



# MUSTANG NEWS



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## *Principals Message*

- \* Principal: Mr. G. Miller
- \* Vice-Principal: Mr. A. Van Wieringen
- \* Superintendent: Mr. G. Casey
- \* Secretaries: Ms. D. Brown, Mrs. M.J Bastien, Mrs. K. MacArthur
- \* Director of Education: Mr. B. MacPherson
- \* Trustee: Mr. N. Bethune
- \* School Council Chairs: J. Armstrong, L. Newell

Wow! It always seems like the month of June creeps up so quickly. St. Mary's High School is always full of action and I always take stock of the wonderful things that our staff and students are doing to live out their baptismal call. At this time of the year, I think it is important to reflect on the many joys that all of us have felt, at one time or another, over the course of the year.

St. Mary's is a very active school and I want to thank all of our staff members who consistently put students first. Our students deserve nothing but the best and I believe that our staff all contribute to the success of our school in sometimes quiet and unassuming ways. Whether it is an athletic or non-athletic event, our staff are there to be a guide and a helping hand. Recently, our students have been very successful in boys and girls soccer, track & field, Science Fair Canada Wide, retreats, conferences, and non-athletic events such as the play "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee". All of these events demonstrate that our students are meeting the **Catholic Graduate Expectations** on a daily basis. As the 2010-2011 school year comes to a close I also want to thank our parents, our parish priests, and our community at large for supporting us.

We will continue to be bound by respect, acceptance, and faith and we wish you a fantastic summer!

## *Chaplaincy Leader's Message*

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As our semester and school year draw to a close, I reflect upon the wonderful spirit our school embraces. St. Mary's is a community committed to the pursuit of excellence. Indeed, with the support of our administration and educators, our students espouse our core values; respect, acceptance and faith in so many recognizable ways.

By focusing on the development of the whole child, with an emphasis on the spiritual dimension, students live out the Christian Gospel. This requires adherence to the two greatest of all commandments; to love God with one's entire mind, heart and soul and to love our neighbour as ourselves. Espousing Gospel ethics thus, requires a supportive community. Success is not a measure of what you do, but who you truly are and who you become.

I would like to thank our entire school body for a tremendous year at St. Mary's. I wish all students the best of luck on your exams, a restful, safe and well deserving summer holiday. I extend heartfelt congratulations to our 2010-2011 graduating students. We will be hosting our inaugural graduation luncheon on June 29<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall from 1:00 – 2:30pm. I look forward to seeing you walk across the podium to move into the next phase of your lives. God bless you all.

Ms L. Foch

## Important Dates to Remember...

June 6th .....	PD Day
June 29th.....	Graduation 7:00pm
June 21st .....	Exams
June 30th.....	PD Day
July 6th.....	Report Card Pick Up
July 7th.....	Report Card Pick Up

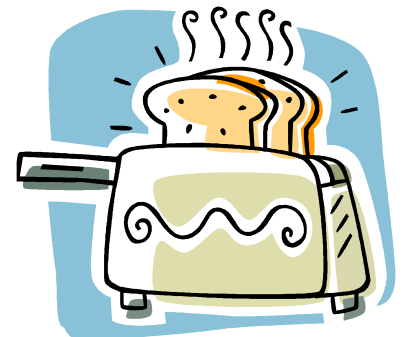
## WHO NEEDS BREAKFAST OR LUNCH?

A Breakfast and Lunch Program is being offered at St. Mary's. We are in need of food donations such as:

canned tuna & salmon, canned tomatoes & tomato paste and kidney beans, jam and mayonnaise, bread and bagels and cereal.

Financial contributions would also be appreciated. Income-tax receipts can be issued for any donations over \$20.00

***Thank you to those who have already contributed to these much needed programs !***



**St. Mary's High School is a peanut sensitive school. Peanut allergies are potentially life threatening. As a result, absolutely no peanut products are permitted in our school. Thanks in advance for your co-operation.**



**Follow us on Facebook Twitter and YouTube!**

The Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board is now using Social Media to help to keep you informed. Visit our website at [www.bgcdsb.org](http://www.bgcdsb.org), and follow the links under 'Contact Us' to link to our Facebook, Twitter and YouTube pages.

Be sure to become a follower on Twitter, 'Like' our Facebook page, and subscribe to our YouTube Channel so that you can receive updates as new content is posted.

And while you're there, check out the great resources available on our website, along with links to all of our school sites.

We continue to build and enhance our school and board sites, and welcome all of your comments and suggestions for how we can make this your 'go to' site for all of your information needs.

**What would you like to see on the school and board webpages?** Send your comments and suggestions to [bruce\\_grey@bgcdsb.org](mailto:bruce_grey@bgcdsb.org) or contact your school principal.

## ***ARE YOU GRADUATING THIS YEAR?***

**Checklist for students planning to graduate this year:**

- ⇒ Make sure that your name is on the graduation list - Check with Mrs. Majury or Mr. Chiasson
- ⇒ Make sure that you have completed your 40 hours of Community Service and handed in all of the paperwork to the main office
- ⇒ Make sure that you will have 30 credits by the end of June
- ⇒ Make sure that you have or will complete all the compulsory (required) credits for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma
- ⇒ Make sure that you have written and passed the Literacy Test or that you have or will have successfully completed the Literacy Course by the end of June
- ⇒ If graduation is dependent on the completion of an ILC or e-learning course make sure that final mark is submitted to Mrs Majury or Mr Chiasson by the end of May
- ⇒ Check the binder in guidance regularly for scholarship/bursary opportunities

**Students who have applied to college or university should also check their OCAS or OUAC accounts regularly for offers of admission.**



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## JUNE EXAM DATES

Semester 2 Exams are scheduled from Tuesday June 21st to Friday June 24th.

All Period 1 Exams or Final Assessments will be written on Tuesday June 21st. All Period 2 exams or Final Assessments will be written on Wednesday June 22nd. All Period 3 exams will be written on Thursday June 23rd. All Period 4 exams will be written on Friday June 24th. Exams will be written in the morning each day starting at 9:00 a.m.. Teachers will be available in their classrooms each afternoon to assist students with preparations for their next exam.

A complete exam schedule will be distributed in homerooms prior to the exam period. Please note that students are not required to be at the school when they are not writing an exam. There will be fewer distractions at home when studying. School buses will run at their regular times each day.

Attendance for all exams is mandatory. Students missing an exam due to illness must provide a medical note from a doctor.

Our school dress code is in effect at all times during the exam period. Anytime you are on school property you must follow the dress code.



## TEXTBOOKS AND LIBRARY BOOKS

Prior to the last day of school please ensure that all school library and textbooks are returned to the school. Please search your house and locker and return all books. Your assistance in returning books promptly is appreciated. It saves us a lot of time when we don't have to track down books and send out bills for unreturned materials. It also saves us a lot of money when we don't have to replace texts unnecessarily.

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The school office will close for the summer on Thursday July 7th and re-open on Monday August 22nd. If you need to get in touch with the school over the summer

please leave a message on the school answering machine at (519)376-4278 (or contact the Board Office in Hanover (519)364-5820.



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## ***SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES***

The guidance office is receiving information about summer opportunities, on a daily basis. Anyone interested in learning more about summer jobs, summer company start-up grants and earning summer credits abroad is asked to get more information in the guidance office.

## ***CAREER RESEARCH***

Various sites are available to assist students in planning their careers.

[www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)

User name: bruce Password: 3070

[www.myblueprint.ca](http://www.myblueprint.ca) Access code/Activation Key: marysound

College Program Information

[www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)

University Program Information:

[www.electronicinfo.ca](http://www.electronicinfo.ca)

General Guidance Information:

[Www.osca.ca](http://www.osca.ca)

## ***COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS***

All students are required to complete 40 hours of volunteer community involvement prior to graduation. The forms to record these hours and the list of eligible activities are available in the main office. Students are encouraged to hand in these sheets to the main office as they complete their hours. Don't wait until your last year to complete this requirement. Check out the following site for a list of various groups looking for volunteers.

<http://www.ymcaowensound.on.ca/employment.cfm>. Opportunities are also posted on the bulletin board outside of Guidance.

## ***REGISTRATION OF NEW STUDENTS***

If you know of a new family moving to the area wishing to register at St. Mary's High School, please have them contact the school as soon as possible.

**Check us out on the web at <http://www.smhs.net>**

***GRADE 9 REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2011***

If you know of students currently attending a public or private school who may be interested in attending St. Mary's in the fall, please have them call the school (519) 376-4278 and ask to be added to our mailing list. Thanks for your assistance in getting the word out.

***TIMETABLES FOR 2011-2012***

Students will be receiving their draft timetables for the 2011-2012 school year by the end of June. If a timetable change is required, students should book an appointment with guidance and get the change made prior to the end of the current school year. Please note that some changes may not be possible as some classes are at capacity.

***ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY 2011***

St. Mary's High School Graduation Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, June 29th in the Gymnasium. Students who are graduating are asked to arrive by 6:30 pm. The ceremony starts at 7:00 pm.

Students who are planning to graduate this year should confirm that they will meet all of the diploma requirements, including the 40 hours of community service. Every graduating student is required to pay a Grad Fee of \$35 to cover the cost of Gown rentals, diploma covers, programs, decorations, composite picture, refreshments etc. This fee simply covers the costs incurred, so it is important for students to pay promptly. If you haven't already done so, please see Guidance immediately to have your gown measurements taken.

***STUDENT TRUSTEE***

Kathlene Walsh was elected as our student trustee to represent our student body at the Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board. Kathlene is currently in grade 12 and I know she will be a very strong ambassador for St. Mary's High School. I also want to take this opportunity to thank Charlotte Curley for her excellent work as trustee during this past school year.

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***CAFETERIA SERVICES***

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

***SEPARATE SCHOOL SUPPORT***

When you move, your Catholic school support does not follow you. As soon as any change is made to your address, your school support designation reverts to Public. Unless you update this information, you will not be able to take part in Catholic Trustee elections. Contact the Board Office at (519)364-5820 for more information.

***VIDEO SURVEILLANCE***

In order to ensure a safe learning environment, the use of video surveillance is in effect at St. Mary's High School and on many of its school buses. The video images are collected under the authority of the Education Act S. 170 and will be used to reduce/prevent property vandalism, theft and violence and to ensure the safety of students.

***GRADE 8 TRANSITION TO GRADE 9 PROGRAM***

All students entering Grade 9 at St. Mary's High School in the fall are invited to participate in our Grade 9 Orientation Program on Tuesday August 24th and Wednesday August 25th. The program will allow participating students the opportunity to get acquainted with St. Mary's. Timetables will be distributed, lockers assigned, and computer login procedures will be demonstrated. Students will also have the opportunity to meet some of their teachers, Trinity Peer Mentors, tour the school, learn about school procedures and co-curricular opportunities. The purpose of the program is to ensure a smooth transition into high school. All new grade 9 students are strongly encouraged to attend both days. More information will follow in the mail and sign up is required by Friday, June 10th. Welcome to all of our new grade 9 students!

## LOCKERS

Each student has been given a copy of the school's handbook. Included in this is information about lockers. It is important that students realize that the lockers are the property of the school and as such can be searched as required.

## INTERNET USE

All students are reminded that they, in order to comply with board policy, must have a signed acceptable internet use form submitted to the office before they are permitted to use the school's computer system. Contravention of this acceptable use policy can lead to consequences up to and including suspension.

## ALTERNATE BUSING

In keeping with board policy regarding alternate busing, students are reminded that they are not able to ride a bus different than the one to which they are assigned for reasons such as going to their job, visiting a friend, dental appointment etc.. Permission to ride a different bus is only given by the board in the case of different places of residence of parent/guardians. If alternate busing arrangements are needed for such a reason, an application form available from the school (or downloaded from the board web site) must be completed and returned to the board office for approval.

## RECREATIONAL FUNDING AVAILABLE

Need help with funding for Recreational Programs, school electives, class trips to the Outdoor Education Center, Grade 7 or 8 trips? The Grey NCB Program may be able to help you:

- Available for families living in Grey County
- Maximum subsidy currently available is \$200 per child per year
- Total family income under \$35000 per year
- Children 18 years of age and under (residing with parent)
- Refunds can be processed with a paid receipt

For more information or an application form contact the Grey NCB Office at (519)371-8627 or pick up an application at the Family Y in Owen Sound.



*Bound by Respect  
Bound by Acceptance  
Bound by Faith*

RESPECT \* RESPONSIBILITY \* COMMITMENT \* LOVE \* COMMUNITY \* HOPE \* HONESTY \* PEACE \* TEAMWORK \* EFFORT \* FAITH \* FRIENDSHIP \* LOYALTY \* CHARACTER \* TRUTHFULNESS \* TRUSTWORTHINESS \* SERVICE \* SINCERITY \* LEADERSHIP \* INVOLVEMENT \* EXCELLENCE \* ACHIEVEMENT \* UNDERSTANDING \* KNOWLEDGE \* CURIOSITY \* INTEGRITY \* ENCOURAGEMENT \* COURAGE \* PERSISTENCE \* PERSEVERANCE \* HUMILITY \* DIGNITY \* TOGETHERNESS

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# PHOTO CONTEST

## GUYS CARING FOR KIDS

Men are getting more involved in children's lives as fathers, uncles, grand fathers, friends, coaches and neighbours. Several organizations in Grey and Bruce came together to respond to the need to celebrate and further encourage men's roles in children's lives. The Photo Contest, *Guys Caring for Kids*, challenges individuals of all ages to capture the familiar and unfamiliar stories of men and children that reflect *positive and caring relationships of men with children*.

## DEADLINE FOR ENTRY NOVEMBER 1, 2011

### THIS PROJECT IS A PARTNERSHIP INVOLVING

• Community Living of Owen Sound & District • Grey Bruce Health Unit • Men's Program (Grey / Bruce)  
Ontario Early Years Centre initiative co-led by the County of Bruce and the County of Grey

### TERMS OF ENTRY

- Contest is open to all residents in the Grey and Bruce Region (Amateur and Professional photographers WELCOME)
- Two Divisions of photographers
  1. Children and Youth (up to age 17)
  2. Adults (age 18 and up)
- You may enter 2 photographs
- Submissions may include prints and posters no larger than 24 x 24 in. Each submission must have an entry form taped to the back (see below entry form)
- Please do not frame or mat your work
- Submissions need to be accompanied by a title and a short description of the subject (maximum 2 lines)
- Participants are also welcome to submit a digital image along with their printed photograph. This digital image may be used in an online exhibition. Works will be juried on the printed copy.
- Digital submissions must meet the following requirements
  - Only PC compatible images will be accepted. Do not submit any Mac files that are not fully PC compatible.
  - Submit jpeg files only
  - Submit a resolution of 72 dpi files only
  - Submit a maximum of 1024 x 768 pixel files
  - Label each image with your name and title of work
  - Don't submit zipped or compressed files.
- All digital submissions must be submitted on a CD ROM (jpeg files only). No email submissions will be accepted.
- Those who would like to share a written story about *Guys Caring for Kids* are invited to capture their experiences (maximum 500 words) and submit it to the contest. These written memories may be displayed in a book format during the exhibition.
- Photographers must have permission from the subject for use in the Exhibition (online or onsite)
- PLEASE NOTE: ALL PHOTOS WILL BE KEPT FOR DISPLAY PURPOSES
- The committee will exercise reasonable care with entries but cannot be held liable for loss or damage of any entry. Please do not send us any image that is irreplaceable.
- Judging of all submitted materials will occur after the submission deadline. Some works submitted may not be included in the exhibition due to space limitations.
- The jury's decision is final. No entry may be withdrawn after it has been selected.

### SUBMISSIONS MAY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES

- Doing chores or daily activities together
  - Playing
  - Reading
- Doing homework
  - Sports
  - Cuddling
  - ETC

CAPTURE THE MOMENT WITH YOUR FATHER, SON, GRANDSON, UNCLE, COACH, FRIEND, NEIGHBOUR ETC.

### PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Division:  Children and Youth (up to age 17)  Adults (age 18 and up)

I am submitting a digital copy of my printed photograph to be possibly included for an online version of the exhibition and/or used in publicity

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE (UNDER 17) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ PROV \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF PHOTO \_\_\_\_\_

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to add a story with this submission (500 words max) please attach a separate note to the entry form

I have received consent from my subject for use of their image. I give permission for use of this photograph and written material in a community display. I also give permission for use of this photograph and written material for publicity purposes connected with the exhibition either onsite or online. I certify that I have read the terms of entry and agree to the conditions as specified.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN IF ENTRANT IS 17 AND UNDER)  
PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE DELIVER OR MAIL YOUR ENTRIES TO: The Owen Sound and North Grey Union Public Library,  
824 1st Ave. West, Owen Sound, ON. 519-376-6623 x240 Attn: Jill McFadden-Bartley