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

*Farewell to our dear friends*

*Wishing you happiness, success and good health.*

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

# *Principal's Message*



To our St. Mary's Students and Families:

The school year is complete and while it was one full of ups and downs and constant change, we have made it and we could not be prouder of our students and staff for reaching the finish line.

Our community helped to guide us, to give us strength and hope, and to remind us of the many blessings in our lives. We thank ALL our students for their hard work in adapting to our different learning modes this year and for doing their very best to participate in their face-to-face and online learning. We would also like to thank our parents for their efforts in helping to support their children academically and emotionally as they navigated these unprecedented times. Our staff has been pivotal in programming for our students and while navigating working from home and supporting their own families, they were able to re-invent their classroom and support academics for all students. This year has been no easy feat and we would like to sincerely commend you for your efforts, flexibility, cooperation, and patience during these difficult times.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Graduates! While it was not the conclusion to high school that you would have expected or chosen, you deserve to be celebrated for all your incredible accomplishments! We hope you were able to take the time to commemorate your achievements. We thank you for sharing your spirit, kindness, courage, and gifts with us over the past four years. Please stay connected to share your future journey and success with us!

Moving forward, students will receive their report cards, September start up and registration information in the mail later this month. Further information about September and our re-opening will be communicated through our school board this summer. Please stay connected by visiting our school and board website.

September brings a new beginning, and we look forward to continuing to grow as a community of inclusivity and aspire to bring hope, love and a sense belonging to all our students and families in the coming year.

We pray that you have time to rest, relax and rejuvenate this summer, remembering that more important than anything is your health, well-being, sense of belonging and safety. We wish all of these for each of students, families, and our community. Please take care of yourself, your family and loved ones during these summer months.

Have a safe, restful and joy filled summer!!

Sincerely,

The St. Mary's Administration Team

Deanna Wehrle, Christine Bencina, Frank Wittmann, Luisa Vona, David Jaeger & John Dietrich

# Chaplain's Message



## From The Deacons Bench...

Well Eagles, the year has finally ended. You have persevered through yet another school year that was drastically affected by COVID 19.

You were here and then gone; and then here and then gone; and then here and then gone for the last part of the year.

To say that attending school using this model "SUCKS" is an understatement. There was very little social interaction between students or even with Staff, and sports and clubs were also a casualty of the pandemic.

But what did not change during this past year and a bit was God's unending love for you. You were held in the palm of God's hand through this entire year whether it felt like it or not. God loves you and will always love you...this I know. And God wants only goodness and happiness for you and your family, wherever they may be.

With the coming of summer break, I encourage you to make time to rest from the busy-ness of your school calendar. Make time to be with your family and friends. Make time to laugh and be silly...we did not do enough of that during this past year.

I look forward to welcoming you back to St. Mary's in September and wish God's blessings upon you and yours.

I pray,

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

May the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand;

and may almighty God bless you,

Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Mary, Mother of God; pray for us.

Amen.

Deacon Ed MacIntosh, Chaplain

# From the Guidance Wing

## TIMETABLES & FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Student timetables for 2021-2022 will be made available to students through the Aspen Student Portal and to parents/guardians through the Aspen Family/Parent Portal in late August when the Ministry of Education confirms the September to January learning delivery model. Students and families will be notified of the publication of schedules to the Aspen portals through School Messenger and Newswire. **Parents/Guardians - Please ensure you have registered for the Aspen Family/Parent Portal and notify the school of any changes to your personal email address or primary phone number during the summer.**

More information will be communicated to families through School Messenger/Newswire regarding the schedule for September 7th. Please follow our web-site [stmary.wcdsb.ca](http://stmary.wcdsb.ca) for important updates.

Procedures for course changes will be communicated to students in September. Emergency course changes will be prioritized the first week of school.

### 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 **519-745-6891 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 how to submit your hours is available on our St. Mary's web site under Student Services, Guidance, 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 on 'Google Classroom' and receive notifications with important information. Parents are welcome to sign up as well.

Grade 9 code— 6hy5i74

Grade 10 code— hbreh7h

Grade 11 code— na67dve

Grade 12 code- l3ukp5v

### **Counsellor by Alpha**

*(Subject to change)*

<b>A - B, W - Z</b>	Mark Cameron
<b>C - E + Int'l</b>	Joe Taranto
<b>F</b>	Lisa Collins
<b>G - K</b>	Nancy Arruda
<b>L - O</b>	Valerie Coates
<b>P - R</b>	Colleen Borman
<b>S - V</b>	Phil Lehmann

If you have questions over the summer, please call  
Mrs. Stephanie Groh at **519 745 6892 Ex. 5632**





# ***St. Mary's Special Education Graduation***



***Congratulations to our St. Mary's Special Education Graduates!***

***Abbey L., Peter G. and Adrian R.***





# *St. Mary's Red Carpet Graduation Event*

***Congratulations to our  
St. Mary's High School  
Graduates!***







## St. Mary's YPI Group

*YPI Canada is growing connected, compassionate communities through an inclusive, multi-award-winning approach to youth-led participatory grant-making. This year, four winners were selected from the Civics students at St. Mary's High School and \$1250 grants will be granted, in their name, to the charity for which they advocated. St. Mary's High School congratulates all of the winners and applauds the work of all the organizations that serve our community. We look forward to next year and a new group of advocates and community grants.*

*Congratulations to our 2020-2021 student winners of the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) grants:*

- **Quadmester One:** Natalie Kathen, KW Habilitation (\$1250 grant)
- **Quadmester Two:** Megan Hlaj, Family & Children's Services of Waterloo Region (\$1250 grant)
- **Quadmester Three:** Derek Jimenez, The Food Bank of Waterloo Region (\$1250 grant)
- **Quadmester Four:** Diya Budhiraja and Tiya Matharoo, Lutherwood (\$1250 grant)

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL COMMUNITY IN SUPPORT OF THE CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY!





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### St. Mary's High School

Co-operative Education Department

# *Student Success at SMH*



The Student Success Department at St. Mary's is designed to help students get to where they need to go. Among other things, the department is responsible of OSSLT preparation, assisting with the transition students make from grade 8 to grade 9, providing support for students throughout the day with subject support or organization, The department also arranges for afterschool homework support and assistance. The department is staffed by monitor teachers who are assigned an alpha based on last names of students. Should a student encounter some difficulty through the year, they can be referred to or seek out their monitor contact so proper support can be arranged. We like to refer to our room (235) as a one stop shop for support. If we can't help a student, we will guide



## *Dates To Remember*

### **September 6**

Labour Day— no classes

### **September 7**

First full day of classes

### **September 10**

Photo Day

### **September 14**

Photo Day

### **September 29**

Rowans Law-Purple Shirt Day

### **September 30**

Orange Shirt Day

### **October 7**

Student/Parent/Teacher  
Conferences

### **October 8**

Professional Activity Day  
No Classes

### **October 11**

Thanksgiving Holiday

### **October 13**

Photo Retake Day

### **November 3**

Take your Kid to Work Day

### **November 10**

Evaluation Day

### **November 11**

Remembrance Day  
Assessment and Evaluation Day

### **November 15**

Quadmaster 2 Starts

### **November 19**

Professional Activity Day  
**No Classes**

### **November 21**

Bullying Awareness and  
Prevention Week Begins

### **November 24**

Pink Shirt Day

### **November 25**

Report Card Distribution

### **November 26**

Random Act of Kindness Day