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Happy Retirement!

**Congratulations to our
retiring Eagles!**



*Rhonda
Cook*



*Brenda
Feeney*



*Jim
Hall*



*Teresa
VanSchaik*



*Sal
Renda*



*Frank
Wittman*

*Mark Devlin, Cecilia Imunu,
Karen Kestner and Lenore Holderness!*

*Farewell to our dear friends
Wishing you happiness, success
and good health!*





MESSAGE FROM THE ADMIN TEAM

To our St. Mary's Students and Families:

As the school year 2021-2022 draws to a close, the administration of St. Mary's High School would like to commend our staff and students for their resiliency in the face of adverse learning conditions. The year started off with quadmesters, health mandates, and delayed activities, but concluded with a regular semester 2, full sports participation, and the return of special events. We would also like to thank our parents for their efforts in helping support their children academically and emotionally.

Students took part in a school-wide barbecue, Student Vote, SAC elections, Model UN, outdoor camp, coffee house, Ottawa trip, multicultural show, CWOSSA and OFSAA, intramurals, liturgies, Earth Day, Pride Month, Grad Mass Breakfast, and Convocation at Centre in the Square, just to name a few. Relay for Life returned with roaring success raising a record-breaking \$77,628.50 (and counting) in support of the Canadian Cancer Society and had over 800 participants!

We are so proud of our graduates! Despite the challenges of the past 2 years, it is still a time to rejoice with many friends, reflect on the lessons you learned, and to thank all of the people who helped you achieve success: your parents, your teachers, and your friends. "You're off to Great Places. Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, So .. get on your way", and know that the staff of St. Mary's High School will be with you in spirit. Continue to live the St. Mary's motto: "Rooted in faith, learning in love, dedicated to excellence".

For our returning students, please stay connected by visiting our school and board websites. 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 of belonging to all our students and families in the coming year.

Have a safe, restful, and joy-filled summer!

Sincerely,

The St. Mary's Administration Team: Deanna Wehrle, Michael Ambeau, Delmar Borba, Luisa Vona, and Frank Wittmann



From the Guidance Wing

TIMETABLES & FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Student timetables for 2022-2023 will be made available to students through the Aspen Student Portal and to parents/guardians through the Aspen Family/Parent Portal in late August. 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 6th. Please follow our website 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 website under Student Supports, Guidance, Community Service.

Summer School Results

Summer school marks will be sent to St. Mary's at the end of August and recorded in Aspen.

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 are moving to D2L as a tool to communicate with students (formerly used the guidance google classrooms for each grade levels). The information will be updated on the school website when it becomes available. Guidance counsellor assignments will also be posted on the school website under Student Supports, Guidance.

If you have questions over the summer, please call Mrs. Stephanie Groh at **519 745 6891 Ex. 5632**

From the Deacon's Bench...



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"And I say way-hey-hey, it's just an ordinary day
And it's all your state of mind
At the end of the day
You've just got to say it's all right" – Ordinary Day by Great Big Sea

As our Church returns to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, we also look forward to our own lives returning to ordinary. This past two years have been full of ups and downs, on-again and off-again school, stay at home or go out; and now we are standing with great hope looking toward the future.

While the tail end of this school year saw the return of Friday Lunchtime Mass in our Chapel, a Liturgy of the Word during Catholic Education Week with several classes, also in our Chapel, we are hopeful that next Fall will see things return more fully to the Ordinary Days that we used to experience here at St. Mary's.

For next year we have our Grade 10 Religion Retreats scheduled. We will have Class Mass once a month in our Chapel where 1 or 2 classes can sign up to attend. We have our "full school" Masses booked for the entire school year as well as Reconciliation during Lent and Advent.

This is a very exciting time, not only for me, since it will be my first experience conducting these kinds of activities on such a large scale since you will recall, I came here at the start of the pandemic from St. David (one of the smaller schools with our Board).

I am looking forward to being back at St. Mary's in September and can't wait to hear about all the great things the students did over the summer.

May God in His infinite wisdom bless and keep you all safe until we meet again.

If you need any sort of assistance over the summer months, please call the Main Office (519-745-6891 and press "0") and one of the Administrative Assistants will be ready, willing and able to assist you.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

Deacon Ed



St. Mary's Library Learning Commons - Spotlight on Chromebooks

By Ms. VanderHeide, St. Mary's Librarian

St. Mary's lends devices to students who need them for school-purposes. There are different device types/models depending on when the Board purchased the device. The two main types of devices we provide:



Chromebooks: a cloud-based device that uses Internet-based file storage, rather than storing data on the device itself. Chromebooks use **Google** operating system/apps.

Cloudbooks: also a cloud-based device, but using **Microsoft** operating system/apps.

The type and model issued to a student depends on availability when the device is requested. Specific models/types cannot be requested.

Taking Care of Your School-Issued Chromebook

Keep your device charged & bring it to school every day. The school has a very limited supply of devices in the school Chromecarts to lend to students who forget to bring devices. Please make a habit of charging and bringing your device so you are prepared for class.

Keep your device in good condition. Keep food, drinks, or other substances that may cause damage away from your device. Don't use stickers, marker, or other items that alter the appearance of your device, as these can also damage the device.

Getting grimy? Please visit Ms. VanderHeide's office to get technology-safe alcohol wipes to clean your device.



Handle charging cords gently: Unplug charging cords by gripping and pulling the plug head, not the cord. Wrap/fold the cord loosely when not in use. Wrapping too tightly can damage the wires inside.

Chromebook slow or shutting down randomly? Check to see if your software is up to date by following instructions from the product support websites:

[Chromebooks/Google](#)

Cloudbook (Microsoft): Click the Windows icon (lower left of screen) >> Settings (gear icon) >> Update & Security

Set your keyboard to English (US). Board-installed apps work best with that language setting.

[Chromebook \(Google\)](#)

Cloudbook (Microsoft): Click the search box on the lower left of the screen >> search for “language settings” >> set to “English (United States)”

Damaged or malfunctioning?

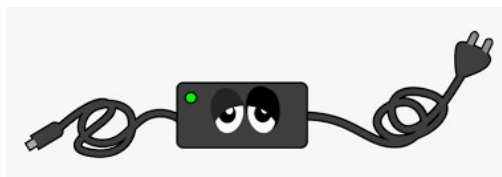
Please bring it to Ms. VanderHeide in the library office to submit it for repair. Ms. VanderHeide will exchange it for another device.

Need a school-issued Chromebook but don't have one?

Have your parent/guardian fill out this form to request a device: <https://lf.wcdsb.ca/Forms/APC052-05F>. Be sure to read the borrowing terms in the “Acknowledgment” section of the form to understand your responsibilities for the device.



Chrombooks and Internet Device Return



Good day Eagles. The following is important information regarding school assigned Chromebooks and internet devices.

Graduating Grade 12 students, and students not returning to St. Mary's next year are to return their school assigned Chromebooks and charging cord to the main office between Thursday, June 16 and Monday, June 27.

Students who are returning to St. Mary's for the 2022- 2023 school year can keep their assigned Chromebook over the summer. If your school-assigned Chromebook is damaged or not working, please bring it to Ms. VanderHeide in the school library office to exchange for a replacement and to have your damaged device sent for repair as soon as possible.

Any student with an internet service device (i.e. hot spots, wifi) must return it to the main office by Monday, June 27. These devices will be disabled and will no longer be in use. Families requiring internet can review information about Rogers's Connected for Success reduced-rate internet access program here: <https://connectedforsuccess.ca/ontario/>

Final Evaluations take place Monday June 20 to Friday June 24. Please check the school website for full details.

Thank you





ST. MARY'S SCHOOL COMMUNITY RAISES \$78,519.62 IN SUPPORT OF THE CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY!

Our third annual Relay for Life event was a huge success! Over eight weeks, 800 students and staff worked hard to raise funds towards our goal of \$40,000 in support of the Canadian Cancer Society. We never could have imagined that we would not only achieve our goal, but crush it in true Eagles style! On June 10th, 2022, St. Mary's raised a record-breaking **\$78,519.62** for the Canadian Cancer Society and we are so proud of our school community! On June 10th, 2022, we came together to honour our cancer survivors, remember those we have lost, to fight back against this disease, and to create hope for the future.

Thank you to our generous sponsors, volunteers, donors, and participants - without you, this event would not have been possible! We can't wait to see you at Relay 2023!!

Way to go, Eagles!



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Student Activities Council

Check out some of the events that SAC has been up to lately!

Cultural Fashion Show:



SPARK Leadership Conference with all WCDSB SAC:



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Kindness Matters/SAC BBQ:





Athletics Update

- 1) Our Varsity Girls soccer capped a perfect regular season record with an impressive 7-0 win over Resurrection in the D8 final. They went on to win gold in the CWOSSA championship and then moved onto OFSAA in London. They finished 2-2 in OFSAA against some of the best teams in the province! Congratulations to all players and to Coaches Coi & Weryho!



- 2) The Senior Boys Soccer team also capped off a perfect season and won the District 8 championship, in a thrilling 3-2 victory over Monsignor Doyle. They moved onto CWOSSA, winning CWOS-SA Gold! At OFSAA, in London, ON. the boys finished second in their pool and lost in the quarter finals. Congratulations to Coaches Filipe, Reinhardt and Dan Sullivan.





Athletics Update

- 3) Track and Field: We had one of the most successful Track and Field seasons in our school history, capturing the Junior Girls, Junior boys, Senior Boys, combined Boys and Overall Team titles at the District 8 championships. We had 35 athletes move onto CWOSSA in Brantford and had another 25 athletes (including 6 relay teams) that qualified for OFSAA West, in Windsor. The year was capped by Chris Jackson winning a Bronze medal at OFSAA and our Junior boys 4 X 100 relay coming in 5th at OFSAA. Congratulations to Ms. Dunnington, Ms. K. Sullivan, Mr. John Sullivan, Mr. Roque, Mr. Armour, Mr. Wittmann, Ms. Bonnell, Mr. Martel, & Ms. Blackwell





Athletics Update



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- 4) Girls Slo-Pitch: The girls slo pitch team finished the regular season with a perfect record, but unfortunately just came up short in the championship, capping their season with a silver medal. Thanks to Coaches Bekeris & Blackwell.



- 5) Our Boys Slo-Pitch team completed a strong season, just losing in the semi final game to a very good Monsignor Doyle squad. Congratulations to coaches Boutilier and Hughes!



Dates To Remember



June 29

Last Day of School

August 1

Civic Holiday

July 1

Canada Day

September 5

Labour Day

July 12

Final Report Card Mailings this week

September 6

First Day of School

Full Uniform

Have a wonderful, safe summer!

We look forward to seeing you in September!!



More info to come:

Keep checking the St. Mary's website for new information regarding the 2022-2023 school year!

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