

Where Did Civis Go?

BY : Megan Murray

Back in the late 1970's when my mom used to go to school at the old St. Mary's in downtown Kitchener they had civis days once a month. Ten days a year the kilt and blouses were scrapped and the students attending St. Mary's could wear whatever clothes they wanted. Now this was the 70's so the fashion was much different from what it is now. The basic idea is the same though, they got to wear clothing that was considered normal then.

Now I know that times have changed but really did the nuns that ran the old St. Mary's really have more faith in the students to choose appropriate clothing than the school does for us now? If there is a problem you could set guide lines, like no strapless shirts and shorts must be at least four fingers width along the inseam.

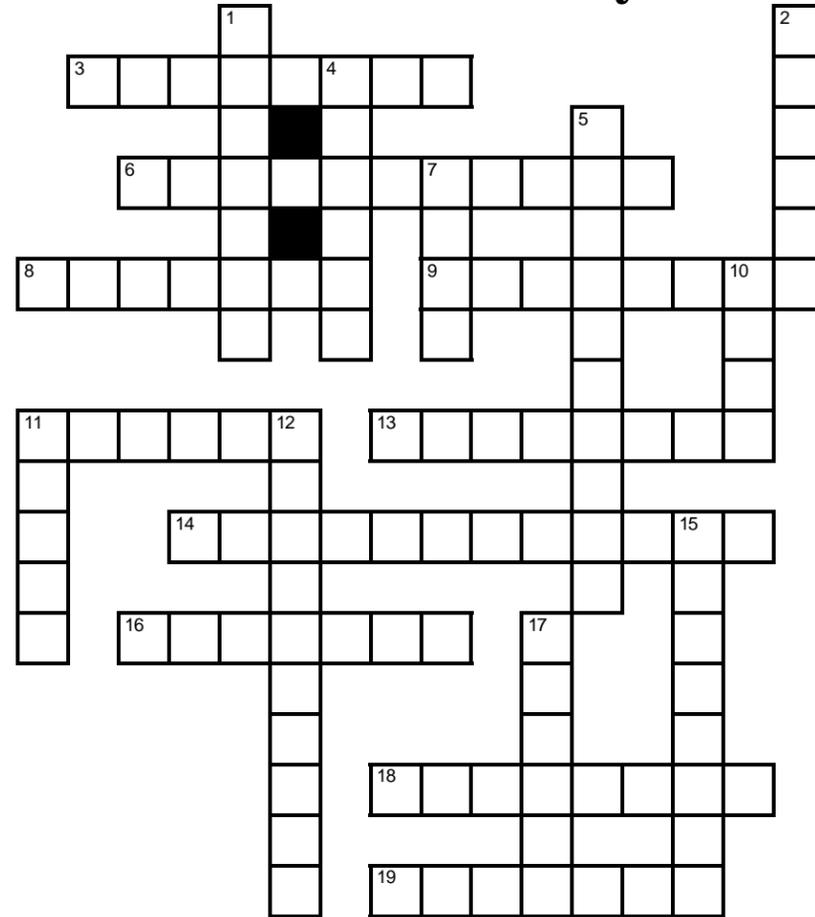
Even if you wanted to make it into a fundraiser, pay \$4 on the last school day of each month and wear street clothes for the day. If most students in our school took part in this, lets say 2000, we would raise a substantial amount of money each month, around \$8000, that money could be donated to charities or go towards programs at the school.

Well it would be something nice to consider, maybe one year they'll try it out, I hope I'm still in school when they do.



Answer To Last Issues Riddle :
Option #3
If the lions have not eaten for
three years they would be dead

Remembrance Day



Across

- 3 The month of Veteran's Day. (8)
- 6 What WWI was originally known as. (3,5,3)
- 8 Bravery. (7)
- 9 A statue or building to remember veterans. (8)
- 11 _____ gas. (6)
- 13 A place where people are buried. (8)
- 14 What remembrance day was originally known as. (9,3)
- 16 Injured. (7)
- 18 War Poem: In _____ Fields. (8)
- 19 _____ gun. (7)

Down

- 1 Someone who has fought in a war. (7)
- 2 Lest we _____. (6)
- 4 _____ wire. (6)
- 5 Wounded and dead. (10)
- 7 A group of people who fight on land. (4)
- 10 A group of people who fight on the sea. (4)
- 11 A red flower that is a symbol of remembrance of the dead. (5)
- 12 The area between the trenches. (2,4,4)
- 15 A group of people who fight in the air. (8)
- 17 A long hole dug into the ground where soldiers hid. (6)



SMH Students Making Headlines

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1914 War Games

By: Savannah Voll

Two little boys played with their toys
'Till one boy broke another's
That boy got mad, and said he had
Some real tough older brothers

The other's friends came in defense
In case there was a tussle
And every boy displayed their toys
Instead of using muscle

The toys confused, the boys amused
The toys began to fight.
All toys the same, a loser's game
Beyond the blind boys' sight.

Before their eyes, the toys' demise
Pawns crumbled, snapped and tore
Since boys can't play with broken toys
They left to go get more.

Now all you boys with broken toys
Austria-Hungary and Britain,
Italians, Russians, stop the comeup-
pance
And France and Germany listen!

All those toys that you destroyed—
They never belonged to you
Let all toys go, and they will know
Those childish war games are through.

Why we Celebrate Remembrance Day

By: Nathaniel Carr

Remembrance Day is the day where we think of all the soldiers that died in various wars. However, there is one war that Remembrance Day was specifically made in memory of, World War I. This war wasn't like the wars we have now, with bombs, tanks, and missiles; it was fought by gun. There were over 10,000,000 deaths of soldiers, and 7,000,000 citizens.

We now celebrate Remembrance Day by taking two minutes of silence at the eleventh hour of November eleventh. (also known as 11:00/11/11) We also use the red poppy as the flower of Remembrance Day to symbolize the bloodshed on the battlefield.



Upcoming Events for December

- DECEMBER 1, 2** Drama Production
- DECEMBER 8** HALF DAY PA – NO CLASSES AFTER-NOON
- DECEMBER 9** Semi-Formal
- DECEMBER 14 & 15** GRT Bus Pass Pictures for Semester Two – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Upper Forum
- DECEMBER 15** Sacrament of Reconciliation 6 & 15 Grade 8 Student / Parent Information Evenings – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- DECEMBER 22** Christmas Assembly
- DECEMBER 23** Last Day of Classes before Christmas Break
- DECEMBER 26- JANUARY 6** CHRISTMAS BREAK - NO CLASSES

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DECA: A Challenge by all Definitions

By Marcus Cardoso, Grade 11

Explain the concept of competition: "Competition is the struggle between businesses for the customer's dollar. Due to price competition, which creates very competitive pricing, a business must use its resources effectively. Non-price competition affords the customer with friendly service and additional services such as gift wrapping and dressing rooms. Competition also forces businesses to find new, unmet niches. This provides the customer with unique products."

This instruction and explanation is the essence of DECA; a competition that is based on business knowledge, as well as one's ability to present that knowledge. In our most general competition, students are provided with a scenario and a problem. They are to act the part they are given and devise an effective and efficient method of solving the issue, all while touching on important terms and concepts. What's more, they must always have the company's goals and values in mind. DECA members must dress formally to have a great first impression, they have to distinguish themselves in their presentations from a hundred others and lastly, they must do all of this with approximately five to ten minutes of preparation time.

I can't say joining this club is not accepting more work and responsibilities, because I'd be lying. One thing I can say is that this experience is one of the most rewarding all throughout high school. An academic club that focuses on the subject of business, in its entirety. The skills that are developed

through these activities range far beyond any of the classroom; presentation, communication and improvisation skills, business knowledge and an awareness of current global issues.

If anyone was wondering, the common DECA acronym stands for "Developing Excellence Celebrating Achievement". The organization's mission is to "prepare emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe." Through its various types of competitions, this organization challenges youth to put the material they learn in school to the test in real world situations, to not only think but act. While in our chapter, you will learn innovative business concepts, meet people and try something new.

That definition of competition is something that our members are trained to know and be able to present when needed among other things, so that when we attend our competitions at Bingham's in November, and at Toronto in February, we are able to prove viable contenders for the top medal spots. Only the best, the brightest and the motivated are those that apply for DECA, demonstrating an initiative that will indubitably prove valuable in the future. The amount of events DECA has to offer is so immense, that there is something to meet everyone's abilities and interests.

I encourage everyone to learn more about this wonderful organization by means of their websites, or to ask an SMH business teacher for more information, seeing as it truly is one of the most worthwhile activities that our school has to offer.

SMH Find Me!

Hello students of SMH,

We have a game for you,

Each month the paper's publishing,

Here's what you must do,

Look at our new picture,

Of something in the school,

And see if you can find it,

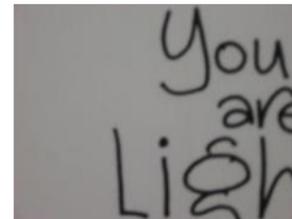
If you can, that's pretty cool!

It's not a really tough game,

But surely it is fun,

We'll help to get you started,

First off, find this one!



SMH Coffee House

By: Joey Ulmer

On Friday, October 28th in the cafeteria, hundreds of St. Mary's students came together for an evening of coffee, fun, and music for the SMH Semester One Coffee House. The night was dedicated to raising funds for Harmony Brubacher, a future St. Mary's student who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

The SAC-organized event was a huge success. Hundreds of students, staff, and families were in attendance, making it one of the highest turnouts ever seen at the semi-annual event. SMH eagles showed the true extent of their generosity, raising over \$3000 for Harmony out of their own pocket, with an additional \$1000 donation from the school board.

The night itself was an incredible experience. Your friendly neighborhood SAC representatives were

serving drinks and desserts for the attendees at a set-up table. And the musical performances, all done by fellow students and teachers, were utterly spectacular. Each one showed strong musical prowess, overcoming their nerves and playing many great songs for a cheering and supportive crowd. Among them were Jacob Anstey, a grade 11 student who made several appearances on stage with his guitar and harmonica in hand, the rock group Deafen, who played a couple great covers of Green Day and Nirvana, and grade 10 students Hershel Wright and Rose Weishar, two amazing young singers who each demonstrated strong musical talent and played a duet together for the audience as an encore.

There were some very special and memorable moments in the night though, such as SAC co-prez Ryan Nemeč leading a group of students in the "I'm a Little Teapot" dance, and a surprise appearance by musician and recent SMH graduate James Cameron. But the most memorable point in the night was when the Brubacher family came on stage. Harmony's mother delivered an emotional speech expressing her grati-

tude for St. Mary's' generosity, and Harmony herself read a heartfelt and inspiring poem that touched everyone at the event.

"We are extremely happy with the results", say Ellen Kirwin and Margaret Przybylowski, your St. Mary's arts representatives and organizers of Coffee House. "You don't see it every day, but when an opportunity like this arises, you can really sense the compassion of our student body".

In addition, performing in front of an audience like that is a great opportunity for students to step out of their shells, as anyone who has done it will tell you. With another Coffee House scheduled for next semester, it is recommended that any outgoing students try out and display their talents.



Jacob Anstey, Grade 11,
singing along with his guitar and harmonica.

Promise

They tell me he's a hero
though he's always been to me
and they tell me I should
not be scared
But I should pray for my
daddy

They tell me I should not
lose hope
and that I should stay
strong
And they tell me to be pa-
tient
Though I've been waiting
for so long

But the thing they do not
realize
The thing that's not so hard
to see
is that I know my daddy

will be home
He promised that to me

He said "I promise I'll
come back for you
I love you with all my
heart

I will see you grow up my
little girl
I won't let this break us a
part"

My dad keeps all his prom-
ises
So that's why I'm not
scared
I know he'll be back some-
day soon
and our family will be re-
paired

Mommy's cried most every

night
since daddy went away
and I see that my Nana and
my Papa
have been worried every
single day

It's hard when your dad
goes to fight in the war
when he left, I didn't get
why
But I remember what he
explained to me
as he held me in his arms
while I cried

"The reason I'm going off
to fight
is I have something that's
worth fighting for
I fight for the freedom for
you and other children too

because you deserve to
grow up free of war

You are my child and I'll
do all in my power
to ensure you live a life
that is free
and if I am the price I will
not even think twice
Because I'd do anything to
make you happy"

The door bell rings, I run
as fast as I can
I've been waiting for this
moment so long!
He's here! it's time! I can't
wait to hear him say
"My dear girl, I'm so glad
you stayed strong"

I open the door, but dad's

not who I see
there is a man dressed in
black with a letter

my mom approaches be-
hind, sees the man, starts to
cry
In my head I pray things
will get better

But what I did not know
when daddy left
was though he tried with
all of his might
he had no control over
what was to come
and he broke the promise
he made me that night

As I sit up waiting here in
my bed
I feel so sad and so alone
And I still hope and pray

that maybe one day
my daddy will return home

So today can you please
just remember
to honor, to respect and to
pray
for the people who fight
for our freedom
and for the dear souls
who've been taken away

My daddy was one of those
souls
and though he could not
keep his promise to me
I refuse to forget of his
hopes and his dreams
and I'll stay the strong girl
he wanted me to be

Hope you like it!