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May 24th at SMH



Cancer changes everything, so can
you!

Chaplain's Message

Annabel MacDonald



Some traditions are worth keeping.

As a one time student of St. Mary's High School, I studied World Religions, just as we continue to do so today. Back in 1978 I was one of the first gr 11 World Religion classes to walk down to Beth Jacob Synagogue from the Old St. Mary's (downtown Kitchener) and have a tour of a Jewish House of Worship. It was rather exciting to venture into a non-Catholic building and expand our knowledge of the world...and it was there I first understood the concept of acceptance rather than tolerance.

Fast forward 41 years (how does that happen??) and St. Mary's Gr 11 religion classes are still visiting the Synagogue. However, over the years this trip has expanded to four Houses of Worship; a Hindu Temple, a Muslim Mosque, a Greek Orthodox Church as well as the Synagogue.

Last fall when I shared with Fr. Toby Collins, CR, pastor of St. Mary's of the Seven Sorrows Parish what we were doing he asked why the Catholic church wasn't part of the tour? After all it was the parish right beside the Old St. Mary's High School and students back then frequented the church all the time!

Good point. Fr. Toby also pointed out that many students have never seen an "old" church and St. Mary's Church is indeed old; the original building was erected in the mid 1800's <http://stmarysrcchurch.ca/history-of-st-marys-parish/> So, we rejigged our schedule for the day and included St. Mary's Parish as part of our World Religions tour.

We were not disappointed. Rather we were absolutely delighted. As the students entered this majestic church, they craned their necks to take in as many of the visuals; the stain glass windows, the countless statues of Mary, and the incredible organ to name a few.

Fr. Toby shared a bit of the church's history, spoke of the charism of the Congregation of the Resurrection, pointed out a few things and then allowed the visual learners to have a great experience; the students were able to walk freely about the church. Students walked the 50 + steps to the belfry, sat on the bench of the splendid organ, practiced sitting and kneeling in a confessional (and sliding the little door back and forth for anonymity!), standing behind the altar to look out at a potential congregation of 1000 and even check out the sacristy and try on an alb!

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After the tour Father introduced us to Rianne Rop, St. Mary's Outreach Coordinator. Rianne shared that a church in the downtown core of a city is exposed to many people who are financially struggling and even homeless. The church is expanding its outreach initiatives, focusing on the Corporal works of Mercy. Rianne invited students to be a part of this initiative and many students offered their services.

And as a bonus the students were offered snacks and drinks in the community centre below the church before they headed off for their lunch break (albeit many stayed back to enjoy the hospitality – many thanks Penny & Andrew)

This simple and exciting tour made the church come alive. It became "real". The students are not apart from the *institution* they are truly members of the Body of Christ. We are the many parts that make up the one body.

(1Corinthians 13)



St. Mary Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows Roman Catholic Church will become a regular part of our World Religions Classes tour of Houses of Worship.

Thanks Fr. Toby!

[..... Fr Toby helps Aiiden Grossi try on an Alb for size!](#)

St. Mary's Relay for Life



RELAY FOR LIFE 2019 HOPES TO RAISE \$45,000 IN SUPPORT OF THE CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY!

For 12 hours on May 24th, students and staff at St. Mary's High School will come together to celebrate cancer survivors, remember those we've lost, and fight back against this awful disease. Relay for Life is a reminder to our school community that no one has to face cancer alone. During Relay, team members take turns walking the designated area to symbolize the ongoing fight against cancer. Those taking a break from walking can join in the many fun activities that are planned throughout the day. In addition, participants will hear inspirational speeches from cancer survivors in our school community and the event will conclude with a luminary ceremony where participants walk the track in silence remembering those who have lost their fight against cancer.

If you wish to support this important cause, please consider donating using the link below. Thank you!

<http://relayforlife.ca/stmaryskitchener>





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. myBlueprint 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 10.

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.

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 26th, 2019**.

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

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

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 in May.

GRADUATION

June 25 — 7pm

at

The Centre in the Square



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

In January 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. At this session students used computers 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 before going into grade 12. During April and May, Guidance Counsellors will meet one on one with grade 11 students to review their pathway planning.



Graduation 2018-2019

IMPORTANT DATES



Things to consider to Graduate:

Pay Your Grad Fees by May 30th 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 SALE

There are a few grad spirit wear items available for purchase at a reduced cost. Check with Mrs. Mandich in Rm 301 if interested.

Reserving Your Spot For The Grad Retreat –

We look forward to seeing you at Camp Kintail in Goderich on Thursday, **May 23rd**. 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 30th**. 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 30st**. Please pay (\$10.00) online or in the main office. Last day to pay – **May 23rd**.

Yearbook— Order yours before they are gone! \$30 through school cash online.

Extra Tickets for June 25th

Your tickets for the Ceremony in June will be handed out beginning the week of May 6th. 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 30th** (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	• April 30
Special Award Applications Due	• April 30
Distribute Grad Invites and	• Week of May 6
Retreat	• May 23—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 30
PROM, Hacidena Sarria	• Thursday, May 30
Last Day to Pay Grad Fees to guarantee a spot	• May 30—Students who intend to participate must pay fees by this date
Last Day to Receive a Grad Refund	• Wednesday, May 29 • No refunds after this date
Ticket Sales	• Begins June 4—Purchase of additional tickets \$5.00 each
Graduation, Centre in the Square	• Tuesday, June 25—7:00pm
Yearbook Pickup Order yours ASAP—\$30	• 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 25
Grad Retreat? May 23
Grad Breakfast? May 30



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

Grad Spirit Wear SALE - See Ms. Mandich, rm 301

Ceremony \$75 or \$85*
Breakfast \$10
Retreat \$50



*2 or 4 tickets - Hurry - Space is Limited

the Eagle's View

St. Mary's Film Festival



Lights, camera, action! On April 17th, the 2nd annual Eagle's View Film Festival celebrated the talents of St. Mary's student filmmakers with a showcase of their short films. With 16 entries, it was clear that our school is brimming with talent! The films showcased the hard work of students who participated in the writing, directing, acting, editing and design of a variety of movie genres. The after school event brought out many of our staff, students and families who all came to cheer on the student filmmakers. Audience members even got to vote for a "fan favourite", play some trivia and walk away with a few prizes.

Our esteemed judges for the event included Mr. Witman (VP), Mr. Acheson (Technology) and Mr. Haynes (Drama/English). Rounding out our judging panel was Ms. Taylor Lalonde, an independent media producer and former Eagle, who lent her media expertise to the mix. Many films were recognized for achievement in editing, cinematography, writing and acting but ultimately, top honours of the festival were awarded to (look for these films soon on our St. Mary's website):



1st place - Best Film of 2019 Award
"RED" by Bianca C. and Alexandria S.

2nd place - Outstanding Achievement in Film Award:
"A Blind Eye" by Charlie G. and Matthew T

3rd place - Young Filmmaker Award:
"Conscience" by Bianca C, Alexandria S and Madzia O

Fan Favourite Award:

"Cooking with Rat" by Nathan M, Amrita S, Riley H, David J, Aidan M and John B

St. Mary's Film Festival



The filmmakers weren't done there as the top 3 winning films went on to compete at the 48th annual Charlie Awards Film Festival held at the Princess Cinema in Waterloo. **Congratulations to Bianca, Alexandria and Mazdia who were awarded 2nd place for their film "Conscience" and also recognized for achievement in editing!** With such an incredible amount of talent showcased from student filmmakers across Waterloo Region, this is quite an accomplishment!

Congratulations to all of the student filmmakers who participated in this year's Eagle's View Film Festival! We can't wait to see what entertaining movies you'll have for us next year!

If you'd like to be a part of next year's festival or need help getting rolling on your own short film, please see Mrs. Clinton, Mr. Paolo or Mr. Haynes. Follow us @smh_comtech on Instagram for updates.



Bianca & Alexandria



Matthew & Charlie



L-R

John, David, Riley
Aidan, Amrita, Nathan

Sports Page

Fall Sports



Alexis B wrestled at the 77 kg weight class, this being her 4th year. She won the D8 and CWOSSA title with ease. She entered the Provincial Championship being undefeated and having a top 6 finish last year at OFSAA. Due to her determination and experience she made it all the way to the Gold medal match losing a close battle and capturing Silver.

Congrats to Alexis for a great finish!





Dates To Remember



May 6-10

Catholic Education Week

May 7

Easter Liturgy

May 8

CEW Guest Speaker

May 9

ESL Parent Night

May 16

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

May 17

CPF National Powerlifting Meet

May 20

Victoria Day
No School

May 22

D8 Math Contest
P1&P2—Cafeteria
Spring Show

May 23

Grad Retreat
7 UP Day

May 24

Relay for Life

May 30

Prom
Grad Mass & Breakfast

May 31

PA Day
No School

June 6

Arts Banquet

June 7

Final Assembly
Kindness Matters BBQ

June 11

Athletic Banquet

June 13 & 14

EQAO Math

June 14

Uniform Collection Day

June 25

Graduation
Centre in the Square 7pm

Evaluations Schedule

Grade 12 Students

Quiet Days—June 12, 13, 14

June 17-Period 5 Evaluation

9:05—11:05 am

June 18-Period 3 or 4 Evaluation

9:05—11:05 am

June 19-Period 2 Evaluations

9:05—11:05 am

June 20-Period 1 Evaluation

9:05—11:05 am

Grade 9,10,11 Students

Quiet Days— June 17, 18, 19

June 20 Period 1 Evaluation

9:05—11:05 am

June 21 Period 2 Evaluation

9:05—11:05 am

June 24-Periods 3 or 4 Evaluation

9:05—11:05 am

June 25-Period 5 Evaluation

9:05—11:05 am