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Principals Message

- * Principal: Mr. G. Miller
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- * 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

Sunday, May 1 marks the beginning of Catholic Education Week. The theme for this year is "Catholic Education: Celebrating the Spirit". During the week of May 1-6, we will celebrate what Catholic education means to our students, parents, staff and our communities. The Spirit of the Lord helps us deal with the realities of those who are oppressed, those in war torn countries and those who suffer from disasters by giving us human hope. We certainly remember our brothers and sisters in Japan and the United States who have endured disasters in the last while. Those who work in Catholic Education are called to proclaim and celebrate the love of God. The spirit helps to support and sustain us as a Catholic community. During Education Week we need to celebrate the gift of Catholic education at St. Mary's High School and in our Owen Sound community. Our Catholic schools have a rich history in our community and are gracious about the support. A number of activities will be highlighted during the week, starting with an applause breakfast on Monday, May 2. At this breakfast, 2 of our great students, Jake See and Laura Sawka, will be recognized for their contributions to St. Mary's. We will also have a school Mass on Friday, May 6 so please consider joining us. Thank-you for your ongoing support of our great school!

Chaplaincy Leader's Message

What good would life have been to us, had Christ not come as our redeemer? This question is asked during the Easter Vigil celebration. As Christians, our understanding and faith is the belief that because of God's boundless and merciful love, he ransomed a slave and gave away his Son. Jesus dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy; casting out hatred, bringing us peace and humbles earthly pride. As Christians we are Easter people, people who support, uphold and proclaim life. Like the witnesses of the resurrection, we are invited to recognize life in new ways even, where all seems to be darkness, for our God is the God of resurrection, the God of life. Throughout this Easter season, may God bring to perfection the saving work he has begun in us. As we continue to celebrate Christ's resurrection, let us increase our awareness of all God's blessings and renew his gift of life within us. In our newness, may everlasting life come upon us. Wishing all of you blessings during this period of Easter triumph.

Ms L. Foch, Chaplaincy Leader



Important Dates to Remember...

May 11th.....Early Dismissal
May 23rd.....Victoria Day
May 27th.....Prom
May 26th.....YMCA Summer Job Service
June 6thPD Day
June 29th.....Graduation



DONATIONS NEEDED...

Do you have old sewing or knitting projects and supplies you don't know what to do with? The new Fashion class at St. Mary's High School is looking for donations of fabric remnants, notions, yarns, knitting and sewing supplies. Donations can be dropped off at St. Mary's High School. If you have any questions, please email ginette_bethune@bgcdsb.org or call the

WHO NEEDS BREAKFAST OR LUNCH?

A Breakfast and Lunch Program is being offered daily 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, 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 !

Skills Canada

St. Mary's was well represented at this years Skills Canada Preliminary Competition.

Tyler Twining completed his culinary exercise and fared well against older and more experienced field. He will compete again next year.

Kyle Adlam competed in the semi final for small powered equipment.

Lane Aulhouse competed in the semi final for welding and finished 3rd in his division.

Congratulations goes to Duncan Cameron who moves onto the provincial level for auto mechanics in Waterloo.

Congratulations to Jacob Scott who finished 3rd overall in Carpentry and will represent St. Mary's in Waterloo for the provincial competition.

Congratulations to all competitors and good luck to all entrants at Waterloo in May.



Need Help Finding a Job?



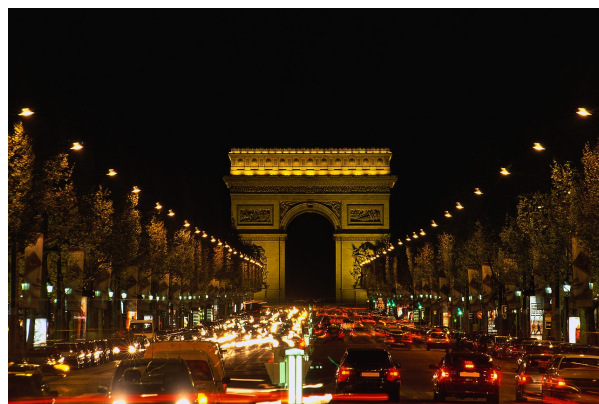
YMCA Summer Job Service, will be visiting St. Marys on May 26th in the Cafeteria during the lunch hour.

PROM

The Lights of Paris

**Friday, May 27th at Stone Tree
from 7—11pm**

Tickets are \$40.00 each and includes admission, evening buffet and one 5'x7' Professional Photo



CKNX News Special

CKNX Radio News reporter Avery Moore takes an in-depth look at the problem of Crystal Meth in Midwestern Ontario. The one hour news special, "My Name is Meth", will look at how Meth impacts individuals, their families, the community and what is being done about it. Program Manager at the Grey Bruce Health Unit, Denna Leach and Taskforce Co-chair Sandy Stockman will introduce you to crystal meth, and the Taskforce that has been set up to tackle the issue. Hanover's Mayor, Kathi Maskell, will speak about what the drug is doing to her town and Dan Mathieson, Mayor of Stratford, will talk about what worked for them in Stratford and will share his advice for communities in Grey and Bruce Counties. In the hour she will also present two short documentaries on the effects of meth addiction on addicts and their families.

**The hour-long special will air on CKNX AM920 on Monday,
May 2nd at 7 p.m.**

“Kids and Drugs: A Parent’s Guide to Prevention”

These **FREE** Parent Workshops are intended to inform and advise parents who want to learn more about encouraging their school aged children on making positive choices. The goals in this program are to directly address important protective factors in the family, such as open communication, supportive relationships and clear parental expectations.

Parents are welcome to attend one or all of the workshops that may interest them.

Workshop topics and dates are as follows:

“The Power Of Parents”

Wednesday May 11, 2011 7:00 ~ 9:00pm
St. Basil’s Catholic School

“Talking With Your Kids”

Wednesday May 18, 2011 7:00 ~ 9:00pm
Notre Dame Catholic School

“What Parents Need to Know about Drugs”

Wednesday May 25, 2011 7:00 ~ 9:00pm
St. Mary’s High School

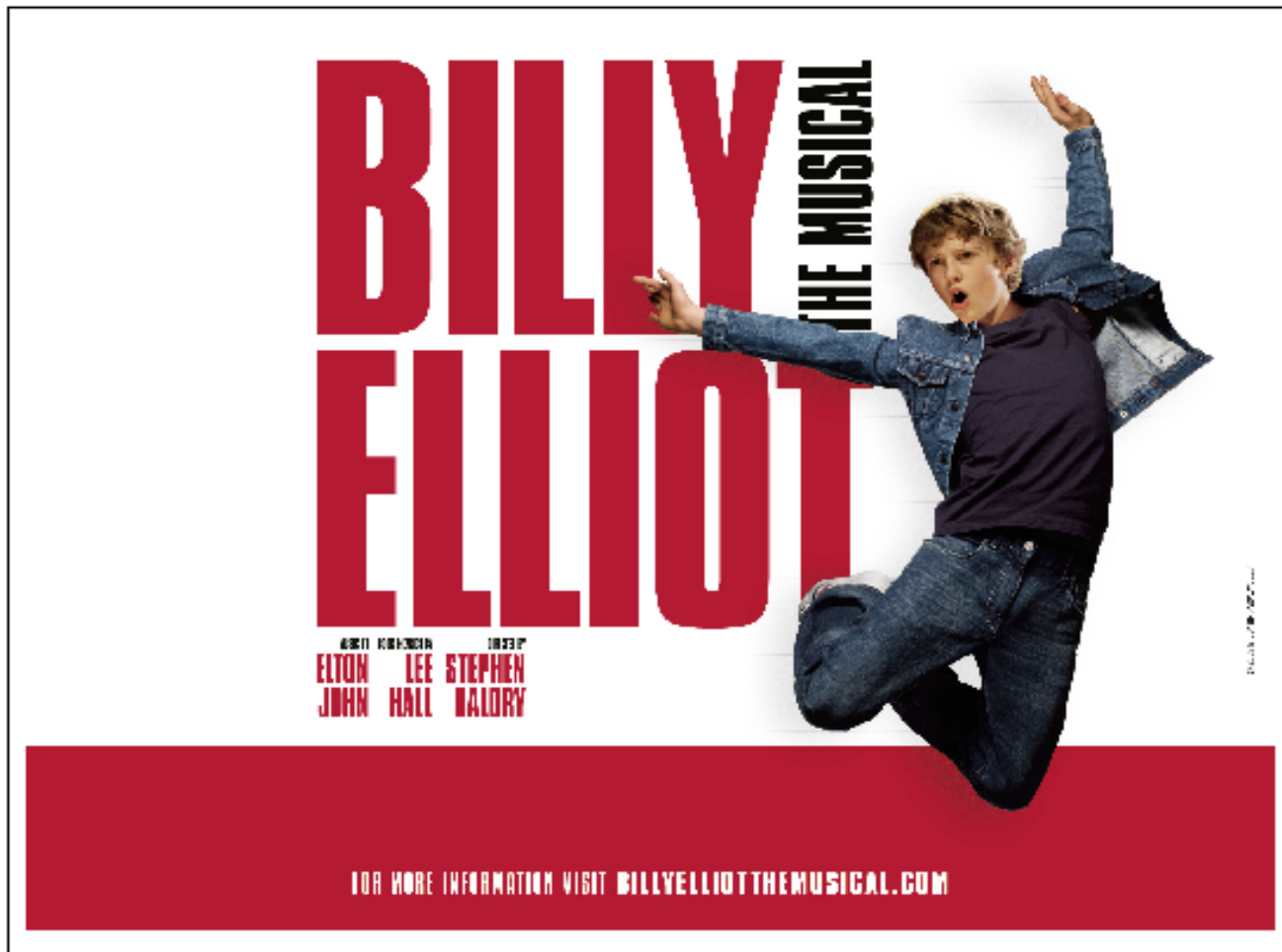
Due to the interactive nature of this program, space is limited to 24 participants per workshop.

For registration or further information please contact:

Alex van Wieringen
Vice-Principal
St. Mary’s High School
519 376 4278



A PARENT’S GUIDE TO PREVENTION



Begins February 2011

From the West End of London...To the bright lights of Broadway...To the hearts of Toronto audiences...

Thrilling audiences worldwide and winning ten 2009 Tony Awards® including Best Musical, "THE BEST SHOW YOU WILL EVER SEE" (New York Post) is coming to Toronto!

BILLY ELLIOT THE MUSICAL is a joyous, exciting and feel-good celebration of one young boy's triumph against the odds. Called "THE MOST INSPIRING SHOW I'VE SEEN IN YEARS" by Ben Brantley of The New York Times, the story follows Billy's journey as he stumbles out of the boxing ring, into a ballet class and discovers his dream to dance. Full of life, laughter, award-winning choreography and an unforgettable score by Elton John, this uplifting show will stay with you forever. Recommended age - 8+.

St. Mary's High School has tickets to see Billy Elliot!!!

Date: Wednesday May 25, 2011

Time: 1.30 pm

Place: Canon Theatre Toronto

Price: \$60.00

ON SALE NOW – If you would like to attend please see Mr. Chiasson

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.

ONTARIO CATHOLIC STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2011



Thank you to the students who attended the inaugural Catholic Youth Conference in Niagara Falls. The conference was spiritually uplifting, with inspiring key note speakers, teaming with high energy which fully engaged all participants and partners in Catholic education. The success of the conference was based on rich dialogue on the essential importance, impact and future of publicly funded Catholic education in our society throughout Ontario, Canada and the world. The conference was entirely student led, facilitated and implemented.

Those students who attended were: Eric van Tright, Giovanni Giuga, Charlotte Curley, Kristen Berge and Katie Walsh. Thank you again to our leaders in Catholic education.

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.

COURSE SELECTION FOR 2011-2012

Course selection booklets and options sheets are now overdue. If you haven't returned your option sheet please do so as soon as possible. To assist parents/students in completing the option sheets the board has renewed its licence to access the website: www.myBlueprint.ca. This website allows students to enter the secondary school courses they plan to take and then see the post-secondary programs and careers that are open to them. This is particularly beneficial for students in Grade 8 planning their secondary school program as well as students currently in secondary school. To enter the website use the activation key "marysound". Students are then able to create a profile and go from there. If additional help is required, please make an appointment in guidance to meet with a counsellor.

GRADUATION CEREMONY INFORMATION

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. Very soon Mrs. Majury, Mr. Chiasson and Ms. Foch will start meeting with the Graduation Committee to plan the event. Every graduating student is required to pay a Grad Fee of \$35 to cover the cost of Gown rentals, diploma covers, programs, decorations, composite pictures, refreshments etc. This fee simply covers the costs incurred, so it is important for students to pay promptly.

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. Information about summer school will not be available until the end of May.

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

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.

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.

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 it's 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.

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.

INSURANCE FORMS

All students were given an insurance form as part of their opening day package. It offers low-cost insurance to students in case of accidents. Students who participate in sports etc are particularly encouraged to enrol in this program. All students participating in the co-op program must purchase this insurance as per Board Policy.



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