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St. Mary's High School presents GREASE The Musical December 7th—9th, 2017

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**Tickets \$15.00 - go on sale Nov 23rd
in the upper forum during lunches**

Chaplain's Message

Annabel MacDonald



Meeting Pope Francis - Visiting "The Bridge"

Recently our school came together in the gym which was converted into a sacred space – to celebrate our opening/Thanksgiving liturgy. The music ministry was outstanding, the tech ministry (yes I call our tech crew a ministry) excelled in their attention to detail and all students were in their places sporting bright shiny faces

As we came to the closing of the masses, I told the staff that when I became St. Mary's chaplain 11 years ago I found it hard to conceive organizing a mass for 2500 students. I felt panicked. I don't feel that way anymore because I don't do it alone. I have a crew of support; multiple ministries come together in total synch to celebrate our Catholic heritage. To complete all the support I have is Fr. Toby Collins, CR who without his support the mass couldn't take place. (Fr. Toby says that would be Jesus; Fr. Toby is Jesus' little brother!)

St. Mary's is extra blessed because we have a regular "priestly" presence; Fr. Toby Collins, CR. He is a graduate himself of this high school, he visits classes and participates in school events every Friday morning. He ends the day with mass in our chapel. To have a priest available for our weekly mass for the full school year, on top of our school wide liturgies is a luxury not all the schools enjoy.

We have another priest who graduated from St. Jerome's; Fr. Paul Voisin (note St. Jerome's and St. Mary's became a coed school in 1990). This past June, both Fr. Paul & Fr. Toby, along with other members of their religious order throughout the world, went to Rome for their General Chapter. Fr. Paul was elected Superior General for the Congregation of the Resurrection for the next six years. After the election, members of the Chapter had a once in a life time opportunity to have a private visit with Pope Francis. Please read Fr. Toby's experience on the next page as he explains..... *Meeting Pope Francis - Visiting "The Bridge"*

Fr. Toby & Fr. Paul shared their photos with St. Mary's to allow us to live vicariously through their exceptional experience. More than one teacher have these photos posted on their classroom doors.

We thank you Resurrectionists to taking care of St. Mary's. We appreciate all your priestly support and prayers

God Bless,
Miss Annabel.

Meeting Pope Francis - Visiting "The Bridge"

Sometimes people refer to the Church as a large ship. During our 33rd General Chapter our part of the ship had a large meeting table filled with Resurrectionists from around the world. I got to listen and take notes so that we could accurately document what was happening. We covered very earthy topics like how to offer hospitality at our House in Rome, and we also reached for the stars when discussing the limitless possibilities, we now have in our Tanzanian mission. But what truly brought us together like little boys on Christmas morning was the gift of Pope Francis' presence and words of encouragement when we went to visit the bridge of the ship that is our Church.

The 30 minutes we had with him went by in the blink of an eye and we all listened, laughed and pondered in our hearts what this new encounter might mean. Sure we had briefed him a little on our community, but it was Pope Francis himself who offered genuine words of solidarity and encouragement as he looked up and even veered twice from the text he was reading. The first time, with a knowing smile, he reminded us to be there for our brothers in community - "not just the ones we like to be around but the ones that God is sending to us." The second time was more serious. He said that Mary Magdalene and the women who witnessed the Resurrection with her were women on the move. They abandoned their nests and took great risks to ensure that the message of Christ's Resurrection would reach the Apostles and so many others. Now looking straight at us he repeated the phrase "take risks" and encouraged us to "run once again."

Now that I have had some time to process his words and reflect upon thanking him personally for his amazing leadership, I can say I was and remain filled with joy and gratitude. Joy because it just rubs off on you as Pope Francis radiates it so powerfully and humbly. I don't know how else to say it other than you just get really happy when he is in the room. When making eye contact, he gives you his complete attention and you feel his genuine concern for your well being. All I could say over and over again was "thank you" as I reacted to meeting the man behind documents that continue to inspire me such as Laudate Si. And he doesn't seem to shy away from anything as he had no problem with me given him a hug. In fact the Swiss Guards told us beforehand that the only thing we should not do is kneel before him as "this makes Pope Francis very uncomfortable."

All this to say that we are so blessed as a community to have our part on such a large and beautiful ship. And we even got to visit "the Bridge!" I wasn't taking notes during this part of the Chapter but by I can tell you that I saw and felt in a permanent way that this ship is truly in God's hands. And I have now found confidence that we will all continue to rise above despair itself whenever we trust in, and run out to share the message that Christ has truly risen. Or as Fr. Tim Uniac stated it simply in our Chapter YouTube video, "being the Resurrectionists we are supposed to be." Video link: <https://youtu.be/Qit8tmL3d64>

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From the Guidance Wing

Counsellors by Alpha

Mrs. Regan	Students with last names A – Di (ext. 5638)
Mr. Taranto	Students with last names Dj—He (+ International) (ext. 5635)
Mrs. Arruda-DeMarco	Students with last names Hi—Mi (ext. 5634)
Mrs. Borman	Students with last names Mo-Ri (ext. 5636)
Mr. Ambeau	Students with last names Ro—Z (ext. 5639)

Youth Care Worker—Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Cornfield and Mr. Sterling
Available to all students through referrals from Guidance, Administration or Program Support

Here's a brief summary of some of the happenings in guidance over the last few months

Grade 9

- ♦ **Take Your Kid to Work Day** on November 1 was a great success.

Grade 11

- ♦ **UCEP** (University Cooperative Education Program)—a visit to the University of Waterloo took place for interested students on November 8.

Grade 12

- ♦ **Post-Secondary Planning Session** took place on Sept. 18—students received information on how to apply to colleges and universities
- ♦ PIN codes for university applications have arrived please see the Guidance Secretary—ID required
- ♦ **Scholarship Presentation** - was held for interested grade 12's on Sept. 28th (**still accepting student résumés for scholarships – visit St. Mary's website for In line résumé**)
- ♦ Both above presentations are available on the St. Mary's Web site plus current list of scholarship applications
- ♦ **College and University Liaison Visits** at St. Mary's are almost complete—we met with 22 colleges and universities and promoted information fairs in various locations. Students signed up for these through signupgenius.com

All Grades

- ♦ Ongoing meetings with students and parents
- ♦ **Grade 8 Visits**—Elementary school visits to St. Mary's took place on Nov. 1.
- ♦ Guidance supported the **Link Crew** visits to all our elementary schools

WHAT'S COMING UP

Grade 8

- ♦ **Parent Night**—November 30- 6:30—8:30pm

Grade 9, 10 and 12

- ♦ **Course Selection Information Sessions** will take place in February

Grade 11

- ♦ **11 Up Presentation** will occur November 15 (P.1) to assist students in the Individual (IPP) by examining their future goals after high school and assisting in the course selection for the following year as well. Grade 11's will be called down with their classes to do post secondary research in computer labs.

All students are encouraged to enter their 2018/19 course selections into *Career Cruising*, right after their presentation. If your child needs help, please have them book a Guidance appointment on line in December or early January



From the Guidance Wing

REMINDERS

Grade 12

- ♦ In order to graduate, Community Service hours must be completed and handed in by Monday, April 30.
- ♦ Please complete the Graduating Eagles Survey to help us continue to support your Pathway Planning at <http://goo.gl/bHvFkR>
- ♦ Ensure that you have the prerequisite courses for the post secondary program(s) you apply to. Make an appointment with Guidance soon in order to make necessary changes for second semester.
- ♦ College applications are due **February 1, 2018** for equal consideration. Apply at www.ontariocolleges.ca. Apply early to avoid disappointment.
- ♦ University applications are due **January 17, 2018** for equal consideration. Apply at www.ouac.on.ca/101. Applying before Christmas is strongly encouraged to avoid disappointment as the late Christmas holiday this year does not allow time for Guidance to assist students in the new year before the deadline.

ALL STUDENTS

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

Students are encouraged to complete their 40 hours of community service in grades 9 and 10. Hours must be completed by April 30th of their graduating year. Forms to log community service hours are available in the Guidance office. Grades 9's are asked to register at <https://www.hourrepublic.com> to log their hours on line.

COMMUNICATION

- * **Eagle Vision**—updated daily
- * **Remind101** – students can sign up for important grade level messages from Guidance (text message or email)
- * **Text** your grade level code to 226-777-3004
 - * Grade 9 students text @smh21
 - * Grade 10 students text @smh2020
 - * Grade 11 students text @smh19
 - * Grade 12 students text @smh2018
- * Join our **Facebook** page <http://www.facebook.com/SMHS.Guidance>
- * Follow us on **Twitter** @SMHS_Guidance

Or go www.remind.com.com/join and enter the class code to sign up through your email.

Parents

Please do not plan holidays before or during exam week as it jeopardizes your child's course completion.

EXAMS are January 26 to January 31

SECOND SEMESTER Starts February 5, 2018

Students will receive an updated copy of their semester 2 schedule before the end of semester 1. Courses will remain the same, though there may be a teacher or lunch change due to scheduling considerations.

There will be NO COURSE CHANGES during the first week of second semester.

Students who need to reconsider courses due to changes in pathway or post secondary plans, please book an appointment with your Guidance counselor before Christmas or early January.

Important Reminder Students must attend their classes even if they anticipate a change in courses. Guidance counselors will locate students at any time during the day. Be available or risk losing the opportunity to change courses.



Graduation 2017-2018

IMPORTANT DATES



Grad Spirit Wear	Pay online ANYTIME until January 19, 2018
Senior Grad Photos #1 Photos #1 - Edge Imaging	December 4-7 – watch for announcements early in December for the code to reserve your time at www.bookmygrad.ca
Grade 12 Grad Information Meeting period 1	Thursday, Jan. 11 – Presenters include: Chaplain, SAC, Guidance, Valedictorian, Admin
Fee Collection & Additional Spirit Wear	8:30-9:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 17, Thursday, January 18, Friday, January 19 + Thursday, January 18 both lunches
Grad Prices:	Ceremony \$85, Breakfast \$15, Retreat \$50 (no refunds for Retreat) Special: Pay Ceremony fee by January 19 to receive a \$5 Breakfast Discount OR Click to Pay online ANYTIME until January 19, 2018
Spirit Wear Prices:	T-shirt \$15, Long Sleeve Tee \$20, Crew Cut Sweatshirt \$25, Crew \$30 --- Last chance: Orders must be placed by Jan. 19th ---
Motivational Speaker	February 26, period 2, cafeteria - Andy Thibodeau
Senior Graduation Portraits - Photos #2 - Edge Imaging	February 20 - March 2 – listen for announcements early in February, sitting fee \$40 www.bookmygrad.ca
Community Service Hours Due	Friday, April 27
Special Award Applications Due	Friday, April 27
Distribute Grad Invites	Week of May 7 Including 4 Tickets
Last Day to Pay for Breakfast	Thursday, May 24
Last Day to Pay to Guarantee	May 25 - On stage at the Centre in the Square; Also spirit wear ½
Breakfast and Liturgy	Thursday, May 31
PROM	Thursday, May 31 Location TBA
Retreat – space is limited	Friday, May 25 – Camp Kintail, Goderich, Pick up Time from St. Mary's: 8:15; Drop off Time at St. Mary's: 6:30
Last Day to Receive Grad Refund	Wednesday, May 30, No refunds will be permitted after this date for any reason
Ticket Sales	Begins June 4 - Purchase Additional \$5/ea
Graduation Ceremony	Centre in the Square , Monday, June 25
Yearbook Pickup	Available October 2018 – Pick up in the main office (check website for availability dates, http://stmary.wcdsb.ca/)

***St. Mary's High School
presents
GREASE The Musical
December 7th—9th, 2017***



An enthusiastic group of cast and crew have been working on the production since June and we look forward to seeing you as we present one of the all time favourite musicals:

Grease.

On Nov 23rd tickets go on sale for \$15.00 in the upper forum during lunches

December 7th - 7pm	∞	December 8th - 7pm
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Don't miss this chance to see St. Mary's finest on stage in Alumni Hall!



Leads Roles

Marija Blazevic
Michelle Dang
Gloria Djuricek
Raquel Grobe
Mackenzie Hart
Sarah McKenna
Hannah Zmigrodzki

Brett Cutchall
Dante Duval
Joseph Koshaba
Mickey Lopez
Tyler Orellana
Kyle Randall
Rauri Tiernan



St. Mary's Key Club

It's Never Too Late To Join!

Welcome New Members

Key Club started off the year strong. We have over thirty paid members, and others still planning on submitting their dues. Our members are very enthusiastic. The goal of Key Club is to be of service to others and we want to stress that within the group. We encourage members to join because they truly want to make a difference in our school, the community, and the world; as opposed to just wanting to complete volunteer hours. We have an exciting year planned; including an opportunity to attend the Eastern Canadian District Convention, in Halifax this year. We are already starting to prepare entries for the convention competition. Look out Canadian Key Clubs, here comes SMH!



Candy Sure is Dandy

St. Mary's Key Club worked hard making and selling Candy Grams for Halloween. Over 200 students enjoyed a special delivery via Key Club! The candy bags were stuffed during our meeting, sold during lunch and delivered on Halloween. All proceeds were donated to the Christmas Cheer fund, which helps students in financial need.

Volunteering Opportunities Galore!!!

The months before Christmas are busy ones for Key Clubbers!! There are many volunteer opportunities. In November, students are involved in the Waterloo Symphony, they are selling tickets for our school production of *Grease*, and putting up Christmas lights in Waterloo Park. In December students are continuing to help with *Grease*, assisting in our school Christmas dinner, and posing as Elves in Santa photo shoots. There are also other opportunities for students provided by the City of Kitchener and by the Waterloo Regional Food Bank. If you need any volunteer hours, it is never too late to join.





Specialist High Skills Major Students!

Get ready for another great year of certifications, training sessions and ways to explore and learn more about your future career. Students involved in SHSM have been busy planning a way to earn their Red Seals through course selection and attending trips to earn certifications.

We have a large number of students working towards earning their Red Seals – (over 300 grade 11 students are currently involved in the program).

Early in February Grade 10 students should plan and decide from 11 Majors available for course selection from the chart below. Once decided, fill out an SHSM sign up form (available at www.highskills.ca) and submit to the main office.

Students involved in the program need to follow through on SHSM Expectations before they graduate.

Arts & Culture	Business	Construction
Energy	Health and Wellness	Hospitality and Tourism
Information and Communications Technology	Justice & Community Safety	
Manufacturing	Sports	Transportation

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...:

1. Take the Courses needed to complete their Major
Arts, Business, Physical Education, Science, Math, Technology, and many more!
2. Sign up for a 2 credit Co-op
Develop skills and experience in an area of interest
3. Plan and attend Certifications
1st Aid, CPR-C, WHMIS, GPS Training, Safe Body Mechanics, Conflict Resolution, Culinary Techniques, Management Leadership, Counterfeit Detection, Safe Lifting & many more!

SHSM students should be proud of their accomplishments related to this program. It shows they are a responsible student who has given great consideration to their future.

Did you know?

Universities and Colleges are starting to recognize the SHSM Red Seal (e.g. St. Jerome's University offers \$500 Entrance Scholarship)

Students can earn certifications on their own time: First Aid Training and CPR, WHMIS, Infection Control, Boating License – check the list of Trips and Training for the Major to see what choices are available.

Once a student completes 50% of both their courses and certifications, they can sign up to receive a **FREE SHSM T-SHIRT**.

AT 100%, they can sign up to receive a **FREE SHSM SWEATSHIRT**.

Check your Progress Reports to see how far along you are to obtain your spirit wear!

Email Updates – SHSM updates and reminders will be sent to Parent/Guardian's of all SHSM students who have updated email information in the Main Office.

Need more Information?

Contact: Ms. J. McCormick (Lead SHSM Teacher at St. Mary's, joan.mccormick@wcdsb.ca or Ms. Jeannie McCarroll; jeannie.mcarroll@wcdsb.ca

Parents/Guardians interested in receiving SHSM notices quickly, call our Guidance Department at extension 5631 or 5632 to update parent email with information.



Academic Awards Night

We celebrated the achievements of our diverse group of learners.

This event provided an opportunity to recognize students who live our mission statement,

Rooted in Faith · Learning in Love · Dedicated to Excellence.

Two types of Academic Awards were presented to students who:

- earned the highest mark in their class for each subject discipline, or
- were either in the top five or ten percent of their grade level.

Thank you to the families and friends who attended and to the staff who helped to organize this celebration.

Also thank you to our emcees, **Erik Caceros and Naomine She Abono**,
Co-presidents of St. Mary's.

Special congratulations to all the recipients.



Did you know?

There are some fantastic books located near the seminar room that are part of our Literacy Collection. These easy-to-read chapter books and general information books are geared towards people of all ages learning basic literacy skills, including ESL students.

- Short, easy to read chapter books (less than 100 pages long)
- Introductory reading leveled books about Math, Science, Life Skills, and much more!

There is also a selection of easy-to-read chapter books located in the teen fiction section close to the graphic novels. Ask Mrs. Wohlgemut or Ms. VanderMeer if you need help with these collections.

Looking for a good book?

Come see the displays in the library or check out our teen fiction section for your next great read!



FREE Music

Freegal Music allows users to download or stream free music from popular artists and genres from over 12 million songs in the SONY catalogue. You may download up to five songs each week, which are yours to keep. It's kind of like the iTunes store, but free!

All you need to download your newest tunes is a KPL library



Sports Page

Fall Sports

final results available at sportstats.ca



St. Mary's Eagles

In convincing fashion, the **St. Mary's Eagles** boys swept all boys team awards as well as snuck out a one point win for the overall championship edging out Resurrection at CWOSSA Championship at Bechtel Park. OFSAA Championships will follow on Saturday November 4th in Petawawa.

The Eagles were led by grade 12 **Marcus Kemp** who finished the six kilometer race with a time of 20:31:65. He was joined on the podium by his grade 11 teammate **Foster Malleck** who was last year's junior champion, and captured the silver in his first year racing senior. The bronze medal went to Kyle Bociort from Père René de Galinée.

Not only did the St. Mary's boys sweep the team titles, the junior boys also swept the podium. **Thomas Fitsum** took the gold with a time of 19:14:94 in the five kilometer race. His teammate Nathan

Jr. Boys Soccer—perfect season, D-8 Champs, DCWOSSA Champs.

Bringing home the gold

Our Jr. boys volleyball team capped a perfect 10-0 season with their second straight D8 championship on Wed. night. They took a 3-1 sets victory over St. David's 25-23, 23-25, 25-17, 25-12. The Eagles' were led by middle attacker **Jacob Lohrenz** and setter **Sebastian Mawhiney** who has a dangerous serve to look out for as they advance to 'AAA' CWOSSA.

Lions and Eagles and Bears



Having two student athletes sign NCAA scholarships is a tremendous accomplishment and speaks volumes about our teachers, coaches, guidance counselors and administrators.

Summer becomes a Bear <https://t.co/LmVUW0cF3C>

Congratulations for Summer Pahl on your scholarship to Mercer University



Cole becomes a Lion

Congratulations Cole on your scholarship to Southeastern Louisiana

St. Mary's student Cole Belkwell signed a full NCAA scholarship with Southeastern Louisiana University for Track and Field (Throws). Cole has been participated in track and field since grade 9 and is a OFSAA Gold medal winner.

Link Crew Goes on Tour

the Eagle's View

from grade 6. The job description for Link Crew is, and always will be, to make sure that each Grade 7 student has

We are the Champions



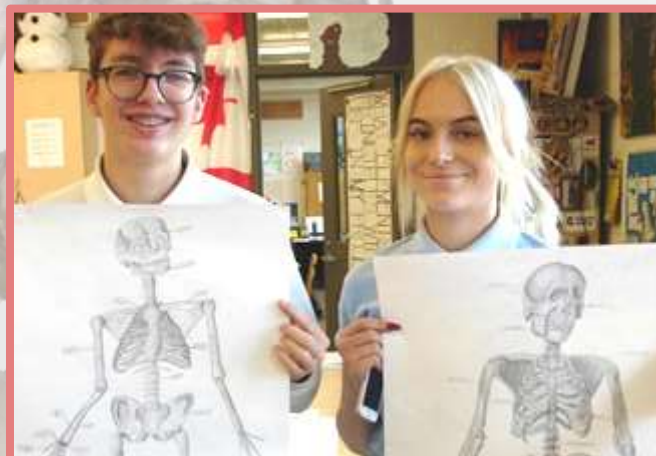
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News from the Art Department

No Bones About It!

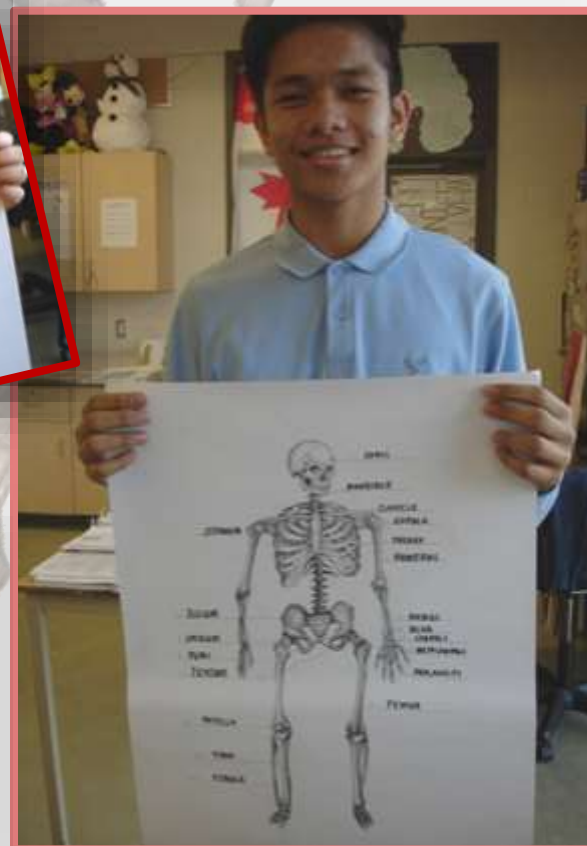
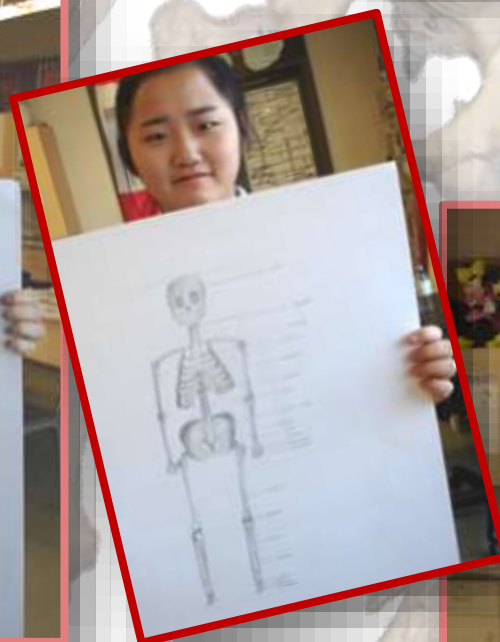
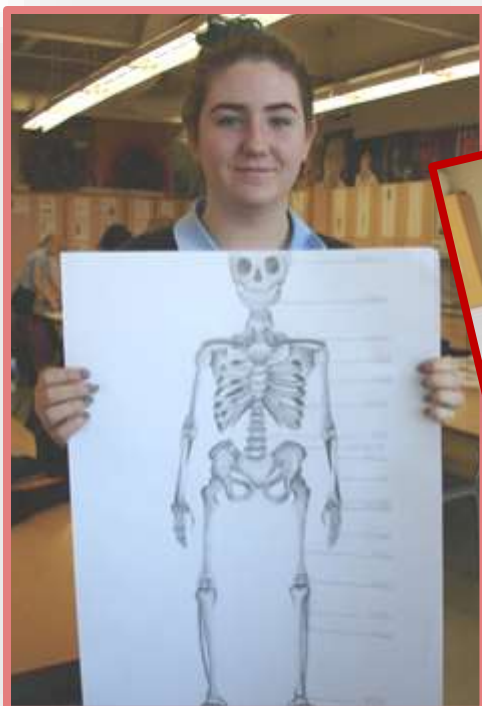
The grade eleven visual art students focused on bones in October. It may have been good preparation for Halloween, but the real learning goal was anatomy. Students discovered how complex the human body actually is, and how it measures literally up. Students used the classic eight head model to determine proportions and help them understand how tall, long, or skinny each area of the human figure is.



Above: Daniel T. and Maria D. holding their skeletons

Left: Lauryn C. and Yujin O.

Bottom: Justine D. with his masterpiece.

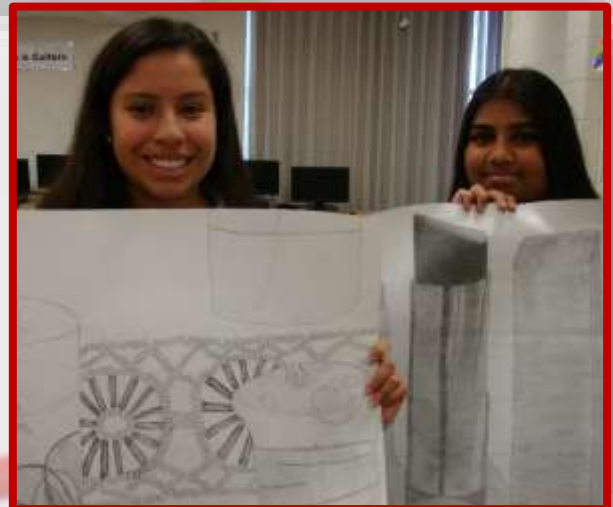


Please Hold Still Grade Nine!

It is always exciting to take your first high school art class.

Grade nines in Mrs. Schindler's class are always on the move, but for a few weeks the focus was on being still. Students were asked to observe real life objects and attempt to depict them as accurately as possible. They also had to include the elements and principles of art that they learned about.

Grade nines are becoming masters of composition and tonal range.



Top: Britney B., John H., and Diego M. holding their drawings.

Above Left: Lisa H., Arianell A., and Ciarra L.

Above Right: Elkaris A., and Michelle L.

Left: Nichol R., Cathy Q., and Zoe Harris





Where Are You From?

St. Mary's has a new art course running this semester.

The focus is on Aboriginal cultural expression through visual arts. This course is unique because all of the students enrolled are very new to Canada and speak very little English.

They come from Korea, China, Europe, Africa, South America, Iraq, and Israel. It is a very interesting experience for everyone. Students are helping each other learn new vocabulary everyday.

Kindness Matters is very evident in this art room.

Left: *Milka A. holds her medicine wheel.*

Below Left: *Mengjiao L. and Philiops K.*

Below: *William T. and Nitsihti A.*



Goodbye Mrs. Jakub...

St. Mary's is very sad to say goodbye to one of the best Art teachers of all time. Donna Jakub will retire after a long and outstanding teaching career. Her contribution to the art departments at both St. Mary's and Resurrection high schools cannot be matched. We will miss you **SOOO** much, Mrs. Jakub!

Christmas Cleaning?

The Visual Arts department welcomes your unneeded objects. Egg cartons, plastic yogurt and ice cream containers, ribbons, fabric scraps, buttons, and beads are some of the supplies that are frequently used in the art room to enhance work. Any scrap materials that could be used for Christmas crafts would also be appreciated. Items can be brought to room 219.



Dates To Remember



November 27

School Council
Meeting—6:30-8:30pm

November 30

Grade 8
Parent Evening
6:30-8:30m

December 4-8

Grad Photos
By Appointment Only
Library Seminar Room

December 7-9

*Grease the Musical
Production*

December 8

PA Day—no classes

December 12

Canadian National Math
League—P.1/2 Cafeteria

December 13

Co-op Career Fair
8:30-11:30am

December 14

Community Christmas
Dinner—5:30pm

December 22

Christmas Assembly
Gym

December 25—January 7

Christmas Break

January 9

Canadian National
Math League
P.1/2—Cafeteria

January 11

Grad Meeting
P. 1 Cafeteria

January 17,18,19

Grad Fee Collection
8:30-9:00 am
Lunches on Jan. 18 only

January 18

EQAO Math
P.1 and 2 LSR

January 23-25

Quiet Days

Evaluation Schedule

Friday, January 26

9:05-11:05 **Period 1**
Evaluation

Monday, January 29

9:05-11:05 **Period 2**
Evaluation

Tuesday, January 30

9:05-11:05 **Period 3/4**
Evaluation

Wednesday, Jan. 31

9:05-11:05 **Period 5**
Evaluation

February 1

Assessment and Evaluation
Day—no classes

February 2

PA Day—no classes

February 5

Semester 2 begins

February 13

Canadian National Math
League—P.1/2-Cafeteria

February 14

Ash Wednesday

February 15

Semester 1 Final Report
Card Distribution

February 19

Family Day—No Classes