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Small Town Big Dream Shattered



*While our hearts mourn with all the nation, we wear our jerseys.
We send our prayers and support to Humboldt.*



Hockey is heritage. Growing up near the rink teaches you discipline and respect for all. My heart aches for the #Humboldt Broncos, and in honor of the 16 lives lost, today we leave our sticks out on our front steps and wear our jerseys in their memory. #humboldtstrong -



the Eagle's View

Chaplain's Message

Annabel MacDonald, Chaplain



*Each
One
Of
You
Is
A
Part
Of
It*

If you ask students their memories of high school it would be about friends, prom or a favourite teacher. If you ask them who runs the school, the answer would probably be the principal or administrators. We spend much time focusing on the things we see but we know that there are people who work diligently behind the scenes who allow us to run this gigantic high school. These are the people we cannot do without.

St. Paul told the Corinthians that *There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body.* (1Cor12:12-27). The St. Mary's school is made up of many parts and God has put together all the parts of this student body.

God has made us all parts of His one body. In our daily prayers we bless the custodians, the cafeteria staff, the librarians; the youth care workers and the secretarial staff. Most importantly we bless all of us who benefit from the services they provide. When one of these body parts leaves our body there is a huge void. St. Mary's is losing two of its long standing Administrative Assistants to retirement; **Lorraine Ashmore**, after 27 years and **Margaret Bruntlett**, after 20 years.

The staff rely on Lorraine for classroom coverage. She runs her department like clockwork and never misses a beat. When a teacher is absent, an emergency arises or there is someone in need Lorraine is there to assist, to help solve problems and to offer support to new teachers as they navigate their way around our school.

Margaret is first to know when a student is absent or late. She ensures teachers and staff have accurate up to date information. Margaret is the hub; connecting parents to teachers with attendance information.

After so many years Lorraine and Margaret have seen the changing of the guard more than most.

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*As they near their last day,
they both shared a reflection.*



Life comes at you very fast. So did the 26 years as administrative assistant at St. Mary's

I have seen many students, teachers, support and custodial staff and administrators come and go. Some staff were recognized with winning awards. We sadly lost members of our community. Hundreds of our graduates went on to higher education. It is a pleasure to meet former students at work in our local establishments.

What does remain constant is the role of our administrative assistants whose strength is responsibility. We accurately provide the necessary tools to support our students, parents and teachers. It is very encouraging and gratifying to us to be actively involved in practices that successfully impact a large school such as ours.

That is what we do.

That is who we are.

Lorraine Ashmore

My working time has nearly come to a close here at St. Mary's High School. 20 years has come and gone.

Working in a faith based environment has been a privilege and honor. Serving students, parents and staff was a lesson in patience and understanding.

I shall miss the companionship and caring shown here at St. Mary's but look forward to a new chapter in my life with my family.

Margaret Bruntlett

Lord Jesus, you have told us that the greatest among us are those who serve. Guide those who serve this community with wisdom, dignity and compassion. Open our hearts to the ways in which we can all serve each other. Amen

***Lorraine & Margaret, You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it.
God speed our friends.***



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we begin a new semester, now is a good time to think about the importance of **good attendance**. We know that students who attend class daily are more likely to be successful.

According to **www.attendanceworks.org**, students can suffer academically if they miss just 10% of the school year -- that's just 2 to 3 days a month.

It is important to note that throughout a semester, absences can add up quickly (e.g. vacation, extra-curricular activities, illness, truancy, etc.). Regardless of the reason, however, the result is the same: **missed class time**.

As a school, we will continue to monitor student attendance closely and do what we can to support students. **You can also monitor your child's attendance and academic progress** through the *WCDSB's Student Information System* and the parent portal of *Encompass*.

For more information, visit <https://stmary.wcdsb.ca/>



Student Information System

Sign in

ENCOMPASS
Parent Portal

Teachers Parents Student

Let's work together as a community – school, parents, students, teachers – to make attendance a priority and get all **SMH students to class on time, all day, every day**.

Sincerely,

Staff of St. Mary's High School



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From the Guidance Wing

Course Selection

Students have now entered their course selections for next year. They were directed to check requirements for both their 'diploma, and 'Red Seal' if they are in High Skills Major, in addition to their post-secondary requirements. Career cruising has links to this information and research.

Please note:

Students who wish to make changes to their course selections need to book an appointment on line with their guidance counsellor before Friday, May 11

After that time, there will be limited course changes until the second week of September.

Students will receive confirmation of their course selection for next year in the report card package mailed home in July.

Summer School

Students can sign up directly at www.wcdsb.ca, click on summer program/summer credit. If St. Louis does not have the course you are looking for, book an online appointment with your guidance counselor.

GR 12's: OSAP PRESENTATION

Students interested in applying for the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) are invited to sign up on line (go to St. Mary's web site) for an information session on **Thursday, May 10th** at 10:30 in the Library Seminar room.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

In order to graduate in June, grade 12 students have until the end of April to complete their

40 hours of community service. Submit forms to the guidance secretary by **April 27th, 2018.**



Forms to log *community service hours* are available in the guidance office. For volunteering ideas refer to the website www.volunteerkw.ca

Students can also check Eagle Vision, St. Mary's Facebook and Twitter

Interested in a 5th Year?

Students who have applied to college or university but who have now decided they would like to return to St.

Mary's for an extra semester, need to talk to their guidance counselor after May 15th.



GRADUATION

June 26 — 7pm

at

The Centre in the Square

Gr 11's: Information Session on Post-Secondary Planning

In November all grade 11 students were invited to an information session to help with their planning for post-secondary. They learned about the application process and timelines to apply to college and university. In December students were invited to a computer lab to research program prerequisites and scholarship sites. An information sheet is posted on line. Students are highly recommended to set up college and university campus tours the summer they are going into grade 12. During the 3rd and 4th week of April, Guidance Counsellors will meet one or none with grade 11 students to review their pathway planning.



Important Dates for Gr 12's Who've Applied to College and/or University:



- **April 26th** - Mid Term marks are sent to Ontario University and Colleges—students should check their online applications after this date to ensure they can see their mid term marks
- **University** – May 29th – the last day to receive an offer
 - June 1st – deadline to accept an offer (check your letter of offer to be sure)
- **College** – May 1st – last date to accept an offer (check your letter of offer to be sure)
 - Colleges are still accepting applications for 'open and wait listed' programs



Grad SHSM Award Due April 27th

Have you demonstrated motivation and change and grown both personally and academically as a result of your involvement in the Specialist High Skills Major program?

Recipient will Receive:

Framed certificate and monetary award.

Award value \$250 (donated by Hotzone Training)

Criteria:

Must be 100% on track to earning your red seal;

Submit 1 page essay and photo ;

Describe involvement in SHSM and how it has affected your life;

See school website, Graduation, Awards for details

Specialist High Skills Major - Focus on a Career Area of your Choice





Specialist High Skills Are the Way to Grow!

The Specialist High Skills Major program at St. Mary's has been growing rapidly. Over half of all grade 11 and 12 students are currently participating. Students involved in SHSM have used semester 2 to complete their courses and certifications or sign up for Co-op to participate in a career related to their major (eg. Business, Energy and Sports).

As the year draws to a close, many grade 12 students are finishing their training and will receive a Red Seal on their diploma this spring. This seal lets employers and post secondary education know that students have the knowledge, skills, and industry-recognized qualifications related to a particular career field.

This shows that you have given some thought to what you'd like to do for your future – and may give you an advantage over others who have not earned worked on an SHSM.

No matter whether you plan to go to work, apprenticeship, or college/university you can earn a SHSM. Students who participate in grades 11 and 12 take specific Classes, attending Certifications and completing a 2-credit Co-op course.

Plan to visit www.highskills.ca to get started – choose from 11 majors.

Gr.10 & 11's – Get Started this Summer

Check the list of training on the website for certifications that are available online or through St. John's Ambulance. Email SHSM@wcdsb.ca to request training outside of school hours.

Already Participating?

Check your SHSM Progress Report to see if your course selections for next year support your SHSM Major. If you complete 50% of both your courses and certifications, you'll receive a **FREE SHSM T-SHIRT!** Plus once you are 100% done, you will receive a **FREE SHSM SWEATSHIRT.**

Keep checking your progress report from your homeroom teacher to see how far along you are to obtain your spirit wear!

Questions? Need more Information?

Contact: Ms. J. McCormick (Lead Teacher at St. Mary's)

Joan.mccormick@wcdsb.ca

or

Ms. Tara Fitzgerald (Board Office—(519) 578-3660x2549 –

SHSM@wcdsb.ca)





Graduation 2017-2018 — Important Dates

Things to consider to Graduate:

Pay Your Grad Fees by May 25th to guarantee a spot at the CITS

If you still like to participate in Graduation activities, please pay online <https://wcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/> or in the main office ASAP. You need to ensure there is a space reserved for you on stage at the Centre in the Square. (<http://stmary.wcdsb.ca>)

Grad Spirit Wear

There are a few grad spirit wear items available for purchase. Check Mrs. Mandich if interested.

Reserving Your Spot For The Grad Retreat — Space for 175 Students — Spots Remaining

We look forward to seeing you at Camp Kintail in Goderich on Friday, **May 25th**. Buses will pick up students at 8:15 am and return to the school around 6:30 pm.

There are a number of spaces still available. Drop by the main office to pay ASAP or school cash online.

Your Community Service Hours

Your 40 community service hours are due **April 27th**. Please make sure you hand them in at the Guidance Office.

Still Want to Attend the Grad Breakfast?

It is still possible to join your fellow graduates for Grad Breakfast on Thursday, **May 31st**. Please pay (\$15.00) online or in the main office. Last day to pay — **May 25th**.

Extra Tickets for June 26th

Four tickets for the Ceremony in June will be handed out beginning the week of May 7th. If you would like extra tickets please contact the main office (\$5 per ticket) beginning the week of June 4th.

Grad Awards?

Applications are now available (website, school network or guidance department). There are many different types of awards given from both within the school and the community - plan to apply by **April 27th** (due in the Guidance Office). Graduates have the opportunity to apply for awards that combined are worth over \$15,000! (<http://stmary.wcdsb.ca>)

Community Service Hours Due	• Friday, April 27
Special Award Applications Due	• Friday, April 27
Distribute Grad Invites and 4 tickets Plus 1 breakfast Ticket	• Week of May 7
Retreat—space is limited	• Friday, May 25—Camp Kintail, Goderich- Pick up time from St. Mary's—8:15am—Drop off time at St. Mary's—6:30pm
Breakfast and Liturgy	• Thursday, May 31
PROM, Federation Hall, U of W.	• Thursday, May 31
Last Day to Pay Grad Fees to guarantee a spot	• Thursday, May 25—Students who intend to participate must pay fees by this date
Last Day to Receive a Grad Refund	• Wednesday, May 30 • No refunds after this date
Ticket Sales	• Begins June 4—Purchase of additional tickets \$5.00 each
Graduation, Centre in the Square	• Tuesday, June 26—7:00pm
Yearbook Pickup	• Available in October at the main office. Check St. Mary's website for availability dates.

Grad is Almost Here!

Have You Reserved Your Spot for the...
Centre in the Square? June 26

Grad Retreat? May 25

Grad Breakfast? May 31



Don't Miss Out - Sign Up and Pay Your Grad Fees ASAP

Grad Spirit Wear is Still Available - See Ms. Mandich, rm 301

Ceremony \$85*

Breakfast \$15

Retreat \$50

***Hurry - Space is Limited**



CANCER CHANGES EVERYTHING—SO CAN YOU

FIRST ANNUAL SMH RELAY FOR LIFE



Relay for Life: May 11, 2018, 10 am - 10 pm



For the first time ever, on May 11th, St. Mary's will host a **Relay for Life** event. From 10 am - 10 pm, students and staff who register will participate in an incredible experience to celebrate cancer survivors, to remember those we lost, and to fight back against this awful disease. Our goal is to raise **\$30,000** for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Relay for Life is so much more than just a fundraiser - it is an unforgettable experience that reminds us of the power we have to come together as a community and to create positive change.

The day will be filled with activities, team challenges, sports, survivor testimonials, student performances, a BBQ, food trucks, and a powerful closing ceremony when we remember those we lost and those who are fighting against this disease.

Together, we can help make cancer history. For more information about this amazing event, and to register, please visit www.relayforlife.ca/stmaryskitchener

or

click the **Relay for Life** banner on our school website.

We hope to see you there.

http://convio.cancer.ca/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLY_ON_even_px=7614134&pg=personal&fr_id=24021



DREAM LIKE MARTIN
 LEAD LIKE HARRIET
 CHALLENGE LIKE ROSA
 BELIEVE LIKE THURGOOD
 PERSEVERE LIKE OBAMA
 ACHIEVE LIKE LINCOLN
 WRITE LIKE MAYA

The *SMH Black Matters Club* had a busy and exciting February.

Our second Black History Month assembly contained powerful songs, amazing traditional African and hip-hop dance, and great speeches and videos about the significance of the history of Black people.

A large number of our students also attended the *Beating the Odds* conference, hosted by WLU's Black Students Association, and were inspired and motivated to choose pathways to success. We were impressed with the turnout for our first Community Celebration Night on February 8th, and welcomed many of the leaders in our local Black community to share and celebrate their achievements with our students.

Our club continues to welcome students of all backgrounds who interested in creating a future of success for all.





<http://vlcguides.wcdsb.ca/stmary>

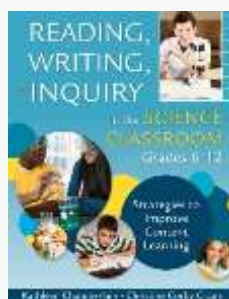
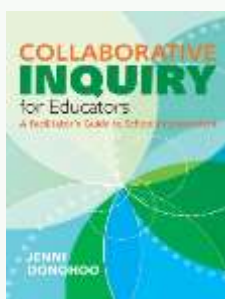
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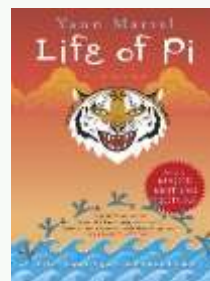
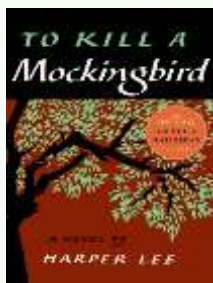
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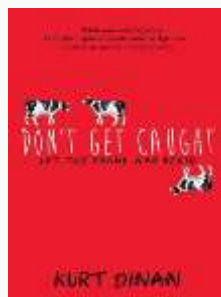
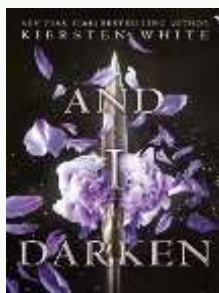
Teachers Visit Overdrive's **Teacher's Lounge** for Professional Development Resources



English Teachers: Copies of the following eBooks are available for download:



Students: Fiction eBooks and audiobooks available for download



the Eagle's View



St. Mary's Key Club

It's Never Too Late To Join!

Our Student Lieutenant Governor

We are very proud to announce that Hannah Zmigrodzki was recently elected to the position of Lieutenant Governor of the Waterloo Regional Key Club. Key Club is an international organization that consists of students who want to make a difference and would like to do something to facilitate change. Several schools in our community have clubs and Hannah will provide leadership to them. She will also represent St. Mary's High School at national and international events. Hannah was recently awarded a five day trip to Halifax to attend the Eastern Canada District Convention where she continued to enjoy learning and leadership opportunities and met people from across Canada. She is hoping to attend the international convention in Chicago this summer.



Congratulations

St. Mary's Key Club is pleased to announce that Olisa Davis won the *Above and Beyond* award at this year's District Convention. She was chosen for this prestigious award because of the continuous spirit she has displayed. Olisa is a grade twelve student, and contributes greatly to making our school Key Club a success.



New Leadership Within Our Club!

Each year Key Club elects students to be planners and decision makers for our club. This year we had several strong candidates run for leadership positions. Hannah Shaw was elected to the position of president. Other positions include Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Media Editor. Key Club members really appreciate the effort of all executive members and would like to thank last year's executive team for their hard work!





National Theatre School Drama Festival

We put on the play *Wasp*, by Steve Martin. The cast and crew made our school proud as they took home a number of major awards.

Award of Distinctive Merit Technical Production

Mackenzie Hart
 Kyle Randall
 Gloria Djuricek
 Paula Bornacelli Rodriguez
 Sierra Schmidt
 Jason Reed
 Gavin Jayachandran
 Jake Watchorn
 Payton Colussi
 Amabelle Kramer
 Sarah Mcquoid
 Sarah Loiselle,
 Tom Alcott

Award of Excellence Acting in an Ensemble

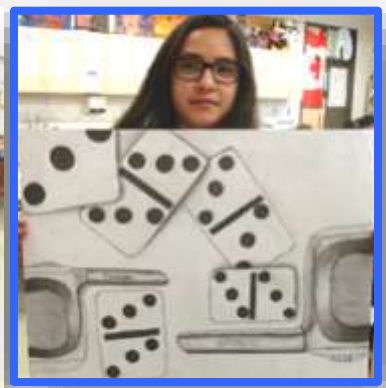
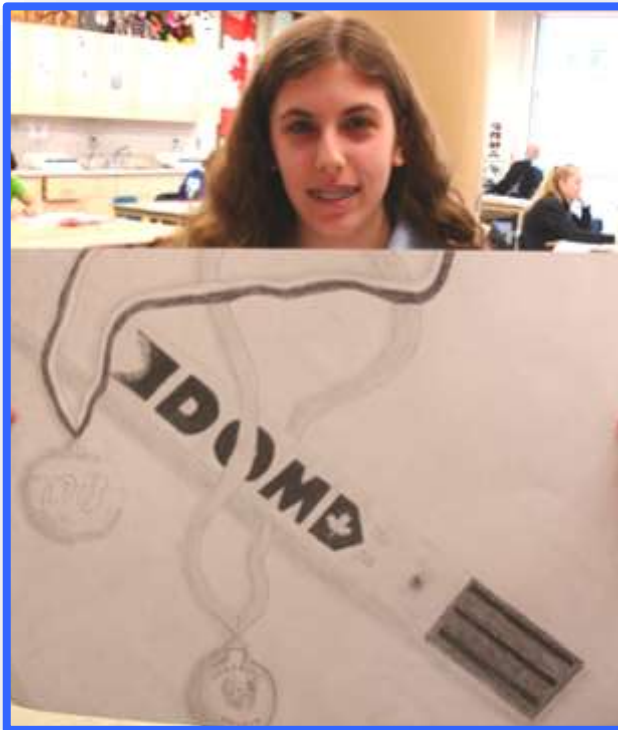
Tyler Orellana
 Emily Heit
 Alyssa Fonseca
 Dante Duval
 Breton Catchall
 Raquel Grobe

Award of Excellence in Stage Management

Kyle Randall



News from the Arts Department

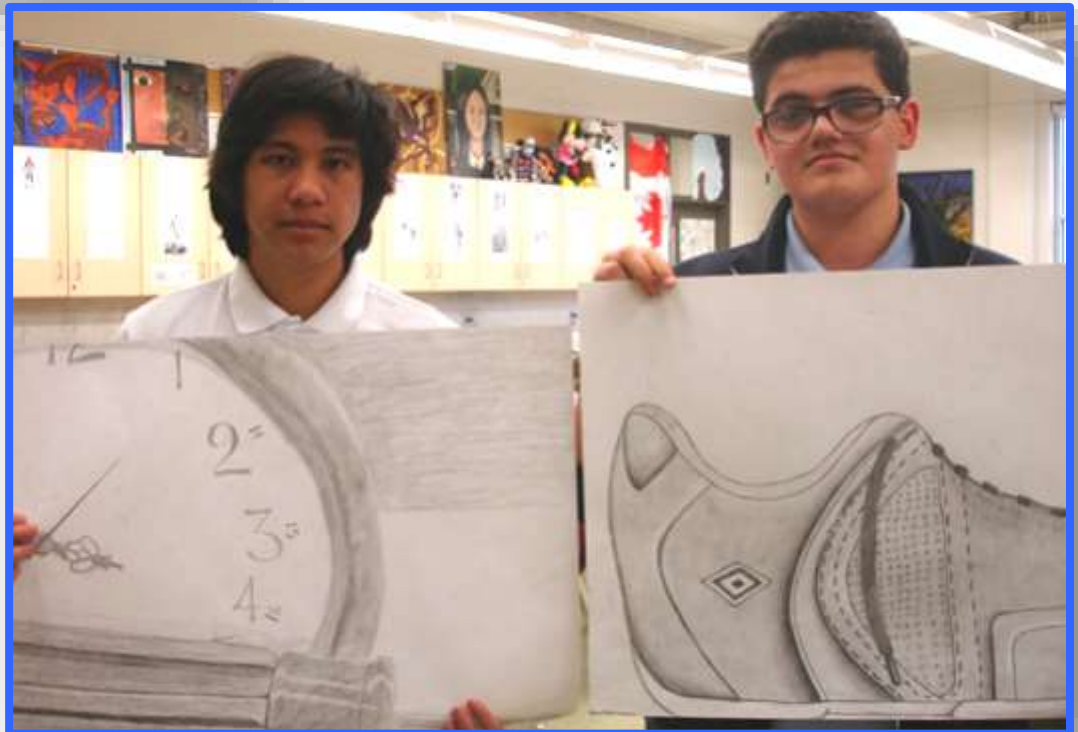


Grade Nines Go Big With Drawings

Mrs. Schindler's grade nine students were very excited to start visual arts class this semester. They already have learned a great deal about composition and are working on improving their use of tonal range. They started the semester with some very successful drawings of still life objects. Great work grade nines.

Above: Julia Suljak,
Brianna Quigley, and Paola
Cabrera-Lopez

Right: Gerard Macalua and



Painting Without A Brush! We Have Talent!



Many grade ten students with very limited visual art experience decide to take crafts class. Here students create a variety of projects that follow step by step instructions. Students are always surprised by how fabulous their creations are. This winter students created amazing Plasticine art works that could be hung in a gallery!



Above: *Aly Weiler and Maryam Yaqo with their art*

Right : *Mateo Cuellar and Lena Rollick*

Below: *Andrej Ovad, Matthew Bilicic, Tyler Shaw, Erik Simcic and Grace Maletic with her art*





Dates To Remember



May 1-4

Spring show
3-5pm

May 7-11

Catholic Education Week

May 8

CEW Liturgy
Multiple speakers

May 10

Multicultural Day/Night

May 17

Co-Op Career Fair
P.1 and P.2
Cafeteria

May 21

Victoria Day
No classes

May 25

Grad Retreat—Camp Kintail

May 31

Awards Assembly
P.2—Alumni Hall

Grad Mass—P.1

& Celebrations follow in
Cafeteria

June 1

PA day no classes

June 6

Athletic Banquet
5:30—9:30pm

June 7

Arts Banquet 3-8pm

June 8

Final Assembly—P.1 Gym
Kindness Matter BBQ
Celebration

June 14

EQAO Math Test
P.1&P.2

June 15

Uniform Collection Day

June 26

Graduation
Centre in the Square 7pm



Evaluations Schedule

Grade 12 Students

Quiet Days—June 13, 14, 15

June 18-Period 5 Evaluation

9:05—11:05 am

June 19-Period 3 or 4 Evaluation

9:05—11:05 am

June 20-Period 2 Evaluations

9:05—11:05 am

June 21-Period 1 Evaluation

9:05—11:05 am

Grade 9,10,11 Students

Quiet Days— June 18, 19, 20

June 21 Period 1 Evaluation

9:05—11:05 am

June 22 Period 2 Evaluation

9:05—11:05 am

June 25-Periods 3 or 4 Evaluation

9:05—11:05 am

June 26-Period 5 Evaluation

9:05—11:05 am

**Final Report Cards and Registration package
will be mailed in Mid July**