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There will always be a place for you in the nest!

*Farewell to our dear friends
Peter Hammermueller, Dawne Robinson
and John Weiler*

Wishing you happiness, success and good health.

*Embrace your future, enjoy the best part
of your life.*

Chaplain's Message



*Can
High
School
Students
be
Playful?*

How can I as a chaplain bring more playfulness and fun into the student's spiritual world? One way is on a retreat. A retreat simply means to step back, look at yourself and life in a different perspective, different setting. The retreat to end your high school years is a highlight for many because on the grad retreat we play hard as well as break bread in many forms! Too many of have the notion that a retreat needs to be sombre and reflective. I believe Jesus had a lot of fun in his youth; after all he didn't start his official ministry working for his dad until he was 30? So perhaps he had a playful side too?

Fr. Toby Collins presided over the celebration of mass at this year's grad retreat at Camp Kintail in Goderich. I forgot more than one important piece of the mass back at the school so Fr. Toby, CR suggested we just improvise – after all we were camping. After our students ate soul food and received their Eagle cross, we then headed over to the dining hall to feed our stomachs with some solid food and receive special swag.

The students were playful and happy – but the playing hadn't even started. The next 4 hours were rock and rope climbing, sliding down a steep tube, making bannock and playing *Name that tune*. I never saw such happiness and playfulness or heard such laughter in years. This year's grads rocked the retreat.

Did they have a good time? Absolutely! Was it a religious retreat? Undoubtedly! Was the Holy Spirit there to keep an eye on our grads? I'm thinking the Holy Spirit was the first to zip line across the camp.

It has been a pleasure to walk the spiritual journey with this year's graduates. I wish them all God's graces as they embark on the next journey of their lives. Thank you for making this such a special year for us.

God Bless and
have a restful
summer.

Kindly,
Miss Annabel



the Eagle's View

Symposium on Family—Diocese of Hamilton



What supports do families need from the Church? What are the pressures they face in their day to day lives? What are the challenges, joys, highs and lows in families today? Where do they seek support when it is needed? Where do they see the role of the Church in their lives and in helping them cope with everyday life issues and events?

The Diocese of Hamilton, through the Family Ministry Office, wants to hear from you on these topics. You can do this in two ways:

Attend our Symposium for Families being held at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on **September 23rd, 2017** beginning with Mass celebrated by Bishop Crosby at 9:30 am and ending at 4 pm. The day will consist of presentations on what we know about families today and then a lot of time for input from all those present on how we as a Church can support and assist families in their daily lives.

Or

Registration Form On Line Registration for Conference

Fill in the on line survey posted on the website available starting June 28th. at <http://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/symposium-on-family> The more people who engage in both these events the greater the knowledge we will gather. Family matters - help us discover how the Diocese can help you in the most important role lived out in family.

For more information call 905-528-7988 and ask for Teresa (ext. 2250) or Wendy (ext. 2241)



From the Guidance Wing

Student Schedules

Students will pick up their schedules for 2017-18 on the registration days August 29th and 30th.

The first week of classes will be dedicated to supporting students whose schedules are incomplete or require changes due to summer school. These students will be contacted by their Guidance Counsellor or sent to Guidance by their classroom teacher. Additional course changes will take place from Friday September 8th to 15th. Course change forms **will be available for pick up in the Guidance office** starting Thursday September 7th. They must be **returned with a parent signature**, for course changes to be processed. The last day to submit course change forms will be Tuesday, September 12th.

Students Not returning

If your child is registered for September but has decided not to return, or to attend another high school, please contact the guidance department a.s.a.p. at **519-745-6892 ext. 5632**.

Community Service

Students are encouraged to complete their 40 hours during the summer, especially if they are going into grade 12. A Community Service manual including a log record sheet is available on our St. Mary's web site under Student Services, Academic Planning and scroll to the bottom to Community Service.

Summer School Results

Summer school marks will be sent to St. Mary's at the end of August and students may pick up their results from our guidance secretary.

OUAC and OCAS.

Gr 12's – Final marks have already been uploaded to OUAC and OCAS. Students who are going to college or university in September should check to make sure their marks have been uploaded.

Up and Coming at SMH

We encourage all students to sign up for their appropriate grade level 'Remind 101' and receive text messages with important information. Parents are welcome to sign up as well.

To subscribe, call 226-777-3004 on your cell phone and use the code below.

Grade 9 students **TEXT** @smh2021

Grade 10 students **TEXT** @smh2020

Grade 11 students **TEXT** @smh2019

Grade 12 students **TEXT** @smh2018

Counsellor by Alpha

A to D Joanne Regan

Dj to He Joe Taranto

Hi to Mi Nancy Arruda DeMarco

Mo to Ri Colleen Borman

Ro to Z Mike Ambeau

If you have questions over the summer, please call

Mrs. Stephanie Groh at **519 745 6902 Ex. 5632**.



**STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF WATERLOO
REGION (STSWR), INC**

**130-4275 King Street East
Kitchener, ON N2P 2E9
Telephone 519-650-4934
Fax 519-650-2979**

Transportation Changes for 2017-2018 School Year

Transportation details for the 2017 - 2018 school year will be available on **Monday August 21, 2017.**

Parents can login and view your child's transportation details by going to www.stswr.ca and following these easy steps:

- ♦ Click on "Student Login"
- ♦ Enter your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN) The OEN can be found on your child's report card—Numbers only, no space, no dash
- ♦ Enter your child's birth date—dd/mm/yyyy
- ♦ Enter your house number only
- ♦ Select the school your child is attending from the drop down menu

Please note: any address changes need to be done through your school. If you are moving this summer or change caregiver arrangements for the fall, you should communicate the change of address to your child's school before the end of this school year.

You can also visit www.stswr.ca to see bus delays and cancellations, subscribe to receive e-mail notifications for late buses and closures and follow us on Twitter.



St. Mary's YPI group presented on Hope Springs Cancer Support



Youth Philanthropy Initiative - \$5000.00 grant given to the charity represented and presented by grade ten civics students as part of a culminating activity.





St. Mary's Key Club

It's Never Too Late To Join!

Our Year In Review, 2016-2107

Key Club achieved a considerable number of goals during the past school year. The club elected a great executive team who had a lot of initiative! Students helped support our school community by raising money for Christmas cheer by delivering candy grams to classes, and serving at the school's spaghetti dinner. The club collectively volunteered for almost 200 hours at Operation Christmas Child, and also created Christmas cards for seniors and dog toys for the Humane Society. Six students enjoyed a fabulous weekend trip to Niagara Falls to attend the Eastern District Convention. Students are busy planning ideas for the next school year, and they hope that even more new members will join.



Brain Tumour Walk

St. Mary's Key Club worked extremely hard to raise money for the Canadian Brain Tumour Foundation. The club entered a team in the Brain Tumour Walk on June 11th at Waterloo Park. The students were very pleased to present \$1694.00 in donations to the foundation in memory of a student's mother who recently passed away.

Plans for Next Year

Next year promises to be an even more exciting year for our club. We are hoping to enter several competitions including the talent competition, the scrapbook competition, and the spirit wear design competition. Students are excited about the possibility of attending a leadership camp in the fall in Brantford. They are even more thrilled about the 2018 District Convention. The convention will be held in Halifax. Plans are currently underway to prepare for this event. This year we had six students attend the convention in Niagara Falls, we are hoping even more can go to Halifax.





Co-operative Education



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Co-operative Education Department

CAREER FAIR CONTEST WINNERS



***Matthew McKenna, Gabriela Hernandez-Pineda,
Bailey Hehn, Nicole Stoyakovich***

Congratulations to over 100 students who completed a successful work experience this semester and earned credits while doing so. This has been an excellent experiential learning opportunity. The Coop Career Fair held in mid-May allowed students to showcase their work experience and share their learning with others through a display board .



Thank you Co-op Employers




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 Grand River Sports Medicine
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 Hansma Automotive
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 Kitchener Kia
 Kitchener Utilities
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Rogers TV
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Shaver Industries
Shopper's Drug Mart
Sportco
St. Aloysius Elementary School
St. Anne Elementary School
St. Anthony Daniel Elementary School
St. Mary's General Hospital
Stitches (Sunrise Centre)
Sunnyside Wellness Centre
The Home Depot
The Museum
Toothworks Dental

Tricity Orthodontics
Trillium Public School
University of Waterloo
Victoria Place
Village of Winston Park
Volunteer Action Centre
Waterloo County Screenworks
Waterloo Regional Police Service
Waterloo Regional—Accident Reporting
YMCA Winston Park Child Care
Zehrs (Ottawa)
Zister Sales & Services



Did you know?



You can borrow e-books and audiobooks for **free** using Overdrive. Find the link on the Learning Commons website under "Books & Reading" (<http://vlcguides.wcdsb.ca/stmary/reading>).

Login:

Library card number: your school computer username (employee# for staff)

PIN: your date of birth MMDDYYYY

Looking for summer activities?



The Kitchener Public Library is running a Teen Summer Challenge. Check out the [Teen section of KPL's website](#) and find out about the 80 challenges available! They also have an Online Book Club and Online Trivia Contest running over the summer.



At our Annual Athletic Banquet, the evening featured a catered meal , highlights and awards for all of teams.



Many staff members and students gave many hours of their time to make this even a huge success.

*World Cup Soccer in the gyms
Waterloo Region Catholic School Foundation rugby tournament
Jays baseball day celebrating 150 years of Canada at SMH
following major award winners*



the Eagle's View



Our athletic banquet gave us an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of our athletes from this past season.

A big thank you to

Mr. Whitmann and Mr. Hinsperger, our administration team, Mr. Mandich and his leadership class, Mr. Acheson and his tech crew, our two Emcees, Jason Jaros and Allie Steffler.

A special thank you to all our coaches for their hard work and dedication—without whom our students would not have the opportunity to excel.

Congratulations to the following major award winners

Junior Male Athlete of the Year -	Paolo Malacad
Co-Senior Male Athletes of the Year-	Ben Fisher, Noah Ross
Junior Female Athlete of the Year-	Ella Murphy
Senior Female Athlete of the Year-	Bryanna Kressler
Spirit Award	Courtney Higgins
OFSSA Coaches Colin Hood Award-	Jeff Roth
OFSSA Colin Hood Award – Male Recipient	Matthew Przybylowski
OFSSA Colin Hood Award – Female Recipient	Estevana Montes
District 8 Academic Elite Award- Jr female	Meghan LaCoste
District 8 Academic Elite Award Jr male	Jason Lowrie
District 8 Academic Elite Award Sr Female	Brittany Emary
District 8 Academic Elite Award Sr Male	Matthew Przybylowski
Chris Sabourin Contribution to Athletics Award	Nicole Stoyakovich





Michael Ribeiro



Matthew Saraiva



Rachel Sabourin



Rebecca Johnson and Sierra Barber



Negeena Shefa



Daniel Toth and Dylan Cantwell



Holden Little



Thomas Shantz



Alyssa Coelho



Josh Dutra



Alex Matos



Kylie Melo



Mark Majerski



Omar El-Aina



We Create...



Rachel Sabourin



Aman Sultan



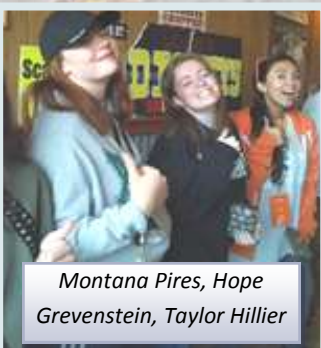
Lauryn Coughlan



Aiden Samms



We
♥
NY



Montana Pires, Hope Grevenstein, Taylor Hillier

St. Mary's Arts Department travelled to New York in May. Students were delighted by the dazzle this city offered. Students had the opportunity to take part in activities relating to music, drama, and visual arts.



Andrea Bongioi, Nathan Bethell, Letitia Krause, Tyler Orellana.



Group Photo in the Big Apple!

Mr. Rodriguez



Dates To Remember

August 28 & 29

Head Start

August 28-30

NOW Program

August 29 & 30

Registration

All students—9-3:00pm

Triple Gym

Student Card Photos

August 31

Link Crew 8-5pm

September 4

Labour Day— no classes

September 5-8

Niner Week

September 5

First Day of Orientation

9:00 – 1:15pm Gr. 9 - Gym

1:15—3:10pm All grades—

Altered timetable

September 6

First full day of classes

Full Uniform

September 8

Link Crew **Niner** Dance

7-10pm—Cafeteria

September 22

PD Day—no classes

September 25

School Council Mtg.

6:30-8:30pm

Board Room

October 5

Opening Liturgy P.2

October 5

Academic Awards Evening

October 6

Opening Assembly—P.1

October 9

Thanksgiving Holiday

October 12

Photo Retake Day

Upper Forum

October 17

Canadian National Math

League Contest

P.1—Cafeteria

October 18

Progress Report Distribution

October 23

PA Day no classes

October 26

Student/Parent/Teacher

Conferences 1:30—8pm

November 1

Take Your Kid to Work Day

November 11

Remembrance Day

November 14

Canadian National Math

League Contest

November 16

Semi Formal

November 17

Professional Activity Day

No classes

November 22

Semester One Mid-Term

Report Card Distribution