing. The Choir retreat is October 21-22 and J-walking will be having its retreat on November 3. Jr.CL and CLC will be finalizing their groups and plans and that begins by the end of the month. November is a month of REMEMBERING ...November 1st is All Saints, 2nd is All Souls, 11th is Remembrance Day, and November 14-21 is Restorative Justice week. Our **BOOK of REMEMBERING** will be placed outside of the Holy Names Chapel along with the Paschal (Easter) Candle. Students, staff and parents are invited to write the names of friends and family who have died and we will remember them in prayer throughout the month.

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)

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Dates to Note:

Oct 20-Human Rights Dinner
 Oct 21-12:35 Dismissal-Student Centred Mtgs.
 Oct 22-SAG NO Classes
 Oct 22-23-Varsity Volleyball Tournament
 Nov 1-All Saints' Day Mass 8 am Chapel
 Nov 3-Take Your Kid to Work Day (Gr 9)
 Nov 7 International Day
 Nov 11-Remembrance Day
 No Classes
 Nov 16-2:30 Dismissal
 Nov 17-Report Card Distribution
 Nov 24-12:35 Dismissal
 1:50-8:30pm Parent-Teacher Conferences
 Nov 25-No Classes
 1:30-8:30 Parent-Teacher Conferences
 Nov 26-No Classes-Staff Retreat
 Dec 3-5-Little Shop of Horrors Production
 Dec 7-Immaculate Conception Mass 8:35 am
 Dec 8-No Classes-Feast of the Immaculate Conception
 Dec 10-17-Mid Year Assessment
 Dec 22-12:35 Dismissal
 Dec 23-Jan 5 Christmas Break

**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 Tuesday, October 5 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 sixty Grade 12 students who were presented with their Super Sixer pins at the Blessed Mother Marie Rose Mass on October 6th.

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.



Water is a Human Right - *Mr. D. Chell , Ms. C. Marquez, Mrs. K. Lê*

On Wednesday, October 20th at 6:00 p.m., the St. Mary's Academy Human Rights Team and Green Team will be hosting our "Water is a Human Right" dinner to raise awareness about water conservation.

Our goal for the evening will be to raise funds for the purchase of a drilling machine that costs roughly \$5000.00. This machine will go towards our sister school's Reitumetse Church Project (R.C.P.) in Lesotho, Africa. This project allows girls to attend school on a regular basis rather than spending their days hauling water over long distances.

Tickets for the dinner can be purchased through your daughter, or by emailing Mrs. Lê at kle@stmarysacademy.mb.ca. Tickets are \$15.00 per person or \$100.00 for a table of 8. A portion of the dinner ticket proceeds will go directly towards the purchase of the machine. You may also make a donation directly to the water project on the night of the event, by making a

cheque out to A.D.E.P. We will be offering a tax receipt via the Canadian-based agency, our link with Lesotho. Local jewelry designer Hilary Druxman has also graciously donated her talents by creating a limited edition necklace in honour of our event. The necklaces are sterling silver and in the shape of a water drop with a cutout in the middle that features a turquoise stone. Necklaces will sell on the night of the dinner for \$30.00 with 50% of each purchase made going towards our water campaign. Cash only please! We will not be accepting any other forms of payment.

If you cannot make it to the dinner, but you are still interested in supporting our campaign, necklaces can be purchased directly from Hilary Druxman's store located at 1-258 McDermot Avenue.

The Human Rights Team and Green Team of St. Mary's Academy thank you in advance for your support.

The Guru of Green - *Mrs. K. Lê*

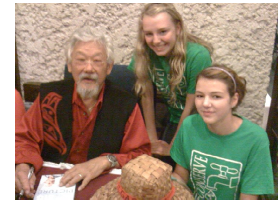
The Green Team is back in action and ready for another eventful year. To kick off our year, two of our members, Emily Franz-Lien and Heather Young had the opportunity to hear Dr. David Suzuki speak at the Shaarey Zedek synagogue on Sunday, September 26th. The girls were thrilled to meet the guru of all things environmental and even had the opportunity to stop and pose with him in their team t-shirts. Way to go girls!

Navdeep Brar is the head of our team this year and she has already made quite an impact on our school by orchestrating a strong team presence at our Walk for Cancer in September and at the first ever Leadership Council movie night.

This year, the Green Team has joined forces with the Human Rights Team and are co-hosting the "Water is a Human Right" dinner. The dinner takes place in the school cafeteria on Wednesday, October 20th at 6 p.m. Tickets

are \$15.00 and can be purchased by contacting Mrs. Lê via email at kle@stmarysacademy.mb.ca. We look forward to working on even more water conservation campaigns throughout the year including a special Earth Day Assembly.

The team is also working with Holy Cross School again to help collect enough tabs to purchase a special wheelchair for a young boy named Tarok. Homerooms have already been gathering up their tabs to help out and recycle.



Every action we take makes a difference!

Take Your Kids to Work - *Ms. T. Uruski*

On **Wednesday, November 3, 2010**, Grade 9 students across the province will spend the day at a work place, job shadowing a parent, relative or neighbour. St. Mary's Academy is pleased to support this opportunity as part of our Gr. 9 career exploration program.

Our mission is to nurture partnerships among schools, businesses and communities, and 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 informative and exciting. Students will have a chance to reflect on their experience in light of exploring their

own career interests.

During the 2nd week in October, students were provided with information and permission letters for *Take Our Kids to Work Day*. Please review these handouts and have your daughter return the signed permission form to her Career Development Class on either **Oct 20th or 21st**.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Uruski, Career Counsellor at 477-0244 ext. 263 or by email: turuski@stmarysacademy.mb.ca

**Congratulations to
Elysa Sandron**

who was elected Head Girl for
2010-2011!

We would like to extend a welcome to Rupal Purohit ('88) to the SMA Community. Ms. Purohit is an Educational Assistant in our school.

January mid year assessment schedule will be posted on SMA website by Nov. 1/10

Little Shop of Horrors - Ms. J. Thibedeau-Silver

The cast and crew of *Little Shop of Horrors* have been in rehearsal for a number of weeks now. All of this is possible with the support of so many talented and committed individuals. Zoe Todd is assistant director, Kaitlyn Kriss is the stage manager and they are blessed with the assistance of Maggie Licharson. The cast is singing with Ryan Kuklik, Teresa Lee, and Mary Morton and learning dance moves with Kristina Washchynshyn ('97.). It has been exciting to see Mrs. Nickel and her art students painting the set and backdrop while Ms. Bator and her crew have been creating appropriately 'horrible' props. Mrs. Yunyk and students have been working on costumes and Mr. O'Donoghue has been planning the lights and sound. Mr.

Burg has been rehearsing his role as Audrey II (the voice of the plant) and we are thrilled that Hess and the Mess will be joining the troupe, to be the band for the play.

PR and ticket sales have been possible with the wonderful guidance of Mrs. Danylchuk. Tickets go on sale Monday, October 26th, so get your tickets early to avoid disappointment we know this show will be a sell-out. This show will encourage you to think, make you laugh, and invite you to leave humming one of the many memorable songs.

See you at Little Shop of Horrors – Friday, December 3rd at 7:30, Saturday, December 4th at 7:30, and Sunday, December 5th at 2:00.

Home of the Flames -

Mr. D. Danyluk, Mrs. J. O'Leary & Ms. A. McElrea

We are now six weeks into jumping, diving, spiking, serving, passing, and the 2010 volleyball season. Eight teams, composed of 90 athletes, are training hard and practicing with much enthusiasm, commitment, and dedication.

The Grade 7 athletes will participate in their first "Friendship Tournament" on October 28th. St. Mary's volleyball athletes Danika Picklyk and Erika Sandor (Grade 12), Anika Campeau, and Katherine Pulak (Grade 11) and Lindsay MacCharles, Maddie Whitla, Ariana Fiorentino and Emily McPherson (Grade 10) are committed to coaching and supporting these three teams. Two more developmental tournaments are scheduled November 8 and November 23rd. The Grade 7 "Flames", coached by Mrs. Jen O'Leary will compete in league play which began on October 4th. The Grade 8 team coach Ms. Adriane McElrea have been practicing hard and are looking forward to their upcoming league play every Monday and Wednesday. The team competed in a pre-season tournament at Leila North school finishing in third place. The Grade 9 team, with coaches Tom Falconer and Lindsay Komishon began the season with a tournament at Westdale Junior High finishing in first place. League play began on October 4th, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the team remains undefeated. The Junior Varsity team, coached

by Jocelyne Roy, is currently involved in its league play and remain undefeated. They have competed in two tournaments at Westwood and Miles Mac finishing in the top five. The team will be hosting the SMA Invitational tournament on October 15-16th.

The Varsity team with long-time SMA coaches Leanne Leskiw, Michelle Sanheim, and Christine Rewniak currently rank in the top five for High School teams in the Province according to the Manitoba High School Athletic Association. The team began the season with a first-place showing at the Brandon Crocus Plains Tournament, and competed in the Lord Selkirk Tournament on October 1-2 finishing in third place. The Varsity team will be hosting a tournament on October 23-24th. League play continues every Monday and Wednesday.

Congratulations to all teams on a fabulous start to the season! Stay tuned for more great information from the home of the Flames. Thank you for your continued support of the athletic department. For more information or game schedules please contact Jen O'Leary, Adriane McElrea or Demetro Danyluk at 477-0244 ext. 238.

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

The Mission Club is off to a great start. Our executive for the year consists of Olivia Danylchuk, Leah Heppenstall, Alana Kreml, Ayasha Lughes-Garand, Taylor Onsowich, and Nadine Zeid. Mission Reps have been elected and they, along with many other interested students, attend meetings regularly. The club's first fundraising effort this year was to raise money for the flood victims in Pakistan. The St. Mary's community raised \$1250.00 which was matched by the federal government. Our next event, a Colour Day on September 30th, raised \$1197.65 to support Rossbrook House. In addition to the weekly collections in

class, the next project of the Mission Club is to raise money for UNICEF during the week of October 18 to 21. On October 18th students will be given collection envelopes to bring home. The collection envelope replaces the cardboard collection boxes which children used to carry on Hallowe'en. If you wish to contribute to UNICEF, you can request a tax receipt. Thank you for your support of the Mission Club's fundraising activities and for teaching your daughters about the importance of giving to the less fortunate.

New SMA Career

Information Website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/smacareerinformation/>

(University/scholarship/career info for gr.9-12 students)

Gr. 12's—University Planning:

October 18 - Evening for Outstanding Students: University of Winnipeg (Gr. 11 & 12) 7:00 – 9:30 pm, Duckworth Centre (Parents Invited) Info call: 786-9644

October 28 - Evening of Excellence: University of Manitoba (Gr. 11 & 12) 6:30 - 9:00 pm, Fort Garry Campus: Engineering & Information Technology Complex Atrium (Parents Invited) Info call: 474-8806

November 3 - National Universities Fair: St. John's Ravenscourt, 7:00 - 9:00 pm (Parents Invited)

November 4 – National Universities Fair: Balmoral Hall, 7:00 - 9:00 pm (Parents Invited)

(Students may choose Nov. 3 OR Nov.4)

December 1 - Advanced Early Application Deadline – U of M & U of W based on Gr 11 marks (80% in English & 80% in 3 other 30S courses for the U of M)(65% in English, Math and 3 other 30S courses for the U of W)

February 19 - Early Admission Deadline – U of M based on Gr. 12 marks **March 1** - Early Admission Deadline – U of W based on Gr. 12 mark **Please note:**

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



Congratulations to Emily Wilson (First Place and Bryce Award winner) and Victoria Weir (Second Place winner) both of whom will be honoured as prize winning writers on October 21 by the Manitoba Historical Society.

Plans are already underway for our March 16, 2011 Heritage Fair.

Parents/Grandparents/SMA Friends willing to judge the morning at the Fair please contact Jordan Burg at jburg@stmarysacademy.mb.ca


More news on our Heritage Fair to come!

Ms. Beauchamp’s Grade 8 Social Studies students are now using Moodle. Assignments and events are posted on Moodle and easily accessed from home by going to the SMA Home Page and selecting ‘Moodle’.

Private Music Lessons

If you are interested in private piano, music theory, or beginner guitar lessons at the school please call for further information:


Sister Josephine Chudzik
direct line 284-3309.



Recycle for Education

Help raise funds for St. Mary’s Academy by dropping off your empty ink and toner cartridges at your local STAPLES store.

Every STAPLES store location across Canada has a recycle bin near the ink and toner cartridge area where customers, students, parents, teachers and small businesses can drop off their empty ink and toner cartridges with no charge.



STAPLES Canada donates funds for every eligible ink and toner cartridge to participating schools across Canada.

Thank you for helping St. Mary’s Academy and for saving the environment.

For further information, please visit the Staples website at www.staples.ca/recycleforeducation.

News from the Parents’ Guild

International Day

Travel the world and get a glimpse of other cultures at **International Day** at St. Mary’s Academy on **Sunday, November 7, 2010**. Bring the whole family! Admission – silver collection.

Start the day with the International Day Mass at 10:00 a.m. (note earlier time) in Alumnae Hall. Then purchase lunch and snacks in the cafeteria at any of the country pavilions 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 and dance originates. Try your luck with our cash raffle – we have doubled the prize purse this year!

In our new and beautiful library we will be featuring an auction of art pieces by students of SMA, live music and storytelling.

Raffle tickets have been sent home with the students. We are asking every student to be responsible for selling one book. Please return books and money to the school ASAP.

The ever-popular home baking table will be ready for business as well. Baking can be dropped off on Friday, November 5, Saturday, November 6 or Sunday, November 7, before noon.

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.

2010 International Day—there are 5 cash prizes to be won! Your support and generosity in selling and purchasing raffle tickets is most appreciated. Individual “seller” incentives will be awarded. Deadline for return of all tickets and proceeds is Oct. 25. Additional raffle ticket books can be obtained through Sister Susan’s office.

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We are excited to present our new merchandise in our newly expanded Cornerstore. Shop early and beat the Christmas rush. SMA Charm is the perfect gift for all ages. Come visit us at International Day as well as Parent-Teacher Interviews. Cornerstore is open everyday 12:30p.m.-1:30p.m. except Tuesday. Cash or cheque only.



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