Chaplain's Message – October 2017

Welcome to October, it’s hard to believe the first month of school has already come and gone.

A few highlights to share from September include three wonderful masses at St. Mary’s parish for all students. We are grateful that Father Kuzma and Brother Paul are able to share their time with the students and celebrate Mass with us.

Our grade 12 graduating class attended a religion/graduation retreat in September at Word of Life Camp. Here, the students took part in a fun filled day with a variety of activities involving teamwork and cooperation.

Class religion retreats will continue into October. Our grade 11 religion classes will be visiting to Saugeen First Nation on Wednesday October 4th with a focus on Native education, tradition and spirituality. Our grade 10 religion classes will visit Silver Lake Camp on Wednesday October 11th with a focus on relationships. While our grade 9 religion classes will
visit Silver Lake Camp on Wednesday October 18th with a focus on the beatitudes, as taught by Jesus in Matthew 5.

We have begun our annual St. Mary’s high school Thanksgiving food drive. All proceeds will be delivered to the St. Mary’s Parish food bank. Please consider contributing non-perishable foods that meet Canada’s healthy food guide. Again, this year our Student Council will donate a pizza party to the homeroom class that has the most amount of healthy non-perishable food donated. Thank you for your generosity. Our school partners with the Farm Credit of Canada (FCC) to help run our food drive. This past year FCC donated $1000.00 to our lunch program to help foster our partnership and support our school initiatives. Thank you FCC!!

On Friday October 13th we have our annual Toronto Outreach trip. On this trip, students take a guided walking tour of Toronto’s East end handing out lunches and clothing to the homeless and needy. This exposure has helped student’s affirm our Catholic duties regarding social justice by raising a heightened awareness of poverty beyond Owen Sound. We hope to fill the bus with 45 students based on first paid. We will plan to have another trip in the spring. A reminder for students to pack their own lunch as well as at least two lunches to distribute throughout the day. Another reminder, be prepared to carry any clothing donations that you plan to bring along.

Our March break mission trip to Nicaragua is beginning to take shape. There are only a few spots left, if you are serious about attending this year please see myself or Mr. Chiasson, or Ms. Glassier as soon as you can. Fundraising for those participating will be under shortly.

Naturally, October is month which focusses on Thanksgiving. Prayer and morning reflection will have a strong theme connected to giving thanks, generosity and keeping an attitude of gratitude!
This month we will continue to build on the Catholic Graduate Expectations and our Catholic Culture of Deep Caring (Virtues). For the month of October the virtue in focus is Acceptance.

Acceptance- is welcoming and includes everyone as a child of God; each with differing views, talents and beliefs that bring value to our community life.

Dear God,
I praise You for accepting me just as I am, while calling me to grow in knowledge and goodness. Help me to be sensitive to the unique gifts and beliefs of every person I meet, and always welcome them with kindness and understanding. Guide me to contribute positively to a world which is free of bullying and prejudice. Teach me to live in the Spirit of Jesus who welcomed and accepted everyone.

Amen.

For further information visit www.bgcdsb.org

Let Your Light Shine – Mr. Mike Kirby

Community Service Hours

All students are required to complete 40 hours of volunteer community involvement prior to graduation. The form to record these hours and the list of eligible activities is available in the Office. Students are encouraged to hand in these completed sheets to the Guidance Office as they complete their hours.

Academic Awards Night - Thursday, October 12, 2017

Interim Reports and Parent Teacher Interview Night Thursday, October 26th
Bus Buzz – October

*October 16-20, 2017* is **National School Safety Week**, a campaign promoted by the Canada Safety Council. This year’s campaign will focus on children being home alone before and after school, and will include advice for parents regarding how to tell if their children are ready to be left home alone, as well as advice for children on best practices and safety measures. For more information go to: www.canadasafetycouncil.org <http://www.canadasafetycouncil.org/>

*Wednesday, October 18, 2017* is **School Bus Driver Appreciation Day**. Please show your support and appreciation for our professional school bus drivers with a simple wave, a thank you or maybe even a cup of coffee. This is a tremendous responsibility they embrace for ensuring that children remain protected and out of harm’s way.

More information regarding school bus transportation can be found at www.brucegreyschoolbus.ca.

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**Staffing Changes for Semester 1 - 2017-2018**

- We welcome Megan Best, who is stepping in for Mr. Sadler.
- We welcome April Huber who is filling in for Mrs. Nesbitt who will be started her maternity leave early. We congratulate Mrs. Nesbitt and her husband on the birth of her son - Landyn James. Mom and baby are doing well!
- We welcome Patricia Johnston who replaces as our Saugeen First Nation Educational Assistant.

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**1st Visual, Media & Photography Arts Field Trip 2017-18**

All students interested in supporting the 1st Visual, Media & Photography Arts Field Trip this year to see the Special “At Home with Monsters” Exhibition at the Art Gallery of Ontario in Toronto on Friday November 3rd should see Mr. Arnett or Ms. MacLellan in the Artroom 239 for permission forms.
Cost is only $40.00 and includes the Special “At Home with Monsters” Exhibition, the entire AGO (First Nation, Canadian, European Galleries) as well as one hour lunch in downtown Toronto.

CAFETERIA SERVICES

Our school cafeteria is open daily. The cafeteria is being managed by Chartwell's School Dining Services. Chartwell's is committed to a Balanced Choice Menu at affordable prices.

The Cafeteria has prepaid cards like many other locations. The minimum amount is $20 but it is cash students can only spend at the cafeteria. Very convenient.

Pay School Fees Online

Secure credit card payment
24/7 convenience
Easy registration

Go to the school website for additional information and links.

Pay for school fees, team fees, yearbooks, school clothing, etc.
Important Dates in October

Thursday, October 12
Academic Awards Night - 7 p.m.

Monday, October 16
Interim Reports sent home by Classroom Teachers

Thursday, October 19
Parent-Teacher Interviews - 5 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, October 19
Online OSSLT

Friday, October 27
PD Day

Here is the agenda list from our Calendar page:

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Doesn’t cover everything a few sports calendars are not on the bluewaterathletics.com site.
Website Updates

Our home page has a cycling calendar to let you know what is coming for the next few days.

You can go to the main calendar page to view a longer look at what is happening at SMHS.

You will also note that upcoming sporting events are listed here as well. They are fed from the bluewaterathletics.com, if the schedule has been uploaded.

Upcoming Events

- **Thanksgiving Monday**
  - All Day

- **Basketball: Junior Girls, St. Mary's @ Grey Highlands, Regular Season**
  - 4:00PM - 5:30PM

- **Basketball: Senior Girls, St. Mary's @ Grey Highlands, Regular Season**
  - 4:00PM - 5:30PM

- **Grade 10 Religion Retreat**
  - All Day

- **Basketball: Junior Girls, St. Mary's @ Peninsula Shores, Regular Season**
  - 4:00PM - 5:30PM

- **Basketball: Senior Girls, St. Mary's @ Peninsula Shores, Regular Season**
  - 4:00PM - 5:30PM

- **Celebration of Excellence**
  - 7:00PM - 7:25PM

- **Interim Reports go home!**
  - All Day

- **Ceramics Club**
  - 5:15PM - 5:30PM